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FROM THE HELM!

STANDING ROOM ONLY

That's right, it was S.R.O. at the RVYC Meeting on November 5th. Over 40 members showed up for voting. So the ballot box was literally "stuffed" for the election of Board officers for 2003. The results are: Jon Jordan – Secretary (no surprise there), Pat Thul – Treasurer, Ron Sherman – Rear Commodore, and Joe Clapper and Jim Roth – Directors. Congratulations to those joining the board and we are grateful for those who were willing to oppose them. Thanks to our "Price Waterhouse" team of Don Tusset and P/C Lee Vauris for tallying the votes and certifying that we had no hanging chads.

Perhaps the reason for the crowd was the free pizza and chance to become a winner in the "loser's" drawing? The pizza was tasty and we thank V/C Lynn Koleski for making the arrangements and P/Cs Chuck Koleski and Jim Baran for doing the delivering. The "losers" who finally became winners (and \$25 richer) were: Barans, Lee/Mary Lou, Bickles, and Joe Clapper.

While it sure was nice to end the year at Kean's with such a great response, I sure hope everyone is planning on attending the December meeting, being held at WYC. The gift exchange rules have been "checked twice" and even

written down, should anyone object to a rule that evening. Now that we're back to the traditional rules, our final club function for 2002 will be For Fun's Sake!

On behalf of the F/C and myself, we wish all of you a relaxing and joyous Thanksgiving holiday. Hope you save room for some Greek fare on December 6th at the Auburn Café.

Commodore Jean Pritchard

FROM THE VICE!

Well, I was sure overwhelmed by the great turnout for our election meeting on November 1st, new and old faces alike. We have a terrific board and I look forward to working with them in 2003.

Don't forget the December Christmas meeting on Friday, December 6th at Wyandotte Yacht Club. Our Christmas game will be played and we have the rules in writing! They will be available prior to the gift exchange. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Our Commodore's Ball will be "just around the corner" after that. Please let me or one of our board members know that you plan to attend. As always, the sooner the better. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Vice Commodore
Lynn Koleski**

FROM THE REAR!

WOW!! The turnout for the November meeting was outstanding. I hope it's a sign of things to come. The elections gave us, I feel, a good mix of officers, so our next Board should be able to put forth some interesting programs for 2003.

Ran across this story and thought it would lighten up your day. One day this guy, who has been stranded on a desert island all alone for ten years, sees an unusual speck on the horizon. It's certainly not a ship, he thinks to himself. And as the speck gets closer and closer, he rules out the possibility of a small boat, then even a raft. Suddenly, emerging from the surf comes this drop-dead gorgeous brunette woman wearing a wet suit and scuba gear. She approaches the stunned guy and asks, "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?" "Ten years!" he answers. She reaches over and unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a packet of fresh cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, and takes a long drag, and says, "Man, oh man! Is that ever good!" She then asks him, "How long has it been since you've had a sip of scotch?" Trembling, he replies, "Ten years!" She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on her right sleeve, pulls out a flask, and gives it to him. He opens the flask, takes a long swig, and says, "Wow, that's absolutely fantastic!" Then she starts slowly unzipping the long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit, looks at him seductively and asks, "And how long has it been since you've played around?" The guy, with tears in his eyes, replies, "Oh sweet Lord! Don't tell me you've got golf clubs in there."

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and I look forward to a Merry Christmas party at the Wyandotte Yacht Club.

**Rear Commodore
Ray Brown**

ADVANCE WARNING!

Several active boaters have inquired as to next summer's rendezvous schedule. So you can arrange for appropriate vacation time, following are the rendezvous dates with destinations. Additional weekend rendezvous will be announced at the February meeting.

May 24 – 26, 2003	Wallaceburg, Ontario. They promised a boat lighting contest in 2003
June 20 – 22, 2003	Metro Beach
July 3 – 11, 2003	The Lake Erie Adventure. This year's planned stops: Leamington, Kelley's Island, Middle Bass Island (and J.R. Walleye's Eatery & Brewery), Sandusky, Put-In-Bay and Maumee State Park Marina
July 19 – 20, 2003	Crystal Bay or Pelee Island
August 10 – 14, 2003	Lake Huron trip: St. Clair Marina, Bayfield, Grand Bend, Sarnia
August 15 – 17, 2003	Highland Games in Sarnia Bay
August 29 – Sept 1	Chatham, Ontario. Boat lighting contest, RVYC Toga Party
Sept 13 - 14, 2003	Cove Marina

Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard

November Birthdays

5 – Gary Proctor
8 – Peggy Cornwell
14 – Jon Jordan
17 – Dale Binkley
18 – Pat Binkley
22 – Norm Feliks
25 – Ron Sherman
27 – Herb Alfaro

November Anniversaries

3 – Jack & Lori Ann Kingston
12 – Norm & JoAnne Crain
13 – Chuck & Lynn Koleski
22 – Jim & Linda Baran

Other November Dates

1 – RVYC Meeting (elections)
11 – Veterans Day
28 – Thanksgiving Day
30 – First day of Hanukkah

December Birthdays

1 – Lori Ann Kingston
9 – Kim Mandry
16 – Dave Carson
26 – Joe Bacile
28 – Lou Perrone
31 – Judy Thul

December Anniversaries

24 – Gary & Sue Proctor
31 – Dave & Mary Hall

Other December Dates

6 – RVYC Meeting & Gift Exchange
@ Wyandotte Yacht Club
7 – Last day of Hanukkah
22 – First day of Winter
25 – Christmas Day
31 – New Year's Eve

Rules for a Peaceful Gift Exchange

1. Bring a gift AND **MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON IT!**
2. Begin with one "unique" person, e.g., who drove the furthest **or** whose birthday is closest to this date **or** who sold a boat this year, etc.
3. You cannot pick your own gift.
4. After the first person selects a gift and opens it, the person whose name was on the gift gets to choose a gift next.
5. That person may exchange the gift with first person, but **ONLY ONE EXCHANGE!**
6. The person whose name was on the gift gets to choose a gift next. He/she may exchange with either person, but **ONLY ONE EXCHANGE!**
7. Keep moving. Whomever the opened gift was from gets to pick next.
8. The last person to pick a gift may exchange that gift with anyone.

In a nutshell:

- After you open a gift, you may exchange it with any opened gift.
- You may make **ONLY ONE EXCHANGE,** AND it must be immediately after you opened a gift.

**Join us as we celebrate the
River View Yacht Club Commodore's Ball
honoring Commodore Jean Pritchard
and her Gentleman Edward
on Saturday, the eleventh of January
Two thousand and three
Laurel Manor
Mezzanine Room
39000 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, Michigan**

**Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Dancing 9:00
p.m.**

\$50 Per Person

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