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FROM THE HELM!

"La Familia" (The Family)

Like a good Italian wedding, the Commodore's Ball honoring P/C Joe Clapper and lady Pat went by too quickly at Laurel Manor. The flow of booze never let up, dancing was hot and passionate, and the extended family all showed up, which resulted in plenty of laughter, memories and fun for all.

It was made easier having talented and supportive people plus all of their talents to work with which exist in our RVYC "family". Since there wasn't time that evening, I now want to recognize all that worked on Joe's Commodore Ball:

Planning Committee

Lynn Koleski, Jim Baran, Judy Thul, Lee Vauris, Ed and Jean Pritchard. (This small group met in November to decide on the menu & booze, plus came up with ways to roast Joe.)

Decorating Committee

Jackie and Rusty Sanford, Lynn Koleski, Ruthie Peterman, Ron Sherman and son Mike, Jim Baran, Ed and Jean Pritchard.

Pictures for Collages

Koleskis, Clappers/Peterman, Browns, Thuls, Niermanns, and Pritchards.

Et Cetera

- Joe Bacile typed, printed, & delivered the programs;
- Ed Pritchard did the dinner grace;
- Rusty Sanford kept track of expenses and paid bills;
- Ruthie Peterman made the arrangements for square

dance and coordinated the Clapper Clan (all 41 of them!) plus also arranged for the "loan" of Joe's

- cowboy hat and blazer;
- Lynn Koleski bought gifts for the non-elected bridge officers, got the engraving for the Lee Vauris Service award, cleaned three dozen votives and assembled all of those wonderful picture collages;
- Jim & Linda Baran secured the "Coast Guard Approved Rescue Operations" gift, P/C stripes and pin for Joe, ordered the cups used as table favors, donated the use of the lighted frame for the RVYC Burgee (a nice touch to our decorations this year) and served as greeters;
- Jill Martyka did the decal for Joe's T-shirt gift about Christmas;
- Niermann family provided rendezvous pictures and the idea for the Yo-Yo gift;
- Diana Wilkerson performed the "ringing of the bells;"
- Joann Giffer created and designed the camouflage booze covers for Joe;
- Lee Vauris obtained the bridge flags, performed the ceremony for the bridge officers, gave lots of good advice, and did a wonderful tribute to P/C Ruth Clapper. He also answered the many questions I had—Hey, Lee, there's nothing better than having seniority!

This all made my job of creating the decorations and organizing the plans so much easier. I also enjoyed doing the "roast" on Joe. (For future reference, table decorations do not include the mirrors and the votives – they're mine!)

Our club is like a family. It exists for the members and for the purpose of having memorable times. I hope you choose to get involved this year. I know I plan to delegate more. Just keep in mind...what we accomplished on January 12th is just the beginning of what this family of RVYC members is capable of doing. I look forward to being the "head of this family" for the upcoming year and as they say in my favorite movie, *Moonstruck*, "Here's to La Familia (in 2002)!"

Commodore Jean Pritchard

FROM THE VICE!

Hidy Ho, River View members! We've begun a new year for our club, with some new faces on the board and some old.

My biggest thing for now is the **Super Bowl Sunday** meeting and party on **February 3rd** at Kean's. The meeting will begin at 4 pm and dinner at 5 pm (**BYOB**). Please bring a dish to pass for dinner. We will have plenty of squares to fill to spice up the game. Personally I'd like to see my Green Bay Packers in the bowl, though it doesn't look good against the Rams – I'll keep my fingers crossed.

Our March meeting is also on Sunday the 3rd at Kean's. This will be a **nautical auction**, so please bring things to bid on –

maybe something you were thinking to getting rid of is a treasure for another boater.

Jean has mentioned the Commodore's Ball, but I must thank everyone who helped out. I had a great time and it looked to me as though everyone else did, too!

Fitting Out Party will be held Saturday, May 18th, so please mark your calendars. Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard will have a full list of upcoming events for 2002 at the Super Bowl party, so be sure to come and get it! See you then.

**Vice Commodore
Lynn Koleski**

FROM THE REAR – A NEW YEAR!

I certainly started this year with a bang! After a super holiday season, I found myself in the hospital being stuck with needles, probed all over by masochist doctors and curious nurses who all seemed to show a lot of interest in my groin. The consensus was that I needed a heart catherization to see if there were any blocked arteries that would cause my blood pressure to go up and down like a ball on a rubber band. Fortunately there were no heart blockages. The doctor kept looking and found some blockage in the renal arteries that needed attention, so after January 17th the last stint is in place and I am back on the mend.

I know we are all anxious for spring but there are a lot of things to do until then. Super Bowl Party, Gem Theatre, hockey games, boat show and more. Would you believe it's only 100 days until launch?

Looking forward to the new season with great anticipation – hope Mother Nature is, too! See you at the Super Bowl Party (**BYOB**).

**Rear Commodore
Ray Brown**

BARAN'S BLABBERING!

Many people were glad to see 2001 behind us, for various reasons, me included. For the Club though, the year ended nicely with a fun meeting at Wyandotte Yacht Club in December. The Christmas gift exchange was a hoot as always though the rules were changed in the middle of the game – a big no-no for future reference!

As R/C Ray mentioned, 2002 didn't start off well for him, but it looks like he is on the mend and will be taking his seat with the rest of our new board. From what I've seen, this group is going to keep club members as busy as they want to be. In other words, if any of you get bored this coming year it's your own fault – lots of activities planned and a boat is not a necessity for many.

P/C Diana Wilkerson is willing to organize an outing to the Fox Theater for **Lord of the Dance** scheduled in April. Best thought was for the Sunday matinee on **April 7th**. Catch her at the Super Bowl party and let her know if you're interested.

Also, since this is a new year, that means **DUES ARE DUE!** A membership renewal form is included with this letter, so be the first on you block or dock to fill one in and return it ASAP, **FOR FUN'S SAKE!**

Editor Linda Baran

Facts For The Fleet!

RVYC - Upcoming Events - 2002

February 3, 2002 – Sunday - Meeting and Super Bowl Party

- Combination monthly RVYC Membership meeting and Super Bowl party.
- Meeting starts at 4:00pm in our room at Kean's Marina.
- Usual Super Bowl events: "game" squares, eating and drinking.
- Large screen viewing provided by Pat Thul.
- Bring a dish to pass.

February 23, 2002 – Saturday - Dinner and 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 gotta 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 are for 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 – easy 15 minute drive from Buca di Beppo. The game starts at 7:30 pm; ticket price \$8; parking \$3. We have a block of 20 seats reserved. See Ed Pritchard to sign-up and pay \$\$.

March 3, 2002 – Sunday - Meeting and Theatre

- 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, **Late Nite Catechism** at the Gem Theatre. "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 Theatre in downtown Detroit. Parking \$5, ticket price \$24.50. We need to know by Feb. 23 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.

Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard

January Birthdays

- 1 – Jackie Sanford
- 3 – Patrick Crowe
- 4 – Eileen Longpre
- 5 – Shelley Sabo
- 8 – Norm Crain
- 13 – Pat Clapper
- 16 – Bev Niermann
- 18 – John Cornwell
- 18 – Dan Jablonski
- 26 – Richard Maier
- 27 – Denise Armstrong
- 27 – Jim Penland

January Anniversaries

- 8 – Chuck & Olga Kovtun
- 20 – Russ & Jackie Sanford

Other January Dates

- 1 – New Year’s Day
- 12 – Commodore’s Ball**
- 21 – Martin Luther King Day

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

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YOUR BIRTHDAY _____ SPOUSE'S BIRTHDAY _____

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LENGTH OF BOAT _____ BOAT NAME _____

HOME PORT _____

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(\$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.