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WRINGING OUT THE OLD BY CINDY KAZEE

Rainy weather, fever and chills, and last minute change-of-plans may have kept a fair share of our members away on the night of our holiday party, but it didn't stop those who braved the chilly downpour from having a good time.

The food was good, the music and lights were festive, and we laughed and grumbled as gifts were unwrapped, stolen, and stolen again. It was the smallest turnout for a club dinner, remarkably so for end-of-year meeting. Even the McMahons, who rarely miss a dinner, were on a cruise ship the week of our holiday dinner.

Nate Echler, Skipper of the West Sacramento-based Sea Scout ship was introduced by Dennis Kazee. We are looking at the opportunity to support the Sea Scouts by forging a

relationship based on our interest and knowledge about boating and safety on the water.

Sherri Olson served as our gracious host for the retirement of the outgoing board members and the induction of the 2010 board members. We welcomed the new flag officers: Frank Beauchamp, Commodore, Cindy Kazee, Vice Commodore, Dennis Kazee, Rear Commodore, Cookie Hanlon, Treasurer, and Joanne Beauchamp, Secretary. Joe Collins will continue on with his appointment as Port Captain.

We are looking forward to growing and expanding our club with new members in 2010. Your board is already hard at work, planning the activities and cruises for the fast-approaching boating season. Don't miss out on the fun!



ON THE HORIZON:

JANUARY

- 18...Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
- 21...**Board Meeting 6:00 PM**
At the Kazee's house
- 23...**Dinner & Meeting 6:30 PM**
Hosts: Board of Directors

FEBRUARY

- 14...Valentine's Day
- 15...President's Day holiday
- 20...**Monthly Club Dinner 6:30 PM**
Hosts: Needed!

Birthdays

- Jan. 19 Zak Kazee
- Jan. 30 Helen Moran
- Feb. 7 Bill Mielenz
- Feb. 16 John Howard
- Feb. 21 Dennis Kazee

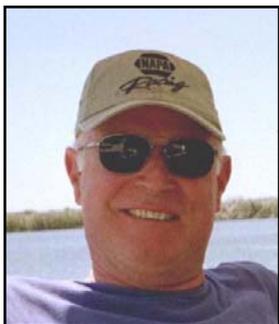
Anniversaries

- Jan. 1 Jerry & Sherri Olson



Left to Right: 2010 Board of Directors Dennis Kazee, Cookie Hanlon, Joanne Beauchamp, Cindy Kazee, Frank Beauchamp, and Jerry Olson. Missing from photo are board members Leo and Nina McMahan, Joe Collins, and Jim Shetler.

COMMODORE'S REPORT—FRANK BEAUCHAMP



Ahoy Me Hearties!

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of us. After two nights in the hospital dissolving a blocked stent in my right leg, you can believe I am sincere in the wish.

If last year's Dow Jones average rise in an indicator, 2010 should look quite good as it rose 20 per cent. However, it has "a long way to go" until it is reasonably recovered according to my financial planner. With that in mind, "a long way to go", brings our club to a basic question as to how we are going to sustain ourselves... financially, socially and practically.

You know I have raised ques- tions about directions, plans and op-

portunities for the club! Many opinions are good, some better than others. But the idea to do nothing will lead us nowhere. We will desperately keep trying to attract new members, hosting unpredictable attended suppers, and producing great fund raising with often disappointing results.

As an eternal optimist, I cannot abide with business as usual. So you can expect the board to present to you options that hopefully will stimulate vitalization in the club. We cannot expect to please everyone completely, even myself, but if our Christmas party's turnout is an indication of our club's overall condition, we must be realistic in planning our future.



Sherri Olson, who was not actually attacked by what appears to be a rogue snowman, served as the Master of Ceremonies for our induction of officers. Or would that be Madam? Or maybe Mistress?

Scott Newman, Jeremy Fong, and Zak Kazee, scouts from Troop 259, help out with hosting the dinner in exchange for well-earned tips. These scouts are planning to use the funds toward payment of camp fees this summer.



AROUND THE CLUB BY JOANNE BEAUCHAMP



- Good news from the Kaisers: Christie's numbers continue to improve. They have a meeting with the Liver Cancer Surgeon on the 11th at UCD to see about surgery options. This is the big one because if the cancer can be removed, then the "C" word comes back into play. The "C" word means CURE this time. Otherwise, her weight is coming back on and she now has "bursts" of energy which makes her feel better. This might be because as of 12/31/09, Christie is officially retired from State Service.
- Dale Hafelfinger recently had a setback on his recovery from hip surgery when he strained his hip (Jean didn't elaborate on what he was doing) and had to have x-rays and blood work but had not thrown it out or gotten an infection, so he is back using the cane again. He is working with a great therapist and seems to be improving.
- Elaine and Joe had a fantastic trip to the Florida Keys at the end of November as the weather was perfect and the house they had rented was beyond expectations. Friends from MA came down for Elaine's BIG birthday bash and all had a wonderful time! They spent New Year's in Napa trying out the local libations!
- The Beauchamps' Seattle son & family visited for two weeks over the Christmas holidays so it was a frantic time but lots of fun. The kids still have many friends in Folsom and Roseville so they were not underfoot all the time. On Christmas Day, Joanne and Frank hosted 16 adults and 6 children for dinner and a white elephant exchange.
- Laura Shetler's volleyball team at Christian Brothers won league, section and N. CA championships in their division, but not the state championship. She has decided against college play, so is not playing club ball but is assistant coaching. Laura is a senior and has applied to many colleges in and out -of-state and so far has acceptance from three. She plans to study psychology. Jim and Joyce are trying to figure out what to do with their week-ends this spring, summer and next fall when, for the first time in thirty years, there will be no children in the house. They are actually thinking of dusting off the boat and getting back on the water!! We certainly hope so as we would love to see them at our monthly dinners and cruises. Jim is a board member again. Welcome back!
- Cindy Kazee's dad joined them for the holidays and they celebrated Christmas with Cookie and family by making tamales. The next day, they had dinner at the Dalleskes in Cameron Park where the guys enjoyed seeing Gary's planes and talking about flying. Gary is going to be racing flat-hull boats starting in May which probably will cut down on their cruising time.
- Former club Commodore Bill Bradley had a valve in his heart repaired just before Christmas and is now back home recovering. Because of the economy, they had to close their business and give up the boat. He and Crystal's new address is: 580 Alcantar Circle, Sacramento 95834. Cell: 916-201-4183 and E-mails: cfsbill@softcom.net and crystal@surewest.net
- The Olsons are busy with their grand kids and had a super holiday. Erik is turning 40 they can't believe they have a son that old!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR & HAPPY
CRUISING!!**

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE—CINDY KAZEE



Dennis and I have the distinct pleasure of belonging to the elite group of “long-timers” in our club, and can talk about when our clubhouse was barged down the river to its present location, what it was like to boat BEFORE having children, and how the clubhouse would be filled to capacity for our monthly dinner events and a dozen or more boats would cruise out to our various destinations.

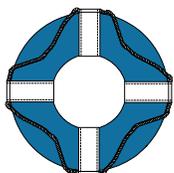
Of course, our experience as club members pale in comparison to those of Leo and Nina McMahan, John Howard, and Cookie Hanlon, to name a few!

My point is, our club has endured for over fifty years, and a handful of members can talk about the good times and lean times, and offer their well-qualified opinions about what makes an organization like ours successful in the long run. I believe that we would all agree that any club requires a small group of dedicated people who are willing to devote a significant time to running the organization, keeping up communication between members about club activities, and monitoring

income and expenses.

And like most organizations, we depend on the same small group of people to do basically the same club duties each year. 2010 is the year that we are looking for new faces to step up to board positions, and ask current members to engage themselves and make the commitment to attend our dinners and cruises. Active clubs like ours may rely on dues to keep our clubhouse in good condition and the bills paid. But more importantly, people join a yacht club to socialize and explore the adventures of boating, right?

I am reminded of a term used in white-water rafting: “Current paddler.” You know these folks— they dip their oar in the water and let it drift back without putting any effort into moving the raft. Current paddlers may occupy a seat, but leave all the work to the other rafters. Don’t be a current paddler! Your opinions, ideas, and efforts are important to the club and we want to see your smiling faces at dinners, cruises, and meetings.



PLAYING IT SAFE BY RUSS KAISER

This is the time of year to look after your dinghy. If it’s under cover, then check to make sure it has proper air pressure. Colder temperatures cause the air in the tubes to compress and deflate and a sinking can occur. Your motor will not be run for months so start it up, disconnect the fuel and let it run out of fuel. That will keep your carb dry and keep the varnishes from building up, saving you a carb rebuild in the spring time. Put some fuel stabilizer before running it out. That will keep the fuel in your tank fresh and treat any fuel left in your fuel line that doesn’t run out. If your dinghy is stored outside, make sure it’s covered. Better yet, take it out and take it home. That might save it from sinking or breaking loose and floating away.

Speaking of breaking loose, this is the time to double up your lines. Check for chafe. West Marine will be running specials on dock lines, so inspect and replace if needed. Make sure that all “corners” of the boat are tied and fenders on the down stream side will save your boat (and the

dock) should we have high water and your lines stretch.

Safety Saturday at Sacramento Yacht Club is coming up several months from now, so think about attending. I can have CPR again and some demos. Some have asked to have Vessel Safety Checks on both Saturday and Sunday so they can attend the demos on Saturday. If you would like this, let me know and I will see what I can do.

There has also been a special request made to “retire” the SYC American Flag which was damaged. We discussed having a flag burning ceremony on Safety weekend. The American flag should be replaced when damaged and proper disposal is required. The flag is to be burned during a solemn ceremony. I have at least one that I’ve been saving and I’m sure you have some too. So, if you want to come to the ceremony, please let me know. The number of flags will dictate how many volunteers will be needed and be ready to answer the ques-



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River View Yacht Club was first recognized by the PICYA in December, 1955. The old Sacramento River steamer "Cherokee" was our original home, until deteriorating conditions led to its demise in 1967. RVYC currently hosts meetings and events at our clubhouse moored at Cliff's Marina in Freeport. We are proud of the rich history of the present clubhouse, the former Elkhorn Ferry barge. Our club meets monthly for dinner and meetings on the third weekend of the month, and cruises April through October on the fourth weekends. Guests are always welcome aboard!

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January 23—SATURDAY DINNER

Note the change in date!

Hosts: Your Board of Directors

Menu: Spaghetti & meatballs (flat on one side so they will not roll toward the river)

Bar opens at 4:30, dinner served at 6:30

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