



# Ocean State Parrot Head Club

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## *You Had to Be There.....*

### **Members Meeting Minutes - January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

#### **Davenport's - East Providence**

Our President Ben Reed opened up our meeting in the usual fashion with a team drink.

We opened up our members meeting with the annual PHIP requirements. This year we have given out in cash to charities...(drum roll) over \$10,000.00!!! Wow! That is quite an accomplishment for a small club...this does not include collections, for clothing, shoes, food or any other physical item. You all deserve a pat on the back (pat, pat). This could not be done without the involvement of everyone in the club! Let's continue this year; raising even more money for more charities...we can do it!

Speaking of raising money....we will be having our annual fundraiser again this year in April. A date has not yet been determined. This year, we will incorporate Wreath Across America as our main charity....Sue Nelson is checking on the information needed with the coordinator of the Exeter Cemetery. Once that information is received, we will know what exactly we will be doing. We will also incorporate other charities into this fundraiser. We are going to spread the wealth! Last year's fundraiser not only raised a lot of money, but it was also a great time. We will need everyone's help to sell tickets and get the word out, once we settle dates, time, etc. We will have that information at our next members meeting in February.

Kathy Batease, our Social Director went over our events for this year...some are already planned and some we need to get info on. So keep an eye on your e-mail and facebook to keep up with what is going on and to get information on how to sign up for these social events. Just an example of a few things....winery tour, seal watch, cosmic bowling, p-bruins game....possibly another Newport Storm distillery tour, maybe a paw sox game and polo. So keep an eye out!!! Never know what we are coming up with next!

Sue Nelson will be typing up a questionnaire/survey to be sent out to all members via e-mail as an attachment, so it can be printed out, filled out, and either given to one of the BOD members or mailed back. The BOD is interested in your feedback on things and we feel this is the best way to find out. So, please, when you get it, take a few minutes to fill it out and hand it in.

Something you might all be interested in....Newport Winter Fest will be happening in February and they have a great line up of entertainment and fun things to do. Check out their website...Newportevents.com/winterfest. You can see the schedule of all the events happening February 14<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. One show in particular will be at the Hyatt Hotel on Goat Island....Changes in Latitude will be playing on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available on the Newport Winter Fest website and I also believe there is a deal on Livingsocial.

Another event you might be interested in....Misquamicut Business Association will be having a fundraiser called...Aloha Luau....on February 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be entertainment by The Driftwoods...silent auctions and raffles and food from over 20 restaurants in the local area. OSPHC has decided to pay for 1 table of 10 (\$250) as a charity donation and another table of 10 will be bought and the cost of the one table will be split between the people who go. As of this writing we have 17. By doing this we will have our club name and a link to our Facebook page on their website. So basically, you're paying half the listed price for a ticket...we have 3 spots left to get to the 20. If another table needs to be bought, we will check on availability and figure out costs. If you are interested in going...e-mail me at [suen@cox.net](mailto:suen@cox.net).

Before you know it.... NEPHC! The Nautical Whalers Parrot Head Club will be hosting our next convention...Buzzards Bay Breezin...in Plymouth, Ma...February 28 to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. Have you registered??? If you haven't....what are you waiting for...the host hotel is near capacity, but not sold out as of yet and overflow will be in another hotel very close. The website for the convention is up and running and includes all the information...bands, activities, etc that will be happening that weekend. Joe Ventitelli explained what we will be doing for the convention...JAIL & BAIL...in short, someone gets busted, put in jail and you have to bid to get them out....should be fun! Joe is the Sheriff and he will have Sheriffetts (*is that a word?*) He has ordered all the appropriate costumes and accessories for this.....so, if you're going to the convention, be prepared to get busted!!!! Just for your information....our own OSPHC will be the hosts of the 2017 convention. For planning purposes, 2015 will be in Burlington, VT and in 2016 in Maine.

We will be changing up our meeting places for 2014. Every other month will be at Davenport's and either Hose Company in Pawtucket or Doherty's in Warwick for the other months...keep an eye on your e-mail and facebook for time and place.

Birthdays were announced....Happy Birthday January babies!

50/50 was drawn and the winner is....Cheryl Pitts! An extra \$40 bucks went into her wallet tonight! Prizes were given out for coming and wearing your badge.

We will be setting up a penny jar at each meeting. Throw your loose pennies in to help out the host club defray some costs involved with holding these conventions. Pennies add up....so do expenses...so let's fill up that jar to do our part to help out. We will need the same help in a couple of years.

Joe Venitelli, again tonight was adorned with yet more gear...a jets lanyard. Next month we have the final "dress up Joe" meeting. This was a fun thing to do all year and Joe is such a good sport. Thanks Joe, you're great! But watch out...the last will definitely be the best!

*I added this again from previous minutes and as soon as this is a go, we will send out more information...*

Our friend...Aimlessly Wandering Richard...is putting together a fundraiser for the upcoming NEPHC. In conjunction with Pizzeria Uno....each club will be hosting a night to raise funds for the convention. 10% of all sales will go into the convention pot for charity...they are...MS, Epilepsy Foundation, Compassionate Care ALS and a fourth but not know as of yet. Date is not know either, so keep an eye on your e-mail and our Facebook page for more information. This is a no brainer fundraiser....eat good food, help some people...it's as easy as that.

Again....Club merchandise is for sale anytime...t-shirts, golf shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and new for this year...denim shirts. Mike Sheehan is in charge of that and will have information on ordering at every meeting...He can order anything at anytime and has a list of products, pricing and so on...order forms will be put on tables at every members meeting.....just ask him for the information. Spring will be hear before you know it...show your OSPHC pride and do a little free advertising for the club by wearing your gear!

We have \$5467.390 in our club funds...and will again be giving away money! A charity or charities will be drawn again at an upcoming meeting.

Our next members meeting will be at Hose Company on February 13th, 2014!

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, OSPHC

