



Newsletter Commodore's Corner



2009 Commodore Rudy Evanich

Hey! Let's have a big "Shout Out" for Past Commodore Jim Flanagan and his Lady Nora for doing such a great job in 2008! The events were fun and the food was fantastic. Judie and I have some wonderful events planned for 2009. Some events are totally new and others just have a new twist added. Our first event will be on March 14 at the Holiday Inn Westlake. The theme is a Caribbean Cruise Party so come dressed as you would for a relaxing cruise aboard our ship. We will have tropical drinks and an all you can eat buffet with Prime Rib, Chicken Picatta and North Atlantic Salmon. You will be entertained by a Steel Drum Band from the University of Akron playing the sounds of the Caribbean. Come prepared to buy a horse yourself or with your friends for our Triple Crown Horse Race. This will be your horse for all three races. The first race will take place at the Caribbean Cruise Party. The winning horse will receive prize money as will any side bets placed on the winning horse. Judie and I hope to see all of you in March.

The Blessing of the Fleet on May 16 will be followed by the Commodore's Lunch at Bay Harbor. The Shakedown Cruise to Castaway Bay

Marina on June 6 includes a party at Fridays in the private bar upstairs. If you are not taking your boat, please drive to Fridays for the party. On June 19 we will again be the guests of the Huron Yacht Club for dinner during the Huron Cruise. A very fun Saturday afternoon is being planned at Huron. This year we are fortunate to have the 4th of July falling on a Saturday. Denny McCreery and the Trustees are busy putting together a Trustee Event for that day. The Kelley Island Cruise will start on July 9th and run through the 12th. Can you imagine what 100 Pirates in downtown at Kelley's Island on Saturday for lunch would look like? So be sure to bring your pirate outfit for the Kelley's Island Cruise.

The Picnic Table Open Golf Outing on July 25th will be provided by the Past Commodores as their event again this year. Be sure to practice ahead of time - or not. Either way, you are sure to have fun golfing with fellow PtYC members. August 7th is the Put-in-Bay Cruise to Miller Marina. This cruise was a big hit last year and Judie and I have even more fun planned. August 21st finds us traveling to the Huron Lagoons Marina by boat or land to party with our Huron members. Those of us who have partied with the Huron "gang" in the past know this will be a great time. The annual Steak Roast takes place on September 5 at the pavilion. Plenty of food and drinks along with a DJ for dancing will finish out the summer season. The end of the year Holiday Party and Change of Watch weekend will be December 4th - 6th at Castaway Bay in Sandusky. This promises to be a wonderful ending for our year.

One other note concerning the event flyers and the newsletters: both will be changing to email delivery only. This will save the club money that can be better spent on the members. If you do not have an email address you will receive the flyers and newsletters by mail. The newsletters and event flyers will also be posted on our website at www.pointyachtclub.net. This newsletter and the Caribbean Cruise Party flyer will be both emailed and sent by regular mail to ensure that we have everyone invited. Thanks for allowing Judie and I to serve you this year and we are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Hackbarth), was found dead in his wine cellar. Who dunnit: Pierre, daughter Renee (Judy Evanich), megastore owner Stan (Denny McCreery), the unethical magazine writer Nina (Sharon Hutzell)? Or was the dastardly culprit the owner of the competing winery Carter (Bob Wuerth), gift shop manager Sue (Betty Smith), or Innkeeper Ben (Bill Parker). Even the Barrister Leelah Eagle (Carol Burtch) was not above suspicion. After many twists and turns and vitriolic diatribes leveled against poor innocent Carter by the shamefully evil Pierre, the slut, the whore Sue with some unwitting assistance from Ben offed Malcolm. The remainder of Friday night was spent in full Irish wake mode. Did you ever play with a little rubber ducky (ed. note. Careful how you spell ducky.)? Anyone at the Quality Inn on Saturday afternoon would have observed a strange sight. Sixty or so adults were proudly decorating their duckies in preparation for the swimming pool little-rubber-ducky-dash. The race was billed as a gentle float to the finish. But alas, the wave producing skills of the yacht club far exceeded expectation. Betty Smith's entrée (duck a la yellow) blew by all the other entrées (aka pressed ducks) to take top honors. Poor Al Hackbarth who acquired a turbo charged turbine air blower to blow by all the other ducks was late to the party. About 90 people attended the formal dinner dance where the new bridge was officially installed. Commodore Jim and First Lady Nora Flanagan turned the helm over to Rudy Evanich. Entertainment was provided Eddie and the Edsels. No one was thrown into the chocolate fountain.



Can anyone find the Sunshine Person in these photos?

Point Yacht Club Christmas Party 2008

By Bob Wuerth

The Quality Inn in Richfield (aka the Nippy Valley) was the site for the Point Yacht Club's latest assault on our own lethargy. For many, the weekend started sometime around Wednesday, December 3rd. Others waited until Friday to pickle their innards. Still others never pickled anything but everyone enjoyed a weekend long celebration. The weekend began shrouded in mystery.

Wine maker Malcolm Melee, the employer of a mustachioed, beret wearing and generally weird looking Franco named Pierre LaPaine (Al



PTYC HOLIDAY CHARITY PROJECT

*by Carol Ann & John Peterson
CP Docks 732 & 621 Slo Dancin'*

For anyone who has ever attended the Annual Holiday/Change of Watch Party, it's always been a time of reflection on the year's activities and a look forward to the next. It certainly was true this year; but for the first time, we all came together to help make the upcoming holiday a little brighter and more exciting in our boating community.

What an outpouring of generosity and support for our charity project—Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter serving Erie, Ottawa, and Huron Counties. The Hospitality Suite was stacked high with toys for the children and necessary household items for the residence. The Education and Volunteer Services Coordinator, Michele McCormick, met us in Vermillion to unload the back of the van—too bad it was raining so hard that we had to meet at a self-service car wash in order to keep all the gifts dry.

I only wish we could have captured the look on Michele's face when she saw the volume of our donations. Imagine what joy and excitement appeared on the children's faces!



Thank you so much for making this such a success and for opening your hearts. Speaking of BIG hearts...Michael and Betty Smith gave half of their championship duck winnings to help the children. Truly, a wonderful example of how contagious giving can be. May the year ahead bring us more opportunities to help our summer hometown.

Meet the Editor

I would like to introduce myself, Cindy Knight, as the new editor for the newsletter. Rudy begged me (just kidding!) to take over Sharon's job and I only hope I can do as good a job as she. For those of you who don't know me, my photo is on the previous page, 3rd down on the right with Judie and my husband, Tim. This past year was our first year at Cedar Point Marina on pier 3. We have a son, Alex who is 18 and a daughter, Nicollete who is 14. Don't hesitate to contact me at the below number or e-mail if you have something you would like to include in a future issue of the newsletter. Thank you!



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Carol Ann Peterson

Certainly, this has been one of the coldest and whitest winters I've seen since moving to Ohio in 2001. Right now I feel like I'm still in upstate New York...but this climate will make us all appreciate the warmth of spring which also includes all the necessary maintenance on our boats and working out the "kinks" that were operating perfectly before being put away at the end of the boating season.

Anyway, after making a few field trips during the early fall, our cruising schedule is in its final stage and includes the following:

June 6th Shakedown Cruise to Castaway Bay Marina. Come by boat or car—stay the day or overnight.

June 19th to 21st Huron Boat Basin

July 9th to 12th Seaway Marina,

Kelly's Island

August 7th to 9th Miller's Marina,
Put-in-Bay

August 21st to 23rd Huron Lagoons
Marina

Many more details will be forthcoming, but be sure to periodically monitor our website.

Already I'm hearing - What about Middle Bass Island? Following a lengthy discussion with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), they will have the docks in place but the electric is not scheduled to be installed until August 31st. Commodore Evanich and I felt that taking a chance on an early completion date would be risky—and, admit it, we're all a little spoiled having access to power in our home ports...and...the August heat can be pretty brutal. So, it'll all be in place next year and we'll feel like we're going to a new destination. You may want to consider taking the "Sunny" over when you're in Put-in-Bay to see the progress at the Marina and the new Blue Lagoon at J. F. Walleyes.

In closing, I look forward to the challenges of keeping our fleet safe and welcome your support and any suggestions to make this a great cruising year!

HOLIDAY PARTY PUNCH RECIPE

Here is the punch recipe served at the Holiday Party and earlier in the year at the Afternoon Tea in Huron:

KILLER CHAMPAGNE PUNCH - Serves Eight

Two Cups Vodka
Two Cups Orange Juice
One Cup Peach Schnapps
One Bottle Champagne

Chill all ingredients and mix together. Optional: Make ice molds from orange juice, sliced peaches and oranges to float in the punch bowl.