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Hello to our Parrot Head Club of Eastern Mass. members and happy fall to you all!

I would like to thank you all for your support as we go into another season of social distancing, and for being safe & sound. We continue to keep the Club going into the future, keeping us all Phlocken, doing both charity & social events in different ways. Please see our website, Facebook updates & e-mails for more info!

Thank you, Susanne G. for your special write-up on your Zoom experience with Jimmy Buffett & Band.

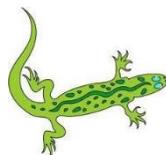
Our Club PHCOEM goes back over 25 years and we wish to continue this for many more. We have made many great friends far & near; so let's keep us going into the future. Thank you to our prior BOD, & now we welcome our new BOD on getting everyone in place, and we will continue to give updates as we go through these times.

If you wish to share a safe event, some history or suggestions, an article, pictures, recipes, or anything for members to enjoy, we welcome it all! Please send them to newsletter@phcoem.com.

It was a pleasure working with such a great, awesome bunch of ladies these past years!!! Please welcome our new BOD as they have joined us from North to South & East to West!!! Your support to PHCOEM & The BOD in helping others every year makes such a difference, to continue as we have done for many years now.

Please stay strong during these times and let's keep this PHCOEM going on. We still have music, as many artists are now working on new songs and concerts are being done virtually, with some playing on Town Commons and even back at dining places & drive-ins. Please feel free to reach out to your BOD Members as we are always here for you. As Carol S. and other members say (WE LOVE US) & being with such good friends, sharing and carrying on these memories makes such a difference in our lives.

Thank You Everyone!
Lizzy L12- Liz McCarthy
Secretary of PHCOEM





From the Office of the Prez



Good day phlock,

Well, we have gone through quite a spring and summer and now we are moving into the fall season. I am going to be optimistic here, so please bear with me! Through this pandemic there have been quite a few positive things that have come out of it. We are washing our hands and becoming a neater, more clean and sanitized society. The air quality (despite the sad and unfortunate fires burning out west) has gotten better and our ozone layer has improved greatly since the world was somewhat stopped for a few months. At a more local level, area restaurants and bars have really improved their take-out systems. The drive-in movie theaters have made a comeback and popped up all over the state. The breweries, micro pubs and small local brewers and distillers have had to rethink and reopen with better food choices and an outdoor seating and eating areas!

Personally, I love that getting people to socialize outside and enjoy the fresh air, and still enjoy each other's company even if in a socially distant way is great! We have had to ponder a lot of things in our personal lives; but really if you reflect about it this virus has made us at least pause for a moment and slow down and smell the roses, so to speak. We should have taken this opportunity to enjoy what we always had around us; but maybe we took advantage of. Examples of this include simply walking the dogs, going out for a hike, enjoying nature, watching a beautiful sunset and really appreciating the beauty in nature around us.

The positive things that have come out of this are numerous. Yes, there have been a lot of negatives, and if we continue to dwell on what's happened in the past few months or on the hateful or hurtful news and social media junk, we will have negative experiences. So please look on the bright side of this pandemic! There are great activities we can still do and participate in and make our communities a better place simply by addressing a few small changes. Please let's celebrate the time and the people we have had to experience and the positive things we have been given to enjoy. Be optimistic these days and times will get easier; but don't forget to stop and smell the roses once in a while when we get back to a closer normal of what we were once used to!

We had some fun, socially distant events already this year. The food at the Kowloon was awesome, and the band was great even though it was cut short by the thunder and lightning. The bad weather turned into a good thing after it was over and the tables and chairs were cleaned and the ballgame was put on the big outdoor screen! The Hampton Beach Ray Z show had a similar lightning event; but they are able to close the roof and side windows up there for safety reasons, so that was cool. We will be doing 2 beach clean ups, one Saturday, Sept. 26th at Plymouth Long Beach and the following Saturday, Oct. 3rd at Nahant Beach. Please keep an eye out for our emails, and check our website and our calendar page for details on these events. We still use FB, but it is not a good means of getting information to many of our members that are not on the social media platform. So please, if you have any questions or concerns or suggestions on the web page or anything this BOD is here for its members.

Thank you for all you do in your communities!
Be kind and make someone smile today!

Thank you for your time,

Mac
President PHCoEM (2020-2022)



From the Office of the Vice Prez



Fall greetings from the VP – BIX

It is my pleasure to take on the role of VP for the club for the next year.

I have been a parrot head for decades, seeing Jimmy play at small bars in New England back in the 80's. Boy were those tickets a different price than today.

One of the roles of this position relates to club merchandise. We will be looking for ideas for the spring - tank tops, t-shirts, jackets etc. If you see a design you like or a suggestion for the next round of clothing options, please let us know

Also, we try to acknowledge club members or their family who have passed away. If you know of someone who has passed, please let us know so we can send a card to them.

In this current climate of COVID, it is hard to get together, but we are still finding ways to meet for community events while maintaining safe distancing and safety protocols.

As you have heard from Mac several times now, the BOD is here for the members. We want to keep the club moving forward in a positive way while continuing to adhere to our desire to give back to our communities, honor our bylaws and comply with PHIP regulations.

Hope you all have a safe and happy fall and holiday season.

In a world where you can be anything.... Be Kind



From the Office of the Treasurer



We have the following Quarterly figures:

Q3:

June Start: \$4,291.13

Debits: (\$4,017.54)

Credits: \$2,066.39

Total: \$2,339.98



From the Office of the Membership

I am Jean Duffill and I am now serving as your membership director. John and I joined the club in the mid 90's (exact year is a little foggy - we will blame it on the rum). We live in Danvers, MA where we have raised our two keets Richard and Patrick. Over the years we have enjoyed attending charity and social events with PHCOEM. If I had to pick one event that is the best ever I would say that any of the Special Olympic dances held at Harvard and Boston University. We have forged lifelong friends through the clubs throughout New England and the world.

I look forward to serving the club for the next two years.

Jean Duffill

Happy Birthday to those completing Another Trip Around the Sun in the third quarter!

<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>
John Duffill	Debbie Courteau	Travis Milliken
Valerie Everett	Ed McNeil	Bob Murphy
Richard Feldeisen	Matthew Nowak	Elena Pouliot
Wendy Foxon	Marcia Ondeck	Joe Rose
Frank Hartig	Carrie Smith	
Donna McCarthy	Terry Stewart	
Liz McCarthy	Terri Swanson	
Christine Moody	Ed McNeil	
Babs O'Connor	Matthew Nowak	
Jimmy Pouliot		
Taurean Tindal		
Jim Vail		

THIRSTY THURSDAYS!

Thirsty Thursdays will continue virtually via Zoom on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. An email will be sent to all members a few days prior with the information and link to connect. We hope to see you all virtually real soon!!



Charity and Environmental Affairs

From Socially-Distanced Computers of Elena and Deb



Cheers, Parrot Heads! Well, this summer was a very different one for sure from the viewpoint of Charity events. Social distancing regulations forced our partner businesses and charities to cancel their events and/or make them virtual fundraisers. None the less, we were able to lend a hand at some events where we could participate safely. It felt so good to be able to support when and where we could! We have a few more events scheduled for this Fall, so if you're able, come on out and help us help others.

In **July and August**, PHCOEM a number of volunteers filled food care packages/sanitizer orders and loaded them into the vehicles of deserving vets at **Food4vets**, located at the Foxboro Terminals. Food4Vets organizes distribution of supplies to empower the families of Military men and women.

On **August 22nd**, we assisted at **Special Olympics Cycling Tournament in Marlboro**, helping register and manage health forms for participants and volunteers from 9:00-1:00.

On **August 30th**, a group of volunteers assisted at **ARC of South Norfolk SOMA Bocce Tournament** in Westwood. It was a beautiful day spent outside as we helped special athletes compete from 9:30 to 3:30. **THANK YOU to our selfless PHCOEM volunteers who helped make the days brighter for vets and special athletes this summer!**

If you're able, please consider helping out at the upcoming socially-distanced events that we are currently aware of. What a way to soak in some Fall sunshine, keep our coast clean and support those in need! We will notify our membership if and when we are made aware that any of our other favorite Fall/early Winter events are planned.

OCTOBER EVENTS

2020 Worcester County Walk to End Alzheimer's- "Walk Is Everywhere" Fundraising Event

Sunday, October 4, 2020



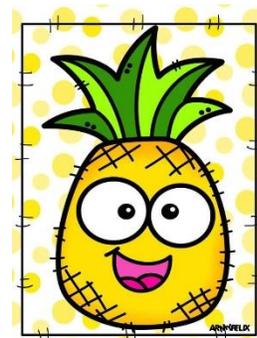
Participants can walk anywhere they feel comfortable; no established route or large gathering this year. The Worcester County Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association has created a fundraising event this year which looks vastly different than what we are used to volunteering at. Interested participants can walk (or not) on this date or can simply make a direct donation to support the cause. PHCOEM always has a large group of volunteers for whom this charity means something special. Many of us already make a donation at this Walk, so Deb Beauregard created a PHCOEM team for anyone interested in donating. Parrot Heads in Paradise (PHiP) will be receiving totals from Parrot Head Clubs all over the country. ***If you are interested, there will be a drive by viewing/parade of this year's Memorial Flower Garden at last year's Walk site (100 N. Parkway, Worcester, MA) from 11:00- 1:00 on October 4th. You are welcome to make a donation to our PHCOEM Team or you can even set up your own team. For donations over \$150, you will receive a Walk Tshirt which you will receive in the mail. Every registered participant will receive five Alzheimer's Flags which you can display proudly in support of the fight against Alzheimer's. Here is the link to follow to make a direct donation in PHCOEM's name: <http://act.alz.org/goto/PHCoEM>. Let's help make this year's fundraiser a success with the end goal being a cure for this dreaded disease sometime in the near future. THANK YOU SO MUCH for your support! Contact: Deb Beauregard

Sunday, October 25, 2020 - PHCoEM Halloween Happenings! 5P's of Halloween: Pumpkins, Pineapples, Pirates, Patriots at Percival!

Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 12:00 – 6:00 pm

Location: Percival Brewing Company, 83 Morse Road, Norwood, MA

BRING your favorite Pumpkin or Pineapple to Percival Brewery to decorate with fellow Club members. DRESS as your favorite Pirate and watch the Patriots as you create your masterpiece! We will have the craft supplies and will award for best pumpkin and pineapple, and maybe one for best Pirate costume! Food is available from Pancho's Taqueria. Keet and dog friendly.



Operation Troop Support – Sock Drive!

For the month of October, we are holding a sock drive for our soldiers! Operation Troop Support is sending care packages to our deployed soldiers and we are looking for new white socks to send. Please bring them to the Nahant Beach Clean-up or give to any Bored member. You can also send them to Jean Duffill at 233 Conant St., Danvers, MA 01923. The deadline is October 31.



Springfield Boys and Girls Club – Festival of Trees

This year the Springfield Boys and Girls Club Festival of Trees will be happening virtually. We will be setting up our trees on Friday, November 13th at the club itself this year. If you would like to donate anything to the tree you will need to get it to me no later than Saturday, November 7th. We have two trees and they are called Nauti (nautically decorated) and Nice (tropically decorated).

Due to Covid-19, we will not be having our normal decorating party; but if you want to participate, you can do so by donating something for the tree or by attending the virtual showing of the trees and purchasing tickets for trees or 50/50. As soon as I get the information on how to do it, I will share it with the club.

For those that have helped over the years and for those that will help this year, thank you very much. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks, Sunshine.





Jimmy B. & Band zoom tales, by Suzanne Gibree



Let's just say, COVID stinks. It has affected us all in different ways. I work in a SNF that was hit hard and fast. We are surviving but it has not been an easy road. When it hit, I left my office and assisted in care and other tasks for our residents...until I hurt my back requiring a brief hospitalization and PT to relieve the numbness in my arm and fingers.

On a Thursday afternoon, on my way to my last PT session, I received an email from non-other than Coleman Sisson, President of Bubble Up Records and the creator of Margaritaville Radio inviting me to a Zoom with Jimmy. Could I do a dry run Zoom that night?

During that dry run, Kirsten, Program Director for Radio Margaritaville asked us to think of one question that we would want to ask Jimmy during the Zoom. As soon as that Zoom was over, my husband turned to me and said, "I know somebody who will be up all night!" Well, I slept till 3am, but he was right. I've been a fan for so long, what to ask? What would you ask?

I texted, asked and thought about it all day long. We were told to sign in at 5:50pm and at 5pm I still didn't know for sure what I was going to ask.

I had invited over my friends, the couple that gave my husband and I our first Buffett tickets, who are in our COVID tribe. At 5:30pm, we realized that my son's Ipad wasn't holding a charge, 7% and falling fast! We jumped in our cars and drove to their house, downloaded the Zoom app on their computer and got onto the Zoom just in time. I felt like I was ready to have a heart attack.

Jimmy came on and started saying hi to each of us. Mac McNally, Michael Utley, and Robert Greenidge were also on the Zoom. When it's my turn, he can't hear me, and it turns out, everyone had to sign out and get back on again. He was so gracious and funny about it.

For almost 2 hours, he talked with us and answered questions. He sang, "Delaney Talks to Statues", "Miss You So Badly", and ended with "Tin Cup Chalice". Robert played "Volcano" and Mac sang "Changing Channels". He talked about his new album that had just been released. Someone asked which of the group is the best golfer, which is none of them, by their own accounts. They said they rotate having great shots to not so great. Someone asked if there was ever a plan to replace Fingers Taylor. The answer is no, he is one of a kind and cannot be replaced.

Finally it's my turn, nervous? Oh my goodness... I could barely speak, seriously. I finally was able to spit out, "Now that private space travel is becoming a reality, do you think that you'll get your ticket to go soon?" His smile broadened. He started his answer by saying that his music has been played on the space station. He went on to say that he is training for this and has had the opportunity to fly the simulator in Houston where he crashed once and landed safely twice and remarked that that was a good batting average. He ended his answer by saying that he is staying in shape for many things and "Yes, I want to go." Oh that infectious grin!

It was an honor and a privilege to be asked to do this Zoom. Jimmy has inspired me over the years in many ways. If you know me, you know that I give Jimmy credit for inspiring me to ask for my first promotion, getting me to read again after I swore it off after Nursing school and for teaching me geography. Not to mention his incredible music and the wonderful people I have met because of him. I am forever grateful.



SOCIAL!

Well this has been quite a year so far to say the least.

We have had to change the way we socialize everywhere, not just within our club but literally virtually in all aspects of our lives. Zoom calls have taken over our monthly TT; but we will hopefully get things more under control and can get our meetings back to somewhat normalcy.

As for pure socially distant socials, we have had at least two and a third was an invite for a Phlash phlocking at Gillette Stadium for a comedy night.

The first socially distant social was an awesome time. We went to the Kowloon restaurant up in Saugus on Route 1 to see the country band play outside. The team drink happened and we had a club member riding the Petron bike around the lot area! The smiles on everyone's faces was great to see! We all had put our masks on sat at two tables of 6 and then the weather came in. It poured heavily for about ten minutes then cleared out. The waiters and waitresses ran around wiping all the tables and chairs down and everyone was invited back out to stay and they put the game on the big drive in movie screen. We had some delicious food the drinks were awesome and the night turned out to be beautiful!

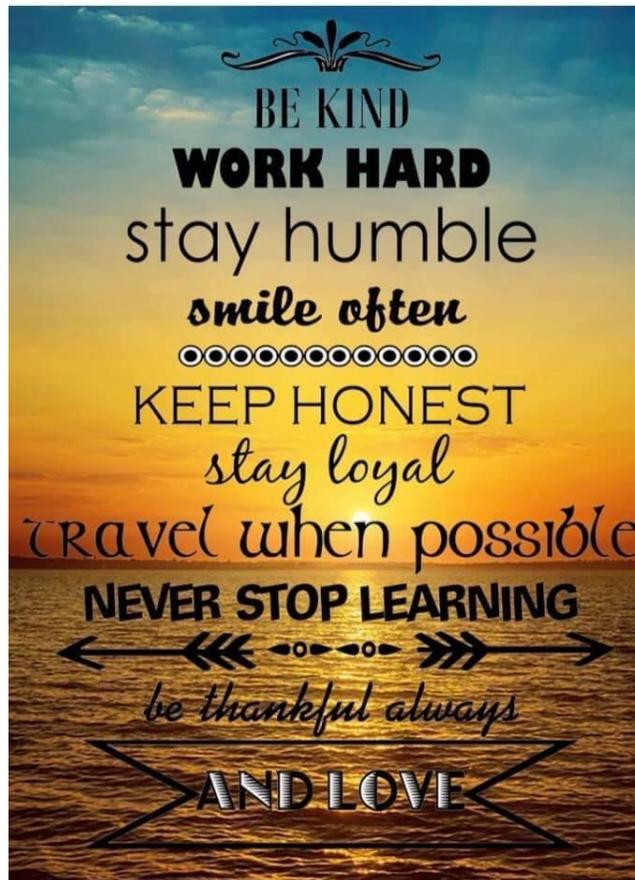
The second socially distant social was at the Sea Ketch up at Hampton Beach. Ray Zerkel (who has always been a club favorite) was playing on a Sunday afternoon up there. He usually plays Sunday and Mondays. The Sea Ketch is awesome; a beautiful place with three floors and the upstairs is open unless weather and rain comes in - then they with the flip of a switch. They have the ability to close the windows and enclose the roof. It is awesome; it does take a few minutes. So once again Mother Nature sent a bit of lightening fury our way but it was toward the end of rays second set so no harm was done. Another successful social and fun was had by all!

We are looking for some more socially distant socials to come in the near future. We have some ideas in mind and if you have a suggestion or there is something you would like us to do please email the BOD and let us know. We can't do anything about it if we don't know what it is you would like to do? Thank you. Please know that we will continue with our social gatherings after our charity events! For example, after the beach clean ups in Plymouth we always do lunch and go to Indiefirm Brewery for some adult beverages. The socials after the Community Service events will most certainly continue, just obviously in a new normal way.

Thanks again! Please come out and join us when you can!



In memory of Ed Hesling. In Ernie's words, "He was not only my brother but my best friend. He was a devoted husband to his wife Christine of 35 years. A great Dad to Jessica, Eddie, Christian, Casey and Diana. He was a loving grandfather to 3 boys, Aiden, Kane and Edward Mathew. A terrific friend to many. And the best Brother and Friend ever to me."



Tiki Tim's Trop Roc Tributes featured an interview with Captain Mac Sparrow on August 27!



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

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

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

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

Reference Links:

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

Our website at www.phcoem.com

Northeast Regional Parrot Head Convention Committee at www.nerphc.org

