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unique observations on life in the Florida Keys



If you've ever lived on a boat.... you might have Keys Disease!

Sue Beal started it... with a lot of help from her friends, and apologies to Jeff Foxworthy. John McKinna illustrated it. Prestige Publishing finished it. And the Elms Lodge 1872 made it work.

This 32-page book was created with the idea of poking fun at our life here in the Florida Keys. It was published and made available for sale so that the proceeds could help local musicians and their families.

recent passing, we were inspired to find funding (thanks to Gilbert's Resort) and a non-profit to handle the funds. (Thanks to Elks Lodge #1872 in Tavernier.)

That left the way clear to actually print and publish the book!

The book started as a collection of random observations by Sue Beal, on our life here in the Keys. It grew when she shared them with others, as people chimed in with their own observations.

Denise at Prestige Publishing saw the potential to publish the thoughts as a book, and asked John McKinna to make some cartoon illustrations. With John's

Here in the Keys, we enjoy the music of so many talented and world-class musicians. Even though our community enjoys the fruits of their labors, we know the musicians have little to spare and have no safety net to help when disaster strikes and they cannot work. All proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to help musicians in need.

DEDICATED TO **JOHN MCKINNA**



Teresa McKinna and Sue Beal will also be on hand to sign books!

John was not only a fine musician, but also a sailor, a commercial diver/welder, oil well firefighter and best-selling author. He was a professional musician for forty years, playing lead guitar, bass guitar, banjo, drums and flute.

He was Operations Manager/Technical Supervisor of the Jules' Undersea Lodge's habitat from 2002 until his death in 2016. A former offshore oilfield commercial diver with a 20-year career in deep-gas diving, focusing on construction and repair of oil rigs, he was ideally suited to the job.

John was also an internationally published author, with six bestselling novels to his credit, including three popular diving thrillers and three WWII historical novels.

John showcased his sense of humor in his cartoons, which were syndicated, and they continue to run monthly in the Coconut Telegraph.

John and his wife Teresa were year-round residents of Key Largo and enjoyed spearfishing, snorkeling, diving, sailing, and kayaking together.

He gave generously of his time and talents to help those in our community, including drawing the illustrations for this book.

You Might Have KEYS DISEASE

Book Signing and Benefit for the Musician's Relief Fund

Monday, May 23rd

RAFFLES 5-9pm at Gilbert's PRIZES



Music hosted by Sweetwater, with **Kevin Hurley • Bobbe Brown • Scott Youngberg The Stingrays (Dale, Nick & John) • and more!**



A special thank-you to Gilbert's Resort:

Not only are they hosting this event, but Gilbert's also funded the first printing of the Keys Disease book! What a wonderful way to support our local musicians... in addition to all the work they provide for them!!



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