



Q1 2015

Parrot Head Club of Eastern MA Vol. 5

Welcome to Q1 2015 and Happy Spring to all our PHCOEM Members! We look forward to seeing everyone again this year for fun and exciting adventures as we participate in Charitable and Social Events.

This Newsletter is our version of past and present Events with special things added. We have mentioned in the past that our members would like to be able to print the newsletter to paper so it is laid out in such a way to accommodate that.

The BOD has taken part in creating the Newsletter with the events and members input regarding stuff done throughout the past few months. There is many new updates with future and exciting things to come for 2015.

Thank you for the Great times we have both Social & Charitable and what we do for others as people appreciate having The Parrot Head Club of Eastern Mass volunteer and participate in their functions. Many of us have been in the Club for years, some only a few years hopefully we'll bring you a smile while reading this, and to our new members Welcome and Enjoy!

If you would like to submit something, maybe a special article or recipe please contact me or send it along.

Happy Spring from all of us to our PHCOEM Friends!

Liz McCarthy - Secretary





From the Office of the Prez



I am pleased to announce another major milestone has been accomplished. We have been able to get our tax exempt status back and retroactive to May 2007 when the 990-N filing was stopped. We are not going to have to pay any taxes on all those years of not filing so that's a real positive for the club. This was the largest hurdle that the board had to deal with and I'm happy that we were able to accomplish this for the benefit of all the members.

We were recognized in the Northeast Region as one of the top 5 websites for keeping up-to-date information for all our members, new and old, where folks can go to learn about upcoming events, getting tickets to functions, and other great news that we have to share. Kudos to the board for keeping up with getting the information posted.

We've had some wonderful charitable events that turned into impromptu social gatherings afterwards, where there was plenty of laughter and memories made. We for the first time – participated in the SOMA Winter Games Olympic Town and Dance, what a wonderful time had by all and over 20 of us went out for drinks and food afterwards to TGI Friday's. They were not really prepared for us, but we grabbed a fun waiter, Marcus and had a great time with lots of laughs. We did the Polar Plunge with Werner's Warriors raising lots of money, some of us got a little wet and then we all went out for drinks and appetizers to celebrate the success of the event. So remember you can make any Charitable event turn into a social gathering afterwards and fun for everyone.

For the 2015 NEPHC Convention they asked us to do a Founding Fathers scroll that they displayed in the hallway leading to the Grand Ballroom. It certainly was interesting seeing all the scrolls and reading about how all the clubs came to be. I asked Al Mosier and Nick Cattagio to put something together for our scroll since I am a relative newbie to the club. They did a wonderful job and I put a copy of it out on our website giving them the recognition they so deserve. So if you get an opportunity go to our web page and look on the right navigation bar under **About** and you will see the page to honor them. A huge thank you to Terri, Stacey, Scott, Lyndilu and Angela for the awesome job they did with everyone's help on our club basket.

We have received several letters from different organizations thanking us for volunteering, which shows how much all the time and effort that everyone puts in truly does make a difference in our communities. You all make me so proud to be a part of such a caring and giving organization. Here's the Springfield Boys & Girls Club Festival of Trees thank you (Co-club event with WMPHC).



January 5, 2015

Western Mass Parrot Head Club & Parrot Head Club of Eastern Mass
Karen "Sunshine" Feldesen
80 June Street
Northbridge, MA 01534-1185

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Springfield Boys & Girls Club, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for your donation of a tree for the 14th Annual Festival of Trees.

The wonderfully creative, beautiful and valuable trees donated by local businesses, organizations, families and individuals are the driving force behind the event's continued success. Thanks to your support, the 14th Annual Festival of Trees was a record breaking year for tree sponsorships, attendance, and revenue! With more than 13,000 visitors and 141 trees, our net income was just over \$16,000!

The Springfield Boys & Girls Club is proud to serve over 1,500 inner city youth each year. The funds raised through Festival of Trees help us provide memberships, after school and summer programs, enrichment activities, field trips, and every other aspect of the Springfield Boys & Girls Club experience. Your efforts and participation in the Festival truly make an impact in the lives of these children. We sincerely appreciate your support of the Festival of Trees and look forward to working with you in 2015.

From all of us here at the Springfield Boys & Girls Club, we wish you a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Sarah Talsio
Executive Director

As required by the Internal Revenue, this letter serves as notification that no goods or services were received in exchange for this gift, and that your donation is fully tax deductible.

The Springfield Boys & Girls Club works to help youth of all backgrounds, with special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, acquire the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. The Club accomplishes this by offering children and teenagers developmental programs to enhance their social, emotional, physical, recreational, education skills, and their self image.



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A United Way Agency

We have a lot of fun events slated for 2015 and hope that you will all be able to partake in some of them.

Sunshine

President PHCoEM (2014-2016)



From the Office of the Vice-Prez



P.H.A.R.T. Award

Hello Phellow Phlockers for this newsletter we are going to announce both the Q4 2014 and the Q1 2015 P.H.A.R.T. Award Winners.

The Q4 2014 winners was announced at the Holiday Hangover Party in January which was quite the event and just the perfect timing to recognize Bob and Stephanie McQueen for all their incredible work. They made just about every event we had during that quarter.

My most memorable was pouring beer in a rainstorm at the Oktoberfest in Hopedale. Bob had quite the system going for pouring the beer. He was a machine and of course there was a lot of taste testing going on along the way! After the Oktoberfest was over we sat down and chatted and relaxed. We had our picture taken with a pirate that was walking around. That's when I knew that they fit right into what our club is all about.

They are very special people and we are lucky to have them as members representing the club. Bob and Stephanie were also a big part of the success of the Springfield Boys and Girls club tree decorating party at Sunshine's house. They not only brought their 2 sons Vinny and Robby to help decorate the trees, they donated a stack of neatly wrapped presents that were tagged for what age and sex the items were suitable for, making it easy for the folks who won our tree to know what they won. Talk about setting a great example for their children to follow. They have involved their keets with us and Robby collected food and funds for the local food pantry.

This family has truly been Parrot Heads All Round Town and represent our club in a real positive light all over the North East throughout the last quarter of 2014. Stephanie and Bob we really appreciate all you have done for the communities in our areas! Thank You.



The Q1 2015 winners are next up. Yes it is that quarterly time again man time flies when you're having fun!! I mean rum!! I mean well time just flies by and it is time to announce our newest recipients of the illustrious Parrot Head All Round Town award! We have had some exciting events the past few months and one this couple was even hosting at their house! However on National Margarita Day Mother Nature decided to put a damper on our spirits! Get it, spirits in more ways than one! And the snow fell!! I would like to present the latest P.H.A.R.T. award recipients, Mrs. Tiffany and Mr. Shawn Davis! They have worked really hard lately and who can forget the just delightful breakfast spread at the convention!! Breakfast at Tiffany's Anyone? Anyone? Shawn is a masterful Belgian waffle maker and all the fixings, really! Wow is all I can say! They are from our WoW contingent but you will find them at many club events all over. They gave graciously to the club basket and raffles for the holiday party! And more importantly brought down and set up their bar and blender so we could have 2 bars at the Creature Cantina serving our lovely patrons. I mean who else was a more fitting and willing candidate for Chewbacca! Shawn played his role masterfully and we thank you both for helping bring more magic and enthusiasm to our club and events! So thank you to Tiffany and Shawn Davis for being our latest in a growing group of Parrot Heads All Round Town.



Thanks to both couples for all that they do for our club and thank you to everyone else for making us the best we can be.

Captain "Mac" Sparrow



From the Office of the Treasurer- Angela



All bank records have been recorded in a spreadsheet to be tracked moving forward they are available upon request to review by any member in good standing:

- **Starting Balance: \$1,396.00**
 - Debits (checks): **\$1,592.35**
 - Credits (deposits): **\$3,407.02**
- **Ending Balance: \$3,210.67**

From the MemberShip... Here We Are....


2015 NEPHC PHCOEM CLUB BASKET

First of all, we would like to take a moment to thank so very many of you who contributed to making this year's basket an amazing one. The donations from the PHlock were overwhelming. The winners of our basket was our own: Ken & Carol Siris

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You to everyone who participated.
Terri, Stacey, Scott, Lyndi and Angela

Thirsty Thursday Traveling...

Please Take Your PHCOEM Passport With You!!!

*SouthOfBoston *Boston *WestOfWest *Cape	*SouthEastOfBoston *NorthOfBoston
Destination #1:	PHCOEM PASSPORT 
Destination #2:	
Destination #3:	
Destination #4:	
Destination #5:	
Have your PHCOEM Passport signed and dated by your Ambassador at 5 different PHCOEM Thirsty locations and return to Lyndi Lu Hobbins your Membership Travel Director or any BoD Travel Agent * Remember parrot points will be awarded as 1 parrot point per member per month regardless of number of locations. *Please do check on PHCOEM.com as locations are subject to change	
Traveler's Name :	

We brought this oldie but goodie back last May... Here's the deal...

Please bring your passport to Thirsty Thursdays and have the Ambassador for that location sign and date it. Once you have traveled to 5 different Thirsty Thursday Locations please

return it to me, your Travel Member Director or any Travel BoD Agent redeemable for a phabulous PHCOEM member award.

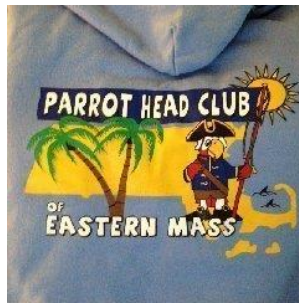
Do check for locations prior to departure as dates and locations are subject to change. Please remember, parrot points will be awarded as 1 parrot per member per month regardless the number of TT locations visited. We wish you lovely weather...

Our latest Passport Awards went to the Pouliot's!!!



While Traveling Near Or Far, Take your PHCOEM Club Wear with You...

We have lovely Carolina Blue Club Shirts and Zip Up Hooded Sweat Jackets available for purchase: T Shirts \$15 | Long Sleeved T Shirts \$20 | Zip Up Hooded Sweat Jackets \$30



Please send inquiries and orders with your name, item, size and email address to:
Membership@phcoem.com

Speaking of great deals, membership dues are still \$20 a single and \$25 for a family. Your PHCOEM Dues are due now in January and can be paid using Pay Pal for a \$1 processing fee at PHCOEM.com and the snail mail address is: PHCoEM P.O. Box 714 Shrewsbury, MA 01545 and please memo check as 2015 Dues. Thank You!

WE Have A New TT Location to Announce for the SoB location:

Toni Astore & Kelly Connerton the Ambassadors for SoB are moving their Thirsty Thursday location less than 2 miles down the road to:

Home Plate Bay Street Grill

1094 Bay Street Taunton Mass 02780

[508-823-1600](tel:508-823-1600) www.HomePlate.us.com

Members from SEoB and as far as WoW traveled together which amounted to 29 attendees for the grand opening of this TT new location. Tiffany and Shawn Davis were awarded the great honor of our newest "PHARTS" as well as celebrating Leo McCarthy's "50th" trip around the sun! It was a great start for this new location so grab your Passports and come visit Toni and Kelly!!!



Wishing you an amazing new trip around the sun.
Have a PHCOEM Awesome Birthday!!! Happy New Year!!!

Happy Birthday To You ♪♪ .***.***. ♪♪ Happy
Birthday To You ♪♪ .***.***. ♪♪ Happy Birthday
Dear PHCOEM Phlockers ♪♪ .***.***. ♪♪ Happy
Birthday To You ♪♪ .***.***. ♪♪

April

4/2 Leo McCarthy
4/3 Grace Handren
4/6 John Chappelle
4/7 Stacey West Kneeland
4/7 Vicki Pappas
4/10 Kathy Gordy MacKenzie
4/11 Deb Beauregard
4/11 Catarina Bettencourt
4/14 Tony Avitible
4/15 Cristina Bettencourt
4/16 David Bouchard
4/19 David Hooper
4/26 Michael Watters
4/29 Paul Sommerville

MAY

5/1 Bob Peck
5/10 LyndiLu Hoobinoo
5/12 Ed Young
5/15 Martha Dove
5/17 John Connerton
5/21 Nancy Carroll
5/21 Hannah Handren
5/23 Kristen Cardoso
5/23 Donna Demarco
5/24 Charlie Demarco
5/25 Joanie Cava
5/28 Tiffany Davis
5/29 Stephen Baxter
5/29 Trish Ouellette
5/31 Robby McQueen

JUNE

6/1 Diane Xenelis
6/2 Norma Hartwell
6/3 Tim Munger
6/3 Anne Reynolds
6/9 Jay Blackburn
6/13 Shawn Davis
6/13 Pam Mascroft
6/14 Kristen Nerich
6/16 Janet Daylor
6/27 Ron Moitoza
6/30 Kim Stevens

If you do not see your birthday listed and you are a member in good standing, please
send info to Membership@phcoem.com

Passing of Jim Skerry - Founding Father of PHCoEM

A Memorial Mass for James will be held on Friday, May 8th, 2015 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Malden at 9 AM.

A time of visitation and reflection will be held for James at Weir MacCuish Golden Rule Funeral Home, 144 Salem St, Malden, on Thursday, May 8th, from 4 – 8 PM.

We are trying to locate a place nearby to have a re-pass following and it is also TT so we can all raise a glass for a TEAM drink in memory of our founding father....

This is the link to his obituary for more information.

<http://patch.com/massachusetts/malden/obituary-james-skerry-st-lucie-west-florida-0>

We only Sail in Circles,
LyndiLu



From the Parrot Perch of Elena and Deb, Co-Directors Charity & Environmental Affairs.

PARROTHEADS WITHOUT BORDERS

Due to other things that the BOD has been working with, this is a little delayed in getting out to the group. So watch the website for a posting of the details of this program during the month of April or May 2015.

THE QUARTER IN REVIEW

This was a very snowy but very rewarding quarter for PHCOEM. Despite Mother Nature's attempts to keep us huddled up in our igloos, dedicated PHCOEM members plunged with the police and Patriots (Nate Solder) as well as pillaged with the pirates to benefit our Club's primary charity, Special Olympics Massachusetts (a.k.a. SOMA).

On February 14th, in honor of Rick Werner, Team Werner's Warriors plunged into the "lake" at the Sharon Community Center during the Law Enforcement Torch Run's (a.k.a. LETR) Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. This brave group was supported by a PHlock of land-based members who assisted inside before moving outside to cheer on the plungers.

On March 7th, 22 PHCOEM pirates steered their ships to Worcester's Mechanics Hall to SOMA's Winter Games Olympic Town and Dance. They were joined by a professional troupe of pirates and together, cheered on 300+ special athletes as they stepped over the snow banks and onto the red carpet. Chris Yates (CJ Yates Photography) and her PHCOEM assistants manned a tropical photo booth all night and took individual photos of athletes with the pirates. We set up/ran pirate type games in Olympic Town such as walking the plank, pinning the Jack (Monkey) on a life size Captain Barboza, corn hole with Phins & Pheathers, This pun came complete with prizes for all participants who also danced the night away in the great hall.

The following was sent to us in appreciation of our first foray into SOMA's Winter Games:

"The Parrot Heads really went above and beyond anything I could have ever imagined for Olympic Town. I cannot thank you enough for donating your time, services, and resources to support our cause. Please forward this along to all of the members of your organization because they are just as important and responsible for the success of this event!"

-Kristen Giombetti, SOMA Program Intern

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, April 12 – Pucks and Paws at the Worcester Sharks – 3pm

PHCOEM goes to the hockey game. What a great event for the whole family! Ice Cream Sundaes for \$5. You can bring your dog to the game. Tickets in the dog section are \$16 for human and \$10 for dog (\$5 goes back to PAWS New England – mention when you buy your doggie's ticket). Special events during the game include a pooch parade, cute dog contest, and more. Dog friendly vendors will be in the concourse with their wares. If you are not bringing your dog, tickets range from \$9 - \$16 and can usually be purchased that day. For more information, contact Kathy Werner at [\(508\) 264-0223](tel:5082640223) or socialfins@yahoo.com.

Saturday, April 18th at 11:00- Mohegan Sun Bus Trip to raise money which will benefit SOMA. Ticket price includes bus fare, tip for the bus driver and \$30 worth of bonus coupons for food and/or betting. Bus Will Leave from DoubleTree, 11 Beaver Street, Milford, MA 01757 parking lot sharply at 11:00 am.
Event Ambassador: Sunshine Feldeisen

Sunday, April 26 – Charles River Watershed Association Canoe and Kayak Race – 10am

There is a change to the typical race course, so we can use a few extra volunteers if you can attend. The Charles River Watershed Association seeks to provide and enhance the health, beauty, and enjoyment of the Charles River and its tributaries. The Association holds this annual canoe race to raise funds and community awareness. We will be judges and safety people again this year at the Moody Street Dam in Waltham. Post-race party will be at Margarita's in Waltham. To volunteer or for more information, contact Kathy Werner at [\(508\) 264-0223](tel:5082640223) or socialfins@yahoo.com.

DIRECTIONS:

Rte 128 to Exit 26 "Rte 20 East" follow Rte 20 about 2 miles. In the center of Waltham, turn right onto Moody Street. Please park in the municipal parking lots just before the railroad tracks. We are at the bridge on the right side of the street.

Sunday, April 26th at 10:00- Quinsigamond State Park, Worcester. On behalf of the Autism Resource Center of Central Mass, volunteers will assist Autism Walk registration, T-shirt distribution, merchandise and raffle ticket sales.
Event Ambassador: Deb Beauregard

Saturday, May 2nd at 8:00- MS Walk, Cohasset's South Shore Community Center. Volunteers will help with rest stops and cheer the walkers along the six-mile walk.
Event Ambassador: LyndiLu Hoobinoo

Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00- SOMA Brockton Games at Brockton High School Marciano Stadium. Volunteers will be grilling and serving our famous Cheeseburgers in Paradise lunches for athletes and coaches at this regional qualifying track and field qualifier.
Event Ambassador: Deb Beauregard or Elena

Saturday, May 9th at 8:30- MS Walk, Westfield. Volunteers at this event which is co-sponsored with WMPHC will assist with registration, water distribution along the route and pick up of walkers unable to complete the walk.
Event Ambassador: Sunshine Feldeisen

Saturday, May 16th SOMA Track & Field Qualifier – 8:00am Volunteer Registration - Barnstable High School - Marciano Stadium, 774 West Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02601
Event Ambassador: Deb Beauregard or Elena

Sunday, May 17th: HEMA – 8:00am Volunteer Registration - EMC2 | 50 Constitution Boulevard, Franklin, MA 02038 – Little cookout after the event at the same location where we run the water stop and cheering.
Event Ambassador: Elena Pouliot & Sunshine

Thursday, May 21 – Dine out at Margarita's – Relay for Life benefit – 6pm

Join us at Margarita's Restaurant for a few drinks and dinner. This is a fundraiser for the PHCOEM Relay for Life team. Make sure you bring your coupon. We will be doing a 50/50 raffle, selling and decorating Luminarias, and other fun stuff. Address: 765 Bridge Street (Rte 3A) Weymouth, MA For more information, contact Kathy Werner at [\(508\) 264-0223](tel:5082640223) or socialfins@yahoo.com.

Saturday, May 30 – Yard Sale – Relay for Life benefit – 8am

Bring your yard sale items to sell as a fundraiser for the PHCOEM Relay for Life team. At Kathy Werner's house in Braintree. For more information, contact Kathy Werner at [\(508\) 264-0223](tel:5082640223) or socialfins@yahoo.com.

Saturday, June 6th at 4:00- SOMA Summer Games Dance (and Olympic Town TBD) at the BU Track and Tennis Center, 100 Ashford Street, Boston. PHCOEM provides our favorite DJ Dave and volunteers will help prepare the dance area with decorations before hundreds of special athletes arrive. The rest of the evening is all about dancing and smiles.
Event Ambassador: Deb Beauregard

Saturday, June 20 – Relay for Life – noon – midnight Cancer never rests, so neither will we. We will be walking laps all day and into the night. Reilly Field, 500 Gliniewicz Way, Abington, MA. Join the PHCOEM team, "Feathers for a Cure." http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15NE?pg=entry&fr_id=65381 To join the team. This year's theme is "Carnival." So the PHCOEM team will be doing a Mardi-Gras theme. Get out your purple, green, and gold beads and boas!!



From the Office of the Social Director



January 24th, 2015 – Holiday Hangover Party was a huge success with 71 members coming for a delicious buffet dinner, playing some very fun games, watching Jane at the rapid fire raffle all while enjoying the sounds of The Island Castaways Band.

February 8th: Snow Tubing at Nashoba Valley Tubing Park – 6 of our Phlock participated and watched and/or participated in some fun times tubing down the hill.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SOCIAL	MARK YOUR CALENDARS
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While Traveling Near Or Far, Remember To Take your PHCOEM Club Wear with You...

For the printable version of the Club Calendar and other great articles and more information, please visit our webpage www.phcoem.com. You can also get access to our Facebook page and Yahoo group through our website.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!!!!

Recipe of the Month:

Shared Recipe by: Terri Weissenberg & Stacey West-Kneeland

Glazed Doughnut French Toast



12 Original Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

6 large Dierberg's Eggs
1 ½ Cups Half & Half
1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
1 Teaspoon ground cinnamon
Fresh grated nutmeg or Dierberg's powdered sugar
Blueberries, Blackberries, Raspberries, or sliced Strawberries

Slice doughnuts in half horizontally and place on wire rack let dry 8 hours.

In large bowl, whisk together the eggs, half & half, vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg set aside.

Place 8 doughnuts halves cut side up in 9X13 backing dish that has been lightly coated with non-sticking cooking spray.

Cut 4 doughnut halves as needed to fill in spaces between doughnut halves.

Top with half of egg mixture, then remaining doughnut halves cut-side down, and remaining egg mixture.

Cover & chill overnight then let stand room temperature 15 minutes.

Bake covered at 350* F over 30 minutes. Bake until mixture is puffed and internal temperature is 160* F
Wait about 15 minutes before lightly dusting top with powdered sugar.

Makes 8 to 10 Servings

REFERENCE LINKS to some great locations for more information.

National Chapter Parrot Heads in Paradise: www.phip.com

2016 NEPHC Convention: <http://www.newenglandphc.com/>

Our Website PHCOEM.COM: www.phcoem.com