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From the Helm

As they say in Italy, "whatta two parties"!

The first party was the Commodore's Ball in January.

We changed the location to the Maple room. When we first looked at the empty room last year, it seemed a little too large. I was pleasantly surprised when I arrived and saw what a nice layout it had. There was just the right amount of room for everyone and the best thing was the position of the dance floor, in the center of the room. I was pleased to see so many people dancing. Some of our newer members are quite the toe tappers. The Middlekauffs and Taylors should give lessons to some of us wallflowers. The Wingerts, Shermans and Browns swung mean hips also.

The roast was a lot of fun and I can hardly wait to see Past Commodore Dave use his new bimini top. Thanks again to all of the people who helped make the gags, the photo displays and the party favors. Barb and Ray Brown's RVYC glass idea was a good one and I hope everyone remembered to take a glass home as a souvenir.

Giving a large party seemed like a daunting task to me. The Commodore's Ball committee made my job a breeze. They have the imagination, experience and good taste to make a special night like this a very pleasant and memorable one. Thank you all again for the work you did to make this Ball a good one. I have to give a special thank you to my wife Carol, Past Commodore Ron Sherman and Vice Commodore Ed Pritchard. They all offered great advice when I needed an opinion. With volunteers like we have in our club, any task is made easier.

Our new recipient of the Lee Vauris award is Carolyn Roth. She's always coming up with classy new and fun ideas for the good of the club, including novel drinks for us to purchase for fund-raising. Plus she has always been first to volunteer for anything needed. Congratulations Carolyn!

In addition to Past Commodore Ron Sherman helping with the gags, decorations and sound advice, he gave a very touching speech about our friend Past Commodore Chuck Koleski, who passed away this year. I know Chuck and Lee Vauris were both pleased with the recognition he received.

The Ball ended and some of us attended the afterglow at the Sheridan Hotel. I apologized for staying so late, (3 am for the Pritchards and Baciles). I also found out that there was a post afterglow party for the really stout hearted. Three cheers for the really stout hearted!

Our second RVYC party was the Super Bowl party at Kean's.

The game was exciting right to the end, the commercials were fun to watch, the food was great, the beer cold and the friendship warm. Thank you Pat and Judy Thul for hauling in the audio video equipment so we could have the big screen experience. Thank you Past Commodore Jim and Linda Baran for making and managing the "squares".

The money winners were:

Loser's drawing – Thuls, Passmores (twice), Shermans. Past Commodore Passmore picked the tickets and Vice Commodore Pritchard lodged a formal protest.

The 50 cent squares were won by Carol Bacile, Dave Passmore (twice), Jim Baran.

The \$1 squares were won by Ken Wilkerson, Lynn Koleski (twice), Carol Bacile.

The \$50 half time winnings went to Ken Wilkerson and the \$75 final score winnings went to Dave Passmore. (Vice Commodore Pritchard lodged a formal protest.)

Commodore Joe Bacile

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## Vice View

Now we start 2008 – just seems like yesterday that we all were concerned with Y2K! Whoever said time goes by faster the older you get was a very wise person.

Fleet Captain / Pass Commodore Alfaro facilitated an energized planning meeting last month that is focused on re-invigorating our motto of FOR FUNS SAKE. You can find a detailed outline of this year's activities in this newsletter. We will have our first full-blown monthly membership meeting on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>: 3:00pm at Kean's (serving boaters since 1931). 2008 Membership dues will be accepted by Treasure / Pass Commodore Lynn Koleski. Fill out the renewal form in this newsletter and bring a check made out to Riverview Yacht Club. At the conclusion of the meeting we have reservations for dinner and feather bowling at the **Cadieux Café**. We have the two feather bowling alleys reserved from 6:00 – 7:00pm which would allow us to have a bucket of mussels before the bowling tournament. The alleys are \$25 each per hour which participants will need to share in the cost. For the unaware feather bowling, also known as Belgium trough bowling. and not to be confused with feather boas originally was a Belgian pastime akin to horseshoes and Bocce. These games have many similarities amongst them. Though little is known about the exact origin of the game, it is probable that the resemblance of the balls to wheels of cheese is no mistake. The Cadieux Cafe is the only home of Feather bowling in the

United States. The game is rarely played in Belgium, and visitors from the old country are often astonished to see the game preserved as it is here. The game can be played by any number of participants. Once this is settled, divide the players into two teams, a red team and a green team. If there are more than three people on a team, players may have to stay on opposite ends of the lane from their teammates. When the teams are set, a coin flip is used to determine which color starts. This team then rolls all six of its balls, attempting to place them as close as possible to the feather protruding from the lane approximately sixty feet away.

A common strategy is to place three balls close to the feather and then lay blockers with the remaining balls, attempting to prevent the opponent from having an easy path to the feather. After the first team rolls all of its balls, the second team chooses to either skillfully roll their balls closer or to "shoot" the other team's balls away from the feather.

Scoring the "end" after all twelve balls are rolled is determined by which color is closest to the feather. The number of points is determined by the number of balls that the scoring team has closer to the feather than the opposing team's closest ball. There is a one point minimum and a six point maximum per end. Balls that touched the backdrop behind each lane are disqualified and should be removed before rolling the next ball.

The game is over when one of the teams reaches ten points or more (winning by two points is not required). In Belgium they also races pigeons, more on that later. If you want to view feather bowling in real-time, u-tube has several clips on feather bowling.

In April we will begin our regular Friday night chapter meetings with the first one scheduled on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. As a club sing-a-long and dance on April 19<sup>th</sup> we have reservations for club members at the **Dakota Inn** on John R just north of Six Mile Rd. The Dakota Inn is a Detroit landmark that conjures fond memories with several RVYC members; ask Joann Giffer about using a fake ID and Commodore Bacile's downstairs activities with the railroad crew at the Dakota Inn. We have reservations for 20 at 7:00pm so get your name on Fleet Captain / Pass Commodore Alfaro's Dakota Inn sign-up sheet for some German beer, schnitzel and singing. Future events to keep in mind, the May meeting will feature our nautical auction, an opportunity to share your junk with someone else and the Fitting Out Party on May 17<sup>th</sup> – more later.

Vice Commodore Pritchard

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From the Rear!

As the 2008 Boating season draws near preparations are already under way for Venetian. This year's theme will be The Roaring 20's.

In spite of all of the snow and rain we have had lake levels are still expected to be down this year. Of course this is bad news for our propellers and other hardware, obviously caution this year will be the word.

Hope to see everyone at Kean's open house on Sunday 2/24/08

VC Pat Thul

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March Birthdays

Shiela Binkley – 1  
Bob Krupka – 5  
Don Bunge – 9  
Joyce Alfaro – 11  
Mary Ann Helm – 18  
Elaine Middlekauff - 21  
Richard Helm - 28

March Anniversaries

None

## 2008 RVYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

24<sup>TH</sup> - KEAN'S OPEN HOUSE THRU-OUT THE DAY.

### MARCH

1<sup>ST</sup> - BOWLING

9<sup>TH</sup> - MEETING AT KEAN'S - 3PM

DINNER AND FEATHER BOWLING AT THE CADEAUX CAFÉ - BOWLING

RESERVED FROM 6 -7 PM

15<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING

29<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING

### APRIL

4<sup>TH</sup> - MEETING AT KEAN'S - 8PM

12<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING

19<sup>TH</sup> - DAKOTA INN - 7PM RESERVATIONS FOR 20 DINNERS AND PIANO SING ALONG

26<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING - FINAL NITE (FUN NITE)

### MAY

2<sup>ND</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM NAUTICAL AUCTION OF USED TREASURES

17<sup>TH</sup> - FITTING-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S @ 4PM POT LUCK CLUB SUPPLIES BEER AND POP

24 - 26<sup>TH</sup> - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE COVE MARINA, TILBURY, ONTARIO,

CANADA.

RESERVATIONS FOR TEN (10) BOATS.\*\*

PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED.

### JUNE

6<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.

14<sup>TH</sup> - VENETIAN WEEKEND @ KEAN'S W/BLESSING OF FLEET. PARADE AT 3PM DINNER

AT 7PM

15<sup>TH</sup> - COMMODORE'S BLOODY MARY PARTY ON THE DOCK @ 9AM.\*\*

25<sup>TH</sup> - FIREWORKS IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT.

### JULY

4<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.

11<sup>TH</sup> - THUNDERFEST / BOAT RACE WEEKEND

19<sup>TH</sup> - GREEN & WHITE PARTY @ KEAN'S ON THE POOL DECK 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL POLISH

### FEAST

26<sup>TH</sup> - METRO BEACH

### AUGUST

1<sup>ST</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.

9<sup>TH</sup> - 17 LAKE ERIE RENDEVOUS BEGINNING AT ELIZABETH PARK

29<sup>TH</sup> - SEPT 1 LABOR DAY AT ST. CLAIR

SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>ST</sup> - LAST DAY OF THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT ST CLAIR
- 5<sup>TH</sup> -- MONTHLY CLUB MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.
- 27<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> METRO BEACH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

OCTOBER

- 3<sup>RD</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING @ KEAN'S @ 8PM.  
NOMINATION OF OFFICERS & BAKE SALE.
- 4<sup>TH</sup> - HAUL-OUT PARTY AT KEAN'S @ 4PM  
BRING DISH -TO-PASS.CLUB BUYS BEER/POP.
- 11<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING BEGINS NEW SEASON.
- 18<sup>TH</sup> - HAY RIDE
- 25<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING W/HALLOWEEN PARTY (TBD)

NOVEMBER

- 7<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY MEETING AT KEAN'S @ 8PM.  
ELECTION OF BRIDGE OFFICERS. PIZZA PARTY TO FOLLOW.
- 8<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING
- 15<sup>TH</sup> - GREENFIELD VILLAGE AND DINNER AT MILLER'S BAR WEST DEARBORN
- 22<sup>ND</sup> - BOWLING

DECEMBER

- 5<sup>TH</sup> - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING & XMAS PARTY  
WITH GIFT EXCHANGE AT LYNN KOLESKI'S
- 6<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING
- 20<sup>TH</sup> - BOWLING

JANUARY 2009

- 24<sup>TH</sup> - COMMODORES BALL

\*\* = DETAILS FOR CLUB EVENTS OCCURRING DURING  
RENDEVOUS TRIPS WILL BE IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED EVENT. I.E.,  
MEALS, COCKTAIL HOUR, SPORT ACTIVITIES, GAMES OF CHANCE, ETC.

THIS ITENERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

HERB ALFARO - FLEET CAPTAIN

**RIVER VIEW YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 2008**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Spouse/Partner also a Member (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday (D/M) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Birthday (D/M) \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (D/M/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Boat \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft Beam \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Home Port \_\_\_\_\_

Dock and Well Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to River **View Yacht Club, Inc.** (\$10 per member renewing).

Please bring a check and this form to the next club meeting, or send to:

**Lynn Koleski  
39576 Village Run Drive  
Northville, MI 48168**

**Please complete the entire form.** This information will be used to create this year's roster and update the RYYC.info Web Site. Prior year information will **NOT** be used.

**REMINDER:** dues are payable on/before **MARCH 15, 2008**, so that you will be included in the 2007 roster.