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An Association of Past Commodores

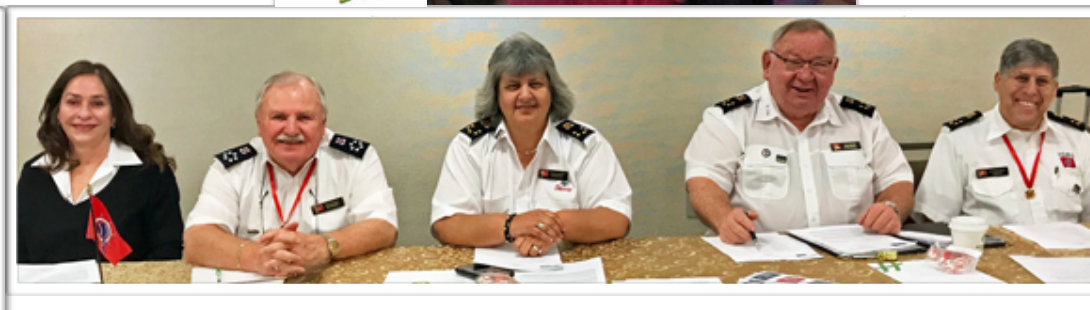
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The mission of IOBG is to recognize past commodores of the international yachting community and unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting, and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.

Laissez les bon temps roulette - "Let the good times roll"



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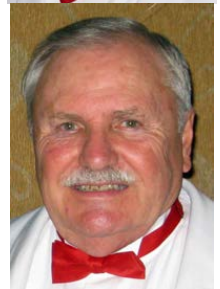
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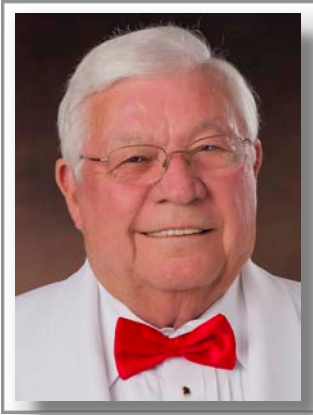
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Due to health issues Dee and I were unable to attend the February 2019 Winter Regional meeting in New Orleans. According to what I've been told the meeting was quite successful and may lead to the establishment of IOBG in the area.

My thanks go out to Southeastern Area Vice President Karen Shea for organizing this event and to President-Elect Sherry Barone for chairing the meetings. JOB WELL DONE. I would also like to thank PC Joe Tringali of District 8 and his wife Mary Lou for their help in organizing this event.

We must now turn our attention to the June 6th Spring Regional meeting which will be held in Portland, Oregon in conjunction with the Portland Rose Festival. I encourage everyone to attend this meeting and to watch President-Elect Sherry Barone get Knighted. This will be the last meeting until the 2019 Annual Meeting on October 17-20. Our Summer meetings alternate with our Winter meetings due to economic reasons.

Since it will be a long time between meetings, it is important that we focus on the monthly Executive Committee teleconferences and get our report in to the Communications Director/LOG Editor on a timely basis so as not to delay the publication of the LOG newsletter.



2019 District Achievement Award

To quote Southwestern AVP Kathy Smith, "The Southwest Region is already gearing up for the District Achievement Award competition. Districts are very interested in taking home the prize this year."

Beginning with the official District membership numbers posted in August 2018, 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 2019. The formula chosen will give retention the most weight and growth will add to the mix in determining the recipients.

This will be coordinated by the Area Vice Presidents. The winning Districts' presentations will be made at the October 2019 Change of Watch in Marina Del Rey, California. Each Area Vice President will have a District winner. In addition, because some districts have a small number of members, this method should only be used with districts that have 25 or more members. The Executive Committee can then decide if a small District qualifies with the recommendation of the Area Vice President.

Updates will be available throughout the year so each District can see how their planning is coming together.



Burgee Exchange at New Orleans Yacht Club



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

Spring Regional Meeting

June 6 - 9, 2019

Portland, Oregon

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



Registration Deadline
May 29, 2019

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 6

Portland Yacht Club

1241 NE Marine Drive

Portland, OR 97211

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 (Order off PYC Lunch Menu)	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
IOBG & IOBGA General Meetings Continued...	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

IOBG Humanitarian Foundation Meeting Will Follow the General Meetings

Friday, June 7

Royal Rosarians Honorary Knighting Ceremony (Peninsula Park) 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres/Lite Dinner (\$8.00 at the door) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Columbia River Yacht Club 37 N Tomahawk Island Drive Portland, OR 97217

Saturday, June 8

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 _____

District # _____ Office Held: _____ IOBG Member _____ IOBGA Member _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: () _____

Email Address: _____



Mail this Registration Form to:

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Welcome to our 2019 Royal Rosarian Weekend – Celebrating a Fiesta of Roses

On behalf of the Royal Rosarians, the official greeters and ambassadors of goodwill for the City of Portland, First Squire James and I cordially invite you to join us for a "Fiesta of Roses" Hospitality Weekend during Portland's Rose Festival Celebration.

Prime Minister Don Thacker

Portland, Oregon & The Rose Festival – Portland's Rose Festival dominates the city for an entire week. Be sure to explore all the festival events and see the sights of the City of Roses. Visit www.RoseFestival.org for more information on the Rose Festival. Learn more about Portland as a destination at www.TravelPortland.com.

Honorary Knighting Ceremony – Guests are welcome to witness festival pageantry dating back more than a century, as worthy candidates for honorary knighthood kneel before Queen Kiara of the Realm of Rosaria. The knighting will be in the beautiful Peninsula Park Rose Garden. Admission is free. Transportation from the hotel to the Peninsula Park is provided.

Queens' Garden Party Fiesta de la Reina – Immediately following the Peninsula Park Knighting Ceremony, the Queen's Garden Party luncheon will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel. Join us to meet the past Queens of Rosaria as well as the 2019 Princess Court as Queen Kiara bids farewell on the last day of her reign. This luncheon is available with an ala carte ticket.

Fun Night – Viva the taste and sounds of magical Mexico. Savor a delicioso south of the border buffet while sipping your favorite margarita. Choose between testing your luck at the Cancun Casino or swaying to a Latin beat. So grab your sombrero and favorite beach or Mexican attire for a truly festive Fun Night.

Queen's Coronation and Grand Floral Parade – Attend these magnificent events with preferred seating, available with the purchase of an ala carte ticket.

Rhythms of the Night-Grand Floral Ball – Journey with us as we take you on an excursion unlike any other. The Grand Floral Ball is the highlight of our Hospitality Weekend, and celebrates our newly crowned Queen of Rosaria, and honors all of our visiting Festival dignitaries. Our romantic candlelit setting is in the heart of a tropical rainforest, with dinner and dancing to the pulsating sounds of "Big Night Out". Black Tie or Festival Formal Attire.

Farewell Breakfast Desayuno – As we enjoy a hearty breakfast, we say goodbye to the Rose Festival Court and all our festival friends and guests. We wish everyone a safe journey and look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

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2019 HOSPITALITY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

3 - 8pm **Registration** – Lobby of the DoubleTree by Hilton, Lloyd Center Portland

3 - 8pm **Hospitality Suite** – 15th Floor Presidential Suite

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

8am - 5pm **Registration** – Lobby of the DoubleTree Portland

9:30 - 11am **Royal Rosarian Honorary Knighting Ceremony** – Peninsula Park 700 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR 97217

12 - 1:30pm **Queens' Garden Party** – DoubleTree – Main Ballroom

1 - 4pm **Hospitality Suite** – 15th Floor Presidential Suite

6 - 10:30pm **Fun Night** – DoubleTree – Main Ballroom

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

5:30 - 7:30am **Light Continental Breakfast** – 15th Floor Presidential Suite

8am TriMet Light Rail from the hotel to the Memorial Coliseum

8:30am **Coronation of the 2019 Queen of Rosaria** – Memorial Coliseum

10am **Grand Floral Parade**

1 - 4pm **Hospitality Suite** – 15th Floor Presidential Suite

5 - 6pm **Social Hour** – Main Ballroom

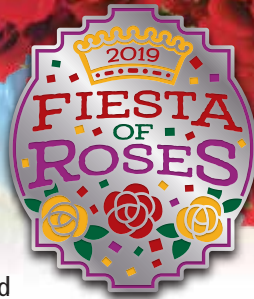
6 - 10pm **Grand Floral Ball – "Rhythms of the Night"** – Main Ballroom

9:30 - 11:30pm **Dessert and Spirits** – 15th Floor Presidential Suite.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:30am **Farewell Breakfast** – DoubleTree Portland – Main Ballroom

11am **Placement of the Queen's Plaque** – Washington Park International Rose Test Garden



ACCOMMODATIONS

The **DoubleTree by Hilton, Portland** is the host hotel for the 2019 Hospitality Weekend. The discounted room rate of \$155 and \$165 plus tax per night is **valid through May 6** and is under Royal Rosarians Hospitality room code **RR9**. On-site covered parking is included with reservations made using this discount code. Go online at https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/R/RLLC-DT-RR9-20190605/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG to book your accommodations or call the hotel directly at 503-281-6111 or 800-996-0510.

The hotel address is: **1000 NE Multnomah St., Portland, OR 97232**. It is conveniently located on the Tri-Met Light Rail public transit line, which has access to Portland International Airport (PDX), and is minutes away from Downtown.

HOSPITALITY PACKET

Register and pay for the hospitality packet online at www.RoyalRosarians.com or mail the enclosed form to Cindy Marker at 3505 NE Alameda St. Portland, OR 97212. Discounted packet is available through **Friday, May 18th**. Hospitality Weekend Registration closes **May 24th**. Contact **Cindy Marker, Hospitality Registration Chair, 503-490-5436** or cindymarker@mac.com



HOSPITALITY WEEKEND EVENT REGISTRATION

THE 2019 ROYAL ROSARIAN ROSE FESTIVAL HOSPITALITY WEEKEND
June 6TH – 9TH – DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, PORTLAND
(FORMERLY DOUBLETREE – LLOYD CENTER)

Full Registration discount is available through Friday, May 18, 2019.
Registration deadline is May 24, 2019.

ONLINE Registration and Payment is available at:
www.RoyalRosarians.com, Hospitality

Or complete this registration sheet and mail with payment to:

Dame Cindy Marker, 2019 Hospitality Registration
3505 NE Alameda St.
Portland, OR 97212
Phone: 503-490-5436

(1) SELECT

FULL REGISTRATION

This option includes the Hospitality Suite (Thurs-Fri-Sat), Fun Night - "Casino at the Beach", Grand Floral Ball - "Rhythms of the Night" & Farewell Breakfast.
(Note: The Queens' Garden Party Luncheon, Queen's Coronation & Parade Tickets are not included in the full registration).

Couple.....	\$330 per couple	x _____ couple/s	= \$ _____
Couple (after May 18).....	\$340 per couple	x _____ couple/s	= \$ _____
Single.....	\$185 per person		= \$ _____
Single (after May 18).....	\$195 per person		= \$ _____

ALA CARTE EVENT REGISTRATION

Individual event tickets can also be purchased:

Hospitality Suite for 3 Days.....	\$60 per person	x _____ tickets	= \$ _____
Hospitality Suite for 1 Day Indicate Day: Thurs Fri Sat (Please circle)...	\$30 per person	x _____ tickets	= \$ _____
Queens' Garden Party (Friday) Meat, Vegetarian (Please circle)	\$37 per person	x _____ tickets	= \$ _____
Fun Night – "Casino at the Beach!" (Friday) Mexican buffet	\$70 per person	x _____ tickets	= \$ _____
Grand Floral Parade/Coronation Preferred Seating (Saturday) **	\$30 per person	x _____ tickets	= \$ _____
Grand Floral Ball* – "Rhythms of the Night" (Saturday).....	\$90 per person	x _____ tickets	= \$ _____
Farewell Breakfast (Sunday).....	\$35 per person	x _____ tickets	= \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: (US \$) = \$ _____

***INDICATE MEAL CHOICE for the GRAND FLORAL BALL on the back of this registration sheet. Ala carte tickets to the Grand Floral Ball include complimentary access to the reopened Hospitality Suite on Saturday evening.**

**Grand Floral Parade/Coronation Preferred Seating Tickets are available until May 23rd. Parade tickets can be purchased after May 23, 2019 by calling 877-789-7673 subject to availability and handling charges. Tickets for the Grand Floral Parade Preferred Seating/Coronation are non-Refundable.

(2) PAYMENT

My Check for \$ _____ is enclosed made payable to Royal Rosarians **OR** Please bill my: _____ VISA _____ Mastercard

Amount Authorized: \$ _____ Account #: _____ Expiration: _____ / _____

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email (for confirmation): _____

Organization (if any): _____ Title: _____



HOSPITALITY WEEKEND EVENT REGISTRATION

THE 2019 ROYAL ROSARIAN ROSE FESTIVAL HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

June 6th – 9TH ----- DOUBLETREE BY HILTON – PORTLAND, OR



Grand Floral Ball meal selection -- please indicate each attendee's selection:

NAME: _____ ___ Meat ___ Seafood ___ Vegetarian

NAME: _____ ___ Meat ___ Seafood ___ Vegetarian

NAME: _____ ___ Meat ___ Seafood ___ Vegetarian

NAME: _____ ___ Meat ___ Seafood ___ Vegetarian

Would you like to sit with anyone special for the **Queen's Garden Party**?
Please provide name. _____

Would you like to sit with anyone special for the **Grand Floral Ball**? Please
provide name. _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions? _____

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND SILENT AUCTION – items available for bidding are on display, 15th floor. Raffle tickets on sale; raffle drawing on evening of Grand Floral Ball (need not be present to win). To Contribute Items – Contact: Sue Simpson at 503-880-1569 or Ssmickey1@comcast.net.

HOSPITALITY SUITE FOOD OR CASH DONATIONS – contact Pat Maberry at 503-730-9020 (patmaberry@comcast.net) or Cathy Gagnon at 503-964-9639 (Cathygagnon49@gmail.com).

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE SEPARATELY

The DoubleTree by Hilton Portland is the host hotel.
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3 – 8 pm Hospitality Suite – 15th Floor Presidential Suite

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8 am – 5 pm Registration –Hotel Lobby
10 – 11:30 am Royal Rosarian Honorary Knighting Ceremony – Peninsula Park 700 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR 97217
12:00 –1:30 pm Queens' Garden Party – Ballroom (Optional) Tickets purchased separately and include luncheon.
1 – 4 pm Hospitality Suite – 15th Floor Presidential Suite
6:00 – 10:30 pm Fun Night - "A Casino on the beach in Mexico"

SATURDAY JUNE 8

5:30 – 7:30 am Light Continental Breakfast – 15th floor Presidential Suite
8 am (Optional) Tri-Met Light Rail from the hotel to Memorial Coliseum for Float Viewing, Queen's Coronation, and Grand Floral Parade
8:30 am Coronation of the 2019 Rose Festival Queen (Optional) Preferred seating is included with purchase of a Grand Floral Parade Ticket.
10 am Grand Floral Parade (Optional)
View the parade from any vantage point along its route or remain in Coronation seating.
1 – 4 pm Hospitality Suite – 15th Floor Presidential Suite
6 – 10:00 pm Grand Floral Ball – "Rhythms of the Night" (Main Ballroom)
9:30-11:30 pm Hospitality Suite open

SUNDAY JUNE 9

8:30 am Adios Desayuno -Farewell Breakfast – Ballroom
11 am Placement of the Queen's Plaque -- Washington Park International Rose Test Garden

Attire Guidelines:

- Knighting Ceremony** – RR Dress Whites (women wear pants), or Business attire
- Fun Night** – Beach, or Casino on the Beach attire.
- Queens' Garden Party** – RR Dress Whites (women wear pants or day skirt) or Business attire
- Coronation/Grand Floral Parade** – RR Dress Whites, (women wear pants). Or Casual.
- Grand Floral Ball** – Black Tie, Evening Gowns or Formal Festival Attire.
- Farewell Breakfast/Queen's Plaque Laying** – RR Dress Whites (women wear pants), RR Greens if not attending Queen's Plaque Laying, or Casual.



Treasurer Marshall Nemoy

Some Thoughts About the Upcoming Portland Meeting

Plans are under way for our Spring meeting in Portland, Oregon on June 6 - 9, 2019. Arrangements have been made to hold our business meeting at the Portland Yacht Club on Thursday, June 6, 2019. Lunch will be available at the yacht club off their menu. A complete schedule is available on our web site, www.iobg.org. The schedule says to mail the form to Marshall Nemoy. To save time you can also email the form to Marshall's email address, bgtreas@iobg.org.

After the meeting we will return to the hotel and check in with the Royal Rosarians for their Hospitality Weekend. A registration form for their event is available on our web site. If you attended this event last year, we will mail you the brochure for this year's event.

On Thursday evening Marshall will lead a group to the Jake's Crawfish restaurant. Reservations are required and are made during the day on Thursday. The trip is a combination of a ride on the Max Train to downtown Portland and a walk of five blocks to the restaurant.

Getting from the Airport to the hotel: The best way is to ride the Red Line Max Train from the Airport to the LLoyds Center stop which is across the street from the Hilton Hotel. You will find a lot of people that use this method to get to the Airport. If you are 65 years old or more, you are called an "Honor Citizen". The price is \$1.25 versus \$2.50 for younger persons. You purchase your ticket after you claim your baggage. The train is just outside the exit from the baggage claim area. If you choose a taxi, the ride can cost you \$40.00.

Getting from the hotel to Portland Yacht Club or Columbia River Yacht Club: Some IOBG members drive to Portland. Rides can be shared if available. If not, there is Lyft, Uber or a taxi to take you out to the clubs. The fare is split by the people in the car.

On Friday morning buses will take you from the hotel to the Knighting Ceremony and back to the hotel.

On Friday night IOBG has arranged a cocktail party at the Columbia River Yacht Club. The cost will be \$8.00 per person for the food plus any cocktails you buy. This event conflicts with the Rosarians Friday night activity.

Saturday is the Grand Floral Parade. Tickets for good seats are available with your Rosarian registration for \$30.00 per person. The seats are inside so you will not have to worry about rain and the viewing is good. But, you must order the tickets with your registration before May 18, 2019. Marshall usually leads a group from the hotel to the Parade location. This involves a ride on the Max Train to the Rose Quarter stop and a short walk to the entrance.

Hotel Reservations: It is strongly recommended that you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. The Rosarians have a block of rooms set aside. They and the hotel also know that Blue Gavel members arrive on Wednesday and depart on Sunday. Check in time is 4:00 P.M. If you arrive earlier the concierge will check your bags and you can retrieve bags prior to check in.

If you have any problems with your reservation, contact Marshall at bgtreas@iobg.org. He has direct contact with the Rosarian in charge of the arrangements with the hotel.

We look forward to a good weekend. You will meet other Blue Gavel members and members of the Royal Rosarians. Enjoy!



President - Elect Sherry Barone

The District 11 Board and I have focusing on the membership of District 11. We have been analyzing with the membership of District 11 regarding who have not rejoined and aggressively reaching out to them. Thanks to IOBG District 11 President Eric Hardt and Director Sheila Anderson for their leadership. District 11 has the enviable position of having a full on-line dues renewal form and currently has a significant candidate pool of past commodores.

Our mission continues to be supporting a wide range of boating, recreational and social activities. District 11 held two fundraising events for the IOBG 2019 Annual Meeting being held in Marina Del Rey, California. South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club under the direction of IOBG District 11 Vice President Gisele Rebeiro hosted a comedy night featuring local comics. It was a fun evening. Port Royal Yacht Club hosted a wine tasting fundraiser event under the direction of IOBG District 11 Director Sheila Anderson. We tasted local wines and international red and white wine. Robbie Fernandez was our wine expert talking about the wines. Thanks to both clubs for supporting my fundraising activities.

Mary Nye Meyers, IOBG Communications Director, continues to have state of the art communication with on-line registration, on-line membership renewal, the LOG newsletter and Lighthouse bulletin. As we travel around the globe it is nice to have access to what is happening locally and internationally. Thank you for your hard work keeping IOBG in the forefront of communication.



The 2019 IOBG annual meeting events and activities has been finalized. The informational flyer has been posted on the IOBG web site and in this LOG newsletter. Online & Mail-in registration and Events Schedules will be available in April. Save the date from 16 -20 October 2019 in Marina Del Rey, California. Regan and I welcome you to share our city, local boating, local yacht clubs, television taping and local cuisine. Marriott Hotel Marina del Rey is our local hotel and only a short walk to Del Rey Yacht Club where the meetings will be held. Transportation will be provided as well. Events will be held at Del Rey Yacht Club, South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club,

Westlake Yacht Club, and Marina Yacht Club. The best of Hollywood and Marina Del Rey meet at this year's event and we look forward to you sharing our local towns and activities. For those who arrive early we also have some activities planned in our hometown of Santa Monica.

The Winter regional meeting in New Orleans was a lot of fun. Karen Shea did an amazing job setting up the weekend and every detail was covered from the hotel, gift bags, IOBG displays, briefing from the Academy of Yachting presented by P/C Joe Tringali , group events and daily tours. Spenser provided additional touches as they welcomed us to the meeting. P/C Joe Tringali and Mary Lou set up daily walking tours that included the WWII Museum, restaurants, maps, suggestions for anything you needed to know about New Orleans. The National WWII Museum is one of the best museums around with 5 buildings and is a must during a visit. Mardi Gras World tour is Blaine Kern Studios, an operating workshop that has created breathtaking floats for Mardi Gras since 1947 with many floats in the Mardi Gras parade as well as supporting 40 parades each year.

The group experienced a Mardi Gras parade with the Krewe of Chewbacchus a Sci-Fi themed parade. Chewbacchus consists of over 150 "floats" and 900 members giving homage to the full spectrum of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror as we watched on Frenchman St. The parades starts January 5 and ends March 5, 2019 with Mardi Gras I did not know there were so many parades. New Orleans knows how to party. Thanks Karen and Spenser for making the weekend festive as well as our visit to New Orleans Yacht Club for the burgee exchange.

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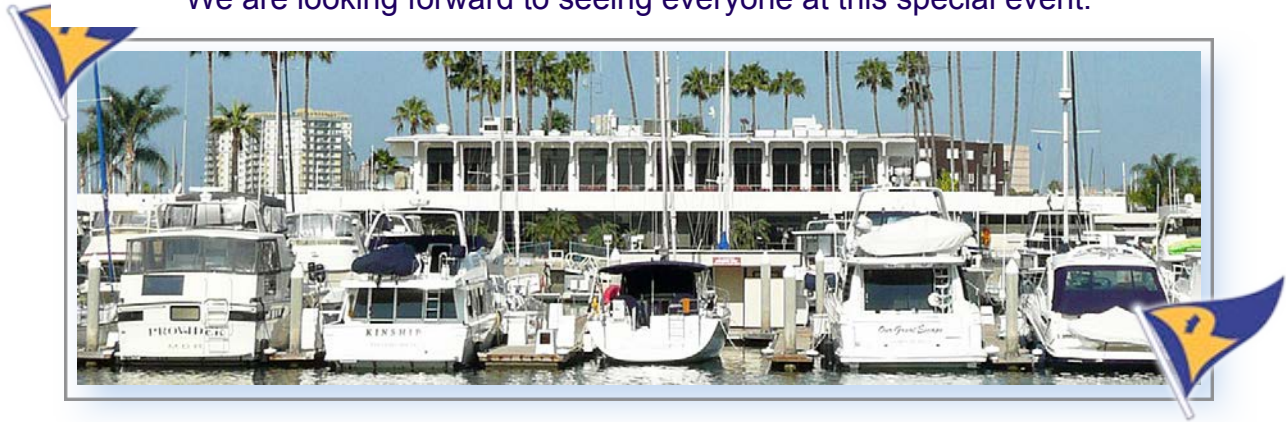
2019 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 17-20, 2019



Welcome to Marina Del Rey, California

District 11 is honoring one of their own becoming International President of IOBG. Sherry Barone and Regan have a wonderful weekend planned. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this special event.



All Meetings Held at:

Del Rey Yacht Club (DRYC) 13900 Palawan Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292
310-823-4664



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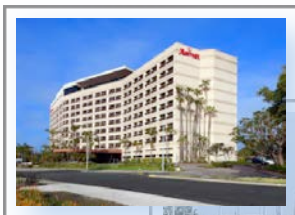
4100 Admiralty Way Marina Del Rey, CA Tel: 310-301-3000

Ask for "IOBG Yachting Association" rate of \$209 + tax per night

Hotel reservations also available on-line. Visit the IOBG web site for information.

Just 10 minutes from Los Angeles Airport (LAX). No hotel shuttle service from airport.

Hotel Reservation Deadline is September 15, 2019



Here are some of the events we have planned for you...

Wednesday, October 16th - Join us at the California Yacht Club for an informal no-host dinner. A free shuttle service is available from the hotel



Thursday, October 17th - (Afternoon - Transportation and a box lunch will be provided.)

We will be visiting the **Gardens of the World...Bringing the beauty of the world to the Conejo Valley**. The Gardens of the World became a reality when Ed and Lynn Hogan, founders of Pleasant Holidays, decided to build a striking monument to commemorate the various cultures of the world. Their motivation was simple: to give something back to the community where they live and conduct their highly successful business, and the desire to share with others their travel experiences and the beauty they have seen during their travels around the world. Check out the web site at www.gardensoftheworld.info



Later we will be taking an electric boat ride on Westlake. Dinner afterwards at the Westlake Yacht Club.



Friday, October 18th - We are having lunch at the Del Rey Yacht Club (Southwestern menu) then you will be transported off to a television taping at Sony Studios of either Jeopardy or Wheel of Fortune.



After that we're having a sunset cruise from South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club to Marina Yacht Club for dinner and dancing.



Saturday, October 19th - The installation of our new officers for 2019-2020. There will be dinner and dancing at Del Rey Yacht Club.

Don't miss this wonderful weekend in Marina del Rey, California - the home of beautiful beaches, Hollywood, Disneyland and year 'round boating!



First Vice President Robert "Buzz" Bisanz

As stated in the IOBG Policy Manual: The First Vice President shall be responsible for assisting the President and for the Bylaws, Policy Manual, newsletter (The Blue Gavel Log), and Area Vice Presidents east of the Mississippi River and the Director of District 50. The First Vice President reports to both the President and the President Elect.

Given my directive for this fiscal year, I have been in contact with our Area Vice Presidents, Steve Tisack – Northeast Area VP, Steve Hyder – Northcentral Area VP and Karen Shea – Southeast Area VP. These individuals are actively working with their District Directors on their annual agendas and membership drives. Karen has also worked on the February Winter IOBG Regional meeting held in New Orleans, LA. Congratulations to Karen and to those assisting her including Joe Tringali and his wife Mary Lou for a job well done.

I hope you had a chance to view our recent Blue Gavel Log. We publish this informational newsletter multiple times per year and it is accessible on our IOBG.org website. You also have access to past Logs if you are interested. Look for information from all Area Vice Presidents and IOBG officers as they report on activities taking place in IOBG Chapters. If you have information to share that you feel our IOBG membership would be interested in hearing about please contact your District Director or Area Vice President. Either individual can assist you in publishing the information in the Blue Gavel Log. Pictures of Blue Gavel activities are encouraged.

One item I have talked about in the past but want to again bring to your attention is our IOBG Brochure. This informational handout was completely updated last year and is ready for your use in distributing to prospective members. Please contact the International Office or your Area Vice President for a hard copy or you can access the document on the IOBG website. Let's get these into the hands of prospective members in your area.

We also have an IOBG Organizational Presentation in a PDF format for your use. This is a great presentation to give at meetings to show briefly what IOBG is all about. Look for this presentation on our IOBG.org website.

I thank you for your support thus far in our fiscal year and ask for your continued support for the rest of the year.

If your District has an internet website please consider including a link to other IOBG sites including IOBG.org, IOBGA.org, IOBG-HF.org and other District sites like D8IOBG.org.

District Achievement Award: Beginning with the official District membership numbers posted in August 2018, 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 2019. Your AVP has detailed information for you. Thank you for your efforts in 2019.

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.



Second Vice President Mark Vadaj

First and foremost, I would like to recognize our most valued asset, our Membership. Without your renewed commitment and contribution to the IOBG, the IOBGA and The Humanitarian Foundation, nothing else matters. Thank you to each and every member from the Chapter level to the Districts to the Regional Officers and the Executive Board. Every members voice and vote matters and is valued.

As Second Vice President I have a tough duty to follow behind the great leaders before me. I have a three-prong strategy of Short Term Efforts and Goals, Medium Term and Long Term. All which will strengthen and grow our membership while providing additional, sustainable value all.

First: Following former 2nd Vice President, now 1st Vice President Buzz Bisanz to fulfill his efforts of increasing communication amongst our officers as well as our individual members is an essential foundation of operation. I encourage each and every member to reach out to their Districts to become better informed and District officers reach out to their Regional Vice Presidents to ensure a flow of information through the proper channels and ensure a synergistic message as well as the proper flow of information back to the members from the officers at all levels. I myself will work with my areas of Northwest and Southwest to ensure all beneficial information is shared from the Executive Board. Working with President-Elect Sherry Barone is key to ensure that the objectives of 2017, 2018, 2019 are carried forth into 2020 and beyond. Working with our Immediate Past President Tony Durieux and President Bud Higginson is essential to execute our current plan and vision to recruit, retain and strengthen our Membership.

Second: Following through with the directive given to me on incentives for our members initiated by Past President Steve Willing and through the efforts of Past President Tony Durieux for recruitment and retention, I have been focusing my efforts on several key topics.

- a. Assisting with credit card payment at the District level which has been requested by our membership for some time as more and more of the public is not using paper checks. This presents an issue due to transaction fees and processing fees. A possible solution which is just catching hold is Zelle.

Zelle is a U.S.-based digital payments network owned by Early Warning Services, a private financial services company owned by the banks. (Bank of America, BB&T, Capital One, JPMorgan Chase, PNC Bank, US Bank and Wells Fargo) The Zelle service enables individuals to electronically transfer money from their bank account to another registered user's bank account using a mobile device or the website of a participating banking institution. The Zelle instant payment service was launched in 2017. There are other services but this one may provide the easiest and most acceptable manner to execute this payment option. As this becomes fully implemented several banks have suggested that this may be available without expensive and reoccurring transaction fees. This is being utilized by business to provide funding as needed when needed. More on the later this year.

- b. Many have requested an IOBG Credit Card which may be option to not only provide cash back to members of IOBG but also to the host (IOBG) themselves which can be earmarked to a specific IOBG business segments.
- c. The best is saved for last. I have successfully worked with multiple management levels of West Marine to kick off a Membership Incentive Discount for the 2020 year and 2020 IOBG Membership Card. After several years of negotiating with West Marine Group Sales, we will be offered the West Marine Partner Plan. This will be a partnership where West Marine will offer an instore discount with a valid and current IOBG Membership card with the West Marine Logo on the backside of the card. More details to follow later this year, if this program goes as planned, being an IOBG Member pays for itself. Simultaneously I am working on other retailers as well as Rental Car Agencies, Restaurants and Airlines.

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Second Vice President's Report Continued...

Third: I often receive inquiries which are simple request but often interpreted and or executed incorrectly. I will provide Area Vice Presidents with guidelines to help clarify day to day protocols.

- a. Flag Etiquette. Developed by Member Bob Sapita.
- b. Uniform Protocol. Authored by myself following International Yachting Customs Handbook and printed in the IOBG Log of March 2009.
- c. Unless it already exists, I would like to develop an Operations Duty Guide for all International Level Officers from Area V.P. up to 2nd V.P., 1st. V.P., President-Elect. and President. Understand that this will be a long-term effort.

In summary, my intention is to not only recruit and retain from our existing prospects, but also gain interest from the next generation which is not embracing the traditional IOBG.

To Our Photographers... Thanks for the memories...

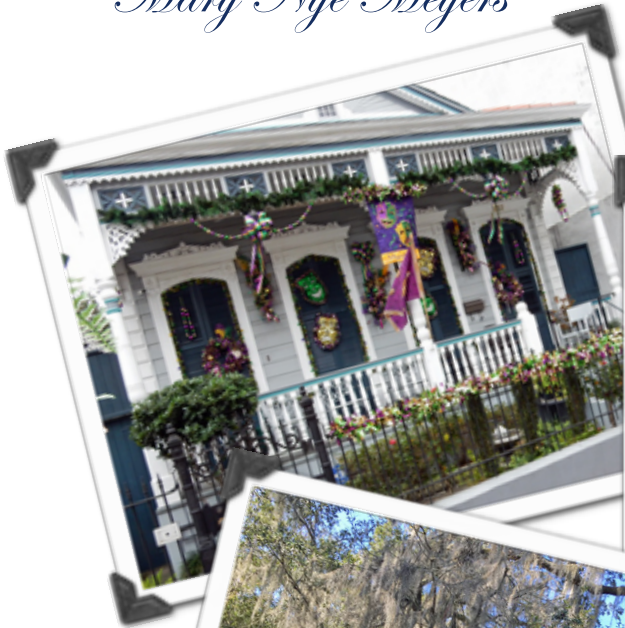
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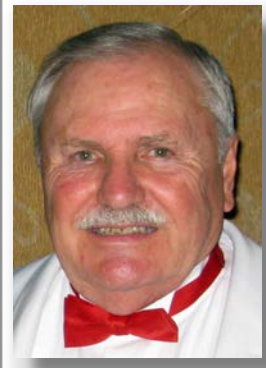
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Sherry Barone

Tony & Sandi Durieux

Mike Meyers





Past President Tony Durieux

Call for Nominations...

The 2019 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.

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, 2019**:

P/P Tony Durieux (Chairman)	agent@alink.com
P/P Rosalie Davis Green	rgreen@ca.rr.com
President Bud Higginson	higgo2@aol.com
Member (West) Linda Loftus	lindaloftus@att.net
Member (East) Matthew Schmidt	Bride72@aol.com

Open Offices:

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

Questions should be directed to Tony Durieux, agent@alink.com or 740-334-7669.

References – Bylaws – Art 9, Section 4



Education Officer Phil Promessi

As I sit here staring at the screen of my computer, I am trying to think of what to say as Education Officer. What can I convey to you about IOBG that you don't already know? I am certain that all of you must know how to run a meeting because you would not have achieved the position of Director of your District if you didn't. What more do you need to know?

We'll start with: Do you know who started IOBG and where it was started?

The Blue Gavel began in 1953 when the outgoing Commodore of the Rainier Yacht Club in Seattle, Ev Henry, observed some of the past Commodores sitting around talking about how they should be able to provide something for the betterment of the yacht club. This group became the first Blue Gavel members, and since that time the organization has grown to include thousands of yachtsmen worldwide.

The main mission of the IOBG is to strengthen yacht club traditions through publication of protocol manuals and voluntary education of yacht club members throughout the world.

The Blue Gavel aims to promote high standards of honor, tradition, good sportsmanship, and fraternal and social relationships experienced by and between past commodores.

There are twelve basic and essential requirements for this organization:

1. We must grow: to be static is to be stagnant.
2. We must augment boating and still do something worthwhile for mankind in general.
3. We must operate in an atmosphere of harmony and good fellowship.
4. We must build prestige and pride of membership and the caliber of our members.
5. We must exemplify a spirit of cooperation with other boating organizations and yacht clubs involved.
6. We must keep abreast of the times in which we live.
7. We must be governed by wisdom, tact, and consideration, not by dictatorship.
8. We must command the respect of our communities.
9. We must make meetings interesting with variety and inspiration.
10. We must keep the members occupied and then give them appreciation for the tasks well done. (People are like money: if you don't put it to work, you lose interest.)
11. We must request ways to encourage suggestions to keep the group alive and dynamic.
12. We must always be adaptable to the needs of our members.

These 12 requirements were written by the founder of Blue Gavel Ev Henry.

Do you know the rules and duties and responsibilities that are required for each office?

In past articles I have asked for input from members as to what questions or ideas you have that I could address. However, I am guessing that there are some members that have questions in their mind about certain issues that need explaining. So I am asking once again, do you have any questions regarding IOBG? What would you like to discuss at the Annual Meeting? Do you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to present?

If you have any questions or ideas please contact me at: ppromessi@gmail.com, and attend the Annual Meeting in October.

Looking forward to hearing from you.



N.B.F. Representative Marlene Barrington

The National Boating Federation Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019. Ford Yacht Club in Detroit is our host. The meeting will commence at 0830. Lodging accommodations can be found on our website: www.n-b-f.org/meetings

We are looking forward to Spring and our meeting in Detroit, Michigan

Earl Waesche, NBF Legislative Director
ewaesche@comcast.net

H.R. 1024 - The Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act:

The bill was reintroduced on February 6, 2019 in the House of Representatives. The bill was introduced by Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. This very important legislation requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise labeling requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15 ethanol. It would require a larger and more detailed warning label on gas pumps dispensing E15 than is currently required to include the word "WARNING", the words "check your owner's manual", and be 5 x 7 inches or larger. The current labels are yellow and black, and small (most gas pumps are not even labelled).

Everyone: Tell Congress to support the Consumer Protection and Fuel Act of 2019 by clicking on the indicated web site - <https://trackbill.com/bill/us-congress-house-bill-1024-consumer-protection-and-fuel-transparency-act-of-2019/1678270/>

Public Education: Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment, the Administrator, in consultation with affected industries, shall develop and commence a public education campaign to inform the public regarding the risk associated with the improper use of E-15 in boats and pre-2001 model year vehicles.

President Trump Signed the Natural Resources Management Act into Law:

This was a big win for the recreational boating and fishing community. Thanks to everyone who helped get this important legislation across the finish line.

This law permanently reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, promotes conservation, provides greater local control of water management, and protects and expands access to public lands and waters for boating and fishing.

NMMA, NBF and our outdoor recreation coalition partners applaud this landmark, bipartisan legislation, and we will continue to work towards bolstering conservation and access to our nation's lands and waters, so we can enjoy all forms of outdoor recreation for generations to come!

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Research shows Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) harms the environment:

New research conducted by the University of California-Davis, Kansas State University, and University of Wisconsin reveals that the RFS and its implementation is damaging the environment.

In a conference call March 7 with reporters, research participants said the RFS is destroying monarch butterfly habitat and forage, draining western aquifers, accelerating climate change and harming the environment in other ways.

The president of the National Wildlife Federation indicated the groundbreaking new research eliminates any remaining doubt that U.S. biofuel currently is damaging our environment. It's removing wildlife habitat, it's not working for water resources and it's not working for the climate. This research should be a wakeup call for Congress and the EPA to take these impacts seriously rather than brushing them aside and continuing with the status quo.

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IOBG Blazer emblems are authorized for sale by Commodore Insignia. These emblems have the Blue Gavel Burgee on the left staff and the Commodore's club on the right staff. They are available in a white, black & navy background and the price is \$23.95 each plus shipping and tax.

BLAZER EMBLEMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR THE AUXILIARY

To order: Send this order form with a color sample of club burgee (business card or letterhead - we may have burgee on file) to Commodore Insignia. You can telephone your order using (800)-315-7485 or our Fax: (775) 782-4003.

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

Signature _____ Ship to: _____

The above will be verified. Member will be billed for emblems when shipped. _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Addresses: _____



Introducing . . . The Academy of Yachting

The purpose of the Academy of Yachting is simple: it's to serve boating clubs and associations like the IOBG by providing a means to maintain the high standards and special traditions that have made yacht clubs unique for over 400 years.

It's no secret that clubs—all clubs, not just yacht clubs—are facing a crisis as we enter the 21st century. The sense of bonding that once was found only in places like alumni clubs, business clubs and marquee clubs is being replaced by the artificial bonding of social media. Longer working hours and the demands of family eat up the free time of the millennial generation, and the call for “less formality” is heard more often in the few clubs that remain. But “less formality” is suicide for yacht clubs, because once you strip away the burgees and the uniforms and the table flags, you're left with a fancy restaurant, and every city in the world has plenty of those.



The Academy was created to solve that problem, and it does so by being a stand-alone organization, staffed by volunteers who have no need or desire to “move up anyone's chairs.” As an independent body, the Academy can truly serve yacht clubs, power squadrons, sailing clubs, in fact, anything nautical.

When a club joins the Academy for only \$399 per year, it has:

- Immediate access to the Academy website where it has its own page and can interact with other clubs. Over 1,600 club from the United States, Canada and the Caribbean, as well as all U.S. Power Squadrons are currently listed on the website.
- Immediate access to downloadable scripts for every ceremony from Club Opening to the Final Salute at a funeral home or gravesite.
- Immediate access to a team of experts who are prepared to answer questions ranging from protocol matters to legal issues.
- Access to educational workshops, seminars and materials relating to club management and building membership.
- Individual members of Academy member clubs can subscribe to informative newsletters giving them a vital ‘heads up’ to critical issues facing private clubs.
- Individual members also receive an immediate 20% discount on books purchased directly from Calkins Harbor Publishing Company.

All this service for only \$399 per year—which is over \$100 LESS than most clubs are now paying to be included in a so-called “Reciprocity Guide” which guarantees nothing at all.

Contact me by email at j.tringali@academyofyachting.org, or go direct to the Academy's website: www.academyofyachting.org for more information about this new and valuable service.

Northwestern V.P.
Lani Lightle



Districts
1 & 5
2, 4 & 24
Blue Gavel Canada

District 1
Robert "Butch" Brown, President

District 1 had our Fall Meeting and Change of Watch at the Port Ludlow Yacht Club in September. (Port Ludlow is our newest chapter in District 1)



Since then the Board of Trustees has been busy. We have monthly video/phone conference calls with our board members to keep everyone informed and up to date.

Our first priority this year is recruiting and retention of existing chapters and members. District 1 has chapters located all over the State of Washington, so we try to make activity locations accessible to all our clubs.

District 1 will be having our Spring Meeting at Prosser, WA. Prosser is in Southeast Washington in the center of our Wine Country. Besides our normal business meetings, wine tasting tours will be on the agenda. We will also be inducting several new members,

Our Summer Picnic in July will be close to Leavenworth, Washington. The outing affords our members a lot of time to socialize as well as partake in the many activities in the area.

Plans are in progress for our Fall Meeting and Change of Watch at Des Moines Yacht Club. DMYC has always been an outstanding host for District 1 meetings.

In addition to our three meetings, we will be participating in the Seattle Opening Day ceremonies at Seattle Yacht Club. This marks the official opening of boating season on Puget Sound. We participate in the official flag raising ceremony and have a yacht in the Boat Parade with District 1 members and officers aboard. This is a great recruiting opportunity.

District 1 is looking forward to 2019 as a fun and prosperous year to grow and extend our membership.

Southwestern V.P.
Kathleen Jo Smith



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

What a great idea to have a Regional Meeting in New Orleans! There is no way not to have a great time.

Districts in the Southwest Region have spent the winter attending and/or planning their Change of Watch ceremonies and now the newly installed officers are setting up the 2019 calendar of activities. The consensus is that activities keep members engaged and help with membership retention.

It has been my pleasure to attend Change of Watch brunches in both Districts 10 and 11, and District 15's dinner meeting. It was great to be able to visit with so many involved Blue Gavel members.

All our Districts are focusing on retaining members and keeping members involved. Most Districts have some form of relevancy projects that give back to their local yachting community.



The Southwest Region is already gearing up for the District Achievement Award competition. Districts are very interested in taking home the prize this year. Look out District 14...they are coming after you!

District 10
Joyce Jackson-Coomber, District Director

District 10 ended on a high note in 2018 with a Duffy Ride in Huntington Harbor. It was hosted by Bill Wheeler (one of our members) at his home with appetizers served and Christmas presents brought by the guests to donate to the Children's Clinic of Long Beach.

We had our installation of officers at Huntington Harbor Yacht Club with 16 members in attendance. The new board was sworn in by Southwestern Vice President Kathy Smith who attended with her husband Gary.

Renewals are coming in and we have had a few requests for membership. We anticipate at least eight new members to be inducted during the Spring Opening Days.

Our board has taken a vote and we will be forwarding a check to Sherry Barone in the amount of \$1,000.00 to help with the cost of her installation to IOBG International President in the Fall.

We are planning fun outings for the members of District 10. These will include a trip to the LA Winery, a Sunday brunch at Navy Yacht Club and A Day at the Races.

District 11
Sheila Anderson, District Director

District 11 inducted the 2019 Board of Directors with a wonderful brunch at Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey. The brunch included a presentation on the Indonesia diving adventures of Master Divers Don and Cathy Mueller of PRYC.

District 11 is focusing on raising funds to support the 2019 Annual Meeting. We started off the year with a Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Port Royal Yacht Club members did a fabulous job hosting the wine tasting. The event raised \$700.00.

Eric Hardt is currently updating the District 11 website. We will be attending Opening Days in Marina Del Rey in March and King Harbor in April.

The board is planning our annual Members Appreciation Luncheon on April 28th.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

District 14
Liz Allison, District Director

Our January membership renewals have come in. We sent off to International the dues for 46 members, including 5 new members. The second notice has started to go out. I expect the return of some of these members now that the holidays are over & people are back on course.

We are retaining our officers from last year for 2019.

We are putting out a calendar of events for 2019, which will go out shortly.

Once again our friends in District 19 invited us to join in with them on a joint Installation Lunch at Pittsburg Yacht Club on Sunday, February 24.

District 15
Gregg Hansen, District Director

District 15 started off 2019 with our Change-of-Watch Installation Dinner Meeting held on January 11th at Southwestern Yacht Club where we installed Jim Murtland as President, Roger Robinson as Vice-President, Simon Dekker as Secretary and Marshall Nemo as Treasurer. We also presented checks on behalf of District 15 IOBG and IOBGA to Gretchen Viehl from Elderhelp of San Diego. Elderhelp is a charitable organization that helps seniors to remain independent and retain their dignity by living at home.

On January 19th we held our annual Yacht Club Management Seminar at Silvergate Yacht Club where approximately 50 yacht club boards of directors had the opportunity to learn from our presenters on issues ranging from yacht club protocol, organizations, finance, legal issues and labor laws. The event was hosted by Silvergate Yacht Club and for the third year in a row SGYC took home the participation trophy for most members in attendance. We had some very positive feedback from some of the attendees and I can't stress enough the importance and relevancy that this kind of seminar makes on our local yachting community.

The following events are scheduled for the remainder of 2019:

Board Meeting on June 10 th , 2019	SWYC	6pm
Member Appreciation BBQ on June 23 rd	SGYC	2pm
MAW Amazing Race on Oct. 27 th , 2019	CCYC	12pm
Board Meeting on November 4 th , 2019	SWYC	6pm
Change of Watch Dinner Meeting on Jan. 10 th , 2020	SWYC	6pm
Board Meeting on January 13 th , 2020	SWYC	6pm

I, along with our District President and other board members, plan to attend the monthly San Diego Association of Yacht Club's meetings to retain and recruit members and encourage past commodores to join and be active with IOBG in supporting our local yacht club community.

District 16
Marsha Landreth, District Director

Director Marsha Landreth reported that ongoing efforts are underway to recruit and retain members, save recreational boating in Channel Island Harbor, Chowderfest benefitting Maritime Museum, and fundraising for the IOBG 2019 Annual Meeting in Marina del Rey.

District 19
Jack Michael, District Director

Delta District 19 has a full calendar for 2019 and continues to move forward with an outstanding leadership team and an active membership. We have 138 members and added 10 new members at our Induction Ceremony on February 24th, 2019. The ceremony was conducted by International Past President Vern Bendsen, one of three International Past Presidents in our membership. Joining Delta District 19 for the ceremony were our friends from District 14, who will be inducting new members with us.

Our leadership team of President Paul Clausen, Vice President George Iaconis, Secretary Matt Smith, Treasurer Mike Billington, and Supply Officer Don Dietz have put together a full calendar of events for 2019. We are looking forward to a fun and rewarding year. Past District 19 Director Roger Beebe continues in his indispensable role as Web Master and Communications Director as well as advising and keeping us all on track. Thank you, Roger.

Our next big event after an April 7th Board of Directors meeting will be our Member's Appreciation Picnic, June 22nd. This year we will try and avoid the extreme heat of the central valley and have the picnic at beautiful Sportsmen Yacht Club in Antioch, CA. All IOBG members are welcome so please come and enjoy good food, good times and our wonderful Delta.

Another activity this summer will be our nomination BBQ at Discovery Bay Yacht Club with an early morning cruise to watch the beginning of the famous "Big Cat Poker Run" where 40+ offshore racing powerboats take off for a multi stop run.

There is more on our calendar and interested members can visit our website at www.iobgdelta19.org for updates, the full calendar, and other information about Delta District 19.

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North Central V.P.
Steven Hyder



Districts
7, 9, 23 & 25

District 7
Lloyd Bogue, District Director

The doldrums of winter are upon us here along the north coast of Lake Erie, but that doesn't mean that District 7 has hibernated for the winter. Our new president Pat White was installed in October and she has been busy planning for another great year.

We had our annual organizational meeting in November to get everyone on board with her plans. In the month of December we along with the Auxiliary put together a wonderful Christmas dinner at Lakeside Yacht Club with close to 50 people in attendance.

December also saw us, along with District 9, hosting a pizza party for our members that attended the Inter-Lake Yachting Association's winter meeting in Perrysburg, Ohio.

January has brought us to the planning stages for our annual "Blue Blazer Event" which was held at the Northwest Yacht Club on March 10, 2019. We invited around 100 past and present commodores to this event to introduce them to what the Blue Gavel is all about in hopes of recruiting them into membership.

March 17th will be another fun filled event for our District as we participate in the St. Patty's Day Parade festivities in downtown Cleveland, Ohio.

April finds us supporting the District 7 Auxiliary's "Nautica Brunch" aboard the MV Nautica Queen in Cleveland, Ohio. They are in hopes of selling out the ship with around 250 guests in attendance. This is a fundraising activity for them and we are proud to join them to make this a successful event!

Until the next time...stay warm from the North Coast.

District 9

D9 is moving through the winter as smoothly as possible. They are working hard on membership retention and recruitment. The E-Board is hard at work identifying the weakness in their communication with membership and working on a resolution to getting information out to members in a timely basis.

They are also this spring identifying a couple of local charities and/or Junior boating activities that could use a donation from D9. They are putting together a spring activity to help bring more members into the district.

District 25

D25 is starting to sell their annual fundraising tickets which is a raffle to be held at their annual meeting. The D25 Auxiliary is hosting an upcoming event. They are hosting Feather Bowling for any and all who want to have some fun.

They are also actively working on their retention and recruitment. The E-Board in D25 has expanded their recruitment to welcome clubs in the Lake St. Clair area. This has been a long time in the making. This will help with recruitment. There also has been an inquiry from a club who would like to form a chapter and they are working on bringing them on board.

Northeastern V.P.

Steve Tisack



Districts

3, 12, 20, 22
26 & 27

No Reports...

Southeastern V.P.

Karen Shea



Districts

8 & 18

District 18 Director Dave Kowert continues to recruit from the Charleston, South Carolina area with hopes of forming a board soon. Our meeting on September 14th at the Charleston Yacht Club was disrupted by Hurricane Florence.

I rescheduled for December 21st and we had a great meeting. I gave him District 18's old and current rosters plus an updated roster of all the District 18 Chapters with charters. I showed him my video display and we talked about setting up the display during Race Week April 11-14, 2019. Then we exchanged burgees from our Gulf Harbors Yacht Club with his Charleston Yacht Club Commodore Sarah Ashton.

Commodore Jose Escrich of the Hemingway International Yacht Club, Havana, Cuba accepted our invitation as an honorary IOBG member on September 12, 2018. The E-Comm approved he be placed under District 8 as a new International Country since Cuba is only 90 miles from Key West and he works closely with Florida yachts clubs with regattas, fishing tournaments, etc. I tried to organize the induction ceremony at the same time as the St Petersburg to Havana Regatta (March 19-23), but it was too cost prohibitive (\$1500 PP for 4 nights). So I booked a cruise from Tampa on April 27-May 2, 2019 with an overnight to Havana, Cuba. The IOBG induction ceremony is tentatively scheduled for April 29th at the Hemingway International Yacht Club. I will be inducting Commodore Escrich and presenting him with an IOBG flag, IOBG table flag and an IOBG tie tack which D8 has approved they will pay for.

I want to thank Past D8 Director Joe & Mary Lou Tringali along with Spencer for helping me put this meeting together. D8 has paid me for the gift bags.

I am dual hatted again this year as the District 8 Director and the Southeastern Vice President. However, I now have an Alternate District Director Rosemary Kaley-Kreiger.

As of August 1, 2018 we had 223 members plus 2 Past Presidents. D8 received the District Achievement Award for 2018. All District 8 Officers received a District Achievement Award pin.

We currently have 146 members from 14 yacht clubs. We have added teleconferences in-between our three regional meetings to improve communication and regain our number one membership position.

We now have 25 Chapters compared to 26 in 2018. We have lost Ft Walton Beach Yacht Club. Palm Coast YC and Bradenton YC have shown interest but no new members yet. In conjunction with our new Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Hockenberry sending out renewals in December, I will send out about 50 personalized letters to inactive Chapters along with our new brochures in March. In the letters I also give reference to our www.d8iobg.org web site & the www.iobg.org web site and the great Power Point presentation that anyone can use. We will continue to try to activate our inactive Chapters especially those who are Florida Council of Yacht Club members. I think it is important to send out annual letters to inactivate chapters along with our new brochures which I will continue to do.







Our District works very hard at keeping our members informed via our website, newsletters, emails, and phone calls from our Executive Committee. To my knowledge we are one of only 2 Districts to publish a Membership Directory /Handbook and our plan is to have it ready by April 2019.

I continue to ask our D8 Chapter Presidents to work on several areas within their yacht clubs.

1. Add an IOBG tab on their 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 D8 and International web sites. We have 7 out of 25 yacht clubs who have IOBG info/tabs on their websites.
2. Have their yacht clubs add IOBG members to their Hospitality rules. International will be sending out a letter with the membership cards.
3. Be an ambassador for the IOBG when you have Regattas and other events involving other yachts clubs. I've made up an IOBG Display Table which can be used.

We are considering presenting our IOBG Chapters with IOBG flags for 25, 30, etc... years of membership. We presented Venice Yacht Club with an IOBG Flag with 33 years on it to fly on their flagpole and at our Gulf Harbors Yacht Club's Change Of Watch on January 12, 2019 we presented the IOBG with 37 years on it. What we discovered is the 12"X18" outdoor IOBG flag is too small. I need to talk to Commodores Insignia if we can get a larger outdoor flag for a flagpole.

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International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary



President Gary Smith

The reports from districts find our chapters involved with Blue Blazer events, raffles, silent auctions, boat rides and fun social events.

They are also very active in community outreach:

- *District 25 aids a women's shelter and a Latino Women Empowerment Center
- *District 7 is actively involved in Book Projects
- *District 1 is working with Wishing Star, Make-a-Wish and C.A.S.T. for Kids
- *District 15 is actively involved with Elder Care

Personal contacts and visiting of yacht clubs has been successful in gaining interest of potential new members to IOBGA. Helping them start a chapter and then become involved in district activities is our goal. We have a potential of four new chapters from these visits.

IOBGA is offering a \$100 donation to any district implementing a Book Project. Districts can apply for this on our web site.

On a special note...

COMMENDATIONS to the following for performing above and beyond their normal duties:

Treasurer Mary Kay Inguagiato for completing the arduous movement from using a California bank to one closer to her home in Michigan.

To P/C North Central Area Vice President Steve Hyder for his contribution to the organization

Past Treasurer Audrey Hall for her assistance.

Shirley Willing for reviewing our bylaws and recommending changes.

Ronda Rich for her work with starting a school library.



Connecting via teleconference with board members who couldn't make it to the New Orleans meeting.



Mike Meyers, IOBGA NW Regional Director wins the IOBGA-HF 50/50 raffle.

District 1 IOBG Auxiliary meets twice each year, once in the Spring, once in the Fall. We also have a casual summer get together, at which time we catch up with our members, and do some 'sideline planning'. Fundraising is accomplished at our Spring and Fall district meetings through different methods:

Silent Auctions: Our Saturday evening silent auctions have been very successful the past two years. New and almost new items and handmade items are donated by members, then set up on tables with a bid sheet for each item. Members, guests, and even event staff bid until the tables are closed before the end of the evening. When the tables close, winning bids are highlighted, then paid for and taken.

Sales of Handmade or Donated Items: At times we have had metal animal figures and sand dollars donated which have a fixed price. One of our Auxiliary members makes beautiful handmade bowls of all sizes. They are also displayed during Saturday evening.

50/50 Cash Raffles: These tickets are usually sold and winner drawn Friday evening.

Raffle Ticket Sales at IOBGA Meetings: Each IOBGA member brings a gift or gift bag to the Saturday morning meeting (about a \$15-\$20 value) which are displayed on a table in the back of the room. Raffle tickets are sold before and after the meeting for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The person with the winning ticket gets to choose their gift, then draws the next ticket. (We try to make sure everyone gets a gift.)

Our members are committed to support District 1 IOBG and raise monies for our charities.

Our three charitable recipients from 2016-2018 and amounts donated were:

Wishing Star - Washington and Idaho (\$1,393.00)

Make a Wish - Alaska and Washington (\$1,393.00)

C.A.S.T. (Catch a Special Thrill) for Kids - Washington (\$2,171.00).

The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation is a public charity that was formed in 1991 to bring together volunteers who love to share a day of fishing in the outdoors with children who have special needs and disadvantages. IOBGA member Scott Daniels has been just one of the volunteer boaters with C.A.S.T. for Kids who has been offering his time and boat for the past several years.

With the rising costs facing our District 1 IOBG, we voted to raise our 2019 dues by \$5.00 in order to help supplement conference costs.

Our group has also completed the project of rewriting and printing our IOBGA informational brochure.

District 1 IOBGA looks forward to a year of camaraderie and supportive activities in 2019.

District 15
Audrey Hall, District President

We are off to a good start. Our first fundraiser for Elder-help brought \$300. This brought our total for 2018 to almost \$1000.

Our new board was sworn in and we have VP Belin Poltorek (MBYC), Treasurer Dawn Nemoy (MBYC), Secretary SC Marybeth Thayer and President SC Audrey Hall.

January 19th, we had our spouse's seminar (IOBG had their seminar) which gives a great opportunity to meet new people and learn more about what is expected as an officer and spouse in the yacht club life.

We had a short meeting after the seminar and have planned for an exciting 2019.

May 26th will be an event for Elder-help San Diego with our donated and loved jewelry in Mission Bay Yacht Club. Our yacht clubs are eager for the event. Member appreciation day with IOBG will be held in June. July 13th our VP Belin Poltorek and her husband Mike will hold a special evening of entertainment in their home and excellent food. IOBG/A are planning an event in September and our annual event Amazing Race for Children's wishes on October 27th.

We are hoping to have more events with our districts yacht clubs. After the June meeting in Portland we will have the dates.

We hope it will be a great success for our auxiliary as well as for the seniors and children that receive the help that is so needed.

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