



Ocean State Parrot Head Club

You Had to Be There.....

Members Meeting Minutes – May 8th, 2014

Davenport's Restaurant – East Providence, RI

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

First up...Elections...There was no nominations for the openings for Treasurer, Vice President and Social Director...so the BOD remains the same for the next year...Congratulations on two more years, Patrick, Charlie and Kathy.

Our OSPHC Annual Fundraiser on May 10th at the Shields Post in Warwick was a HUGE success.... This year, we raised a total of \$3600.00 for our three charities....Wreaths Across America, The Wounded Warrior Project and The Military Lounge at T.F. Green airport. A great big thank you to all who attended to make the evening a fun and exciting time. We had tons of raffle prizes, a great 50/50 raffle and the food was delicious! We get better every year and next year's fundraiser will be just as exciting!

The Annual Chowder Cook-off is in Newport on June 7th. Buggy will again be spearheading this. It's no brainer as far as raising money goes. We sign up to help out that day and we get a good sized check for our charities....somewhere between \$1000 and \$2000. Easy, Easy. There are usually 2 shifts for the day. So not only do you get to go to Chowder Fest, you also get to meet a lot of interesting and fun people. If you are interested in helping out, there is still time. Email Ben and he will let you know the scoop. I think we still have some afternoon volunteer openings. Morning shift includes setting up prior to the event and the afternoon shift also includes breaking down once the Chowder Fest is over. T-Shirts will be given out to people who signed up early.

Great news....is LIVE. The BOD is very excited about this. It isn't fully completed yet, but you will be able to see everything, notes, events, pictures, calendar, forms for membership, merchandise ordering, etc. It will also include links to other important pages. Improvements are still being made, so check back often to check it out.

For those of you who haven't heard, there will be a simulcast drive in theatre concert for the June 19th concert of Jimmy Buffett at the Mendon Drive-in in Mendon, Mass. You can bring coolers...but no alcohol ..(yeah right..lol). Rules are rules folks! There will be food available for purchase at the Firefly Barbeque but feel free to bring snacks...no grills allowed.

Relay for Life will be on June 20th into June 21st. at Tollgate High School in Warwick. Don Lessard will again be hosting this event. Due to our recent donation to Relay for Life we have officially become a sponsor of this event. We will have our name on the official t-shirt and signs on the field. Yay! Our team name is "Inner Courage" You can go to the Relay for Life website to donate in our team's name. Don passed out sign up sheets for this and you can always just donate and or buy luminaries and decorate the bad in memory of a loved one. This is always a very meaningful event, so if you would like to participate, please go to the website, www.relayforlife.or/warwickri. Click on donate and follow the prompts to INNER COURAGE.

Our annual golf tournament will again be in September. The 7th to be exact. More information as the months go on. Registration will be available within the next month. This sells out every year, so if you plan on attending, get those registration forms in early. We will also need non golfing volunteers for the day and would love to have you help out with raffles and other assorted things necessary to make this day go as smooth as possible. Buggy will again be heading this event and will provide us with the details.

Terri Weissenberg our membership director reminded everyone that dues are due and payable before June 1st, 2014. Please send your check or money order to our P.O. address....Box 23163, Providence, RI 02903 or give it to Terri directly. Your new badge will be given to you ASAP following your renewal. Renewal forms were available at the meeting. You do not need the renewal form as long as your information is on the check or money order.

Hotel booking codes have gone out for next year's NEPHC in Mansfield, Ma. If you plan on going...book your room now for the best available selection. This is a highlight event for the year and always a very fun time. For those of you who have been, you know what I am talking about, for those of you who haven't....what are you waiting for! Great music, friends, food and location, plus we raise a ton for charity!

Birthdays were announced for May and the 50/50 and badge raffle was drawn.

Our Vice President, Patrick Burns dressed up in drag for charity early in May. The King of Queen's Fundraiser for Aids Care Ocean State was held at the Coliseum in Providence. Patrick did an amazing job and looked absolutely beautiful...if I didn't know him, I would

have walked right by him! He was very tall! LOL Great job Patrick and all the volunteers that evening which raised a grand total of over \$14,000!

We are still throwing out the idea of a paint nite in the future. If you think you might be interested in doing something like that, let us know. I recently did it myself and it was a lot of fun and you get a new piece of original artwork for you wall. More info in the coming months.

Some upcoming events.....

Morris across the Sound, sponsored by PHCoCT & Metro PHC, proceeds go to Swim Across the Sound Cancer Society. Jim Morris and the Big Bamboo Band...\$30.00. This will be held at the Captain's Cove, in Bridgeport, Ct....more info can be seen at www.metrophc.com

Soltice Sunset – Castle Hill Beach in Newport at sunset – Sponsored by the Nautical Whalers. All are invited.

Changes in Latitude Band in Bristol at Independence Park 7PM...party at Ben's!

Buffet Concert on July 17th in Bethel, NY

Buffett Concert on July 19th at the Xfinity Center

Buffet Concert at Jones Beach, Long Island, NY

Also a reminder....Alzheimer's walk in Newport in September....Diane Mulligan will be giving us more information in the coming months.

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 changed up our meeting places for 2014. Every other month will be at Davenport's in East Providence or Doherty's in Warwick for the other months...keep an eye on your e-mail and facebook for time and place.

Our next members meeting will be at Doherty's on June 12, 2014

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, OSPHC

