



Ocean State Parrot Head Club

You Had to Be There.....

Members Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2014

Doherty's Ale House – Warwick, RI

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

He started our meeting with the announcement of our Holiday Party. Our next meeting on December 11th will be our Annual Parrothead Holiday Party/meeting. More of a party than a meeting on this one. We will have our gift swap/secret santa again this year...here is how it goes. Each attendee brings a gift valued at not more than \$20.00. It should be non-denominational. Wrap it up, bring it and get a number. All gifts will be laid out on a table. Once your number is called, you get up and pick the surprise gift you want. Simple as that. Its lots of fun, not knowing what you are getting. If you want to swap with someone, go ahead! We are also giving back this season. Charlie Pitts brought in gift wishes from a needy family in his parish, Christ the King Church. Whoever wanted to take a gift wish did so and these gifts should be brought in to the December meeting so he can bring them to the church in time for Christmas. It is always a nice gesture to give to those who are less fortunate.

Money calendars for the convention are being sold in the amount of \$10.00. There will be different money amounts given out each day in the month of January. Selling of these calendars end soon, so if you want one, contact Terri Weissenberg. She is selling them for the Frozen Fins. The proceeds from the sale will benefit the convention.

On December 7th, the OSPHC will be holding a social event for those interested. We will again be touring Blithewold Mansion in Bristol. Our social director Kathy volunteers her time there during the season and got us a great deal. For \$6 (for adults) and \$2 (for child) you can have a guided tour of this beautiful home. You can stroll the grounds after the tour and the mansion also has a gift shop. It all starts at 12:00 and raps up in about an hour. The club is picking up the tab of the docent fee. Thank You OSPHC! There is still time to sign up. Contact Kathy at sunsetri@hotmail.com. You can mail your check to her. Don't miss

out on this awesome day! It is a beautifully decorated for the holidays and will take your breath away!

OSPHC did the P-Bruins on Sunday November 9th. What a great deal! For \$20 bucks, we got our ticket to the game, a hat, a hotdog and a drink. How can you beat that! We will be doing another in the coming new year, so don't miss out!

Patrick Burns announced the plans for Santacon in Newport in December. It's not a pub crawl, per Patrick. It's the gathering of phriends and raising money for charity. There will be stops along the route for refreshments and games will be played. So get out your holiday attire and sign up. We are thrilled that Finnz Fundz will be a beneficiary of the some of the fundraising that will be happening at Santa Con this year! Get a room down in Newport and make a weekend of its. Go to www.santaconnewport.com for more information.

On December 13th, OSPHC will again be participating in Wreaths Across America. As a recipient of our fundraising efforts last May, we are hoping to see a lot more wreaths this year at the Exeter Veterans Cemetery. Their slogan is... Don't Say I Should Have. Say I Did. The ceremony begins approximately 11:30am. I suggest that anyone going to get there a bit earlier. The tented enclosed area where the ceremony takes place is small. It was a crowded venue last year and it was very cold. I will be sending out info via Facebook and e-mail.

MOTM has been done and gone for 2014, but our own OSPHC got a very nice award. Out of 50 clubs and 22 receiving awards, OSPHC came in 8th place for our fundraising efforts for the Alzheimer's Association. Charlie and Cheryl Pitts, along with Lisa and Mike Sheehan, were there to accept this award for our club. You should all be very proud of yourselves for such a great effort! Congratulation OSPHC! You rock!

If you haven't done so yet, you still have time to register for the NEPHC being held at the Holiday Inn Mansfield in March 2015. Frozen Fins are our hosts for this year's convention and have some great events planned for the weekend. Don't miss out on this fun filled weekend full of great phriends and great music! You can go their website to check things out at www.NEPHC.com. We, the OSPHC will be making 20th Anniversay t-shirts for those of you going. Not only is it the 20th Anniversary of NEPHC, it is also the OSPHC's 20th anniversary! Wow, where does the time go! They will be throw back t-shirts from 2001.

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 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

Charlie Pitts gave our Treasurer's report and we are looking good as always. We have deposited \$2900 in our kitty....looking good!

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

Some upcoming events.....

Our friends from Nautical Whalers will be having a bus trip to Mohegan on December 7th. This trip leaves out of Somerset, Ma. You can always meet them there.

As far as our NEPHC goes, we all know it is March 12-15, 2015 in Mansfield. The convention committee is requesting prior convention t-shirts in good condition. These will be made into quilts for a raffle. More info to follow.

Uno Parrot Head Fundraiser will be January 22nd. For us Rhode Islanders...the location is the Pizzeria Uno on Bald Hill Rd. in Warwick across from the Warwick Mall.

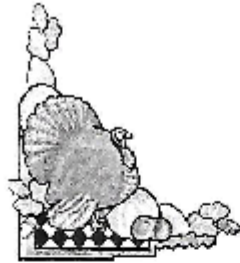
Again....Club merchandise is for sale anytime...t-shirts, golf shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and new for this year...denim shirts. Mike Sheehan is in charge of that and will have information on ordering at every meeting...He can order anything at anytime and has a list of products, pricing and so on...order 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! We are trying to get an order together for denim shirts, so if you're interested contact Lisa or Mike Sheehan. Winter is here, (ugh) time to cover up those arms!

Our next meeting is at Davenport's in East Providence....this is also our annual Parrothead Holiday Party!....Please try and make it.

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, OSPHC

Calendar of events see below.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November, 2014

- Dec. 7 Blithewold Holiday Tour -12:00p.m. 101 Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI
Sign up with Kathy by Friday Dec. 5. sunsetri@hotmail.com
- Dec. 11 Members Christmas Party! Davenport's – 1925 Pawtucket Ave., E.
Providence
- Jan. 15 Members Meeting , Davenport's – 1925 Pawtucket Ave., E.
Providence
- Jan. 22 Uno Parrot Head Fund Raiser-Warwick location

*****Fellow Parrot Head Club Events*****

- Dec. 6 Santacon – Newport, RI
- Dec. 7 NWPHC - Mohegan Bus Trip
- March 12-15 NEPHC -- Holiday Inn Mansfield, MA Sponsored by Frozen Finz PHC Theme "Stories we could Tell"

