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Goal –

To be elected as Secretary for Parrot Heads in Paradise.

Professional Employment -

- Owner, Mr. & Mrs. Catering Service, family-owned, 40-year-old catering service serving all of Western New York and the surrounding area.
- Responsibilities include the complete operation of daily operations, as well as hiring employees, booking parties, and consultant with clients on all aspects of their event.

Education -

1984 - 1989 Gannon University. B.S. degree in administrative studies

Western New York Parrot Head Club Involvement

- Founded Western New York Parrot Head Club, April, 1997
- President, Western New York Parrot Head Club 1997-2002, 2005-present
- Raised awareness of the Jimmy Buffett phenomena, growing the club to the 24th largest club with a current membership of approximately 250
- Formed liaisons with several organizations, including Alzheimer's Association, Make-A-Wish Foundations, The Western New York Food Bank, and Hospice, resulting in monetary donations and volunteer participation
- Chaired the Alzheimer's Association Bowl-a-Thon for the 13 years, helping to raise over \$40,000

PHIP Involvement

- Northeast Regional Communicator for the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Ontario, Canada (formerly the Eastern Region and included New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey), 1999-2003

Other Community and Volunteer Involvement

- Past President & Board Member, Lockport Kiwanis Club
- Sergeant-of-Arms, Sons of the Legion, Tonawanda, NY
- Board member of the Tonawanda Exchange Club
- Buffalo Bills Blue Coat, representing the Bills through various community service events, including Habitat for Humanity, walk-a-thons and special Christmas projects.2004-2007

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Position Statement

I have been involved in this great parrot head madness for over 14 years now and its' time to continue the involvement at the next level. I have had the great pleasure of working with some great secretaries of our local club and have learned many great things from them that I can incorporate at the national secretary's position.

If elected Secretary, my goal will be to build on the accomplishments of previous board members, continuing to strengthen our organization with the national recognition for the good that our local chapters do for our communities.

I believe that the work accomplished through the local Parrot Head clubs puts our organization up there with the foremost fund raising organizations.

Our current and past boards have developed PHIP into an organization that should be recognized for our activities around the country. I will work with the heads of the organizations that we work with to help get the word out of all of are hard work. My skills as a business owner with working with the public can help the PHIP nation continue its excellence.

I will be happy to answer any questions the membership has, not only the best of my ability but also with complete honesty. Effective communication is the essence of any organization. If there is a question that needs to be answered, I will do work with all my resources to find the answer.

I appreciate your consideration, and look forward to serving as Secretary of this great organization.