



Q3 2014

Parrot Head Club of Eastern MA Vol. 3

We would like to welcome the members of PHCOEM to our new revised version of the quarterly newsletter which includes past and present events and more. The newsletter was ready to go for Oct 1, 2014 when we were all shocked to learn that our fellow parrot head and former President Rick Werner passed on. So we decided to hold off the newsletter and ask John Farragher to write a Eulogy to Rick which we have included in this edition which we dedicate to Rick Werner, may he rest in peace.

Thinking of the past a lot of us can remember our old version of the newsletter which was paper and mailed for a number of years. Although we have primarily gone green, we have listened to what our members have said in regards to wanting to be able to print the newsletter. This is the revised version of Q3 *The 3/4 Times* Newsletter for your enjoyment from the new BOD.

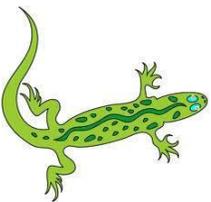
We will include links to Websites where you can get more information for events that are outside the Club and we will not duplicate it within our newsletter.

We are looking for members input like Ravi getting his degree and recognizing members of our club like our PHART Award which is quarterly showing appreciation to everyone.

Our mission is to get everyone involved so any suggestions, recipes, articles, pictures anything to share with all our members please ensure to send them to newsletter@phcoem.com.

Thank you all for making this club what it has been throughout the years and for all our friends working together having fun in all different ways and enjoying everything we do.

Lizzy L12- Liz McCarthy
Secretary of PHCOEM





My Friend Rick Werner

I first met my friend back in 2003, my wife and I planned our first Parrot Head activity. Seemed like a perfect match, we loved this music played by Jimmy Buffett and we were big camping enthusiasts. Perfect fit I said to the wife, let's go and let's try this parrot head thing out. So we loaded up our camper and kids and off we went to Cape Cod. Sweet Water Campground was the destination; camping and fun was the plan. We wanted to arrive early so we left a day ahead of everyone else. Arriving at the campground the campground host checked us in and directed us to a circular area with four or five sites in the circle. I looked over the area, I found what I thought was the best site. We backed in, set up our trailer and enjoyed a night by the fire.

Early the next morning a couple came driving in to the circle and parked. A dirty blonde haired guy with glasses walked over threw his hand out for a handshake and introduced himself. Rick Werner happy to meet you, you're in my spot, but I'll let you stay and just set up at the site next to you. Little did I know what a great group of friends I found and one of my closet friends I'll ever have, Rick. Camping in the circle, was Eddie, Renee, George, Lisa, Kathy, Rick, Judy and me and not far up the hill behind us Kevin and Jane. What a roller coaster the years have been, from that first hand shake to the tears I'll shed for Rick the rest of my life.

Rick Werner was a magical guy with a strangely odd personality. Father, grandfather, son, brother, husband and friend, he could meet you one minute and call you his best friend the next. Always open and trustworthy, his heart was huge. Ready to lend a hand to anyone that needed it, helping everyone he met either with labor, money or just being there. Rick might be the only person I know that shook more hands than a politician. It's a trait you don't always see these days but Rick was a master always shaking your hand and greeting you with his smile "nice to meet you I'm Rick Werner". He would bring everyone he met into his life one way or the other. Whether it was invites to his famous party for the hardy or just a lunch at some new restaurant he found.

Back when the City of Boston and the Red Sox decided to start hosting concerts, one of the top billings was Jimmy Buffett. Boston was worried because of the famous tailgating parties at Great Woods by Parrot Heads. One of Rick's quotes to Boston's newspapers before Jimmy Buffett was to play Fenway Park was "We flip Burgers not cars". Telling Boston that we "party with a purpose", enjoying life but always respectful using our parties to raise money for charities and not act disruptive.

Volunteerism was another of Rick's big hearted causes. His love for Special Olympics and his dedication to helping any nonprofit organization was another testament to his giving. Raising money for a raffle, cooking cheeseburgers for Special Olympic athletes or plunging into ice cold water to raise money. Rick was once again at his best giving. Generosity was Rick at his best following his wonderful wife Kathy to the end of the earth to help, give, lend or just be Our Friend, Rick Werner. Rest in peace Rick, I know you'll be waiting to shake all our hands again someday.



From the Office of the Prez



Well fellow Parrot Heads it's been one full quarter since the new BOD took over the ship. I would like to personally thank you all for your patience with us as we sail the ship. I would also like to thank the BOD for all their hard work and for their support in the things that we are doing.

We've been busy behind the scenes, learning and sometimes making mistakes while posting articles and sending email. With nothing to steer by, except the stars, I think we've done amazingly well. We have been documenting what we have done so that future BOD members will not have to go through the rough waters that we have had to tread.

The most positive thing is that the new BOD is so willing to work together, make mistakes together and learn together. I'm very confident that this BOD will be very successful in all the things we are working on.

I've heard from several folks some complaints and some great ideas. We started to make the rounds of the Thirsty Thursday's with assorted board members. Our first visit was to the North, a lot of great input came from them and I feel confident that we can do more events and such in that area with groups like Operation Troop Support. We also heard you regarding the newsletter and the calendar, so see those changes coming your way. The next stop for this train will be the Cape meeting with Tony, Mike and company. So looking forward to seeing everyone down there before the first snowflakes start to fall. Farmer's almanac says bad winter... 8-(

We heard from folks that they wanted new club merchandise, hopefully everyone has been able to see some of the hard work of Mac & LyndiLu in this area. There will be more club merchandise items on the horizon for everyone to choose from, so keep a weathered eye to the horizon for Captain Mac Sparrow and LyndiLu Swann for further updates on what's available.

We've heard feedback regarding both Charitable and Social events, more, less, just right, resurrect old events, create new events, and eliminate events. Because we are a diverse group we are going to have diverse opinions on what we should do. We as a BOD try to get the best mix of all worlds. Which as most of you know can be very tricky. We're working on a yearly calendar that will show you the main charitable/social events that we have planned for a yearly basis so that you can plan on which ones you would like to attend. The events will usually fall a day or two different from the year before, but basically on the same weekend every year. There will always be opportunities that come up at the last minute that we would also like to participate in so we will try to get you the information as soon as we know it for your personal planning. We have a large area to cover and not everyone is expected to show up at every event, life happens and this is only a part of the bigger journey so we realize there are other commitments that are more important. To try and help alleviate some of the angst that folks have been feeling with not being able to help at our larger charitable events, there is a great new program coming out from Charity & Membership regarding Parrot Heads Without Borders. I'm truly excited about the opportunity this gives to all of our members. So look to Deb, Elena and LyndiLu's new program starting in Jan 2015.

We've heard from folks the need to have a Code of Conduct and to ensure that it is publicized so folks know what is expected of them as a PHCoEM member. If you haven't seen the yahoo group email or Facebook posting regarding this yet, the Code of Conduct is posted on the [PHCoEM website](#).

Some of the items we continue to work on for our members that will take a little longer to complete is re-instating our Non-Profit status and Mass Incorporation, obtaining club insurance, offering additional club merchandise, updating the BY-LAWs, formalizing a budget, creating a yearly calendar for 2015. Some of these items take a little more work and much coordination with outside organizations that are beyond our control. We will keep you posted as we progress at our list of tasks.

As always if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to approach any one of the BOD. We are here for the club and we will try to help in any way that we can.

Thank you for your patience and for your support through the past couple of months. From some of the positive feedback we've already received I feel confident that we are heading in the right direction.

Let's all keep the hard work and positive attitude going as we sail forward.

Sunshine
President PHCoEM (2014-2016)



From the Office of the Vice-Prez



Hello Phellow Phlockers,

It is that time again for our quarterly Parrot Head All Round Town or as we so lovingly call it PHART award winner announcement. I am really excited and proud to award this quarter's PHART to Mike "The Beast" Petkewich. Mike has been a PHCOEM member as long as I can remember! He has consistently been at charity events, the run of the Charles, the Jolly Jaunts, Special Olympic dances, and grilling! Mike was at our convention and even adopted one of the dogs they had there for show. Mike has many great friends and added one more of man's best friends after taking Danner. He has been to our Halloween parties, Holiday parties, Pool parties and this summer at the Pan Mass very early one Sat morning, then headed up to help out Ernie and Ellie's for the annual PHCOEM pool party. Mike has been to many club and non-club events and if you do go to MOTM this year we promise to share our hammock pizza with all you guys at the casa! He is a regular at our North meetings and we really do appreciate all the hard work and effort he has done for the club! If you know Mike please give him a hearty "YO HO" for a job well done. And even if you don't know him you soon will! Please make it a point to meet him, he is a wonderful representation of not only a PHCOEM member but a true Parrot Head. Mike epitomizes what it takes to be a true Parrot Head All Round Town through the volunteering and the social aspect of Partying with a Purpose. He is a real PHART and the club thanks him for all his efforts over these years! Thanks Mike!



Greetings from the Beach Chairs of Deb & Elena Your new Co-Directors of Charitable and Environmental Affairs!



We're both very excited about our newly-adopted role and look very much forward to what adventures this next trip around the sun will bring. Our goal is to provide our membership with a widened-variety of volunteer opportunities that are both personally-meaningful and within reasonable proximity to all areas we represent. While we will continue to work with our current charitable organizations, our plan is to broaden our partnerships and scope of volunteer activities. So, keep your eyes on the website's calendar to see if there's an activity that appeals to you (and/or your Parakeets, and Parateens, of course).

PARROTHEADS WITHOUT BORDERS

As PHCOEM Prez, Sunshine Feldeisen makes her way around to our Thirstday Thursday meetings, she is explaining a new initiative called “Parrot Heads Without Borders”. There will be more about this to come in future months, but here is a synopsis:

Parrot Heads Without Borders idea came from Doctors Without Borders. The PHCoEM BOD realizes that we have a large area of the state to cover for both Charity and Social events. We also realize that not everyone can participate in our larger Charity events for multiple reasons but we really would like you to get credit for your volunteer work since it is very important to us.

As most of you know if you go to www.PHIP.com on their front page they list the number of hours and money spent on charitable events. We are proud of what the parrot head nation does in this arena.

Although our main charity is Special Olympics of Massachusetts, there are a lot of other causes that need help. So we would like to offer you the opportunity to get 1 parrot point per month (total of 12 per year) for the volunteer work that you do. So if you donate time to volunteer for other charities (i.e. Asthma, Diabetes, Scoliosis, Animal Shelters, Nursing Homes, etc.) we would love to know about it and recognize your work. It does not have to be the same charity every month; you could donate to 12 different ones. Each person is important to us and you never know, maybe someone else in the group could be doing the same thing in another area of the state and you didn't even know about it. Makes that networking and connections to other parrot heads something awesome.

We know that most of you are wondering about Parrot Points – they are good for nothing these days because Jimmy Buffett tickets are so easy to come by. Well that might have been true before the new board started working together. Your membership director LyndiLu will be announcing shortly a new program that will recognize our membership for all the good that they do and what you can earn with these points. And our secretary Liz will be doing interviews and articles in the upcoming newsletters on what some of the different charities are and how folks got involved in them so that we can all learn a little bit more about each other. This club is for you and we have a lot of shining stars out there, we would like to recognize you for that. So look for upcoming information on all the details of this wonderful new program that will start in Jan 2015.

THE QUARTER IN REVIEW

July 19th: In a tip jar at the Buffett concert, Parrot Heads donated a significant amount of cash to **The Massachusetts Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)**. Officer Larry coordinated this effort which provided a police escort to the parking lot (how excellent was that!?). All money raised by the LETR goes directly to Special Olympics of Massachusetts (SOMA).



August 2nd: Members braved a cold, rainy August morning to cheer **Pan Mass Challenge** riders as they passed through Wrentham en route to Cape Cod. Grateful riders were encouraged by colorful Parrot Head attire, noise makers and true Parrot Head enthusiasm and support.



August 17th: 42nd New Balance Falmouth Road Race 2014. At three different mile markers, Parrot Heads cheered in support as runners progressed along the course route. After months of training and fundraising, Team JAF (or Team Joe Andruzzi Foundation) finished strong, raising over \$100,000 for the Foundation. Parrot Heads were treated to refreshments at Joe Andruzzi's after party.

MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

COASTSWEEP

VOLUNTEERS CLEANING BAY STATE BEACHES SINCE 1987

September 14th: Parrot Heads volunteered their time to clean the “coast” of the Charles River, starting at the Moody Street dam and finishing up at Riverwalk Park. In addition to beautifying the area, this effort helped to create awareness and prevention of littering. Cigarette butts were aplenty for sure!



September 27th: Parrot Heads from Clubs across New England showed their support for The Second Chance Animal Shelter while enjoying the awesome tunes of The Island Castaways Band and Homemade Wine. Given the generosity of entrance tickets purchases, donated raffle items (a whopping 71!), raffle ticket purchases and pet-related donations, PHCOEM member Judy Holewa will be able to present a sunstantial check to support the care of Second Chance’s deserving furry residents.



September 28th: Parrot Heads from PHCOEM joined members from WMPHC in this event by handing out snacks, apples and water to needy (it was 85 degrees out!) walkers at a water station. They cheered on a vast amount of walkers including Babs and Scotch from WMPHC all the while being serenaded by a female acapella group who were also volunteering their time to support the walkers.



Month of September: PHCOEM is selling pink Club T-shirts adorned with a Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon on the sleeve in hope that they will be worn proudly during October which is breast Cancer Awareness month. \$5 from each purchase of a \$20 shirt will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Please notify Donna Mac or LyndiLu if you would be interested in showing your support to this cause while displaying your PHCOEM pride.

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS



October 4th: Parrot Heads will be serving up cold ones at the Biergarten from 4 to 8 PM. Please contact Elena if you are interested in helping out at this event which supports the Little Red Shop Museum as well as other Hopedale initiatives. Parrot head points will be awarded. <http://hopedaleoktoberfest.com>



October 18th: Special Olympics MA Senior Games at Barnstable High School. SOMA is proud to host this unique event which caters to athletes over the age of 40 who train and compete in the lifetime sports of bocce, golf skills, horseshoes and race walking. Parrot Head volunteers are needed to prepare and serve lunch for athletes, coaches and those who support them at the Games. Time: 9:00 to 12:00-prep, 12:00 to 2:00-lunch service. Please contact Deb B. if you are interested in helping out. Parrot Head points will be awarded.



Month of October: October Thirstday Thursday meetings will see the kick-off of our Texas Roadhouse/Special Olympics Gift Card Drive. 20% of all gift card sales will be donated to Special Olympics. For every gift card PHCOEM members sell, they will receive one raffle ticket which will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card! These make perfect gifts for birthdays, holidays, teachers, bus drivers, you name it and will be available in any increment of \$5 to \$100. Your Thirstday Thursday Ambassadors will have collection envelopes and flyers for everyone at October's meeting and will be collecting the forms and payments from members at the November Thirstday Thursday meeting. Cards will be available at the December TT meeting, just in time to use for holiday gift giving. For more information or if you need additional materials for this sale, please contact Deb B. or Elena @ charity@phcoem.com



November 15th: PHCOEM and WMPHC will be making ornaments to decorate a tree which will be donated to the annual Festival Of Trees which benefits the Springfield Boys and Girls Club. The theme for this year's tree is "Parrothead Pirate's Chess". Three white trees will be decorated with black, white and gold ornaments and anything that has to do with chess or pirates. Donations of gifts for under the trees will be greatly appreciated! Parrot head points will be awarded. This is a great event for keets and a chance for everyone to get creative for a good cause! Event will take place at the Feldeisen's in Northbridge, MA beginning at 1:00.



December 6th: Jolly Jaunt in Taunton at the Holiday Inn. Volunteers are needed to serve food to runners in this annual event for SOMA. Please arrive by 9:00 to assist. Contact Elena if you can help.

December 7th: Jolly Jaunt in Danvers at the Danversport Marina. Volunteers are needed to help set up the space, drive to pick up food at area restaurants and to help in food service. Please arrive by 9:00 to assist. Please arrive by 9:00 to assist. Contact Deb B. if you can help at this annual SOMA event.



From the Office of the Social Director



August 2nd - Membership Pool Party at Fratangelo's



Special Thank You to Ellie and Ernie Fratangelo for opening up their home to host the annual membership pool party. Although the weather was overcast – the smiles and laughter from those that attended, the yummy food everyone brought to share, the awesome performance of Ray Z and the Goodies ice cream sundaes, made it a sunny day anyways. Congratulations to all the winners of the Big Summah Raffle prizes. All the money collected will help pay for the food that we feed the SOMA athletes, coaches and volunteers during the events we support.

October 10th -12th – Camping Trip – Ellis Haven – Plymouth (Parrot Points Awarded)



Bring the entire family – even the dog!! This is a great time for all. Make your reservations by calling [\(508\) 746-0803](tel:5087460803). Tell them you are a Parrot Head to get booked in Group area. Go to www.ellishaven.com for more information and directions. The PHCOEM Potluck dinner is Saturday at 3pm. Sites are \$35/night for up to two adults, two children, and two tents. Day passes are \$10/ea, children under 5 are free. If you would like advice about selecting your campsite or for more information contact Kathy Werner at [\(508\) 264-0223](tel:5082640223) or socialfins@yahoo.com.

Save the Dates:

October 25th – Halloween Party

November 22nd - Milton 5k – to benefit Best Buddies of MA

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

Hello Phabulous Phlocked up Phamily,

Here we are nearing the close of another Phabulous year together but we still have so much to see....

MOTMs is just ahead along with camping at Ellis Haven even before that.. We will be tending the Beer Garden, Turkey Trotting, Tree Trimming, Jolly Jaunting and Thirsty Thursday "Team Drink" meet ups.

We are approximately 208 strong and hopefully current members have signed up for the Working Advantage Program for phabulous discounts online. Just one more benefit of membership. If not, please check it out... I think you will be quite impressed!

Speaking of great deals, membership dues are still \$20 a single and \$25 for a family, due in January and can be paid using Pay Pal for a \$1 processing fee at PHCOEM.com and the snail mail address is listed as well.

They Went To Paris...

[Mike Schmid](#) with [Irene Melliger](#) at [La Cigale](#)

Your PHCOEM ambassadors in Paris. Met a few guys from Boston, referred them to the club, hope they get in touch. Hope to see many of you in a month's time in Key West! Mike Schmid



Thank You Irene Melliger and Mike Schmid of Switzerland for representing our phabulous PHCOEM Family.. Great to see you wearing your club credentials and spreading the word to others you meet.. We look forward in seeing you at MOTM!!!

Speaking Of Traveling...

Please Take Your PHCOEM Passport With You !!!

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

Please bring you passport to Thirsty Thursdays and have your Ambassador 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...

*SouthOfBoston *Boston *WestOfWest *Cape	*SouthEastOfBoston *NorthOfBoston
Destination #1:	PHCOEM PASSPORT 
Destination #2:	
Destination #3:	
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Destination #5:	
Have your PHCOEM Passport signed and dated by your Ambassador at 5 different PHCOEM Thirstydays locations and return to LyndiLu Hcobinoo 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 :	

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

We now 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



Extra Extra !!! This just in....

Anyone interested in a BCA Shot Ski raffle ticket can do so
At your nearby Thirsty Thursday Location 10/02..
Our Phabulous Ambassadors will be on hand to take your name
and \$5 per raffle ticket to add you to this drawing..
Let's Help Save The Ta Tas!!!

Recipe of the Month:



Mac's Rum Punch

12 Oz Tervis size. (Also comes in 5 gallon jug at Buffett for that recipe get in touch with Mac directly)

Fill cup with ice
Add 1 oz coconut rum
Add 1 oz pineapple rum
Add 1 oz spiced rum
Add 1 oz banana rum
Add 1 oz mango rum
Add 5 oz fruit punch (Hawaiian punch)
Stir add more rum to taste and fill cuppy!

REFERENCE LINKS to some great locations for more information.

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

2015 NEPHC Convention: www.newenglandphc.com

Our Website PHCOEM.COM: www.phcoem.com

Also look to our Facebook page and Yahoo group you can access through our website. Visit our website for articles and more information about the club.

Coming attractions for the next Newsletter – 2015 yearly event calendar, interview articles, another delicious recipe, suggestions from the club members – so make sure to get in items you'd like to see.