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It is with heavy hearts we wish to tell you that one of our cherished and dear phriends, and a phlock member for many years has passed away.

Marcia Bixby, you will be sadly missed by so many.

I am still at a loss for the right words at this moment.

This has been a difficult few weeks for so many of us and words just can not truly express emotions.

Marcia was an honest, kind-hearted, hard working soul to all her knew her. We will miss you dearly, so sorry and saddened you were taken from us so soon. Please hug someone today.



Heavy hearted, President Mac



### Hello Phlock,

I am sure by now you have all heard the extremely sad news of Jimmy's passing. He died peacefully with his family and dogs by his side. We have his music and all of the wonderful memories of his shows and tailgates and parties and events we have all been part of all these years to celebrate.

He was truly a troubadour, a pirate, a poet and for many of us a guidance counselor on how to navigate life's waters! I truly am most grateful to him for bringing me this awesome group of phriends.

I would never have met so many of you if it were not for all these years 25+ in this wonderful volunteer organization. The fond memories we all have, the friendships we share, his music and ohhhhh the so many stories we could tell. So many pictures and this, the Labor Day weekend of shows.

It is a very sad day.

Lets cherish the fact that he brought us together as phriends and PHamily.

Cheers Jimmy!
Thank you for all you have done for so many and bringing us all together for all these years.

Sail on my friend we will miss you.

Donna " Mac " McCarthy



### This from A Salty Piece of Land -

"Grief is like the wake behind a boat. It starts out as a huge wave that follows close behind you and is big enough to swamp and drown you if you suddenly stop moving forward. But if you do keep moving, the big wake will eventually dissipate. And after a long enough time, the waters of your life get calm again, and that is when the memories of those who have left begin to shine as bright and as enduring as the stars above."

**Jimmy Buffett** 

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### **WELCOME PHCOEM TO THE Q3 NEWSLETTER 2023!**

We had a very difficult and hard Labor Day Weekend with news of the loss of Jimmy Buffett. The loss brought such disbelief to us all. We now need to keep up our spirits and remember the great memories and friendships we build over these years. For those of you that made it to the Mendon Drive In with the Baha Brothers, this tribute keeps up going. We thank the Coral Reefer Band for continuing on. We have had such fun and great years together, and we will see you in the future.

We then had another hard loss of our friend and VP of our club, Marcia Bixby. Marcia was such a caring, loving, all-around friend and leader. We had our TT's Tribute to honor Marcia and will again at our Halloween Scavenger Hunt on November 4. Our Parrot Head families will continue this journey and know that Jimmy B. and Marcia would want us to continue on doing what we do best.

Please join us November 4<sup>th</sup> for our Halloween Scavenger Hunt at the Holiday Inn in Milford, MA. We will have lots of fun, prizes for awards, raffles, an ironing board dinner, and pool party. We will honor and keep the memories going for both Marcia and Jimmy.

We will be posting upcoming events and PHCOEM will continue to party with Parrot Heads everywhere. We thank you for the support of each other during hard times and when life gives us challenges. We will always have the friendships that have been built throughout these many years. Please see our website and emails along with our Facebook page for all information about PHCOEM, and feel free to reach out to your BOD.

Hope to see everyone at upcoming events!

Lizzy L12-Liz McCarthy Secretary of PHCOEM







### From the Office of the Prez

Good day phlock,

Well, it has been quite the end to summer and start to the fall season. We have kicked off Socktoberfest on a great note, so please keep those white socks coming in for our troops overseas! They need our support now more than ever and a new pair of socks means so much to so many; we don't even understand. So on your shopping excursions, if you could kindly find a pair of white crew socks or ten to give to a bored member at an event or send them directly to jean Duffill (23 Connant St., Danvers, MA), it would be greatly appreciated.

The busy bees are working so hard to pull off an epic Scavenger Hunt around the historic town of Milford, Mass.! The hunt is set! The plans are in place! We just need the teams to register for the race! Come on out! Join in the fun! Teams are being finalized, some money could be won! The Scavenger Hunt Team has been working behind the scenes to make this the best ever! Yes, we are working shorthanded ... unfortunately we are missing Marcia s input. But, rest assured, you will have the best time doing this Scavenger Hunt!

We also have our Tree Decorating next month on Sat., November 11th at the Feldeisen's compound. Our annual event for the Boys and Girls Clubs! In December, we will once again participate in Wreaths Across America at the Bourne National Cemetery! We have been doing this for years and hopefully for many more to come! It is truly a heartfelt inspirational event.

We may be planning a brew tour and our holiday hangover party planning is already underway. More details and dates to follow!

Please keep an eye out for Club emails, or go to our web page at www.phcoem.com to check out events. You can also check our Facebook to get the latest and greatest news.

We are all very, very busy in our own lives and work. So take a moment out of your busy schedules and breathe ... just take a deep breath and pause for a second. Reach out to a friend or someone who may need an ear to talk to or lend a helping hand if needed. Listen to a Buffett tune, or come join us at an event! Take the time for yourself to regroup and have some fun.

As always make someone smile today. Be positive and kind as always.

Mac
President (2022-2024)
Parrot Head Club of Eastern Mass.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

November 4 – Fall Scavenger Hunt! At the Holiday Inn in Milford!! November 11 – Boys & Girls Club Tree Decorating at Sunny's home! December 16 – Wreaths Across America. Save the date!



# Operation Troop Support Socktober Fest!!

October, November and December

We are again collecting <u>new white crew socks</u> for Operation Troop Support. You can bring socks to any of our events through December 15.

If you would prefer, you can mail your donation to Jean Duffill at 233 Conant St Danvers, MA 01923.

Thank you for your support!





## **Thirsty Thursdays!**

Thirsty Thursdays are now back LIVE at our usual locations the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Info will be posted to our website and to our Facebook page!

We hope to see you all soon!!







### **DUES REMINDER**

We ask everyone to renew their membership for 2024. We rely on dues to help pay our PHIP renewal each year and to help cover other club operating expenses.

Dues will remain at \$26 for a single person and \$32 for a family. You can renew online at <a href="https://www.PHCOEM.com">www.PHCOEM.com</a>.

To assist us with updated PHIP requirements, please make sure to fill out your full mailing address, email and, if renewing as a family, list all names.

Thank you!







# Happy Birthday to those completing another Trip Around the Sun!

October	November	December
6 – John Duffill	16 – Debbie Courteau	1 – Bob Murphy
10 – Wendy Foxon	19 – Tom Foxon	2 – Travis Milliken
11 – Barbara O'Connor	20 – Olivia Miller	20 – Amy Sweeney
13 – Donna McCarthy	23 – David Geanakakis	28 – Odin Beck
14 – Frank Hartig	24 – Angela Gallant	31 – Vicki Pappas
16 – Elise Howatt		
17 – Colleen McCarthy		
23 – Richard Feldeisen		
24 – Jim Vail		
31 – Liz McCarthy		













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IF YOU THINK FIREWORKS
ARE LOUD, TRY OPENING
THIS LATE AT NIGHT



## What did he/she say?!!

'Cause sometimes it's just fun! He's grabbing his microphone!



You can't go! You are our best cheerleader! She talks a lot, huh!

He had to fix it! We are all turned on!!

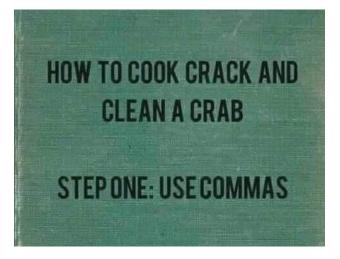
Oooh noo, it's not working! Just give it a good yank! She's got flat tennis balls! You have strong toes!

Look at her ... that will scare the hiccups out of you! His mechanism is in neutral

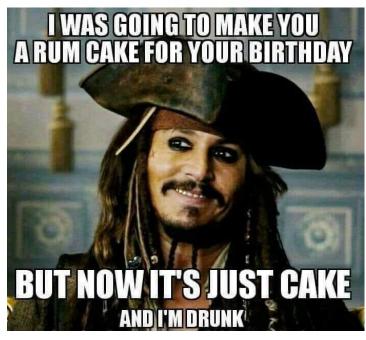
She had me laughing so hard, so had to pee myself!



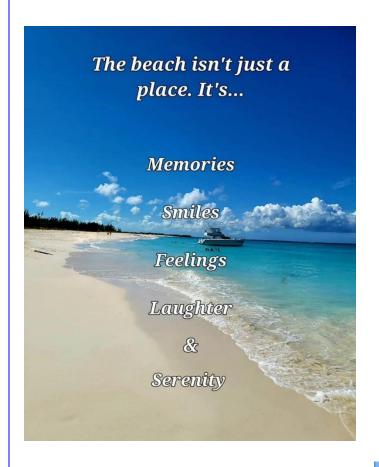


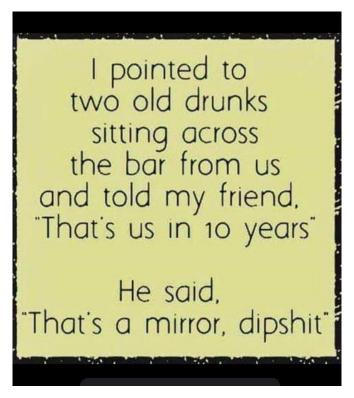


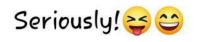


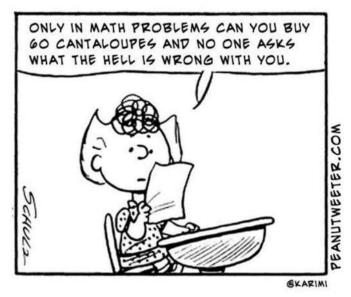


MINUTE AND MINUTE
SHOULDN'T BE SPELLED THE SAME,
I'M NOT CONTENT WITH THIS CONTENT.
I OBJECT TO THAT OBJECT.
I NEED TO READ WHAT I READ AGAIN.
EXCUSE ME BUT THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR THIS.
SOMEONE SHOULD WIND THIS POST UP
AND THROW IT IN THE WIND.









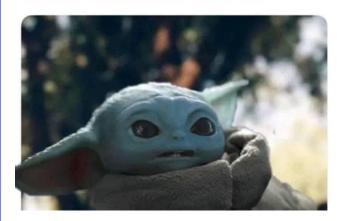






I just read that 4,890,677 people got married last year..

I don't want to cause any trouble but shouldn't the number be even?









### **Pumpkin French Toast Casserole**

### Ingredients

1 (12-14 oz) loaf french bread

1 cup pumpkin puree

34 cup packed light or dark brown sugar

2 ½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice

6 large eggs

2 1/3 cups whole milk

2 tsp pure vanilla extract

### **Crumb Topping**

1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
½ tsp ground cinnamon
6 tbsp unsalted butter, cold and cubed
¾ cup roughly chopped pecans

For serving: Pure maple syrup

### <u>Instructions</u>

- 1. Slice and cut the bread into 1" cubes. Let it sit out uncovered for a few hours or up to 1 day.
- 2. Grease a 9 x 13" baking dish and spray with nonstick spray. Spread cubes of bread in the dish.
- 3. Whisk pumpkin, brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice, eggs, milk and vanilla together in a large bowl. Pour evenly over the bread.
- 4. Cover the pan tightly and place in the refrigerator for at least 3 hours and up to one day. This gives the bread a chance to soak up the pumpkin custard.
- 5. Make a refrigerate the crumb topping. Mix the brown sugar, flour and cinnamon together. Add the cold butter using a pastry cutter or fork. Cut butter into the brown sugar mixture until pea-size crumbles form. You can also use your hands to mix it together. Stir in the pecans. Cover and refrigerate (separately). Can be refrigerated for just 15 minutes or up to 1 day. The colder it is, the less likely it will sink down and get lost in the casserole.
- 6. Remove the casserole from the refrigerator and preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 7. Sprinkle the crumb topping evenly over the casserole and bake, uncovered, for 20 minutes. Then cover with aluminum foil and bake for an additional 25-35 minutes or until the center appears set and is no longer runny. The total time should be no more than 45 55 minutes.
- 8. Remove from the oven and cool 5 minutes before serving. The casserole will deflate slightly as it cools.
- 9. Once cool, drizzle the top with maple syrup. Cover leftovers tightly and store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.



#### PHCoEM is PHINE

P = Pride

H = Honesty

I = Integrity

N = Nice (kindness)

E = Empathy

Please show to others that this club will continue to add to these building blocks and lay the foundation for another 25 years of greatness. We would not be able to have such an impact on our communities without you awesome members. Yes you all can make a difference even if it is just to one person make it a positive experience.

Thank you

Mac

president phcoem (2020-2022)

Make someone smile today

#### PHCOEM Board:

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Anyone wishing to share information within this newsletter, please send your articles to newsletter@phcoem.com.

For the printable version of the Club Calendar and other great information, please visit our webpage at <a href="https://www.phcoem.com">www.phcoem.com</a>. You can also get access to our Facebook page through our website.

If you have questions about our website, please send an email to phcoemadmin@phcoem.com.

### Reference Links:

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

PHCOEM Website page at www.phcoem.com

PHCOEM Facebook page at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/56394897109">https://www.facebook.com/groups/56394897109</a> Northeast Regional Parrot Head Convention Committee at: <a href="https://www.nerphc.org">www.nerphc.org</a>

