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FROM THE HELM!

My first words need to thank all that helped me with Jean's Ball. Joe Bacile made the programs himself. They were wonderful. Thanks, Joe. Thanks to Dave Passmore and Carol for arranging to get the personalized bottles of wine. I think we will be "Mike Peppy-ing" this summer. Thanks to Jim Baran for the lighted RVYC burgee. Thanks to members of the Committee who helped decorate/undecorate the hall. The Committee consisted of Jim & Linda Baran, Barb and Ray Brown, Joe Clapper, Jon & Patty Jordan, Dave Passmore & Carol, Ruth Peterman & Ron Sherman, Pat & Judy Thul, Lee Vauris & Mary Lou Payette and Ken & Diana Wilkerson. Thanks, everyone!

I think all who attended must have taken a happy pill before coming because I never saw so many folks having so much fun, especially the girls who slid down the banister as we left!

The bridge has quite a few events planned this year. I believe there will be something for everyone.

I do have a small problem – the first meeting in February, Chuck and I will be out of town. Please be kind to V/C Ray Brown and I will see you at the March meeting.

Don't forget the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, January 26th. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverages.

Oh, my gosh! I just realized I did not thank the hard worker who listened daily to my worries about the Ball – Chuck Koleski. Thanks, Honey Bunny!

Commodore Lynn Koleski

FROM THE VICE!

I am so proud to be an officer of such a fun group like RVYC. Each time we have a party, we constantly improve on the previous one. Lots of kudos to our new Commodore and her committee for the decorations and planning that resulted in an exceptional evening. The music was perfect; the food was excellent; and our Past Commodore will retire with her infamous chair and green and white checkered tablecloth to enjoy with "Mister Ed".

Various comments and actions reflect why I am so proud. The many thank yous for jobs well done, P/C Chuck Koleski's eulogy of P/C Bill Nesbitt, and the spirit of volunteerism that exists with our membership. We should all be proud and let other people know what we are about: having fun and enjoying what we are doing.

Can't close without a little story. Enjoy!

Little LuLu

Eight-year old Little LuLu and her mother are walking through the mall one day.

"Mommy, how old are you?" asks Little LuLu.

"Darling, you should never ask a woman what her age is."

"Why not?" demands the child.

"Well, that is something you will understand when you're grown up."

"Mommy," asks Little LuLu again, "how much do you weigh?"

"Never mind," answers the mother.

"Why can't you tell me?"

"Because grown-ups never talk about how much they weigh. This is something you will learn and understand someday."

"Mommy," insists the child, "can you tell me why you and Daddy got divorced?"

"Darling," responds the mother in exasperation, "that's something still very painful for Mommy and I really just can't talk about it now."

A few days later, Little LuLu recounts this conversation to a friend at school. Her friend explains how to overcome these problems.

"All you have to do is get your mother's driver's license. It has all the information about a grown-up that you want on it. You just read it like a Report Card and it will give you the answers."

So, Little LuLu does as her friend recommended. That night she sneaks into her mother's room while her mom is cooking dinner. LuLu rummages through the purse and finds the driver's license.

(Editor's comment: **NEVER, EVER** GO INTO A WOMAN'S

PURSE WITHOUT HER PERMISSION. **BAD** LuLu!)

After examining it carefully, Little LuLu walks up to her mother and says, "I know how old you are. You're 35!"

The mother is very surprised.

"And, I know how much you weigh. You weigh 136 pounds, right?"

The mother is shocked.

"And, I know why you and Daddy got a divorce."

The mother, dumbfounded, asks, "Why?"

"It's because you got an 'F' in sex."

See you at the Super Bowl Party!

**Vice Commodore
Ray Brown**

FROM THE REAR!

Well, here it is, my first newsletter article as Rear Commodore – the pressure, the pressure! So, based on the immense guidance I have received about what I am to write about, I still don't have a clue what to say. Oh well, here it goes anyway.

I've been thinking (I know, I know) following the fantastic Commodore's Ball we just had, we should consider changing our club motto to "**Having Too Much Fun**". What do you think? Just kidding but it truly was a blast for everyone there. If you missed it, you REALLY missed it.

Thanks to Commodore Lynn and the rest of the committee for all their efforts. You all did an outstanding job this year.

Well, less than 4 more months until the real fun starts! April brings in long hours of sanding and painting, fixing and cleaning, along with immense fun during the "social gatherings" with the other RVYC members who are all going through the same thing. I can't wait to see all of you down at the marina.

I don't know about you, but when we left last fall, we made such grand plans to do all these projects over the winter months in preparation for our May launch date. So far – NOTHING! Oh well, it seems like a repeat of last year where we were finishing up in the sling waiting to be lowered into the water for the year! Maybe this year will be different – we'll see.

Until next time, have fun and stay warm!

**Rear Commodore
Ron Sherman**

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Actually, this gives me a chance to say what I was going to write in my last newsletter article. By now most of you know I'm not one of few words, at least when it comes to the newsletter. What's even more amusing, my "speech writer" (a.k.a. Linda Baran) is probably worse than I am. So when my last article merely said "See you at the Ball," continuing with my speech writer's style "the bottom line is, it was a hoot" to receive your responses to that article.

What I really want to say is, "It's been an honor to serve as Commodore of this Club. Although we are rather miserly and steadfast when it comes to the subject of dues, the members in this club are generous in every other category."

We are never lacking for funds to pay for an event (someone introduces the novel idea of "nose to toes" for raffles; members donate prizes; and we have the most unpredictable but fun loving auctioneer)...

We are never lacking for thinking of new activities to compliment the traditional ones (Whalers hockey game, preceded with dinner at Buca's, flare practice at the Coast Guard Station, boat decorating at Chatham and the infamous Mexican Margarita Party on the Chatham docks.) Lately, it's been roller-skating...

Contrary to some, **we are never lacking** for new places for rendezvous—only time, gas and functioning, floating boats! A few of us visited J. F. Walleyes and Middle Bass Island; a few more went to Cleveland and Vermilion. Plus, who can forget the new experiences that go along with these escapades: riding in a rusted out, bald-tired and almost brakeless van that's decorated with 1960 vintage rose-colored, sculpted shag; or sailing along in record time across Lake Erie because of flat water only to find yourself returning in 10-foot waves. (It was really hard last night watching the movie, "*The Perfect Storm*", and not saying another prayer of thanks!)

Also the Commodore's Burial Ceremony in Lexington featuring a double-rainbow and

Tusset's "borrowed" thread torn broken lounge...

We are never lacking for new talents from members: continuous new array of hors d'oeuvres and dishes for passing; light-decorating contests (including inflatable dolls and "Boat Dancing Fever" wenchies, and creating a web site for RVYC...

Yet, **we are never lacking** for traditions, like:

- Super Bowl Party (where Chuck is winning the TV or if it is \$, it's Nesbitt), or...
- Venetian (where it's a sure bet that a Clapper boat will be a winner, or our in-house Chefs—the Browns and the Tussets--will be concocting something delectable dish, and Pat Thul shooting off the cannon during the fleet blessing, or...
- Perennial Fitting Out, Commodore's Bloody Mary & Haul Out Parties on Kean's docks...and Commodore's Ball at Laurel Manor (with the annual "alligator" attraction), or...
- Trips to Le(a)mington & Pelee Island Winery, Sarnia (for more "Jimmy" hats for the guys and swooning over Bob Findlay by the ladies) and the finale trip to Chatham (with it's boat-washing, boat-decorating no wake speed trip up the Thames).
- There's also the traditional games: Bowling in the winter, golf in the summers.
- Attending cultural events, such as plays at the Gem or Fisher Theaters.
- Nightcaps of Canadian Classic or Black Russians.

It's those creative new ideas, traditions, and bonds of

friendships that keep attracting new members and those long after they own a boat. Also the fact that we all whole-heartedly believe in our motto "For Fun's Sake".

Again, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. Like all leaders, you can't do it alone; you need help. So, I want to recognize the other officers who heavily contributed in what we've accomplished these past four years:

- V/C Lynn Koleski
- R/C Ray Brown
- Treas. Pat Thul
- Sec'y Ruth Peterman
- Directors Lee Vauris and Don Tusset
- Rusty Sanford (I almost forgot to recognize his two years of service)

Also we can't forget those who volunteer their time on our Board:

- News Editor Linda Baran
- Sunshine Lady Joann Giffer
- F/C Ed Pritchard

Past Commodore Jean Pritchard

P.S. Thanks to all who attended and made it a special evening. Also for the personal touches: the decorations (you know how I love plants and the checkered tablecloths), the meaningful gifts (wine with our own private label, nautical place settings, golf figurine, my favorite chocolate dessert, and the RVYC P/C pin), the program highlighting my cohort, **Mister Ed**, and one last lounge in the chair. I certainly had a wonderful time, as well as my family!!!

SUPER BOWL XXXVII

TAMPA VS. OAKLAND

@ KEAN'S, SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2003

4 P.M. UNTIL YOU LEAVE

BRING A DISH TO PASS,

YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE, **AND**

SPARE CHANGE FOR SQUARES!!



2003 First Quarter Non-boating Activities

The following activities are in addition to the usual bowling, Super Bowl Party, and monthly meetings.

February 9, 2003. As last year, we plan to attend the Detroit Metro Boat Show after a Sunday afternoon meeting.

1:00 pm. February RVYC Member meeting at Kean's Marina

2:30 pm. Take your car to Sindbad's to pick-up their bus shuttle to the Boat Show

6:00 pm. Return by shuttle to Sindbad's for dinner

February 28, 2003. Whalers Hockey game. Compuware Arena, Plymouth Michigan

7:00pm. Game against the Ottawa 67's – top team in the league. Between the first and second period, the Mighty Mite team, of which Gerard Niermann is #4, will play.

Plan on an afterglow in Ginapolis after the game. Game tickets are \$9 and we need a headcount and money by Feb. 15th.

March 2, 2003. Tour of Canadian Club Heritage Centre in Windsor. (Bring your passport; an I-68 won't help.)

1:00 pm. March RVYC Member meeting at Kean's Marina

2:30 pm. Car convoy to the Greektown parking structure for vehicle consolidation

4:00 pm. Tour of Canadian Club offices and distillery in Windsor. Cost approx. \$5 USD

4:33 pm. Visit tasting room

6:00 pm. Return trip to Greektown for a group dinner at a Greektown restaurant

Need a head count for tour considerations by 2-15-03.

April 4, 2003. First Friday night member meeting of 2003. Start the season off right by joining fellow RVYC members for dinner before at the Polish Yacht Club.

6:00 pm. Dinner at Polish Yacht Club, 5249 Jos. Campau St. at Frederick St., Detroit

Need a head count by March 15, 2003.

April 11, 2003. Friday night Whirlyball.

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Join fellow RVYC members at Whirlyball West Bloomfield, 5700

Drake Rd. The court fee is \$145 per hour, so if we have 30 participants, cost will be

about \$10 per person. Cash bar available (can't bring your own) and only bring

pretzels and chips to eat. Sign-up at the Super Bowl Party or any member meeting.

Fleet Captain Ed Pritchard

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
Aug 29 – Sept 1, 2003	Chatham, Ontario. Boat lighting contest, RVYC Toga Party
Sept 13-14, 2003	Cove Marina

Fleet Minded Mr. Ed

January Birthdays

1 – Jackie Sanford
4 - Eileen Longpre
5 – Shelley Sabo
8 – Norm Crain
16 – Bev Niermann
18 – John Cornwell
18 – Dan Jablonski
27 – Herb Alfaro
27 – Denise Armstrong
27 – Jim Penland

January Anniversaries

20 – Russ & Jackie Sanford

Other January Dates

1 – New Year’s Day
11 - Commodore’s Ball
20 – ML King Day observed
26 – Super Bowl Party @ 4 pm

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
20 – Carol Theard
22 – Norah Houlihan
23 – Pat Thul
24 – Jeff Niermann

February Anniversaries

22 – Don & Barb Leone
24 – Ray & Kim Mandry

Other February Dates

2 – Groundhog Day
9 – RVYC Meeting @ Kean’s, 1 pm
Boat Show & Dinner afterwards
14 – St. Valentine’s Day
17 – Presidents’ Day
23 – Kean’s Open House

RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2003

YOUR NAME _____
SPOUSE/PARTNER _____ Member? Yes ___ No ___
ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
HOME PHONE _____ BOAT/CAR PHONE _____
YOUR BIRTHDAY _____ SPOUSE/PARTNER’S BIRTHDAY _____
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY _____
MAKE OF BOAT _____ LENGTH _____
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, 2003**, so that you will be included in the 2003 roster.