



Ocean State Parrot Head Club

You Had to Be There.....

OSPHC Members Meeting

Doherty's Irish Pub – Pawtucket, RI

2/11/15

Our Interim President...Sue Nelson opened up the meeting with a team drink

First up....Sue began by explaining the changes in leadership. Ben has stepped down as our President for personal reasons...he will be missed and will always be a part of what the OSPHC is. He will be available to help with anything we need and we are very grateful for his years of leadership to the club. Patrick our Vice President will be leaving with his wife Kerry for California in a few days. Kerry will be starting a new job at the University of California-Davis. We will miss them both and we thank Patrick for his years of leadership as well..in OSPHC. So...with all that being said....we will be holding elections for office in April. Right now, the office of President and Vice President will available. Start thinking about whether you would like to run...in the event Sue Nelson decides to run for President on a permanent basis, the possibility of the Secretarial position would also be available. Our March meeting will have nominations for these positions. We will need a volunteer to oversee the election process...please contact Sue at suen@cox.net...if you would like to volunteer for this. Your elected positions would begin on May 1st.

Next....Convention...in a couple of weeks our 2016 NEPHC will be in full swing. They need volunteers for certain activities, raffle room attendants, etc... this information can found on newenglandphc.com....it is very easy to sign up to help out and a good way to familiarize yourself for next year when the OSPHC is hosting. They are also taking signups for games...so check them out online too and sign up...get involved...its good for the soul! Gene Briggs has offered to bring one of his handmade quilts all done from old t-shirts to raffle off and the proceeds will benefit this year's convention for Maine. He did this a few years ago and it produced a good amount of cash and the quilt was really beautiful.

Which brings me to the next topic...the 2017 NEPHC. We will need everyone's cooperation to pull off a great convention...yes it's a year away, but that is not a long time. We will be starting registration at the end of this year's convention..yikes! We will be having a suite raffle...anyone who registers before midnight on February 28th will have a chance to win a suite for the convention in 2017....so a little incentive to move fast! We will also be starting a scratch ticket wreath...Everyone who registers for convention next year will automatically be put into the drawing for this great prize. You also will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets at our meetings. This will go on until the end of August when a name will be pulled and the winner announced. So...another request...we need donations for scratch tickets...PLEASE bring your donation of scratch tickets to the meetings or to convention with you...most tickets are only 1 dollar...so hopefully everyone can chip in a few...just a few from everyone can add up to an awesome prize...who knows what the dollar amount could be...you could win thousands! Also anyone who registers for the 2017 convention by May 31st will get a commemorative ornament as a thank you. No pictures of it yet but once we have one...a picture will be posted.

Nancy Heron our convention chair has been hard at work getting committee's together. We need your help...I cannot put more emphasis on how important this is. Please keep your eye on your email and Facebook to keep up with what is going on. Sign-up sheets for everything we will need will be at every member's meeting. Convention meetings will be done regularly...we want to keep this as organized as humanly possible...with everyone's help...we can have a very successful function.

Some bad news to report....our fellow members Lisa and Mike Sheehan had a fire at their home on 2/8/16...a surge of electricity shot through the house into the dishwasher which exploded and caused a fire in the kitchen and back stairs. The fire department had to put a hole in the roof to let the smoke out. They lost a few pieces of furniture and have quite a bit of water and smoke damage....the good...they are fine...whew!...and they will be getting a new kitchen...Lisa is happy about that. For now and for the next few months they will be staying at an extended stay in East Providence.

Our shoe drive is nearing completion...it has been extended to March 11th to let us collect shoes at the upcoming convention. I didn't feel like enough shoes were brought in at this meeting...so I am hoping you were holding out to collect more...we need 100 bags of 25 pairs of shoes to make this work. Our fundraisers are group efforts and we need a group effort.

Beginning next month a few changes at the meeting...50/50 is coming back and so is the spare change jar. No one is obligated to buy a ticket...only if you want to. Spare change can add up very fast and whatever we collect over the next year in 50/50 and spare change will help pay for our club basket next year or at least put a dent in the cost.

At our March 10th meeting, we will be having a bake sale. We had one a few years ago and we did pretty good with it and it was fun...so many good cooks out there, so start thinking about

what your specialty bake sale item will be. We need to raise funds for our convention next year...so little things like this are easy for everyone to get involved in.

Another great fundraiser is coming up and brand new! In conjunction with our neighbors...the Nautical Whalers Parrot Head Club and the Parrot Head Club of Eastern Mass...we will having a 1st Annual Parrot Head Par 3 Party.... at the Back Nine Country Club in Lakeville, Mass. This will be done on June 26th 2016. Shotgun start at 1:00. It is a scramble format/Best Ball tournament. It is limited to 72 golfers and we cannot go over this amount...members will have the opportunity to register by May 27th with open registration to the public after that. Registration will be \$100.00 per golfer which includes golf, and BBQ. There will be a 1st and 2nd place as well as closet to the pin, worst golfer, putting contest, 50/50 raffle and raffle prizes. We have also been given the green light to have a cart decoration contest and a club hole decorating contest ...we will have prizes for these but also have to clean up after ourselves per the golf course. This is going to be the beginning of a great yearly event benefiting all three clubs. Each year one of the three clubs will reap the rewards for this golf tournament with the proceeds benefiting the New England Parrot Head Convention. We will be asking for volunteers for this and raffle donations.

We have some social events planned...Providence Bruins, March 13th...20.00pp includes ticket, popcorn and soda. See Kathy for sign ups. On April 2nd...Sons of Liberty Distillery Tour....12:30pm 1425 Kingstown Rd., Kingstown. Groupons are usually available for this tour...no need to sign up...it is a public tour at that time. If you want to go...just show up.

Birthday were celebrated...Happy Birthday February babies! Sue Jones handed out cupcakes

No new news on the Treasury Front...still poor...for now...lol

Our next meeting is at Davenports in East Providence on March 10th. Hope to see you there.

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, OSPHC