

# THE RIVER VIEW VIEWS

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**From the Helm**

Here we are, just days away from the official kick-off to spring – St. Patrick’s Day. Hope everyone has a good time and a good meal of Irish stew or corned beef & cabbage, washed down with green beer! Weather-wise, it’s been decent enough to get a head start on prepping the boat for launch. After six years of no boat, I’m looking forward to hanging out and commiserating with the other boaters, again. The sun has been hiding these past couple of days, but it does feel good when it shines -- sets the mood for doing things.

The first Club meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> was well attended at the Roth’s home, thank you, Jim & Carolyn! Lively discussions from the officers and the membership took place and F/C Jean Pritchard gave us a lot of activities to choose from, **listed later in this newsletter**. A 50/50 drawing was held, and Jim & Carolyn created a wonderful concoction to consume, for a price, as another fun fund-raiser. The coffers are filling up nicely. Having a place to meet is going to be a challenge this year, since Kean’s has changed the rules -- will be interesting to see how it all plays out, for them and for us!

Hope everybody has renewed their membership, as dues are due this month. The 2010 roster needs to be updated, and the sooner the better for the Club and the members who use it.

P/C Norm and P/C Jo Anne Crain will host the April meeting at their home on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. Their address is 1561 West View Trail, Howell, MI 48843, and their phone number is (517) 545-7627. Map Quest the address or call them if you need directions. Jo Anne is having a guest speaker who will do a presentation on the wrecks of the Great Lakes. He is also her boss, so do be on your best behavior, *for fun’s sake!*

Commodore Jim

**From the Vice**

With signs of spring slowly popping up and warmer weather on the horizon, I know you are just as anxious as I am to get back out on the water. Spring is a great time of the year for completing those last details on the boat and preparing for your launch date. The “Fitting Out Party” is scheduled for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon and will be held in the Kean’s tent area behind the pool. The menu will consist of chili, cheese dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, and

potato chips. A special extra treat being served is “trash can punch”, all one can drink! Kean’s Marina is also hosting and sponsoring special events in May. Scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> is the annual Kean’s Chili Cook-off Contest and on May 29<sup>th</sup> is the Kean’s Blessing of the Fleet. See the Kean’s newsletter for additional information on these activities.

Memorial Day Weekend, May 29<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>, is also the first official RVYC offsite rendezvous scheduled for the fleet to travel to the Cove Marina on the Thames River in Canada. Let’s hope for sunny days and warm weather for the weekend so Ruthie does not have to hose anyone down for getting too close to the nightly camp fires to stay warm.

The renovation to the Kean’s office building and the upstairs section of the club house continues in splendid fashion. New walls, ceilings and the upstairs bath rooms are being completely torn out and remodeled with new flooring and fixtures. The only thing bad about this is that the RVYC meeting room is in jeopardy of being lost due to Kean’s reserving this room for special rental customer events; therefore, the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Roth’s home in Northville, the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at PC Norm and PC Jo Anne Crain’s home in Howell, and the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and marine auction was scheduled for Bayview Yacht Club in an upstairs meeting room, but now that room is unavailable so the meeting location for May 7<sup>th</sup> is TBD.

For the summer months, RVYC will be able to use the tent at Kean’s for those meetings that get scheduled. More to come on meeting locations as dates and times are confirmed.

Everyone keep thinking warm and happy thoughts. I’m looking forward to my launch date and being back in the water.

Hunt Taylor, Vice Commodore

### **Greetings from the Rear**

From time to time I will try to bring you something interesting about boating safety, maintenance, or life on the great lakes. This month I thought that an article I saw in the Great Lakes Scuttlebutt was worth mentioning.

Everyone that has a boat with an inboard engine needs to check the impeller. This little item is a key factor in keeping your engine running at the correct temperature. To make this inspection one must remove a cover that has six to eight screws, a gasket and is not usually in a place that is easy to get to. So when I saw this article about an item called a “Speedseal” I thought I should check it out.

The “Speedseal” is an easy to install and remove cover plate that can be ordered from their web site by downloading an order form. The complete cover plate with shipping cost about \$70.00. Just Google the name “Speedseal” and you will find it at the top of the list. So go to the web site and check it out. It could just make life aboard a little easier, especially if you have an impeller location like I do. This little item is easy to

install, easy to remove and makes inspecting an item that needs to be inspected a little easier. That’s what I like.

So until next month I’ll see you at the meeting with a sign up sheet for those who like to help with ideas and labor for our Venetian Day/Fleet Review/Blessing of the Fleet Party.

Rear Commodore  
Rich Helm

### **Treasurer’s Report for March**

Previous balance:	\$1,119.96
Petty Cash	41.00
Beginning balance	1,160.96
Deposits	640.00
Expenses	250.00
New Balance	\$1,550.96

### **Sunshine Report**

Our best wishes are extended to Ruthie Sherman who is undergoing carpal tunnel surgery. Heal Well, Ruthie!

### **From The Editor**

Rumor has it that PC/Sunshine Person Lynn Koleski was a big winner at the recent Keans Open House. All we can tell you is that Lynn has a “*head’s up*” this boating season. Ask her for more details next time you see her!

As mentioned in Commodore Jim’s report, please see Fleet Captain Jean Pritchard’s initial 2010 calendar of events attached to the newsletter. Our thanks to Jean for a job well done; the schedule takes a lot of time and effort.

And, for the Month of March ...  
the simple list ...

40 Days is the period of time that a \$1 donation can provide clean drinking water to a child in one of 100 countries, thanks to UNICEF's Tap Project. Donate while dining at any of 2,000 participating restaurants during World Water Week (March 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>). Find one in your area at [taproject.org](http://taproject.org).

### **April Birthdays**

Linda Carrier - 6  
Barb Leone - 7  
Choux Wingert - 8  
Ray Lacey - 12  
P/C Jim Baran - 18  
P/C Jean Pritchard - 20  
Hunt Taylor - 24  
Bob Nixon - 25  
Diane Deptula - 26

### **April Anniversaries**

Joe & Carol Bacile - 7

## **RVYC 2010 Schedule of Events**

Please email Jean (jeanpritchard@sbcglobal.net) to add your name to any event or sign up at any RVYC function on the Rendezvous Sign Up Sheets. As we get closer to the boating season, further details will be updated on events. The dates currently posted will remain the same, but those with question marks have not been finalized as yet ... too early to set up!

### **Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - Whirlyball**

Located at 41550 Grand River (near Meadowbrook), Novi, 48375, tel. 248-788-8900, [www.whirlyballmichigan.com](http://www.whirlyballmichigan.com).

1 hr. for 10-15 people from 2-3 p.m., with option to add 1-2 p.m. \$175/hr., with coupon, beverages & food available for purchase but can take in snacks.

Participants: Alfaros, Barans, Crains, Lynn Koleski, Shermans (4), Diane Deptula & Bob Frick, Pritchards & Dennis Kunkel.

Looking for more people.

Dinner in the Novi area afterwards, location TBD.

### **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - RVYC Membership Meeting at 2 p.m.**

Meeting will be held at PC Jo Anne & PC Norm Crain's home, 1561 West View Trail, Howell 48843, tel. 517-545-7627.

Please Map Quest or call for directions.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Mike Heberling who will give an exciting historical perspective on the ships that have sunk in the Great Lakes.

Details to follow regarding food and beverages.

### **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Meadowbrook Theater at 2 p.m.**

207 Wilson Hall, Rochester, MI 48309 (located on Oakland University's campus). Please Google for directions.

Performance is "Breaking Up is Hard to Do" featuring our favorite Neil Sedaka songs including "Calendar Girl," "Where the Boys Are," and "Love Will Keep Us Together" (approx. 2 hrs. in length).

Dinner will follow in Rochester, location TBD.

Discount Cost for Group of eight is \$25.50/ticket or \$51/couple.

**Must be signed up and paid by March 25<sup>th</sup>** (one month in advance).

Please make checks payable to RVYC and send to  
Fleet Captain Jean Pritchard, 43300 Oakbrook Ct., Canton 48187.

Participants: Taylors (2), Barans (2), Shermans (2), Fryfogles (2),  
Lynn Koleski (1), Kunkels (2) Alfaros (2), (Pritchards & Samples  
Have season tickets).

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - RVYC General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m.**

Location: TBD

“Auction Night” (One person’s trash; another person’s treasure!)

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - RVYC Fitting Out Party @ 4p.m.**

Location: Under the tent in Kean’s parking lot.

Club furnishes hot dogs/brats/pop/beer; please bring a dish to pass  
and BYOB.

**Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday-Monday, May 29-31 - Cove Marina**

10 boat wells reserved.

Bocce Ball/Eating/Golf/Eating/Bonfires/Eating/Swimming

Participants: Koleski, Barans, Clapper, Pritchards

**Saturday, June 5 – Venetian Weekend Party**

Theme: “Wild, Wild West”

Details for the day & dinner to follow.

Participants: Alfaros, Koleski/Crains, Barans, Fryfogles, Helms,  
Pritchards, Roths (senior), Shermans, & Taylors

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Commodore’s Bloody Mary Party – on the dock.

**Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - RVYC General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m.**

Location: Kean’s Tent

**Saturday-Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. - 5<sup>th</sup>, Leamington Marina**

Stay 2 nights for “Half-off Special” of \$.75/ft. (CDN)

Participants: Barans, Koleski with Crains & Clapper, Pritchards,  
Roths (senior) & Taylors

Details to follow (including eating/golf/eating/games/and eating).

**(??) Tuesday-Saturday/Sunday - July 6-11, Lake Erie Rendezvous**

For those who want to extend July Fourth holiday.

Tentative Locations to Visit: Pelee Island, Put-In-Bay, Vermillion, Huron & Maumee Bay

Details to be planned by participants.

**(??) Sunday in July - RVYC Kean's to Lake St. Clair Sailboat Race**

Now with four sailboats in the Club, those skippers are willing to Show us "gas guzzlers" the fine art of tacking. Details to follow.

**Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> - RVYC General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m.**

Location: Kean's Tent, possibly followed with sunset cruise.

**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - Green and White Party**

"Polish Fare" to honor our Commodore. Details to follow.

**Saturday-Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Belle River**

Saturday Night "Hummers" followed by Sunday's "Egg Boil."  
Details to follow.

**Labor Day Weekend, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Clair City Boat Harbor**

Pirates Theme Weekend.

RVYC General Membership Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> followed with Swashbuckling & Booty dinner.

Further details to follow.

Participants: Each boat needs to make their own reservations now by accessing the DNR reservation system at (<http://www.midnrreservations.com/>).

**(??) Friday-Sunday, September 10th thru 12th, Put-In-Bay, Toledo Symphony Weekend**

Symphony on Saturday @ 6 p.m. Details to follow.

**Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - Progressive Dinner at Metro Beach**

Details to follow.

**(??) Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> – Winery Tour/Yacht Club Tour**

A “color” tour visiting wineries/yacht clubs using A Dream Limo Service.  
Details to follow.

**Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - RVYC General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m.**

Nominations & Bake Sale. Location TBD.

**Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Haul Out Party @ 4 p.m. at Kean’s**

Location: Under the tent in Kean’s parking lot.  
Club furnishes hot dogs/brats/pop/beer; bring a dish to pass and BYOB.

**Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - RVYC General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m.**

Elections & Loser’s drawing with complimentary pizzas.  
Location @ PC Lynn Koleski’s home, 39576 Village Run Dr, Northville, 48167, tel. 734-420-5391.

**Month of November**

Possibly do a service project or feather bowl (if interested).  
Details to follow.

**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Meeting, Christmas Party & Gift Exchange**

Location @ Director Bill & Elaine Middlekauff’s home, 2449 Oak Ridge Rd., Troy, MI 48098.

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Nights and Dinner at Greenfield Village**

Details to follow.

**Saturday, January 22, 2011 - Commodore’s Ball @ Laurel Manor**

Same place/menu, different hall honoring “three-peat”  
Commodore Jim Baran  
Details to follow.

**Other Dates/Activities**

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Kean’s Chili Cook Off

Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Kean’s Blessing of the Fleet

Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Detroit River Fireworks @ 10 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, June 25-27 – Gold Cup Races

Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Kean’s BBQ Picnic

Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – John Kean Day