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FROM THE HELM!

Where has 2004 gone to? Here it is, almost Christmas. I trust everyone has their boat put away until spring and is busy getting ready for the holidays.

At the November meeting the membership elected the officers and board for the coming year. Congratulations to Rear Commodore Dave Passmore; Treasurer Mike Schrage; Secretary Joe Bacile; Directors Ed Pritchard and Jim Roth. I am confident that this group will take good care of the club happenings, and will continue to plan activities, "For Fun's Sake." Carolyn Stoehr has volunteered to continue on as our Sunshine Lady and Lynn Koleski will be our Newsletter Editor.

Our next meeting and Christmas Party will be at the home of Jim Roth and Carolyn Stoehr, Friday, December 3rd. Directions are in this newsletter. Remember to bring a \$5 gift to exchange. It is customary to bring an hors d'oeuvre and to BYOB.

Barb and I have been very fortunate to have so many friends in this club, and our good fortune continued at the last meeting when Barbara won the afghan raffle and one of the loser's 50/50 prizes. Not to be upstaged, I won another of the loser's 50/50! Guess buying all those tickets does make a difference.

THIS MONTHS CHUCKLE

There are three truths in life:

1. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
2. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.
3. Baptists do not recognize each other in the liquor store.

See you December 3rd, and Happy Thanksgiving from our house to yours.

Commodore Ray

VICE VIEWS!

Hi everyone. Wow, what a whirlwind this past month has been! I mean this literally. The wind at the marina virtually ripped of the shrink-wrap from our boat. That's what I get for being frugal (or, as some may say – cheap) by trying to use last year's wrap. Oh, well – it's only money!

We had a great turn out at the elections where almost an entirely new Bridge was selected. It looks like Herb and I are the only returning officers and Jim Roth is returning as director.

The 2005 crew is:

Ed Pritchard - Director
Jim Roth - Director
Mike Schrage - Treasurer
Joe Bacile - Secretary
Dave Passmore - Rear Commodore
Herb Alfaro - Vice Commodore

Ron Sherman – Commodore

Carolyn Stoehr will continue doing her great work as Sunshine Person, and **Lynn Koleski** will step back in as the Newsletter Editor. I want to extend my deepest thanks to Linda for the fantastic job she has done over that past years in this position. She was truly an asset to our club!

We have about 18 people going to the Ann Arbor Comedy Club to see Haywood Banks at 7 pm on Friday, November 26th. If anyone else would like to come, you can contact the Ann Arbor Comedy Club at:

<http://www.aacomedy.com> or call their box office at (734) 996-9080. The on-line tickets are \$19.19 each.

Now for the **Commodores Ball**. The committee has met and hashed out all the details (well, I hope so, anyway). The event will once again be held at **Laurel Manor** in Livonia. We will be serving Filet and Chicken with vegetables and potatoes. Desert will also be included. Along with the fantastic food, we will have an open bar stocked with premium liquor, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Entertainment will be by DJ's Thomas and Thomas.

The cost for this year will be **\$58 per person**. We need to have a firm count to Laurel Manor by January 5th to ensure enough food and beverages are provided.

To secure your place, complete the lower section of the attached invitation, detach it on the dotted line, and send it with a check (payable to **RVYC**), to:

Treasurer Pat Thul
1083 Joshua Drive
Troy, MI 48098

Pat MUST receive your check by January 5th for you to attend. **DON'T MISS OUT!** This will be an outstanding night for all!

Well, I gotta go so I'll see you at the Commodore's Ball!

Vice Commodore Ron

REAR VIEWS!

The October meeting featured plenty of club-sponsored hot and fresh pizza along with several great desserts provided by our own talented and generous RVYC ladies! Thanks for the treats, they were a great surprise! The Club also raised \$25 for our anniversary party by purchasing Jello shots. (\$5 just from Dave; he must *love* Jello!)

The main event of the meeting was actually our Annual election. A really **big** thanks to everyone who either volunteered, or **was** volunteered to run for RVYC office! Congratulations to our newly elected board members and directors. **Thank you** for dedicating your time and energy to RVYC in her historic 2005 season!

Square Dance!!! **Yes**, we will promenade and swing our partners at the Lazy J Ranch this spring! (*And* check out Commodore Ron's cheeky chaps again?) Please mark your calendars! The date is **Saturday, April 9th**, starting at 8 pm.

Most everything is planned as before:

upstairs in the old barn, professional caller; each couple brings a dish to pass; Jon & Patti will provide sloppy joes; \$15 per person in advance; \$20 for last-minute arrivals; BYOB; and dress in your best Cowboy/Cowgirl outfit! (Having this much fun is illegal in 14 states!)

So long for now, see you all at the Christmas party on Friday, December 3rd at Jim and Carolyn's! **(Don't forget the gift exchange - each person brings a \$5 gift they would like to receive!)**

Rear Commodore Jon

November Birthdays

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

5 – RVYC Meeting (elections)
11 – Veterans' Day
25 – Thanksgiving Day

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

31 – Dave & Mary Hall

Other December Dates

3 – RVYC Meeting & Gift Exchange
@ Jim & Carolyn's, 8 pm
21 – 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.

**You are cordially invited to join us at the 2004
River View Yacht Club Commodore's Ball**

**This year's event will honor Commodore Ray Brown and
his lady Barbara**

This event will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2005 at:

**Laurel Manor
Mezzanine Room
39000 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, MI**

6:00 pm – Cocktails

7:00 pm – Dinner

9:00 pm - Dancing

Price is \$ 58 per person

Name: _____

Number of people attending: _____ @ \$58 per person

Amount enclosed _____

Detach and send this form with a check made payable to RVYC, to:

Treasurer Pat Thul
1083 Joshua Drive
Troy, MI 48098

Your check must be received by January 5, 2005