



# Ocean State Parrot Head Club

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

### **Members Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2016**

#### **Davenport – East Providence**

Sue Nelson opened up the meeting with a team drink

First up...Bake Sale/Auction...everyone brought in baked goods to auction off and a lot of delicious desserts were up for grabs.... we made a total of 169.00! Way to go parrotheads! Enjoy those handmade with love desserts! All money will go into our convention fund for next year.

A show of hands for this year's convention!...we learned a lot from this year's convention...a few things to do and a few things not to do next year. The Maine club did a fantastic job running the convention this year...even with the little help they received. Gene Briggs had two beautiful handmade quilts that he walked around with all weekend selling tickets for. He made a total of 1000.00 doing that for the Maine convention. He did need to pay the person who made them and the rest went to Maine's convention...nice job Gene! And yes, he will be doing it for our convention next year. Working together for a purpose...love it!

Our 2017 Convention is coming along nicely...our website and registration is up and running as well as our Facebook page. We extended the deadline for registration to be entered in the suite raffle to March 15<sup>th</sup> due to the fact that the website was not running properly...so if you want to get in on the chance to win a free suite for the weekend make sure you register before March 15<sup>th</sup>...a winner will be drawn at our next members meeting. We had a great registration team at the convention that pulled it all together and we received a total of 107 registrations in all. They got up early, decorated and promoted...what a group effort it was...very proud our club! Thank you all for getting the job done! We still need volunteers to run next year's convention...a games committee meeting is already scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at the home of Jane McLennan...Michele Rioux is heading up this committee and so far a lot of great ideas are on the table...just need to figure out which ones to do. We need volunteers for everything! Don't be shy! We need your help. We want this convention "Christmas in the Caribbean" to be the best and most talked about convention of the decade...LOL...seriously; we do need your help. Charlie Pitts is having postcards made to promote our convention and these will be handed out at numerous functions...he will be taking them to Phlocking in Pa. and will be contacting MOTM to see if we can also put them in the goodie bags that will be given out there. They will also be given out at both our golf tournaments as well

as Chowder Fest. We have a wreath raffle to which we are taking donations for and raffle tickets are being sold at each meeting. This will also benefit our 2017 convention...yes, you could win a ton! We expect this wreath to be filled by the time August comes and we pull the winning ticket. We are also collecting nips, so next time you're at the liquor store; pick up a couple to bring to the next meeting. Everything we are doing in the way of collections and fundraisers benefits next year's convention.

Speaking of benefiting the convention...we will be having a small fundraiser at Tara's Family Pub on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00...Brian Cabral will be the entertainment that day and we will have a raffle and a 50/50. The food is great, the music will be great so come on down and spend some time with us. We will need raffle basket donations, so if you can bring them in at the next meeting that would be great.

As you probably know from all the advertising we are doing, we... in conjunction with PHCOEM and The Nautical Whalers PHC are having a golf tournament. June 26<sup>th</sup> is the date and it will be held at the Back Nine Club in Lakeville, Mass. Registration is open and the cost is 100.00 a person which includes golf, cart and meal. If you're a non golfer and just want to come for the meal, the cost is 25.00. Entertainment will be by Cabana Boy, Brian Cabral. This golf tournament was started to benefit the club who is hosting the convention the following year. An email was sent to all with the form and posted on numerous Facebook pages. It is limited to 72 golfers so get those registration forms in soon...we cannot go over 72 golfers. Lots of prizes, raffles and we will be having a hole and cart decoration contest so put those thinking caps on and head out to Lakeville, Mass on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Bussy and Kathy have been the key communicators on this and we thank them for all their time getting this up and running as well as the other PHC's involved. This will be the start of a beautiful friendship!

Next up...Chowder Fest...Mark your calendars for June 18<sup>th</sup>...we will once again be involved in this yearly event being held now at Fort Adams State Park. Bussy will again be spearheading this and will be sending out information via email regarding volunteering. We have a huge space from what I am told which will be great for advertising and promoting our club, as well as selling raffle tickets for our wreath raffle. So keep an eye on your email for more information...it's not that far away.

Also, being held on June 18 is the annual Relay for Life. Don and Jenny Lessard who have been doing this for over 14 years...will again be hosting this event. Luminaries are available for purchase at the Members' meeting...and you can also go to the Relay for Life website...find Don's group...Inner Courage...and make your donations that way. We hope to see a lot of people at this year event. We can all make a difference!

The shoe drive collection has ended!!! WooHoo! I would like to thank all who have participated in this very long collection...I really don't know the bag counts because I can't get onto the sun porch...but I think we did pretty good. I would like to thank my hubby, Ken, for bagging up, counting, putting elastics around shoes and carrying those bags...they are very heavy. Once a pick up is scheduled we WILL need help getting them out of the house and into the truck. I will let everyone know ahead of time when the date is.

Nominations for BOD positions took place...here are the results...The nomination for President went to Sue Nelson...no others were nominated. The nominations for Vice President went to Charlene Shoener, Michelle Rioux, Steve Einhorn and Diane Mulligan. The nomination for Secretary went to Carrie McNeil...no others were nominated...The nomination for Treasurer was Charlie Pitts...no others were

nominated. Sandy Clendenny will be handling the election process. Please check your emails. All information on voting, etc., will be sent in that manner. The results will be given at the next members meeting. Good luck to all the nominees.

Calendar of events was handed out and we have several functions going on...Sons of Liberty whiskey tasting which is a drop in type of thing...but if enough people come we get a reduced rate of 10.00 a person, and a Paw Sox game in May which you will need to sign up for...hope to see you all!

Badge raffle was done as well as noting our March birthdays...Happy Birthday March babies!

Our next meeting will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> back at Davenport's in East Providence

*Till We Meet Again...*

Sue Nelson – Interim President, Secretary, OSPHC