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Commodore Joe

**Advice from the Vice**

Lots of stuff to report from the Vice Commodore.

The week of November 2 was historic. RVYC membership elected what pundits are saying is the finest Bridge and Directors since – 1931! Congratulations to all that were elected (see the Commodore's column for a detailed list of the 2009 Bridge.) Joining the Board of Directors for 2009 are Newsletter Editor Linda "get it in on time" Baran, Sunshine Person Carolyn Roth and Fleet Captain Ruthie Sherman.

Speaking of elections, years ago there was an old tale in the Marine Corps about a Lieutenant who inspected his men and told the 'gunny' that they smelled bad. The Lieutenant suggested that they change their underwear. The Gunny responded, "Aye, aye, sir, I'll see to it immediately!" He went into the tent and said, "The Lieutenant thinks you guys smell bad, and wants you to change your underwear. Smith, you change with Jones. McCarthy, you change with Dzwil. Bower, you change with Schultz. Get to it." The moral: A candidate may promise 'change' in Washington,

**From The Helm**

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

You have a new bridge that will begin their duties next year. The new positions are as follows:

Commodore - Ed Pritchard  
Vice Commodore - Jim Baran  
(Yes, P/C Jim is trying for a hat trick!)

Rear Commodore – Hunt Taylor  
Fleet Captain – Ruthie Sherman  
Secretary – Carolyn Roth

(In addition, Carolyn will remain the Sunshine Person)

News Letter Editor –  
Linda Baran

Directors – Jim Roth and  
Mike Schrage

We will be in very capable hands and I'm sure the coming season will be a great one.

The election was fun, a little unorthox, but fun. We started the election without anyone being nominated for Vice. While Jim was out getting the pizza we nominated him and when he returned, he agreed to run and was elected. *God bless him!*

See you at the December meeting and Christmas party at Lynn Koleski's house.

but don't count on things smelling any better.

At the November 7, 2008 meeting the Bridge introduced a By-Law change intended to eliminate the requirement a monthly meeting. After some degree of debate and discussion, the following By-Law change will be voted on at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Current by-law, Article VI – Meetings, item #3 reads: “Regular meetings shall be held each month on the first Friday, thereof, or on such alternate date as may be selected by the Board of Directors.”

Proposed replacement item #3: “Regular membership meetings shall be held at least once a quarter and may be in conjunction with a scheduled social function or boating rendezvous or on such alternate date as may be selected by the Board of Directors.”

**WATCH YOUR EMAILS:** As your new Board of Directors / Fleet Captain strategize and plan for next year, we would like your input concerning events, locations and activities that interest you. To gather this information I will be emailing to all of you a link to a website titled **Survey Monkey** where you will be asked seven questions which the Board has prepared. So if you see an email with a subject line of Survey Monkey don't be afraid, it is not spam but just our effort to ensure **FOR FUN'S SAKE** in 2009.

## **Upcoming Events:**

November 15 – Trip to The Henry Ford following with dinner at Millers Bar. PC / Fleet

Captain Alfaro has been in touch with participants.

November 30 – Commodore's Ball Committee meeting, 2 p.m. at VC Pritchard's house.

December 5 – December meeting/Christmas party and gift exchange at Lynn Koleski's house at 8 p.m. Remember to bring a festively wrapped gift that retails for under \$5. Please put your name on the gift to facilitate the exchange process. Linda Baran will explain the gift exchange rules and monitor exchange activities during the evening. Don't forget to bring your own drinks and some food (feel free to coordinate your dish with Lynn) to share. We will also be voting on the By-Law amendment at this meeting.

January 24, 2009 – Commodore's Ball. The planning committee is off to a rousing start on the big event. You will be glad to hear the price is the same as the last three years: \$55 per person. The Ball will begin at 6 p.m., with cocktails and end by 11:30 p.m., with dancing to Cheryl St. Rebel and DM3 (the band that played at the Drifters corn roast in September). And don't forget the afterglow at PC / Treasurer Lynn Koleski's house. Lynn is prepared to accept your checks, made out to RVYC, at the

December 5th meeting, please don't make us call you.

January 25, 2009 – 2009 Board and Fleet Captain Meeting/Brunch at 11 a.m., to plan activities for 2009 at Commodore Pritchard's house.

February 1 – Super Bowl party. Because of the uncertainty of the Kean's facility, P/C Joe & Carol Bacile have invited RVYC members, from 5 p.m. on, to their house to watch the game, eat and play cards. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverages. As always, \$.25, \$.50 and \$1.00 boards will be available. At 5:30 p.m. we will have a short business meeting to announce the 2009 rendezvous schedule.

For Fun's Sake  
VC Ed Pritchard

## **Sunshine Person Report**

Our continued best wishes and prayers are extended to P/C Ray Brown who recently underwent surgery. Ray, we all look forward to seeing your smiling face at the upcoming RVYC events.

Congratulations to Bill Middlekauff who retired from General Motors on November 1<sup>st</sup> after an exemplary career. Bill, this should leave lots of time for all those boat projects (and lists from Elaine) to complete.

And, a warm welcome to our newest members, Mike and Martha Conrad. The Conrads race their 40' North American sailboat out of Bayview Yacht

Club. Prior to being voted in at the November meeting, Mike promised free sail boat rides to everyone next year!

### **RVYC Sale Corner**

Just a reminder that we are accepting ads for anything you may want to sell. Please send your ad to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the next edition. If your item sells, a \$5 donation to the Club would be appreciated.

### **December Birthdays**

Lori-Ann Kingston – 1  
Michael Conrad - 7  
John Roth – 19  
Joe Bacile – 26  
Judy Thul – 31

### **December Anniversaries**

Don & Karen Bunge – 27  
Keith & Beth Armstrong – 31  
Dave & Mary Hall - 31

### **From The Editor**

Further to Commodore Joe's Thanksgiving greeting, here is a bit of holiday trivia.

### **How the Turkey Got Its Name**

There are a number of explanations for the origin of the name of Thanksgiving's favorite dinner guest. Some believe Christopher Columbus thought that the land he discovered was connected to India, and believed the bird he discovered (the turkey) was a type of peacock. He therefore called it 'tuka,' which is 'peacock' in Tamil, an Indian language. Though the turkey is actually a type of pheasant, one can't blame the explorer for trying. The Native American name for turkey

is 'firkee'; some say this is how turkeys got their name. Simple facts, however, sometimes produce the best answers—when a turkey is scared, it makes a "turk, turk, turk" noise.