

Letter from our President - Patricia Rossi

Welcome to spring!! Winter here on the island was not too bad this year, I'd consider it a mild winter. However this spring has been one of the wettest ones I can remember, I feel like I'm living in Seattle. There are puddles where I've never seen them before.

During the past off season the PIA Board has been busy picking away at our to do list and focusing on those jobs that keep going to the bottom of the list. Our office and store room have been collecting items for many years and organizing both rooms was long overdue. They have now been completely cleaned, emptied, painted and reorganized. Another overdue task was to update our mailing list, we now have combined our old list with the Portsmouth tax list and added on those new members who have reached out to us. When mailing in your dues we ask you to please fill in your off island mailing address or if you are full time resident to fill in your PO Box #. We don't want to miss anyone but if the newsletter gets returned because of the wrong address we will have to remove it from our list.

Our biggest task for this upcoming season was figuring out how to celebrate our 100th anniversary and this is what we have come up with. This year we will not be holding the chowder & stuffie cookoff and instead we will be celebrating and paying respect to all our many volunteers past and present who have helped keep the organization going. How are we going to do that you ask?

The 100th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Saturday July 13th, starting at 7PM

7 PM: Welcome all to the PIA for appetizers and to socialize with friends and neighbors, old and new.

7:30 PM: Enjoy a 30 minute history presentation on the PIA by Joe Bains.

8:00 PM: Ceremony and presentation of commemorative gifts to all the past and present board members.

9:00 PM: Ocean State Pyrotechnics will be putting on a 28 minute firework show from a barge in front of the PIA.

9:30 PM to midnight: DJ Tom Lima will be playing music so we can dance the night away.

This event is free for all so BYOB, and you may also want to bring a chair to watch the fireworks from the front lawn.

The Prudence Improvement Association Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be as a nonprofit corporation for the betterment of the community of people on Prudence Island in Narragansett Bay. This is accomplished through the maintenance of a community building which is used as gathering place for community events for adults and youth of the island, and all real estate and other property of the Association.

In addition to the festivities, the PIA will be selling commemorative coffee cups and koozies marking the 100th Anniversary. Coffee cups will be \$10.00 and koozies will be \$5.00. We will also be having a big 50/50 raffle drawing. Tickets for the raffle will go on sale a few weeks prior to the event and will also be for sale at the door. All proceeds will continue to support the mission of the PIA.



Summer Event Updates 2019

Check out the PIA Summer Activity Calendar in this newsletter for our full summer calendar of events. We also have an events calendar on our website that will be posted with event details and updates.

No chowder cook-off in 2019. In order to host the 100th Anniversary Celebration, we made the tough decision to cancel the Chowder and Stuffie Cook-Off for 2019. We hope to have the event back, bigger than ever for 2020 as the event celebrates its 15th year!

BINGO updates: The countdown is on....BINGO starts June 7th! Remember you must be a PIA member or purchase a 1-day membership pass for \$3 to play BINGO. This year we are distributing PIA membership cards to all our members and you must present your card at BINGO to avoid paying the 1-day membership fee. When arriving at BINGO there will be two lines setup; one for members and one for non-members who need to purchase the 1-day membership.

We will once again be playing Queen of Hearts this summer! We had a \$5,800 winner last year and hope for a big winner again this year! Dinner at BINGO will once again be prepared by Robyn Franczyk and we can't wait to see what delicious meals she will be putting together for us!

For our PIA Members

New for members in 2019

Memberships can now be purchased or renewed online! Visit the PIA website and select Join Now to fill out a membership form, payment is accepted via Pay Pal.

Memberships can still be renewed or purchased through the mail-in envelopes

distributed with this newsletter or in person at BINGO and other PIA events.

Individual PIA Membership		\$ 15
Family PIA Membership		\$ 25
Member Benefits	Members	Non-Members
Craft Fair Vendor	\$20	\$ 25
BINGO	\$ 15	\$ 18
Sip & Stroke	\$ 15	\$ 18
Notary service	Free	Not available
Members Cruise	\$ 25	Not available
Hall Rental	Call Terri for pricing	Not available

Starting this year all members will be issued a membership card. For those purchasing membership via mail in forms or online, membership cards will be mailed to your address. For memberships purchased in person, cards will be issued at that time. Members will need to present their membership card at BINGO in order to avoid paying the \$3 one-day membership.

A new benefit for PIA members this year includes access to discounted American Heart Association approved First Aid & CPR certification. Classes are offered online at a discounted rate and there will be no cost to take the practical test at the end of the course. Those who are interested in getting their First Aid/CPR certification should contact Pat Rossi at PIA.board@gmail.com and put CPR in the subject line. Other benefits include free notary service for all members and discounted price for Thursday Sip & Stroke with Robyn (\$15 for members, \$18 non-members).

Members Only Dinner then Cruise

We will again be hosting the PIA Members Sunset cruise in 2019. The date is set for August 3rd. This year we will hold dinner at the PIA at 5:30 prior to the cruise. The boat will depart from the Prudence dock at 7:00 PM. As always, this event is BYO beverages and chair. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 using the mail in envelopes provided with this newsletter or by contacting any PIA board member. Those with family memberships are eligible to purchase 4 tickets. Individual memberships are eligible for 2 tickets.

PIA Hall Rental

Summer is almost here! Having a party? Dance? Family reunion? Wedding? Shower? We still have plenty dates of available for 2019, check the summer activity calendar in this newsletter for openings. Rates are very affordable! Remember you must be a PIA member to rent the PIA Hall so sign up for a membership today. The rental form can be downloaded from our website under About Us – PIA Hall Rental or contact Terri Lima (401-835-2642) with questions and to book the hall.

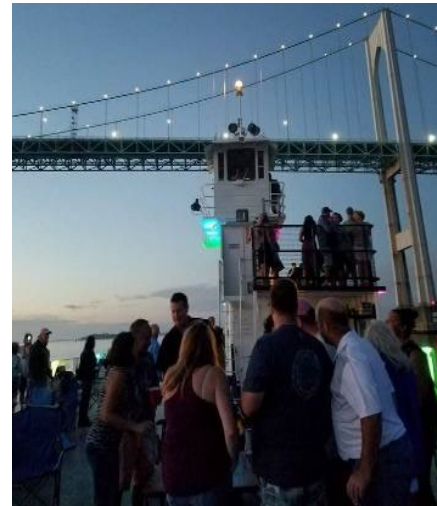
Financial Report January 2018 to December 2018

Bank Balances		
Account	As of Dec 2018	As of April 2019
PIA	\$ 28,224	\$ 25,430
BINGO	\$ 10,659	\$ 10,659
PYO	\$ 5,920	\$ 5,668
	Income	Expense
Membership	\$ 5,175	\$ 1,155
Cruise	\$ 3,890	\$ 2,002
Donations	\$ 15,423	
Hall Rental	\$ 1,210	
Bingo	\$ 30,223	\$ 25,470
Chowder Cook-Off	\$ 3,435	\$ 536
Game Dinner	\$ 2,408	\$ 1,178
Queen of Hearts	\$ 12,194	\$ 6,371
PYO Snack Shack	\$ 4,202	\$ 1,766
PYO Craft Fair	\$ 881	
PYO Winter Trip		\$ 1,783
Business Expenses		\$ 572
Janitorial		\$ 670
Yard Maintenance		\$ 420
Utilities		\$ 4,419
Insurance		\$ 8,089
Supplies		\$ 1,139
Travel		\$ 368
Inspections		\$ 1,118

Bingo Night!



PIA Members Cruise



2019 PIA Board Members

President: Patricia Rossi

Vice President: Melanie Curley

Treasurer: Linda Mosher

Secretary: Meg Bear

Executive Committee Members: Terri Lima, Linda Kenerson, Jayne West

Our annual meeting will take place this year on June 22nd at 9:00 AM. We welcome anyone interested in becoming more involved in the PIA to please join us at this time. Additional ideas and input for future events, projects, fundraisers, etc. is greatly appreciated and we can always use more volunteers in any capacity!

Project Updates

Walkway Project

Thank you all for your generous donations to put towards the project to restore the walkway from Narragansett Ave down to Marcy's store! The project has been delayed due to difficulties finding a concrete form company willing to come to the island for a small project. But we have not given up on the project and will continue to reach out to companies.

Prudence Youth Organization (PYO)



A Letter From the PYO President

Hello,

My name is Jessie Barrett and I am the president of the Prudence Youth Organization. I have been part of the PYO for about five years now and it has been so much fun, it has been a great experience and has taught me responsibility as well. It has helped me grow as a person and it has taught me how to work with others and how to be a positive role model to the younger members. Kids ages 10-17 are able to participate in the PYO, we volunteer serving food in the snack shack and learn to make change, it's a great learning experience for future jobs. The snack shack is open for game nights, movie nights and bingo night where we sell candy, chips, soda and ice cream. We also do other events such as the PYO craft fair when vendors around the island rent tables and are able to sell their goodies. which also allows us to raise money for our annual trip at the end of the year. Since kids volunteer for free, the money raised is used for either a winter or summer trip. In the past we have gone kayaking, Water Wiz and skiing at Cranmore Mountain in New Hampshire. We all agree on a trip together at the PYO meetings, we discuss other ideas that we might have to improve the PYO. This year we hope to add some new events such as a dance party or karaoke night. Last summer we started doing kids bingo with prizes every other game night, being a part of the PYO isn't just an amazing unforgettable experience, the bonds you make in such a small community feels like family. If you have any questions or want to join the PYO simply come to the PIA and talk to Meg Bearse or myself Jessie Barrett

PYO WINTER TRIP By Marissa Vargas

This winter we went skiing at Yawgoo Valley for our trip. First, everyone took a two-hour lesson. Then, we were on our own for the rest of the day. Some of us skied on every trail. The beginners mostly stayed on the beginner slope. The beginner slope had a jump in the middle for the snowboarders. Some of us tried jumping. At the end of the day, we all had sore feet, we were happy to take our boots off. After a long day, many of the kids fell asleep in the car or on the ferry.



Game Night & Movie Night



Tuesday nights the PIA will be open again for PYO Game Night from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Drinks and Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundaes are available for purchase \$2 for a small and \$4 for a large! Kids BINGO for prizes starts at 7 PM! We are always looking for donations of prizes for kids BINGO!

Wednesday night is Movie Night! At 7:00 PM we will show a G or PG rated movie, followed by a PG-13 movie starting at roughly 8:30. The Snack Shack is open during Movie Night.

PYO Officers
President: Jessie Barrett
Vice President: Vanessa Vargas
Treasurer: Espen Farnham
Secretary: Madeline Emmott

The first meeting of the PYO will take place on Wednesday July 10th before Movie Night. We will be planning for our summer trip!

New members always welcome!

The PYO sponsored Craft Fair will take place July 20th. To be a vendor download the form online or contact a PIA board member. Discounted Vendor rate for PIA members!

PIA SUMMER ACTIVITY CALENDAR



2019

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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June	2	3	4	5	6	7 BINGO STARTS! Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	22 PIA Annual Meeting 9 AM
	23	24	25	26	27	28 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	29
July	30	1	2	3	4	5 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	6
	7	8	9 Game Night & Ice Cream Sundaes 6:30 to 9 PM	10 Movie Night! G or PG at 7:00. PG-13 at 8:30.	11 Sip & Stroke Paint Night! 6:30 PM	12 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	13 PIA 100th Celebration! Doors open at 7 PM
	14	15	16 Game Night & Ice Cream Sundaes 6:30 to 9 PM	17 Movie Night! G or PG at 7:00. PG-13 at 8:30.	18 Sip & Stroke Paint Night! 6:30 PM	19 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	20 PYO Craft Fair! 9 AM to noon
	21	22	23 Game Night & Ice Cream Sundaes 6:30 to 9 PM	24 Movie Night! G or PG at 7:00. PG-13 at 8:30.	25 Sip & Stroke Paint Night! 6:30 PM	26 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	27 HIA Ham and Bean Supper
Aug	28	29	30 Game Night & Ice Cream Sundaes 6:30 to 9 PM	31 Movie Night! G or PG at 7:00. PG-13 at 8:30.	1 Sip & Stroke Paint Night! 6:30 PM	2 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	3 PIA Member Cruise! 5:30 Dinner, 7:00 Cruise
	4	5	6 Game Night & Ice Cream Sundaes 6:30 to 9 PM	7 Movie Night! G or PG at 7:00. PG-13 at 8:30.	8 Sip & Stroke Paint Night! 6:30 PM	9 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	10 Private Event Hall Booked
	11	12	13 Game Night & Ice Cream Sundaes 6:30 to 9 PM	14 Movie Night! G or PG at 7:00. PG-13 at 8:30.	15 Sip & Stroke Paint Night! 6:30 PM	16 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	17 PIVFD Firemans Fair!
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	8	9	10	11	12	13 BINGOI Doors open 7:30. Calling starts at 8 PM.	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Bingo Blast! Doors open at noon

Fall Events: PYO Halloween Party October 26th
Game Dinner Saturday November 2nd