

Aloha METROs

A lot has gone on since the last Banana Wind and with 2018 drawing to a close we have some catching up to do...

• ELECTION

The Club held it's first ever elections for the Board of Directors. The new Board of Directors will be meeting in early January to start plotting the club course for 2019.

Before we move forward, it's important that we thank the current Board, which includes, **John Brown, Tracey Markland, Arlene Rosenthal, Mitch Goldberg, Lisa Benatti, Larry DeGennaro, Carol Pohorylo, Dave Pohorylo and Kevin Peter** for their efforts to keep the club moving forward while working to improve the Club's finances and complete a badly needed update of the Bylaws, which resulted in Club members being able to vote.

The work that they put in over the past two years has not only saved the Club, but also created a better foundation from which the Club can grow. For this, they all deserve our thanks and gratitude.

• FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Club's entry in the Festival of Trees sold for \$500. A record for us. Proceeds go towards, Cerebral Palsy of Nassau County and the Cradle of Aviation Museum. Thanks to **Nancy Forberg** for once again organizing our efforts and to all club members who donated ornaments, lights and other decorations.

• ALZHEIMER'S WALK RESULTS

Parrot Head Clubs from across the country raised \$120,870, which far exceeded the goal set by Parrot Heads In Paradise. By raising \$6,234, the **METRO PHC's Team False Echoes** finished in the top five Clubs nationwide. **Larry and Denise DeGennaro** organized our team paced our Club's efforts by raising \$3,105 and \$1,570 respectively for the walk that took place in Rockland County. Thank you Larry & Denise! Attached is a letter from the Alzheimer's Association to Parrot Heads In Paradise, thanking parrot heads for their continued support.

A small, but spirited, group of Long Island METROs participated in the Alzheimer Walk that was held at Belmont Lake State Park. After seeing what Team Echoes has accomplished, maybe we can work to create a satellite Team Echoes on Long Island for the walk in 2019.

• DUES

With 2018 coming to a close, we need to remind Club members that it's time to renew your memberships. It costs \$25 for a single membership and \$35 for a family membership.

Memberships can be renewed by visiting the Club website, www.metrophc.net and clicking on the membership link. There are two ways to renew. You can either renew electronically by using PayPal or you can print out a renewal form and mail the form and your check to:

Arlene Rosenthal
110-15 71st Road
Forest Hills, NY. 11375

If you have any question, please contact Arlene at angels2930@aol.com

• JANUARY HAPPY HOUR

The Happy Hour will take place on **Saturday, January 19 at 7:30pm.**

Shanahan's Bar and Grill
515 Old Dock Road
Kings Park

It's our annual Clothing Drive to benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters, so start cleaning out those closets and emptying those drawers.

Ed Travers will be entertaining us with Buffett and Trop-Rock Tunes. The music's from 8-10pm

Last but not least...

• CONCERT NEWS

We have been put on alert that Jimmy Buffett will indeed be returning to Jones Beach this summer. A formal concert announcement will be made in early January and tickets will be going on sale towards the end of the month. So expect a Banana Wind seeking ticket requests soon.

Just a reminder, only club members in "good standing" can request concert tickets through the club. How does one become a member in "good standing"? Easy... renew your membership promptly. (See above.)

That's it for club bidness for now.

Wishing you all a year full of happy days and trop rockin' nights. Happy New Year.

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