

# THE BLUE GAVEL LOG

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An Association of Past Commodores

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The mission of IOBG is to recognize past commodores of the international yachting community and unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting, and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.

## Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Meetings



Spring Regional Meeting  
Portland, Oregon June 7-10, 2018



Summer Regional Meeting  
Erie, Pennsylvania  
August 16-18, 2018

Annual Meeting Venice, Florida  
October 18-20, 2018



*Venice, Florida*



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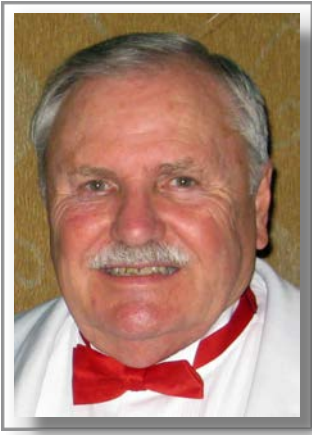


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## *President Tony Durieux*

2018 is upon us and moving fast. Quick and reliable communication is needed more than ever.

We have asked that conference calls between the District Director, District President and your Area Vice Presidents be held on a quarterly basis or as needed and eventually spread from District to Chapter.

The IOBG web site is up and running and allows for instant access to needed information or just a casual browsing of what is happening in the neighborhood. We need more information from Districts and Chapters to let the rest of us know about your successes and in some cases what didn't work. Face it, we are a unique family, we are connected and we need to share.



We have a new program for your Districts starting this year. It is called the District Achievement Award also known as DAA. It's a measure of how well the District is doing maintaining its membership. We call it retention of our senior membership. The score is weighted for retention and we add growth to round out the District's activity.

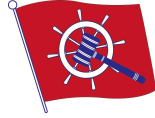
You will see these scores published in the LOG after they are presented by the District Director at the Regional meeting in Portland. We will do this at all Regional meetings in the future. The winning District in each AVP's area will be presented a distinctive blazer pin at each Change of Watch beginning this year in Venice, Florida in October.

We have been busy. We continue to look to the future. Our objective is to increase the awareness of our Past Commodores, their integrity, leadership, and experience.

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**SPRING REGIONAL MEETING**  
**Portland, Oregon**  
**June 7, 2018**



Our Spring meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon in conjunction with the Royal Rosarians of Portland, Oregon. Because of the circumstances in District 5, the executive committee has decided to hold our meeting at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, the same hotel where we have stayed in past years. Working with the Rosarians, we have reserved a meeting room for our meeting on Thursday, June 7. The executive committee will meet first at 8:30 A.M. and the general meeting will convene at 10:00 A.M. The uniform will be summer whites - Blue Blazer, white slacks, white shirt, white socks and white shoes. Most people will plan to arrive by Wednesday night.

Breakfast will be available in the coffee shop at the hotel on your own before the meeting. During the breaks we have ordered an assortment of cookies, soft drinks and water. There will not be a charge for the refreshments at the breaks.

We must provide the hotel with the number of people we expect will attend the meeting. To do this Mary Nye Meyers, our Communications Director, has posted a simple link on our web site where members can provide their name, and the number of persons attending the meeting. The form will also appear in our Lighthouse news bulletin. You will be able to send the form to me at the International Operations Center or print it and mail it to me in San Diego, California. Just make sure it arrives in my office by Friday, June 1.

We have mailed the Royal Rosarians brochure to those members who attended the meeting last year. The brochure has also been posted to our web site including the registration form. The brochure has all the details of the weekend including the schedule of events.

For those who have never attended the Rosarian's Hospitality Weekend, here are a few comments on the activities. The event begins on Thursday afternoon in the lobby of the hotel. You will see many Rosarians there to greet you and people to check you in and give you your tickets and a gift bag. In the bag will be a pin for each registered person. That pin will be your entrance to the events as well as the hospitality room on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor. The Rosarians will have a list of names for all those registered for each event.

On Saturday there will be the Grand Floral Parade. If you want to sit inside (out of the rain) tickets are available with your registration for \$29 per person. I usually lead a group from the lobby of the hotel to the Tri-Met Light Rail across the street. The Memorial Coliseum is three stops down the line.

Some handy hints: If you plan to attend most of the events, it is better to buy the whole package for \$325 per couple or \$165 per person. Portland is a rainy place so bring an umbrella or rain jacket. The Light Rail system is inexpensive and fun to ride. You can purchase a ticket at the airport in the baggage claim area and ride to the Lloyds Center stop and walk across the street to the hotel. If you are 65 or older, you are an "Honored Citizen" and get lower fares.

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## Spring Regional Meeting

**June 7 - 10, 2018**

The Double Tree by Hilton Lloyd Center  
1000 NE Multnomah Street  
Portland, OR 97232



**Portland, Oregon**

**Registration Deadline**  
**June 2, 2018**

## Registration Form

### Dress of the Day: Summer Uniform

Blue Blazer, White Shirt, White Pants/Skirt, White Socks & Shoes, IOBG Tie, Black or Dark Blue Tie

### Thursday, June 7

### Double Tree Hilton

### Room: TBD

IOBG Executive Committee/IOBGA Executive Committee

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

IOBG General Meeting

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

IOBGA General Meeting

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Lunch - On Your Own

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

IOBG & IOBGA General Meetings Continued...

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

IOBG Humanitarian Foundation Meeting Will Follow the General Meetings

### Friday, June 8

Royal Rosarians Honorary Knighting Ceremony  
(Peninsula Park Rose Garden)



9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

### Saturday, June 9

Enjoy the day at the Rose Festival Parade and Grand Ball in the evening

Refer to the Rose Festival Registration Form for events

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

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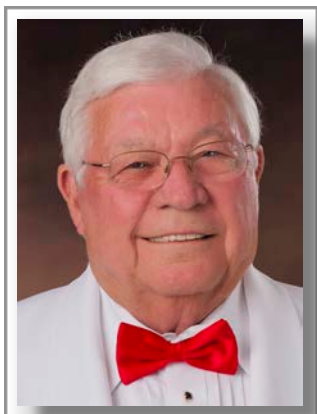
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## President - Elect Bud Higginson

Save these dates October 18 - 20, 2018. Planning is underway for the 2018 Annual Meeting to be hosted by the Venice Yacht Club in Venice, Florida. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this important event.

IOBG President Tony and Lady Sandi Durieux along with Past International Auxiliary President Trish Graven met with Dee and I and Past Commodore Melinda Short, President of Venice Yacht Club Chapter IOBG in late February for a luncheon meeting to review the

steps they took in planning for their annual 2017 meeting.



President Durieux presented us with a notebook that they put together of the planning stages for us to use as a guide and to be updated by us and passed along to future President-Elects. Under the leadership of Melinda Short we are well underway in planning our 2018 Annual Meeting. Again I encourage all IOBG members to attend these informative meetings and have a little fun in the off hours in sunny southwestern Florida.

Now I would like to address an issue that has been discussed long before I became a Blue Gavel member in 2005 and that is to develop some sort of reciprocity among all yacht clubs who have an IOBG chapter. Recently I discussed this with Tony Durieux and he agreed that I should pursue this issue and find out why it has not been accomplished and what can be done that would be acceptable to the individual yacht clubs.

If anyone has any data on this issue I would appreciate them forwarding it to me. I will periodically be updating everyone on the progress of this project. Have a great 2018.

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I am a paid up member of IOBG District # \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
IOBGA District # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Summer Regional Meeting

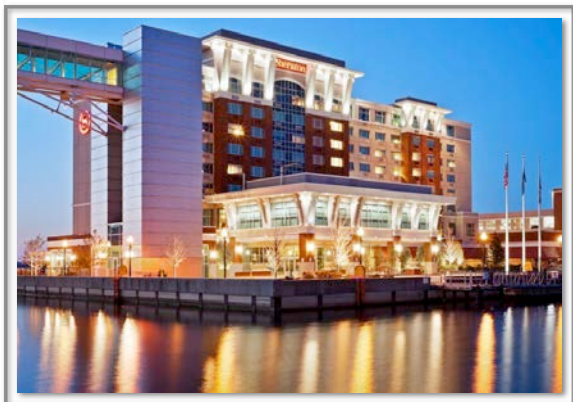
**August 16-18, 2018**

**Erie, Pennsylvania**

Host by: District 7 - Cleveland, Ohio

**Registration Deadline**

**July 15, 2018**



Please make your reservations directly at, Sheraton  
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or

Use this link to make your room reservations  
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1802236885&key=35142CC9>.

If you choose to come by boat Erie Yacht Club has dockage available on a first come, first serve basis. Please call the yacht club at 814-453-4931 to make the arrangements.



#### Note\*

\* Transportation will be provided on Thursday night to Erie Yacht Club and on Friday to the Niagara Museum tour.

\* Saturday night activity is a dinner cruise aboard the "Victorian Princess". See sheet for dinner choices. There will be a cash bar. We will have an enjoyable relaxing dinner cruise on this three-level paddlewheel boat around Presque Isle Bay.

Board the boat 6:30 pm

Leave the dock 7:00 pm

Cruise and dinner 9:00 pm

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## Summer Regional Meeting

**August 16-18, 2018**

**Erie, Pennsylvania**

Host by: District 7 - Cleveland, Ohio

**Registration Deadline**  
**July 15, 2018**

### Registration Form

Date/Event	Cost per Person	# of Persons	Total Cost
<b>Thursday, August 16</b>			
*Cash Food & Bar (Erie Yacht Club)		X_____	
<b>Friday, August 17</b>			
Lunch on your own			
*Niagara Museum Tour	\$10.00	X_____	\$_____
<b>Dinner at Sheraton Bayfront</b>			
Stuffed Chicken Breast	\$39.00	X_____	\$_____
Braised Pork Shank	\$39.00	X_____	\$_____
Faroe Island Salmon	\$40.00	X_____	\$_____
<b>Saturday, August 18</b>			
Lunch on your own			
<b>Dinner Cruise</b>	\$46.50	X_____	\$_____
Pork Loin		X_____	
Stuffed Chicken Breast		X_____	
Total Amount Enclosed			\$_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

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We have focused this quarter in communication and growing our membership. This included coming up with new ideas to encourage new members to join IOBG.



It was brought up to us what is the value of joining IOBG? The Area Vice Presidents have been going out and using our PowerPoint presentation as a recruiting tool as well as explaining the benefits of belonging to IOBG.

AVPs Steven Tisack and Karen Shea have been working together as a team and expanding both the northeastern and southeastern membership by creating a three-prong approach by sending recruiting letters, following up with conversations and using the new presentation for recruiting new members. They have been working hard to ensure that IOBG continues to grow.



The opening days of Marina Del Rey has just been completed. We inducted new IOBG members into our family with a wet and wild weekend. We welcomed junior staff commodores from Del Rey Yacht Club, Santa Monica Windjammer Yacht Club, Marina Yacht Club, South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club and Pacific Mariners Yacht Club.

Monthly meetings with AVPs are being held, as well as, Districts and Chapters in the southeast and northeast which varies from 5 to 7 weeks.

The members continue to support the hard work of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation and their local yacht clubs are becoming more aware of the benefit of the Foundation's support.





*Second Vice President*  
*Robert "Buzz" Bisanz*

I would like to thank everyone who renewed their membership in IOBG for 2018. We are now entering the halfway point in our fiscal year and our activities in communicating with our membership and membership retention/growth are well underway.

The priorities I embraced in the past and continue to embrace include our open two way communication between IOBG members and IOBG Leadership and the support for yacht club traditions.

As part of the two way communications I have to thank our IOBG Area Vice Presidents for their efforts in setting up communications with their assigned District Directors, District Presidents and Chapter Presidents. It was suggested and adopted that the AVPs setup regular conference calls to garner feedback from our IOBG membership and to pass on information about ongoing and upcoming activities within IOBG in general. We hope that the conference calls are embraced by the membership and are a success. At the same time, I have setup a monthly conference call with my assigned AVPs and we are looking for success in that area as well.

I would like to thank IOBG 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sherry Barone and North Central AVP Mark Vadaj for their time and effort to create the IOBG Power Point presentation that provides us with an electronic story of IOBG. This presentation is available on the IOBG.org website for anyone to download and use. I encourage you to investigate then use this presentation.

Another important part of our communication effort includes the utilization of our web sites including our International site - IOBG.org. If your District has a web site I strongly suggest that you include "Links" to other District sites and to the IOBG.org site to allow the easy sharing of information between IOBG Chapters. It would greatly enhance the general communication between the District leadership and our general members.

Information that will further enhance the communication to perspective members and chapters includes our new IOBG Outreach Initiative for Personal Contact at Non-Member Clubs. The IOBG Executive Committee has recently voted to fund a travel budget for District Directors personal travel to non-member clubs in their District. The intent is to physically visit a prospective yacht club with this visit coordinated with the IOBG Area VP. Contact your AVP for more information and coordination in the contact with the prospective clubs.

District Achievement Award: Beginning with the official District membership numbers posted in August 2017, the Executive Committee will be awarding a District Achievement Award pin based on retention and growth. This distinctive pin will be awarded to five District executive boards in 2018. The IOBG web site and our AVP has detailed information for you.

Thank you to Southwestern Area Vice President Kathleen Jo Smith and Northwestern Area Vice President Lani Lightle for the personal time and service they each put forth to their assigned areas on behalf of IOBG.

\*\*\*\* Please continue your support of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation. Website: IOBG-HF.org  
To apply for Humanitarian Foundation funding of a local project access the website and complete the LAP (Local Area Project) application form. 1





*Call for Nominations...*

*Past President Rosalie Davis Green*

The 2018 nominating committee consists of the President, the two immediate Past Presidents and two IOBG members, one from West of the Mississippi River and one from East of the Mississippi River.

The one serving from East of the Mississippi River has completed a 2-year term. The Area Vice Presidents from the East will select someone to represent the East very soon.

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I am requesting all members interested in being nominated for the upcoming year to apply in writing to each of the following nominating committee members by **June 1, 2018**:

P/P Rosalie Davis Green	<a href="mailto:rgreen@ca.rr.com">rgreen@ca.rr.com</a>
P/P Joe Dowdell	<a href="mailto:joedowdell@bellsouth.net">joedowdell@bellsouth.net</a>
President Tony Durieux	<a href="mailto:agent@alink.com">agent@alink.com</a>
Member (West) Linda Loftus	<a href="mailto:lindaloftus@att.net">lindaloftus@att.net</a>
Member (East) Matthew Schmidt	<a href="mailto:Btride72@aol.com">Btride72@aol.com</a>

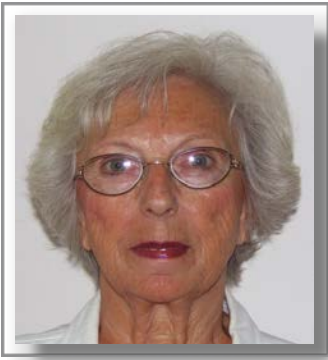
**The open offices are:**

President-Elect	First Vice President
Second Vice President	Treasurer
Executive Secretary	
Northeast Area Vice President	Southeast Area Vice President
North Central Vice President	Northwest Area Vice President
Southwest Area Vice President	

Questions should be directed to Rosalie Davis Green, [rgreen@ca.rr.com](mailto:rgreen@ca.rr.com) or 310-508-5237.

*References – Bylaws – Art 9, Section 4*





*N.B.F. Representative Marlene Barrington*

A Message from NBF President Ed Payne:

Assuming the office of President of the National Boating Federation is a daunting task in itself, yet that pales in comparison to following Mr. Keith Christopher's presidency. My one comfort there is that he has agreed to stand ready to advise me at any time, on any subject. Such is the case with all other Past Presidents as well, as everyone is devoted to the purpose of NBF, representing the best interests of recreational boaters.

Thank you, all, for this honor!

To our Regular member clubs...please know that you are welcome, indeed encouraged, to have a delegate attend our meetings in representation of your organization. We need these delegates to become more familiar with the functioning of NBF and to aspire to office within our organization.

Please stay more informed to all NBF is doing by referencing our website at <http://www.n-b-f.org> and our Facebook page. Also, encourage others to register for our eBulletins, with but one caution: Do NOT forward our eBulletins with the "Unsubscribe" link at the bottom still active. We insert the "Unsubscribe" link so that we are not imposing on you, but if you forward it, and someone else clicks that link, YOU will be unsubscribed. Unfortunately, you will not be able to reinstate yourself unless you register through a different email address.

Let's all be safe out there! To that end, check our site for info on Electric Shock and updates on the new PFD classifications as they come available.

Presenting the National Boating Federation Executive Committee:



**Front Row:** Newly elected President, Ed Payne from Inter- Lake Yachting Assoc. (ILYA) and Past President, Keith Christopher, Sea Scouts (BSA)

**Back Row:** Bob David, US Power Squadrons (USPS)

Earl Waesche, Legislative Director

Marlene Barrington, International Order of Blue Gavel (IOBG)

Carolyn Belmore, Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association (MBYCA)

David Kutz, Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW) & IOBG District 1

Sonny Lisowski, Chicago Yachting Association (CYA)

Not pictured: Tom Dogan, Lake Michigan Yachting Association (LMYA)

# In Memorium



Ray Thompson

2010

International Past President  
District 8

On June 14, 2017, surrounded by family, Raymond L. Thompson of Palm Coast, Florida, passed away at the age of 101, from natural causes. He was born on December 24, 1915, the son of Winfield Scott and Pearl Maude (Kastorf) Thompson in Cicero, IL. Mr. Thompson, who had a Masters from the University of Chicago, worked in engineering until he retired from FABRI-KAL, a company he helped found, of Kalamazoo, MI in 1981.

He drove a Porsche in SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) events and after retiring from driving race cars, he scored races as well.

In retirement, Mr. Thompson stayed active in many organizations including the Sons of the American Revolution (past President) on whose behalf he presented Good Citizen Awards at local schools.

He was the 2010 President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel as former Commodore of the Palm Coast Yacht Club.

Mr. Thompson served as a volunteer for Veteran's Hospital in the Alzheimer's unit. He was a 27 year member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church that included becoming a Licensed Episcopal Minister (LEM). Mr. Thompson was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years Edith (Duncan) Thompson and sister Ailene Anderson. He is survived by his wife of 23 years Dorothy Reid Thompson, son Ray (Carol) Thompson, four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and one great grandchild. A Iso he is survived by stepsons Stewart (Frances) Andringa, Reid Andringa, William Reid, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Northwestern V.P.

Lani Lightle



Districts

1 & 5

2, 4 & 24

Blue Gavel Canada

Good communication is vital for an organization such as ours. District 1 has begun using conference calls on a monthly basis starting with the beginning of this year. Because of the distance between members, monthly meetings have been out of the question. District 1 is geologically widespread and their board is spread out up to 350 miles apart so an adequate number of board meetings have been impossible to attend.

This type of communication is a great way that most districts should utilize as a healthy communication tool. Now there is an easy tool that brings everyone together from their own home to exchange knowledge, ideas, and plan what we need. Better organization and communication will attract membership and make our activities a pleasure to attend.

Because of the travel needs District 1 has only two meetings a year and a picnic each summer. The next meeting will be April 20-21, 2018 and will be located in Lake Chelan, WA which is located 180 miles west of Seattle, WA. It is located on a beautiful 50 mile long lake surrounded by mountains and has been a meeting place for IOBG District 1 several times over the years.

One of the biggest Opening Days of boating season in the nation takes place in Seattle each year. IOBG will again be represented with a parade boat and IOBG banners displayed. It is with pride we will salute the Commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club and other state and local dignitaries as we pass their stand. Many tens of thousands of spectators will see our banners which provides advertising for our organization. This year opening day will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be "Ocean Crossings"





*Southwestern V.P.*  
*Kathleen Jo Smith*



*Districts*  
6,10,11,14,15,  
16,19 & 21

The Districts within the southwest area have all been focusing on Member Retention and Recruitment. Their strategies range from personal phone calls thanking members for their dues, to planning activities to thank and welcome members. See the District Reports for some great ideas.

It has been a great honor to be able to attend activities within the southwest districts this year.

In November, Gary and I traveled to the Waikiki Yacht Club for the Change of Watch ceremonies for District 6. They showed us true Aloha spirit and I had the privilege of inducting the newest chapter in District 6, the Hawaii Kai Boat Club. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm and energy of these new IOBG members. They are already a great asset.



On December 3<sup>rd</sup> I had the opportunity to present a brief overview of our Membership Retention and Recruitment program at the District 11 Change of Watch, at Del Rey Yacht Club. IOBG Past President Rosalie Green was the Installation Officer. District Director Sheila Anderson has many innovative programs planned for this year, and they are paying off, with membership and attendance growing.

I attended the January 14<sup>th</sup> District 10 Change of Watch at Huntington Harbor Yacht Club. The brunch was fabulous, and the locale beautiful. District Director Roger Beebe has been very proactive in recruiting officers and retaining membership. District 10 Past President Lavon Plumlee presided.

Most recently Gary and I traveled to the Delta area for a combined District 14 and 19 Induction of New Members. Fifteen new members were inducted by IOBG Past President Vern Bendsen, with over 120 in attendance. The Pittsburg Yacht Club hosted the event, and the Saturday night Change of Watch for the Carver Yacht Club, which we were also able to attend.

District 21 President Richard Price is working hard on membership retention and has expressed the determination to win the southwest award. He is using several interesting tactics which I have encourage him to share in his District 21 report. He is also planning some new activities, a possible Golf Tournament, and a joint event with District 10.

March 10, District 15 hosted their annual Membership Appreciation Event at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club. Though it was a rare rainy day in San Diego over 40 members came out for hot dogs, hamburgers and festive libations!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Portland for the Spring Regional Meeting.



District 10  
Rodney Coomber, President

District 10 ended 2017 on an upbeat note with a Christmas get together at one of our members (Bill Wheeler) home. After a plentiful repast of the gastronomical delights and libations, we toured the canals of Huntington Harbor in several members Duffeys. From the on-the-water vantage we got a close up view of the many beautiful waterside homes bedecked with dazzling Christmas decorations.

In January 2018 we held our annual installation of incoming officers at Huntington Harbor Yacht Club. Among our guests were Past International President Rosalie Green and Southwestern Vice President Kathleen Smith. Our Past District 10 President LaVon Plumlee had the honor of installing the new officers. Additionally we inducted a new member Jay Zeidenberg into the Blue Gavel.

We are in the process of planning a series of events for the upcoming months. These will include a dinner with the speaker at Huntington Harbor Yacht Club, a July BBQ, late August Barney's Beach House event, a brunch to raise money for the Children's Clinic of Long Beach, a wine tasting event and a day at the races at Los Alamitos race track. There will be more.



Membership is looking good this year with 57 renewals and around 10 prospective new members. We have sent out several reminder mailings to renew and new membership invitations to join. Since we are in the "Opening Day Season" we plan to attend as many as we can to meet members and prospective members face to face.



District 11  
Sheila Anderson, President/Director

2018 is off to a very exciting start. Our installation brunch was a wonderful event. Our Southwest AVP Kathy Smith spoke to the group about the organization's main focus of retaining members. We also enjoyed a wonderful presentation from Sandra Bartiromo and Diana MacDougall, photo journalists who shared unique photos and videos of the Americas Cup.

January 20<sup>th</sup> District 11 took a stroll through the history of the automobile at the Peterson Automotive Museum in Los Angeles. We enjoyed the Hollywood movie cars, 70 years of the Ferrari and the history for the Harley Davidson



motorcycle just to name a few exhibits. Afterward the group enjoyed good food and conversation at Drago Restaurant inside the museum. Everyone in attendance enjoyed this social outing.

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February 25<sup>th</sup> was our annual charity wine tasting event. Port Royal Yacht Club hosted the event. The proceeds are being donated to the King Harbor Youth Foundation. District 11 collected over 500.00 for this foundation whose focus is teaching young people in the community how to sail and appreciate the sea. Members enjoyed the afternoon tasting wine while helping a very worthwhile cause. A very big thank you to the members of PRYC.



March is the opening day ceremonies for the Marina Del Rey Yacht Clubs and Westlake Yacht Club. We are pleased that 4 of 6 clubs in Marina Del Rey will have inductees into IOBG. Westlake YC is our largest chapter in District 11 and they are celebrating 50 years as a club. District 11 would like to say congratulations to Westlake YC.

It is our goal to continue to engage the members of District 11 with exciting and interesting events for 2018.

District 15  
Bill Edwards, District Director

District 15 has been active planning activities that benefit their constituency and the yachting community. Our first board meeting of the year was January 8<sup>th</sup> where final preparations were discussed for the Yacht Club Management Seminar (YMCS) which was held January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Silvergate Yacht Club.

The seminar was well received and was attended by 40 people. The winner of the perpetual YCMS Attendance Award was Silvergate Yacht Club for the second year in a row. On March 10<sup>th</sup> our annual membership appreciation BBQ was held at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club. The following events are schedule for the rest of 2018:

- 1) MAW AMAZING RACE ON JUNE 9, 2018 AT Coronado Yacht Club
- 2) BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2018 AT Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC) – 6PM
- 3) BOARD MEETING ON SEPT 10, 2018 AT SWYC – 6PM
- 4) DIST 15 CHARITY REGATTA ON SEPT 29, 2018 AT Point Loma Yacht Club
- 5) BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2018 AT SWYC – 6PM;

CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER MEETING ON JANUARY 11, 2019 AT SWYC

With regard to strategies we are using to Retain and Recruit members, the Director and President of District 15 attend monthly and brief our activities and encourage past commodores to join and get them involved.

**District 19**  
**Dave Breninger, District Director**

IOBG Delta District 19 continues to prosper and does so through the able leadership of President Jack Michael, Vice President Paul Clausen, Secretary Matt Smith, Treasurer Mike Billington and Supply Officer Don Dietz. And, advising and assisting is Past-District 19 Director Roger Beebe who also serves as Web Master and is over Communications.

Members and others interested in Delta District 19's 2018 schedule of activities, information and to contact any Officer should browse [www.iobgdelta19.org](http://www.iobgdelta19.org) at any time.

Last year (2017) Delta District 19 membership totaled 155 regular members, 3 Past International Presidents and 2 Associate members. As of the end of February 2018 membership stands at 143 regular members and 3 Past International Presidents and 2 Associate members. Membership renewals and recruitment is continuing.

On Sunday afternoon, February 25 over one hundred ten (110) people gathered at Pittsburg Yacht Club for the annual combined IOBG District 14 and IOBG Delta District 19 General Membership Meetings.

Among the attendees was IOBG Southwestern Vice President Kathleen Jo Smith with husband Gary Smith (who represented IOBGA International).

Annually District 14 and 19 meet jointly for their induction meeting. This year fourteen (14) new IOBG members were inducted. Officiating Officer over the New Member Induction Ceremony was IOBG Past President Vern Bendson. The names/chapters of the new IOBG Members by District are:



Dist. 14 – Names/Chapters Presented by IOBG District 14 President Charlie Thome:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter 14</b>
Les Cochren	Classic Yachts Assn.
Kim Collins	Metropolitan Yacht Club
Paul English	Barbary Coast Boat Club
Nina Lesowitz	Emeryville Yacht Club
Mike Scheck	Encinal Yacht Club
Jim Vickers	Encinal Yacht Club
Neil Weinberg	Encinal Yacht Club

Dist. 19 – Names/Chapters Presented by Delta District Pres. Jack Michael & Vice Pres. Paul Clausen:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter 19</b>
Rick Barton	Sportsmen Yacht Club
Ronda Beasley	Stockton Yacht Club
Louis J. Rocha	Sportsmen Yacht Club
Andy Rowland	San Joaquin Yacht Club
John Sims	Oxbow Yacht Club
Jill Stevenson	Village West Yacht Club
Ken tSites	Sacramento Yacht Club
Mary Jo Sullivan	Pittsburg Yacht Club
Mathew Tate	Sportsmen Yacht Club



*North Central V.P.*  
*Mark Vadaj*



*Districts*  
*7, 9, 23 & 25*

Districts 25, 9, and 7 are off to an early start for our IOBG & IOBGA membership and the snow has not even melted yet. All three Districts have held their recruitment events (Blue Blazer Invitationals) and with great success. The North Central will continue to reap the benefits of providing Active Chapters and Active Districts with many new members this year which have joined the ranks of IOBG. Many thanks to the Executive Bridges of the Districts, Chapters and the especially the members who once again have renewed their commitment to "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity".

One high point to note is the hugely successful IOBGA membership in the North Central which should never be overlooked as one of the reasons for the success of the total package. As I have traveled through each District at social events I recognize and value the dedication and contribution to perpetuating the mission of IOBG and IOBGA.

Another valued element of our Fraternity is the Contribution and Purpose of our International Humanitarian Foundation. This year already I have received more interest and willingness to contribute to the IOBG-HF than ever before. As an Ambassador for the IOBG-HF I welcome any opportunity to share with you what IOBG-HF is, how you can help and also; how IOBG-HF can help you and your local efforts.

As you can see from the following District Director reports there is much to be excited about in 2018. This ranges from Rendezvous, Chicken Roast, Dances, Cocktail Parties, Regattas, Comedy Nights, Wine Tastings and more. A Regional Meeting of IOBG will be held this Summer in beautiful Erie, Pennsylvania where all members are welcome to attend. See our web site at [www.iobg.org](http://www.iobg.org) for additional details. I personally invite you to join us at the next events in your area or contact me on how I can assist you and your District or Chapter.

Thank You Once Again for your renewed commitment in "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity"





District 7  
Lloyd Bogue, President

District 7 has had a very busy winter, but we are still looking forward to warmer weather. The ice has cleared Lake Erie and the boats will be going in the water in the next two months, so everyone is looking ahead to our summertime passion.



The district has had many activities since our October Change of Watch. We started out with a brunch at Sandusky Yacht Club, followed by a wonderful Christmas gathering at Lakeside Yacht Club with 40 members in attendance. January brought us the Progressive Mid-America Boat Show in which we collected "Hawaiian Shirts for Deployed Soldiers". We rang in the month of March with our annual Blue Blazer "Welcome Aboard" cocktail party and swore in 10 new members!



We closed out the mid-month of March with our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade event in downtown Cleveland. Much fun was had by all!

Speaking of fun, District #7 will also be hosting this year's summer meeting in the fantastic venue of Erie, Pennsylvania. In this LOG newsletter you will find all of the pertinent information to make your reservation for the hotel and to reserve your dinner choices.

We plan on having a great time from the start to the finish! Dancing at the beautiful Erie Yacht Club, a tour of the War of 1812 Marine Museum, and a tour of the "Brig Niagara" will top off our afternoons activities. Friday night's dinner will be at the magnificent Sheraton Bayfront hotel which overlooks the Presque Isle Bay. Speaking of the bay, Saturday night's dinner will not only allow you to see the bay, but to be on it as we have a dinner cruise aboard Erie's 3 level paddle-wheeled boat the "Victorian Princess". So make your reservation earlier and plan on joining District 7 as we again host the county for a fantastic event on August 16-18, 2018.

District 9  
Dean Reamsnyder, District Director

District #9 IOBG is pleased to report the VP position of West Lake Erie South Chapters has been filled, with the election of Scott Sanders of Detroit Beach Boat Club. This holds true for the VP position of Michigan South Chapters as well. Roger Dutton, of Monroe Boat Club, has taken the oath to serve those chapter clubs.

Report Continues...

## District 9 Report Continues...

This past January, many of our board members accepted an invitation to attend the Blue Blazer event, sponsored by President John Robbins of District #25. A truly fun time, as plans for future Blue Blazer events are in the works for Districts # 7, 9, and 25. Past Commodores and current Commodores, are encouraged to attend a Blue Blazer event to experience the camaraderie of the Blue Gavel's building of lasting fellowships.

District #9 has had another great year of successful fundraising. At our most recent meeting we had voted funding for Perrysburg Rowing Club. A club that offers all area high school student athletes the opportunity to learn, grow and build relationships unique to the world of rowing.

Jolly Rogers Sailing Club has produced top ranked junior helmsman qualifying them to participate in the largest single class sailing regatta in the world. Three pre-teen girls will soon be heading to Lake Garda in Italy for the Optimist Class competition. They will compete against 1,055 participants from around the world. District #9 is proud to help support them in their quest for gold, bringing home memories to last a lifetime.

District 25  
Betty Tyson, District Director

Our 2018 President P/C John Robbins' Blue Blazer event in January was a great success, and as our Auxiliary President Lady Fran Rose commented "We Rocked It"! We had an elegant affair put on by our Ladies Auxiliary, with an extensive Bloody Mary bar and wonderful array of cheeses, charcuterie boards, breads and desserts.



Our Past IOBG President P/C Steve Willing, IOBG VP North Central P/C Mark Vadaj, District 25 President P/C John Robbins and I all provided information and encouragement to attendees to join Blue Gavel. I'm sure our event may have enticed our attendees to consider joining IOBG District 25 upon completion of their Commodore year. Thanks to the ladies and Sunseeker's Boating Club for all their efforts for this event!

Next on our list of fun events for 2018 was our Auxiliary Blue Gavel 25 Sock Hop 7:00PM-11:30PM Friday, April 6th at the Gibraltar Community Center, with the Hippy Chick Band for dancing to all the oldies. This event was open to the public and the cost was \$5. We had raffle baskets, cash bar, a twist contest, and a whole lot of fun!

Then we will be having a Blue Gavel Feather Bowling event on Sunday, April 29th. Everyone is invited to join us on a bus ride from Seaway Boat Club to Cadieux Café for food, drinks and feather bowling. The cost for the bus ride and feather bowling is \$25, and additional details and signup information is provided on the flyer on our website at [www.iobg25.org](http://www.iobg25.org). Note that we are limited to 54 on the bus, which leaves Seaway at 1:00PM and returns about 6:15PM.

In the Fall our IOBG Auxiliary is once again having a Detroit Cycle Pub event 2:30PM September 14th (rain or shine), which includes meeting at Punch Bowl Social in Detroit, bicycling on a trolley car around downtown Detroit to various pubs for a drink or two, and a stop for something to eat. This is a fun event enjoyed by all who have attended in the past, so signup early.

Please be sure to check out our website at [www.iobg25.org](http://www.iobg25.org) for these upcoming events, meetings and various information regarding our district, as our webmaster Jeff Upholzer updates this site on a regular basis, to keep our members informed. Additionally, we are on Facebook at IOBG District #25 and IOBGA District 25.

I'll be looking forward to enjoying our District 25 President John Robbins' events with you!

Northeastern V.P.

Stephen Tisack



Districts

3, 12, 20, 22  
26 & 27

The northeast is starting to warm up and hopefully melt the snow away. With that, we can start working on getting our boats in shape for the season. The snowbirds will be heading back up north to enjoy the warmer weather.

In District 3 we are diligently working on membership growth and retention. We will be working with our chapters to form better lines of communications and more intra-club activities. By sharing ideas we can get a better understanding of what our members would like to see happen in our District.

Currently District 3 is in the process of planning our summer dinner cruise on lake Erie and the Niagara River. This takes place towards the end of July. When the final details are worked out I will share this information with you.

I've received inquiries for membership from District 26 & 27. Toms River Yacht Club has several Past Commodores who are interested in joining. The president of District 26 have some PCs from Huntington YC who are interested in joining.

We are in the process of reestablishing and growing these Districts. I plan on visiting the chapters in my District to help promote the membership in IOBG. I look forward to working with them.

#### District 50

Mark A. Vadaj, District Director

As you already know, District 50 is the District encompassing the At Large Members from the Mississippi River to the East Coast from Maine to Florida and every lake, river or stream in between.

I am excited to announce that two years ago we have taken root in the Greater Boston area and just recently have commitments in Indiana and Illinois. I have already made efforts to expand through Wisconsin and Minnesota as well.

If you have a club or an interest yourself in joining "Yachting Most Prestigious Fraternity" I welcome the opportunity to speak with you. As a simple request to all of our Current Members...if you know of a member who is in this area or relocated to this area, please share this message. I would be happy to meet with you in person at your club.

Thank You Once Again

Mark A. Vadaj – Director, District 50.

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Cell: 440-479-0064



*Southeastern V.P.*  
*Karen Shea*



*Districts*  
*8 & 18*

In order to assist District 18 in increasing their membership, I used the same strategy as I used with District 8. I sent 11 letters out to the inactive chapters in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. I was able to get 1 response from Western Carolina Sailing Club who said they would send in an application.

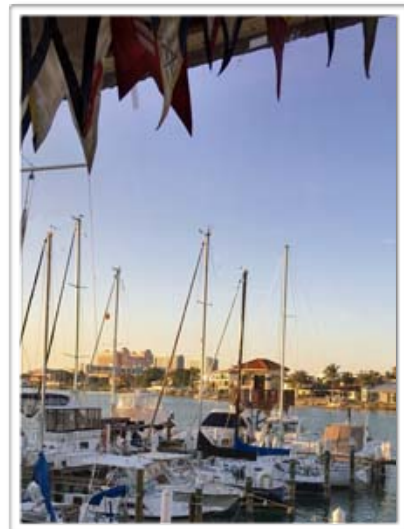
My next idea is to assist D18 by sending out 37 personalized letters to yacht clubs in the 5 state area who have never had an IOBG Chapter. I have developed the same spreadsheet for D18 as I did for D8 which gathers lots of information onto one page. To date we only have 3 members in D18.

Since I am dual hatted as both the D8 Director and the SEVP, all of my info is in the D8 report. We still have not reached our 2017 membership at 230. We currently have 217 plus 2 Past Presidents.

It will be a challenge this year to have the largest membership district and the smallest membership district. I look forward to working with other VP's and 1st VP Sherry Barone to increase our membership.

District 8  
Karen Shea, District Director

Our District President Doug Case conducted our Winter Meeting held at Clearwater Yacht Club on January 19-21, 2018. Our District's 1st Vice President and Clearwater Yacht Club IOBG Chapter President Hoyt Nichols hosted the meeting along with a speaker CW Tracy Randall, Commander of the Sand Key Coast Guard Station. The weekend included fabulous weather and water views with lots of boat traffic and included two nights of delightful dining and dancing and a wonderful Sunday Brunch. Our Spring meeting is scheduled for June 1-3 at Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft Lauderdale.



District 8  
Report  
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## District 8 Report Continued...

We ended 2017 for the second year in a row with the most International District members out of 29 Districts. We had 230 paid members plus 4 Past Presidents for a total of 234 members. Our starting numbers for 2018 are 217 members plus 2 Past Presidents for a total of 219. We have 2 Chapters that reactivated: Bird Key Yacht Club and Palm Beach Sailing Club which gives us 25 Chapters. Palm Coast Yacht Club has also shown interest but no new members yet.

We continue to work on retention and have assigned our Board Presidents with both active and inactive chapters to contact. In conjunction with our Treasurer Bosi sending out renewals in December, I sent out 49 personalized letters to inactive Chapters along with our new brochures. In addition to our new brochures, International has put together a great Power Point presentation that anyone can use. We will continue to try to activate our inactive Chapters especially those who are FCYC members.

Our District works very hard at keeping our members informed via our website, newsletters, emails, and phone calls from our Executive Committee. We are one of only two Districts with a published Membership Directory and a great website. This all helps in keeping our retention rate high.

We are asking our Chapter Presidents to work on several areas within their yacht clubs.

1. Add an IOBG tab or link on your yacht club website. Just start off with the IOBG mission statement and who your current Chapter Board is and maybe a few pictures. Also add a link to both our District 8 and International web sites. Those who have IOBG info/links on their yacht club web sites are Dunedin, Gulf Harbors, Isles, Pelican Isle & Venice Yacht Clubs. That's a great start.
2. Have your yacht clubs add IOBG members to your reciprocity rules in your House Rules or By-Laws. I have a sample.
3. Be an ambassador for the IOBG when you have Regattas and other events involving other yachts clubs. Set up a table with IOBG information and call me for help. I had two nice card table size tablecloths made with the IOBG Flags & IOBG on all 4 sides.

District 18 Dave Kowert, District Director
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After several years of struggling to make membership headway in the Greater Charleston Yacht Clubs, we finally appear to be making some progress. As of the writing of this report we are expecting to add 3-4 new members by the beginning of the summer. Two members are from The

Charleston Yacht Club and 1-2 new members from Hobcaw Yacht Club. The new members are all new Past Commodores who are influential within their respective clubs and should be able to attract several additional members by the end of the year.







While we had planned to hold a membership oyster roast last December, it fell through due to illness of our host JD Rosser from Hobcaw Yacht Club. We are attempting to re-schedule that open meeting for sometime around the Charleston Race Week on April 12-15.

District 18 remains very focused on supporting the racing community here in Charleston primarily with committee boat work for local yacht club regattas and race management training. We are also looking to see if we can host a boating skills training (on the water) for local race officials and operators of support boats.

Finally, one of our new prospects suggested that we might form a support group for the 2018 Acting Commodores of the four harbor based yacht clubs, offering to provide assistance and/or feedback in any area they want help. Rather like a dedicated consulting group just for Area Commodores. I hope to explore that idea fully within the next few months. I should have more to report on both these initiatives by mid to late summer.

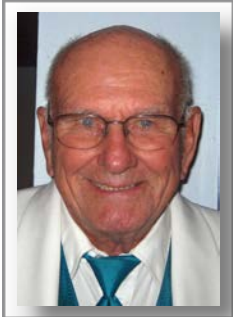
Fulfilling these needs should provide the driver for District 18 to secure commitments from these new members to hold positions of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Getting to that point will be a real step forward, and hopefully one of many.

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## International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary



*President Al Eiffert*

I am really looking forward to the upcoming meeting in Portland, Oregon and I hope you are too. The dates for this meeting are June 7 - 9. Let's have a good turnout because the Royal Rosarians are so welcoming. There are many events, such as the knighting of our IOBG President-Elect Bud Higginson, parade, formal dinner, etc

We have over 300 members but the attendance at our meetings is disappointingly small. Lets improve attendance. Also, we are still in need of a Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Southwest Director. It would be great if these positions could be filled before or at the Portland meeting.

We need to communicate via email or phone as it can be a problem for all of our Board to travel from coast to coast. I encourage all of the Board and Directors to let me know what is happening in your area.

IOBGA President-Elect  
Gary Smith

In November, I along with Southwest Area Vice President Kathy Smith, attended the ceremonies at the Waikiki Yacht Club as Kathy inducted the Hawaii Kai Boat Club into Blue Gavel.

December brought attendance to Del Mar Yacht Club at Marina Del Rey, (Los Angeles) for the 2018 Change of Watch, as well as Southwestern Yacht Club, San Diego, our home club.

In February we traveled to Northern California to visit Districts 14 and 19 as well as the Carver Yacht Club. Attendance was over 125 for the IOBG joint meeting.

I was given the opportunity to address continued enrollment to IOBGA and sustainment of present members.

We will be busy with opening days in March through May as our region covers a very large area from Guam eastward to Nevada.

Smooth sailing and favoring winds.



# IOBG Humanitarian Foundation

## PATRON OF THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM

IOBGHF launched a program to provide special recognition to contributors who donate \$100 or more. Each contributor will be awarded a distinctive "Action for Life" pin which signifies their status as a patron of the foundation.

"The International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation provides the boating community the ability to create real differences in others' lives. The foundation provides resources to existing charities and benefits communities through new initiatives involving boating activities and education."

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