



# Ocean State Parrot Head Club

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

### **Member's Meeting – Davenports in East Providence April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Sue opened up the meeting with a team drink....

First up....Convention 2017. "Christmas in the Caribbean"....Registrations are going well...we have 130 registered so far and the website is working out well. It is easily navigated and having the ability to have our own payment system is working out very well. Charlie worked very hard to get us the Square payment system. In addition to taking payment on the convention website, we are also able to take all payments for dues, Buffett tickets, buying merchandise, even paying for raffle tickets. This is going to be a great addition to the club. There is a small fee involved in taking payments this way, so beware of that if you decide to pay for anything with your credit card. The website for next year's convention is...[www.newenglandphc.com/2017](http://www.newenglandphc.com/2017)

We... the BOD, and Chairperson, Nancy Heron, will be meeting with the hotel the beginning of May. Once we meet we will be able to confirm meal plan pricing, hotel room pricing, get a booking code and go over other items pertinent to our convention. We will let everyone know when you are able to book your rooms via Facebook and email. We want to make sure this goes as smoothly as possible.

Our Theme for Friday night will be "The Polar Express"...Everyone will be asked to dress in their pajama's that night. We will be giving out tickets to enter the Polar Express and conductors will be going around with hole punchers and bells. Hot chocolate will be available also. Santa Claus will be visiting us and pictures with Santa will also be available. Saturday night, we will have our ugly sweater night and we are hoping to get a photo booth.

Our committees of games, raffles, vendors, decorating and registration are filling up nicely and a lot of ideas, especially in games have been given. Committees have also held meetings. People are really coming together for this and it's a wonderful thing! We still need volunteers! If you know you're coming to convention, please sign up to help. The more volunteers we have, the easier it will be on everyone to enjoy that weekend! We are planning a wreath door decorating contest and will either raffle them off or silent auction them on Saturday night. For table centerpieces, we will be asking for donations of homemade ginger bread houses. They will be put on the tables on Friday and remain there throughout the

weekend. We will have a silent auction or a giveaway of those on Saturday night...we haven't decided which one as of yet. We are still collecting nips and scratch tickets for our wreath raffle. Nips we will be collected up until next year and scratch tickets up until the middle of August. Also, if you registered for the 2017 convention before March 15th, you were entered in a raffle for a suite for Friday and Saturday night...and the winner is...Paul and Joanne Thibodeau...congratulations and enjoy!

Buffett ticket payments are due by at least the May member's meeting. All money must be sent to the ticket coordinator by May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you requested tickets, Ben sent out an email regarding this. Remember, you can now use your credit card for payment, but a small fee will be tacked on. You can see either Charlie or Sue for this. This is August 20th at the Comcast Center.

Our next Fundraiser is at Tara's in Matunuck on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00. Brian Cabral...aka...Cabana Boy will be playing for our entertainment pleasure. We will have a raffle and maybe a 50/50. This is open to the public, so invite some friends to come down for the afternoon of great music and friends. You can also walk away with a great prize! Hope to see you down by the ocean!

Chowder Fest is June 18<sup>th</sup>. Bussy will again be the contact person for this event. He will be sending out an email soon regarding volunteer signups. We will be setting up our tent and have a space all to ourselves to promote our club and sell wreath raffle tickets...we might even get a few new members! This is always a fun time and we get in for FREE! Great chowder samples all day too. So plan on coming!

June 17-18 is also the annual Relay for Life. Don and Jenny Lessard who have been doing this for over 14 years...will again be hosting this event. Don has told us that most of the activity will be done on Friday night. This is at Tollgate High School in Warwick. 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 OSPHC participation at this year event. We can all make a difference!

Our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Par Three Party is June 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a 3 club effort between the OSPHC, the Nautical Whalers and PHCOEM. It is at The Back Nine in Lakeville, Mass. It is an 18 hole par 3 course. Sign up forms have been available and are also available on our Facebook page under files. The cost is 100- pp. and includes golf and meal. We will be having our usual raffles as well as club hole decorating and cart decorating. So pick a hole, go crazy decorating it with the help of your fellow golfers and do the same with a golf cart...there are prizes to be won! If you plan on coming and not playing golf the cost of the meal is 25-. Kathy is looking for volunteers for this event and raffle prize donations. This golf tournament will benefit the club who is hosting the convention the following year, in this case it is ours. So get those teams together and send in those registration forms!

Who is ready for some baseball!! We are planning a Paw Sox game on May 29th...they will be playing against Indianapolis....but...we are also planning a tailgate before the game, just like old times. Nancy Heron is taking the reins on this so if you want to be part of the fun for the day and night, please reach out to her so she can get a ticket count. Once this is done, she can let you know the price and the specifics of the day. Oh...did I mention there is fireworks that night! If you order a ticket you are responsible for payment on the ticket whether you attend or not.

September 11th will be the day for the OSPHC golf tournament....in memory of Sue and Paul Folkins. This will again be in Jamestown and more info to follow as time draws near.

On June 3rd, Kelly Mastrostefano and Sue Jones will be hosting a steak fry in memory of Finnegan Burns to raise money for Finnz Fundz, and organization that was started in his name to help families with expenses associated with Cystic Fibrosis. As you know, Kerri and Patrick are now Californians and are not able to host a fundraiser in RI so Kelly and Sue stepped up and are doing it for them. Tickets are 25- each and includes a delicious steak dinner and music. There will also be raffles as well. This will take place at Club Jogues in Coventry. So if you have no plans for that Friday night in June, come on down and help raise money for a great cause. Finnz Fundz is also one of the charities who will benefit from our convention. There is an event on Facebook and a link to pay for tickets online. Sue Jones also has tickets as well.

Charlie said we have money coming in from registrations and the treasury is doing good.

Birthday were almost forgotten, sorry! We didn't have the correct info but it was corrected immediately...so happy birthday April babies!

Election results were given and the winners are....drum roll please....President, Sue Nelson, Vice President, Charlene Shoener, and Secretary, Carrie McNeil....Congratulations!

*Here is your new BOD...*

President - Sue Nelson  
Vice President - Charlene Shoener  
Treasurer - Charlie Pitts  
Secretary - Carrie McNeil  
Director of Membership - Sue Jones  
Social Director - Kathy Batease

Our next meeting will be at Doherty's in Pawtucket on May 12th at 7:00pm

On a personal note...this will be my last member note...I want to thank you all for allowing me to be your Secretary over the past 4 years...it was fun and I enjoyed it very much. I learned a lot about the club and its' members and have met so many wonderful people. Your new Secretary, Carrie will also be wonderful!

I look forward to representing our club as your President and I welcome your ideas and suggestions at anytime. Going forward, I see nothing but good things for the future of the OSPHC and look forward to working with everyone!

Respectfully Submitted....  
Sue Nelson - Departing Secretary, OSPHC

*Please see attached Calendar of Events*

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April, 2016

- May 1 Tara's Fund Raiser- Matunuck- 1:00 p.m. - 50/50 and raffle prizes
- May 12 Members Meeting - 7:00 pm Doherty's - 842 East Ave. Pawtucket
- May 29 PawSox vs. Indianapolis 6:00 pm Pro Register
- June 9 Members Meeting - 7:00 pm Devenport's 1925 Pawtucket Ave. E. Providence
- June 17,18 Relay for Life - Team name "Encouraps" Details at a later date
- June 28 35th annual Great Chowder Cook Off- Newport - Details at a later date
- June 26 NEW Event- OSPHC, Nautical Whalers, PHOEM Par3 Party First annual- Back Nine, Lakeville, MA
- Aug. 20 Buffet at Xfinity Center
- Aug. 25 Buffet at Jonas Beach
- Sept. 11 Sue & Paul Fulkens Golf Tournament Jamestown CC
- Sept. 18 Alzheimer's Walk - Ft. Adams, Newport-Details at a later date
- \*\*\*\*\*Fellow Parrot Head Club Events\*\*\*\*\*
- May 7 Twin Rivers Tequila & Rum Festival-2-5:00 pm
- June 3 PHHC Funds Steak Fry, Club Jokes, Coventry, \$25/person
- Aug. 12-14 Parrot Head Camping in CT See Paul Thibodeau for details!!
- March 9-12, 2017 NEPHC - "Christmas in the Caribbean" - Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA  
Register at: [www.newportparrot.com/2017](http://www.newportparrot.com/2017)

