



# Ocean State Parrot Head Club

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

### **Members Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2014**

#### **Doherty's Ale House - Warwick, RI**

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

Welcome to the 2014 Members Meeting and Holiday Party....

Ben announced that our club received a very nice thank you card from Kathy Werner regarding our fruit arrangement that we sent following the loss of her husband Rick. She thanked us all for thinking of her and our love and support during this very difficult time. Please keep her in your thoughts.

We have some delicious fundraising coming up in January 2015. Pizzeria Uno has again agreed to sponsor the efforts of the Parrothead Clubs in the New England area. By now you should have received a link to the coupon that is needed when you dine at Uno's...print it out and bring it whenever you dine there in the month of January. Proceeds from each sale will benefit the convention this year. A win, win situation right there...good food and donations. So go hungry and eat well! Also, check out the website for all the different events that are taking place at the convention this year...so much to choose from. Some you need to sign up for and the one I like the best is the Parrothead Olympics. Teams need to be formed for these, so if you're interested, please let Ben know or any of our BOD. The website for the NEPHC is very user friendly, but you can direct any question to Marilyn Baker or Chris Lang. Oh....and if you haven't registered yet...what are you waiting for?? There is still time, but the clock is ticking!

Speaking of convention....we have a job to do. At the Leaders Meeting back in September, each Parrothead group was given by the Frozen Phins...hosts of this year's convention...a giant and I do mean giant...metal cut out of their state. I have to say, I think ours is the biggest! We have to decorate it to commemorate our 20 years of phun and phrolicks to go along with the 20 year anniversary of the NEPHC. So if you have any ideas...pass them

along, we need all the help we can get. They will be placed around the garden area of the hotel and you will also have a space to decorate around it....so let's get real creative and put together something special in true parrothead style. If you don't know it...it is the OSPHC 20 year anniversary this year too! We had special shirts made up just for our anniversary. They are for sale for only \$12.00! Lisa and Mike Sheehan have them and will have them at the next meeting. Get yourself one...they are real nice! As you also know...we are the hosts of the 2017 convention. Nancy Heron has stepped up and will be the convention chairwoman. This is something we must start planning for very soon. We will need everyone's help and support as we plan for this.

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, OSPHC participated in Wreaths Across America. As a recipient of our fundraising efforts last May, it would good to see so many wreaths this year and a bigger crowd of Parrothead supporters! This year there were over 300 wreaths, 80 of them from the OSPHC! Everyone got a wreath to lie this year and they had a fly by to begin the ceremony and as usual during the ceremony there wasn't a dry eye in the house. It was a beautiful and very emotional day for some. The sun was shining and the weather was perfect. Thank you all for joining me to celebrate our soldiers past and present.

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](http://www.NEPHC.com). We, the OSPHC will be making 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts for those of you going. Not only is it the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NEPHC, it is also the OSPHC's 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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

Now the party starts....Everyone brought in Secret Santa gifts and number were drawn and each person came up and picked up their secret gift....some great stuff! Dessert was 3 delicious cakes compliments of the OSPHC. Drinks were plenty, food was great. We hope everyone had a wonderful time and hope your holidays were just as special. Thank you to our terrific members for another successful year! We hope to continue our efforts of giving into the year 2015!

### **Some upcoming events.....**

As far as our NEPHC goes, we all know it is March 12-15, 2015 in Mansfield.

Uno Parrot Head Fundraiser will be January 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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!

Our next meeting is at Davenport's in East Providence on January 15<sup>th</sup>...a week later due to scheduling issues.

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, OSPHC

*Calendar of events see below.*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December, 2014

- Jan. 15 Members Meeting, Davenport's - 1925 Pawtucket Ave., E. Providence
- Jan. 22 Uno Parrot Head Fund Raiser-Warwick location
- Feb. 12 Members Meeting, Doherty's - 30 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick
- March 5 Members Meeting, Davenport's - 1925 Pawtucket Ave., E. Providence

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

March 12-15 NEPHC – Holiday Inn Mansfield, MA Sponsored by Frozen Finz PHC Theme "Stories we could Tell"