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From The Helm

September has come and gone.
The season is just too short.
Let's move to Florida.
Let's move to Alabama.
I bet you thought this would
rhyme.

Last month's rendezvous was
the progressive dinner at Metro
Beach. It went off without a
hitch. The food was great, soup
salad and entrée. Jim and Linda
Baran brought their huge tent;
we spent a lot of time inside the
tent because it's just so darn
nice. The weather was great and
the ride to and from Metro was
beautiful.

November marks the beginning
of the New Year with the
election of new Bridge officers.
The nominations are as follows:

Secretary

Elaine Middlekoff
John Roth
Barbie Taylor
Choux Wingert

Treasurer

Lynn Koleski

Rear Commodore

Carol Bacile
Jim Baran
Linda Baran
John Roth
Ruthie Sherman
Hunt Taylor

Vice Commodore

Carol Bacile
John Jordan
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Directors

Joe Clapper
Dave Passmore
Jim Roth
Mike Schrage
Ron Sherman
Hunt Taylor
Pat Thul
Wayne Wingert

Now that's a list!

Being on the bridge these past
years has been an enjoyable
time. There has always been
more than enough help when
needed. Everyone chips in to
make the various dinners and
outings a great success. So don't
be shy about running for one of
the positions.

The elections will be held this
coming November 7th with
pizza, pop and beer provided
by the club.

Hope to see you there!

Commodore Joe

Advice from the Vice

Ole Ole!! As the stirring sounds
of this traditional victor song
swirled around the golf course
and the "31" table at the Metro
Beach Progressive Dinner some

members, notably P/C Clapper and P/C and Fleet Captain Alfaro, questioned the origin of the song and if there were any additional lyrics other than just repeating Ole Ole!! I sensed some sarcasm in their questions and my investigation uncovered the original Ole Ole!! rendition by British football fans on YouTube. Follow this link to listen for yourself (and here I thought it was Spanish.)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0GmxnlXv3s&feature=related>

Speaking of Spanish, my linguistics refresher course used the following exercise to practice conversational Spanish. The question is “what gender is ‘computer’?” Instead of giving the answer, the instructor split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether “computer” should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation. The men's group decided that “computer” should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora') because:

- 1) no one but their creator understands their internal logic;
- 2) the native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
- 3) even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
- 4) as soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador') because:

- 1) in order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
- 2) they have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
- 3) they are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
- 4) as soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

Of course this was all done in Spanish.

Future events:

Commodore's Ball Steering Committee Meeting. So far people that have indicated a need to help plan the Commodore's Ball on January 24, 2009 are: Carolyn Roth, Mary Ann & Rich Helms, Linda & Jim Baran and Lynn Koleski. We will have our first meeting on Sunday, October 26, at 2 p.m. at my house in Canton, for your Map Quest search: 43300 Oakbrook Ct, Canton 48187. Please let me know at 734-502-1674 if you cannot attend so we can give you the majority of the assignments.

November 7th meeting, 8 p.m., in the meeting room at Kean's (serving boaters since 1931) we will vote on the fine slate of Officers and Directors nominated at the October 3 meeting. Remember candidates seeking election, it is an expected tradition for each of you to give a short campaign speech on why members should vote for you. Please keep

signage and other election aids to a minimum and, as seen by our presidential election campaign, any negative campaigning.

Traditionally, to attract some of the more forlorn members, the Club has provided pizza (bring your own drinks) and we will conduct the losers drawing: four \$25 winners and you must be present to win – we will keep drawing until we find four losers who are in the room.

December 5th meeting – the traditional Christmas party and gift exchange. Schrage's are still recovering from last year so P/C and Treasurer Lynn Koleski has again offered her condo in Northville for this party. Bring a Holiday dish to pass, your own drinks and a festively wrapped nautical gift that retails for no more than \$5. We will use the same ambiguous exchange criteria as previous years; Linda Baran will explain the rules and monitor the exchange activities during the evening.

Vice Commodore Ed

From the Editor

Our apologies to Bill & Elaine Middlekauff for omitting their anniversary date of October 8th in last month's newsletter. The awesome couple celebrated 31 happy years and according to Bill ... “it seems like only yesterday!”

Sunshine Report

Congratulations to John & Brenda Roth on the birth of their new son, Brian Brendan, on October 11th at 12:30 a.m.

Baby Brian weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz., and is 20" long. Big brother, Derek, is amazed by his little Bro! Everyone is doing very well. (And, Grandparents Jim & Carolyn Roth are thrilled!)

Past Commodore Ray Brown continues his recuperation from recent surgery. Both Ray and Barbara hope to attend the next meeting, they really miss being with the club and seeing their friends. Please continue to keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

Ray & Sandy Lacey's lupus walk at Metro raised \$2200 and their team came in second place. The Lacey's want to extend their thanks to all the generous people who contributed and for the support of their many friends at RVYC.

November Birthdays

Dave Passmore - 2
Dave Hall - 7
Mary Gavin - 9
Ed Murphy - 16
Mary Lou Payette - 20
Ray Brown - 27
Ken Armstrong - 30
Gracie Spicer - 31

November Anniversaries

Norm & Jo Anne Crain - 12
Ron & Lisa Austin - 18
Jim & Linda Baran - 22

