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FROM THE HELM!

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY =
SUPER PARTY, SUPER FOOD,
SUPER FUN!

That's exactly what you had if you attended the February 3rd meeting. Some 30+ members and 8 guests were at our first membership meeting of 2002. Everyone there truly had a SUPER time!

The meeting went off without a hitch. **Sec'y Ruth Peterman** can pronounce everyone's name correctly *and* quickly, due to the long tenure of Clappers at RVYC. (The C probably stands for Clapper.) **Treas. Pat Thul** reported that we are in good financial position and a quick audit by **Lee Vauris & Chuck Koleski** (thanks guys!) revealed that **Rusty Sanford** had done a thorough job of keeping track of expenses and revenues. **R/C Ray Brown** reported that the theme for 2002 Venetian (June 8) would be "Riverboats" with a Louisiana flavor to the meal and festivities. **V/C Lynn Koleski** is looking forward to making plans for the Fitting Out Party, May 18. My report consisted of acknowledging the BoatUS discount of \$9.50 for RVYC members if you use the code **GA 81901 Y** when renewing your BoatUS memberships.

Speaking of memberships, don't forget to renew your RVYC membership for 2002. A form is included within for your convenience. Of course the annual fee is the "bargain basement booty" of \$10 per person!!! This year you get an extra value — we're on the

web! That's right, the membership accepted Pat Thul's recommendation to go "on line" with our club. Cost to the club is only \$30/year and you can check us out at www.rvyc.info. A special thanks to **Pat** and **Aaron Thul** who have undertaken the job of setting up the website and handling all updates. For those of you not at our last meeting, you can get a copy of our schedule for the year by logging on. The site also includes up-to-date weather & water forecasts, pictures from the recent events/activities, the newsletter (for those of you who have senioritis), and the Club's directory once it is published. (Please let us know if there's need for privacy regarding your directory listing). Contact Pat at pthul@alliedvision.com if you have any suggestions.

The meeting ended with a "Detroit Memory Trivia Quiz". Prizes of RVYC coffee mugs went to **Lee Vauris**, who set the bar at 33 out of 38, **Ray Brown**, **Judy Thul**, and **Rusty Sanford**. Then the PARTY FUN began!

Thanks to all for bringing a scrumptious dish to pass. At first it was all desserts (my kind of eating), but we ended up with an array of entrees, salads, side dishes, and even appetizers. [Remember, we are sponsoring a similar dining activity after the March 3rd meeting for those attending the Gem Theatre. Anyone is welcomed to join us even if you aren't going to the play—just bring a dish to pass.]

Next, I want to thank **Pat Thul** for providing the large screen projector that provided the wide lens view of the game ending field goal giving the Patriots an upsetting victory. The game was exciting because of the many lead changes in the last few minutes. Jockeying for the right to claim this year's top prize of \$200 was exciting, too. As usual Chuck had the numbers with a minute to go, but the winning combination went to **Shirley Nesbitt** (Bill took the \$25 4th quarter). Other winners included:

<u>\$.50 Board</u> (\$12.50 a ¼)	<u>\$1 Board</u> (\$25 a ¼)
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1 st quarter M L Tusset	J Giffer
2 nd quarter J Bacile	C Koleski
3 rd quarter P Thul	J Giffer
4 th quarter C Jenkins	B Nesbitt

Special thanks to **P/C Jim Baran** for making the boards and to **Diane Deptula** and Jim for selling all the squares. Had they not, the club stood a chance this year of possibly making a profit. During the game and the commercial breaks, people entertained themselves with card games, board games and the favorite—air hockey, thanks to **Gerard Niermann**, a "sharing" 3 year old who would play anyone...as long as he won!

It was a SUPER kickoff party to a new year, FOR FUN'S SAKE. As the Carpenters sang "We've only just begun." Join us for the next meeting on Sunday, March 3rd at Kean's, 2 pm, and "Stay just a little bit longer" by bringing a dish to pass.

Commodore Jean Pritchard

Hi, everyone! As I write this article, it is 46 degrees out. Unbelievable! Makes me turn my thoughts to boating - the sooner the better I say.

Next meeting is coming up on Sunday, March 3rd, 2 pm at Kean's. Many of our members are planning on going to the Gem Theatre to see Late Nite Catechism after this meeting and potluck supper. If you're interested, check with **F/C Ed Pritchard** soon. He has scheduled many events for us the year and I imagine he will have something in this newsletter. I am really looking forward to all he has in store for us.

Don't forget we bowl every other Saturday and would love to see you there just to cheer us on. Many of us need all the help we can get!

FYI – Many people have asked about **Chloe**. I want you to know that she is just fine and even has a new boyfriend "up North," named **Lucky**. She's pretty happy with her new homes. See you soon!

**Vice Commodore
Lynn Koleski**

FROM THE REAR!

Another great year ahead has been planned. Remember to keep June 7th & 8th open on your calendar – a big time at RVYC: Venetian weekend. Lots of things going on, "For Fun's Sake." Our decoration theme is "**Riverboats**" and food will feature "**Down Home On The River**" style. This would be a good time to invite prospective members (and let them help you decorate your boat)!

Barb and I went to the Boat Show at Cobo and saw lots of nice boats and equipment. Fortunately for my checkbook, I did not succumb to any of the temptations. While there, I had an occasion to talk to an old friend of my son. He is a salesman at Jefferson Beach (you know, the place that sells Sunseekers). He showed us pictures of an 80-foot Sunseeker that he sold and delivered to his customer in Bay Harbor. The impressive thing he related to us was it only took 10 hours to go from Jefferson Beach to Bay Harbor, by Petoskey. I could probably make it to Harbor Beach in that length of time on a good day. It would be both ends of the spectrum: the fastest and the slowest.

Spring is coming – less than 55 days until launch!

**Rear Commodore
Ray Brown**

BARAN'S BLABBERING!

As previously mentioned, our Club is now part of the 21st century – we have a web site! **Pat** and **Aaron Thul** both seem to be having a fun time tweaking it. Been watching their progress and they are doing a good job. Check it out: www.rvyc.info. You could even receive your newsletter by e-mail, rather than snail mail. Let me or Pat know.

Reminder: Renewal fees for 2002 membership are due by March 15th this year, per the by-laws. Please complete the renewal form enclosed and return it if you haven't done so already. The more, the merrier, FOR FUN'S SAKE!

Editor Linda Baran

RENDEZVOUS RUMORS!

Our 2002 rendezvous schedule was officially unveiled at the February meeting. This year's program starts with a return trip to Wallaceburg over Memorial Day weekend. Wallaceburg is a downtown tie-up on a wall similar to Chatham except the river trip is half the time, power stays on **and** the washrooms are within 50'. The Marina folks are promising a full event weekend – so far they have scheduled a pancake breakfast.

We will have the sign-up sheets for the full schedule at the March 3rd meeting. We are not requiring deposits this year. As you may recall from previous years, we used to request a \$20 check to cover the Canadian rendezvous deposits. Now, if you sign up for a rendezvous and have to cancel and we can't find a replacement, **you** will have to cover the deposit, usually \$10-\$15 per slip. Speaking of deposits, there is confusion on the Sarnia–Highland Games weekend. As it stands right now, we have 9 slips and have requested 6 additional slips. A chance of getting more slips is slim. Following are the members signed up for the 9 slips: Baran, Clapper, Koleski, Niermann, Peterman, Pritchard, Thul, Vauris, Wilkerson. On the waiting list: Brown, Bacile, Hall, Tusset. As you can see it is a popular weekend, so if your plans are not going to allow you to attend, let Ed know as soon as possible so we can ensure all 9 of our slips are used.

Final note: Wyandotte Yacht Club is having its award winning Friday Fish Fry beginning Feb. 22, 2002; all you-can-eat dinner for about \$7 or \$8 per person at their club each Friday during Lent, from 6 to 8 pm.

Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2002

YOUR NAME _____

SPOUSE _____ Member? Yes ___ No ___

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ BOAT/CAR PHONE _____

YOUR BIRTHDAY _____ SPOUSE'S BIRTHDAY _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY _____

MAKE OF BOAT _____

LENGTH OF BOAT _____ BOAT NAME _____

HOME PORT _____

Please make checks payable to **River View Yacht Club, Inc.**
(\$10 per member, please.) Bring this completed form to the next meeting, or send to:

**Pat Thul
1083 Joshua Dr.
Troy, MI 48098**

In an effort to update our records, it would be appreciated if each of you would take the time to complete the above form, even if you have completed one in the past, and submit it along with your dues. **REMINDER:** dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2002**, so that you will be included in the 2002 roster.

February Birthdays

- 2 – Ed Pritchard
- 4 – Sue Proctor
- 4 – Jim Roth
- 6 – **P/C** Bob Cieslak
- 8 – Diane Dawes
- 10 – Dave Passmore
- 11 – Glenn Bemiss
- 15 – **P/C** Joe Clapper
- 19 – Mary Anne Seedot
- 20 – Carol Theard
- 22 – Norah Houlihan
- 23 – Pat Thul
- 24 – Jeff Niermann

February Anniversaries

- 22 - Don & Barb Leone

Other February Dates

- 2 – Groundhog Day
- 3 – Super Bowl Sunday**
- 13 – Ash Wednesday
- 14 – Valentine’s Day
- 18 – Presidents’ Day
- 23 – Dinner & Hockey Outing
- 24 – Kean’s Open House

March Birthdays

- 5 – Mike Boyle
- 9 – Shirley Bartlett
- 17 – Kelly Thomas
- 20 – Mike Boyle

March Anniversaries

- 25 – Roger & Shirley Bartlett

Other March Dates

- 3 – Meeting @ Kean’s
- 3 – Gem Theatre
- 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- 21 – First Day of Spring
- 28 – Passover
- 31 – Easter
- 31 – Daylight Savings begins

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RVYC Events thru April

February 23, 2002 – Dinner and a hockey game

- Dinner reservations at Buca di Beppo (Joe's Basement). This Italian restaurant chain is famous for family style dinners with HUGE servings. If you haven't eaten at Buca's, you need this experience (you got to see the Pope Room.) Just ask JoAnne, Norm, Bob, Bev, Jeff, Jean or Ed. Buca di Beppo is located on Six Mile Rd. just west of I-275 (north side of Six Mile). Dinner reservations at 4:45 pm, cost probably about \$23 per person. See Ed Pritchard to sign up.
- Plymouth Whalers Hockey game. The Plymouth Whalers, the US version of Canada's "Juniors", play an outstanding level of hockey at reasonable prices. They play at the Compuware Ice Arena on Beck Rd. just north of M-14, an easy 15-minute drive from Buca di Beppo. The game starts at 7:30 pm, ticket price \$8. Parking is \$3. We have a block of 20 seats reserved. See Ed Pritchard to sign up and pay your \$\$.

March 3, 2002 – Meeting and theater

- This is a Sunday meeting starting at 2:00 pm at Kean's Marina.
- Bring a dish to pass.
- We plan to attend the play at the Gem Theater, *Late Nite Catechism*. "Spit out your chewing gum, brush up on your sacraments, and say four hail Marys before you enter Sister's classroom! Part lecture, part improvisation, and part question-and-answer session, this interactive comedy leaves audience members howling with laughter and nostalgic for a bygone era."
- The play starts at 5:30 pm at the Gem Theater in downtown Detroit. Parking \$5, ticket price \$24.50. We need to know by **Feb. 23rd** if you will be attending. See Ed Pritchard to sign up and give your \$\$.

April 5, 2002 - Friday night meeting

- We start our regular 8:00 pm Friday night meetings at Kean's Marina.
- **Auction Night** – always a lot of fun. Bring those nautical items that you can't use anymore and watch some fool in the club buy them! All proceeds go to the general fund.

April 7, 2002 – Sunday matinee

- *Lord of the Dance* matinee performance @ Fox Theatre.
- Contact P/C Diana Wilkerson by **Feb. 23rd** if interested in tickets.