



Ocean State Parrot Head Club

You Had to Be There.....

Members Meeting Minutes - July 10, 2014

Davenport's Restaurant - East Providence, RI

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

First up... Ben started our meeting out with a review on the Buffett concert at the drive-in on June 19th. According to him and other who went, it was an interesting and a very different way of viewing a Jimmy Buffett concert. There were possibly 500 or more people who attended that evening which was the most attended drive-in attendance across the country! There were two screens showing the concert simultaneously and people were dancing and socializing outside of the cars. I have a feeling this is going to be an annual event, but we will see.

The Annual Chowder Cook-off in Newport was on June 7th. It was a beautiful day for the event. We had a huge crowd and a big thank you to all who volunteered that day and a big thank you to Bugsy, who organized this, got everything set up, but unfortunately had to leave but for good reason. His daughter was graduating that day! Everyone did a great job and some even pulled a double shift! This is such an easy fundraiser for us. We volunteer and we get a check from Polar Seltzer, this year's sponsor for the event. We do this every year, so mark your calendar for next year...we will be there!

On Saturday July 12th, we will be volunteering to man water stations at the Jamestown ½ Marathon. Klete Squires of PHCOEM who works for United Cerebral Palsy will be heading up this event. Another no brainer fundraiser...we show up and volunteer for a couple of hours and UCP receives a check for around \$1000.00. See you at 6:00AM!

Next up....as you know....the Jimmy Buffett concert at Great Woods (yes, it is still Great Woods to most of us) is scheduled for July 19th. Well....let the party begin on Friday, July 18th at the Red Roof Inn near Mansfield. Beginning at 2:00pm there will be a pool party featuring the music of John Frenzy and John Paddy. This is a new thing this year. Some of

our out of town friends stay there the weekend of the Buffett concert, so why not really enjoy it. So...Northeast Parrothead clubs chipped in to bring the entertainment early. So if you're not doing anything Friday and would like to head out to the pre-party festivities, go right ahead...you all invited. Bring your cooler and your bathing suit, sit by the pool and enjoy the music! You don't have to be staying there to go.

Now...the big event! The Jimmy Buffett concert at Great Woods on Saturday, July 19th. If you are going and plan to caravan in with the rest of us, so we can all be together in one area...pay attention! **We will be meeting at the rest area on 95 just before the 495 exit...you can't miss it! We will be leaving there to Caravan in together at 10:45. Gates open at 11:00. Please be at the rest area by 10:30.** If you have pop ups, bring them, as we don't know the weather situation and sitting out in the sun on a hot day could be brutal. Bring water if you plan on drinking alcohol...we do not want anyone to get dehydrated. Don't forget your coolers, food and toilet paper...LOL. I will be bringing a small grill, for burgers, dogs or whatever. So be prepared to share! I might like your stuff better than mine! Keep a lookout for OSPHC's own Cabana Boys! They will be doing their thing in the parking lot and going all around singing tunes for whoever wants it. Always a good time with the Cabana Boys around!

Our next meeting will be at the Hose Company in Pawtucket. We will need your opinion on this place even though we have been there before. We had mixed feelings on the place so we are going to try it again, so please try and make the next meeting. We are also changing things up a bit in October. Our meeting will be at the Barking Crab. A little different, but why not. More info on that when it draws near, but wanted to give you a heads up.

Kathy Batease our Social Director has taken all your suggestions and busy calling and setting up functions so keep your eye on our event schedule. She also would like your suggestions for Fall/Winter activities....don't be shy! If you have a suggestion, let her know. Winters have been very long here in New England and keeping busy passes the time. All events will be posted on our web page at OSPHC.com We did decide to do the Newport Polo Match on August 16th. We are just going to put it out there and whoever wants to go can go. There will be no buying tickets ahead of time. We will meet at Clement's Market in Middletown at 12:30 and caravan in together. You can bring coolers and pop-ups. This is a new social event and from what I am told, it's a fun day....and USA is playing Jamaica!

Our annual golf tournament will again be in September 7th at Jamestown Golf Course. Registration is now available (*forms went out via email and posted on Facebook, but will be re-sent via e-mail for those who didn't get it*) for OSPHC members and will be open to the public July 15th. 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 as things come up. We need donations! So, if you want to donate things to make a basket, make a basket yourself or know anyone who would like to donate anything, we need it all! Gift certificates are always a great raffle item as well. So ask your local restaurants to help. You support them, so let them support us! Bring anything you get to the next meeting in August. Sue Jones will be taking charge of the raffle prizes and drawing at the golf tournament, so let help her out! Thank you Sue for volunteering! We will also try to organize a basket making get together sometime in August at someone's home, so keep an eye open for that. Always a reason to party for us Parrotheads!

At our next meeting we will be doing and pulling our list of charity recipients for the following 6 months. At the next meeting you will be asked to submit the name of the organization/charity you would like to see benefit from our numerous fundraisers. You must have all of the information on that charity/organization....name, address, phone number, contact person. All of this is needed for our records. We will then put those in a hat and draw 2 names. Once this is done, it will be included in our letter for donations.

Relay for Life was on June 20th into June 21st. at Tollgate High School in Warwick. Don Lessard again hosted this event. Due to our recent donation to Relay for Life we have officially become a sponsor of this event and our logo was on the t-shirts! Yay! Out of 40 teams, our team came in at 4th place on the money list with over \$2000 being raised! Our team name was "Inner Courage". This is always a very meaningful event, so if you participated like I did, it was very moving. Don does this every year and camps out for the night with plenty of provisions as does everyone. If you couldn't make it, keep in mind this is a yearly event and we hope to see a lot more people there walking the walk next year.

The annual Alzheimer's walk will be here before you know it and more information at the next meeting about this. It is in Newport on September 21st. Diane Mulligan will again be heading up this event.

Charlie Pitts gave our Treasurer's report and we are looking good as always.

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

Some upcoming events.....

Buffet Concert on July 17th in Bethel, NY

Buffett Concert on July 19th at the Xfinity (Great Woods) Center

Buffet Concert at Jones Beach, Long Island, NY

International Beach Cleanup – Contact www.Savethebay.org for details.

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. Show your OSPHC pride and do a little free advertising for the club by wearing your gear!

Our next meeting is at the Hose Company in Pawtucket on August 14th...Please try and make it.

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, OSPHC