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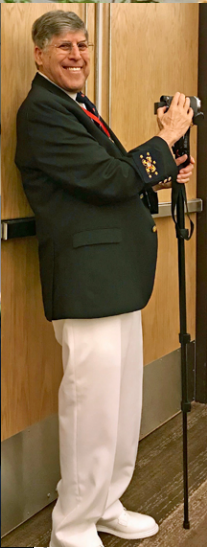
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The mission of IOBG is to recognize past commodores of the international yachting community and unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting, and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.



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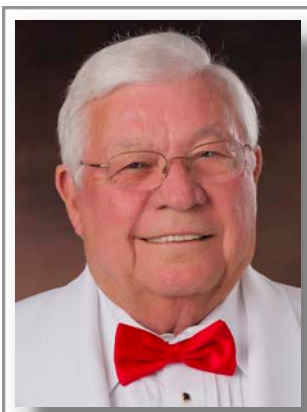
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The leadership continues to look at all avenues to grow IOBG membership.

Immediate Past President Tony Durieux is leading a committee to research the possibility of adding to the IOBG membership new types of yachting associations such as Southern California Yachting Association or Power Squadrons. Drawing on the leadership & years of expertise of the past commodores and thinking “outside of the box” will make this process easier.

Membership appreciation events in our districts has continued to help with increasing IOBG membership throughout this year. We look forward to increasing our membership and sharing this organization with past commodores across all our districts.

Each of the Area Vice Presidents continue to spread the message of what IOBG is all about.

With the summer season in full force the yachting season is underway. Making a donation to the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation would be a good way to support local grants to sailing and other venues.

Hope everyone is making plans to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting and Installation in Marina del Rey, California. Registration forms and Events Schedules can be found in this edition of the LOG newsletter and also on the home page of the IOBG web site. (www.iobg.org)

Enjoy your summer...



Sharing Some Thoughts...



Royal Rosarians and The Festival of Roses

If you are like many IOBG, IOBGA and International Humanitarian Foundation members your first thoughts when hearing about the Royal Rosarians and The Festival of Roses is...

What do Roses have to do with the IOBG?
Why Portland and Who are the Royal Rosarians?

We all have access to the internet and search engines to find out the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How. I will leave this up to a Rosarian to tell you when you attend this event.

What I want to tell you is much more important and beneficial. I can tell you that upon arriving in Portland The Royal Rosarians are highly respected world over, Yes world renown. An organization steeped in Honor, Goodwill, Charity, Disciplines, Tradition, Culture and Kindness to name just a few of the attributes.

Sound familiar? It should, this is one of the many reasons the IOBG & IOBGA are associated with them and welcomed into their mission of Goodwill. Portland, Oregon just happens to be their home but their footprint and presence are world renown.

In short, the Royal Rosarians and the Festival of Roses is about everything good for the IOBG / IOBGA. Each member not only symbolizes the culture but truly lives it. From the time you arrive you will never meet a stranger. You will develop a friendship or ten friendships that you will carry throughout a lifetime.

And you will not only bear witness to the induction ceremony which includes Admirals, Scholars, Celebrities, Artists, Humanitarians and Politicians but you will become an integral part of it. There is so much more to this meeting and event beyond the Knighting Ceremony, beyond the Queens Garden Party, beyond the Rose Parade, and a Grand Ball. I welcome your call and opportunity to tell you more.

I not only invite you to join us at the 2020 Knighting Ceremony and Rose Festival, I suggest that you make plans now as this is an event that you should not miss and possibly attend frequently.

In summary, just another reason to be a part of "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity"

Thank you,

Mark Vadaj

2nd Vice President





President - Elect
Sherry Barone



The nominating committee has finalized the 2019-2020 slate. The leadership staff as well as new upcoming leaders are strong and ready to lead.

A committee of past presidents is looking into having groups such as power squadrons and other associations join the Blue Gavel. The benefits of developing alternate memberships could result in the growth of IOBG. Like IOBG these organizations provide local support to yacht clubs, sailing/boating events, education and philopatric work (IOBG-HF to name some of our work).

It is the end of the Opening Day season in California. Opening Day events were being held at yacht clubs up and down the coast. Yacht clubs opened their clubs sharing hospitality, good cheer and showing their juniors and boating programs. It is always good to see old friends and meet new ones.

District 11 hosted a Chili Cookoff at Pacific Mariner Yacht Club and District 15 held a Paint Party at Southwestern Yacht Club to raise funds for the 2019 Annual Meeting & Installation. Both events were enjoyed by all participants. The Annual Meeting and Gala Ball is a California event with all the districts supporting and helping. I want to thank them as we share boating, five yacht club visits, a Hollywood TV taping and local foods. We are expecting a fun event with the traditions upheld. Mary Nye Meyers has been a tremendous support with pin design and social media.

As a member of the Audit Committee, I completed this past month analyzing the financial records, bank statements, budgets and financial reports.

The 2019 IOBG Annual Meeting and Gala Ball will be held at Del Rey Yacht Club ,13900 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey, California...Thursday 16 October to Saturday 19 October 2019. All members and guests are welcome.

We will be visiting local yacht clubs - Del Rey Yacht Club, South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, Westlake Yacht Club, Marina Yacht Club and California Yacht Club. On the water activities include an Electric Boat ride on Westlake and shuttle boat ride in Marina Del Rey. Other activities include Gardens of the World and television taping. If you come early to visit our beautiful city we have planned activities in my home town of Santa Monica and Hollywood to see a few sights. If you have never been here before or just want to see the sights from a local perspective...we welcome you.

Regan and I are looking forward to hosting you and sharing our love of the yachting community in Southern California. This year's event is hosted by District 11 Santa Monica Bay, District 16 Channel Islands with the help of District 10, Los Angeles/Long Beach, District 14 San Francisco Bay, District 15 San Diego and District 19 Delta Area.

To attend the 2019 installation and gala ball , the on-line registration is on [www. IOBG.org](http://www.IOBG.org) or you can mail in your application. If you have any questions, please call or text me at 310-720-9610.

Regan and I are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting events and gala ball.

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President-Elect Report Continued...

The Spring Regional meeting was held on 6 June 2019 in Portland, Oregon along with the Rose Festival's Rosarians events. Our meeting on Thursday was held at Portland Yacht Club and heavy hors d'oeuvre and drinks at Columbia River Yacht Club on Friday evening. Some of the topics discussed were committee reports, yearly financial audit, education classes at meetings, change of watch, membership retention, and updating IOBG accounting databases with a review by a subject expert chaired by Mark Vadaj and Kathy Smith.

The Yachting Academy has offered to IOBG 6 module training classes such as traditions in yachting, how laws are made and enforced, and leadership. Educational training, such as classes for new racers at Home Port Regatta in Marina del Rey and Race Management Seminars in San Diego, were completed by IOBG members this past year to name a few of our training as well as on the water sailing instruction to new racers .

I was knighted by the Royal Rosarians on Friday 7 June 2019 with other international and domestic dignitaries such as scholars, admirals, celebrities, royalty and humanitarians. This is a long standing IOBG tradition since 1972. As the IOBG President-Elect I was installed as Dame Sherry Barone and my rose is the Joy of Life. The Rosarians symbolize traditions and I am honored to be knighted and to receive this recognition

Regan and I enjoyed a weekend of celebrations such as the Queen's Luncheon followed by Fun Fiesta Casino Night, Rose Parade, a champagne reception and ended with the Grand Ball all featuring rhythm of the night as we danced the night away.

Our final day started with the Rosarians farewell breakfast and our last stop before heading home to Santa Monica was the Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Races. This event brings an exciting Chinese tradition to the Portland harbor.

Hope to see everyone in Marina del Rey this October...



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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

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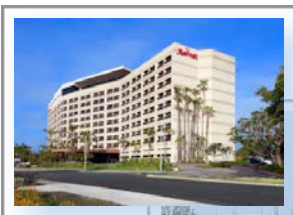
4100 Admiralty Way Marina Del Rey, CA Tel: 310-301-3000

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 or tour at Sony Studios.

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!



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MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

On-line registration is available on the IOBG website's homepage at www.iobg.org

Accommodations

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Contact hotel directly to reserve a room.

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Thursday, October 17th – Visiting Gardens of the World & Dinner at Westlake Yacht Club

	Number	Cost	Amount Due
Box lunch on bus:	_____	@ \$15.00	\$ _____
Choice of: Turkey _____ Roast Beef _____ Vegetarian _____			
Lunch comes with chips, fruit and bottled water			
Duffy Electric Boat Ride to Westlake Yacht Club			(No Charge)
Buffet Dinner at Westlake Yacht Club	_____	@ \$28.00	\$ _____

Friday, October 18th – Lunch at DRYC, Studio Taping, Dinner at Marina Yacht Club

Lunch at DRYC (Southwestern Menu)	_____	@ \$20.00	\$ _____
Taco & Fajita Buffet - chicken, steak & vegetable fajitas, hard/soft tortillas, Mexican beans & rice, cream, salsa, guac, tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, cheese, etc. Cookies & Brownies			
Sony Studios - Television Taping (Jeopardy or Wheel of Fortune)			(No Charge)
Buffet Dinner & Dancing at Marina Yacht Club	_____	@ \$35.00	\$ _____

Saturday, October 19th – Lunch at DRYC & Installation Dinner

Lunch at Del Rey Yacht Club	_____	@ \$20.00	\$ _____
(Soup du jour, cole slaw, potato salad, garden salad w/balsamic dressing, assorted sandwiches, soda)			

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Installation Dinner & Ball at Del Rey Yacht Club _____ @ \$75.00 \$ _____

(includes passed hors d'oeuvres - smoked salmon on toast points - caviar, pigs in a blanket, chicken satay with peanut sauce, tomato bruschetta, vegetarian spring rolls - chili sauce and 2 bottles of wine at each table)

Salad - Mixed greens with roasted pear, fried goat cheese, balsamic glaze - candied pecans

Lemon and Raspberry Sorbet

Choice of Entree:

Filet Mignon _____ (served with twice baked potato & string beans)

Chilean Sea Bass _____ (served with mango salsa, rice pilaf & string beans)

Pasta Primavera Marinara _____ (vegetarian pasta primavera)

Dessert: Petit Fours on tables

TOTAL DUE (page 1 & 2) \$ _____



IOBG ANNUAL MEETING 2019 REGISTRATION
(Registration Deadline is September 30, 2019)



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(Check as applicable): Member: IOBG _____ IOBGA _____ Guest: _____

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



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Wednesday, October 16th

No Host Informal Dinner	California Yacht Club (Free shuttle service from hotel)	6:00 pm
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Thursday, October 17th

	Dress – Winter Uniform (Grays, Tie & Blazer)	
Registration	DRYC – Lobby	8:30 – 11:00 am
IOBG Executive Committee	DRYC – Pacific Room	9:00 – 11:30 am
IOBGA Executive Committee	DRYC – Upstairs Rear Dining Room	9:00 – 11:30 am
Box Lunch on Bus	Board Bus for Gardens of the World	12:30 pm
Activity	Gardens of the World Tour	2:00 – 3:30 pm
Duffy Electric Boat Ride	On Westlake Lake	4:00 – 5:00 pm
Buffet Dinner	Westlake Yacht Club	6:00 – 8:30 pm
Hospitality Suite	Marina Del Rey Marriott Hotel	9:00 – 11:00 pm

Friday, October 18th

	Dress - Casual (All Day)	
Registration	DRYC – Lobby	8:30 – 11:00 am
IOBG-Humanitarian Foundation	DRYC – Upstairs Rear Dining Room	8:00 – 9:30 am
IOBG General Meeting	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	9:00 – 11:45 am
IOBGA General Meeting	DRYC – Pacific Room	9:00 – 10:00 am
Lunch	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Board Bus	Television Taping at Sony Studios	1:00 pm
Sony Studios	Taping of Jeopardy or Wheel of Fortune	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Boat Shuttle to Marina YC		5:00 pm
Buffet Dinner & Dancing	Marina Yacht Club	6:15 pm
Hospitality Suite	Marina Del Rey Marriott Hotel	9:00 – 11:00 pm

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IOBG-Humanitarian Foundation	DRYC – Upstairs Rear Dining Room	8:00 – 10:00 am
IOBG Annual Meeting	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	9:00 – 11:45 pm
IOBGA Annual Meeting	DRYC – Pacific Room	9:00 – 11:45 pm
IOBG-HF Luncheon	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	12:00 – 1:30 pm
IOBG Annual Meeting Cont...	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	1:30 – 3:00 pm
Fall Regional Meeting	DRYC – Puerto Vallarta Room	3:00 – 3:30 pm
Installation Dinner	Dress: Black Tie/Formal Attire	
No Host Cocktails & Passed Hors d'oeuvres	DRYC - Upstairs Dining Room	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Officers Line up for Procession	DRYC – Pacific Room	6:45 pm
Gala Dinner Dance and Installation of Officers	DRYC - Upstairs Dining Room	7:00 – 9:30 pm
Hospitality Suite	Marina Del Rey Marriott Hotel	10:00 – 1:00 am

Sunday, October 20th

Thank you for attending & have a safe journey home.



First Vice President Robert "Buzz" Bisanz

What can IOBG offer me as a member of the organization? That has been a question that I have heard over and over through the years that I have been a member of IOBG. Well, I think we have a response that offers an educational aspect to our membership and addresses the original question head on. I am proud to bring this offer to you and to endorse the effort within IOBG.

This educational offer is brought to you by The Academy of Yachting organization founded and lead by P/C Joseph A. Tringali, past District Director of District 8 (Florida). The Academy is a membership organization created to educate, support and provide resources for Yacht Clubs and Power Squadrons.

This organization through Joe Tringali has offered to present the Academy's educational classes to IOBG in structured 12 (50 minute) modules which are grouped into 6 sections. Each section consists of a module of information dealing with club and protocol matters, and a second module deals specifically with legal issues such as taxes, discrimination and liability. It is suggested that 2 of these 50 minute modules would be included on the agenda at each of our meetings. Those individuals completing the course would be inducted as Fellows of the Academy with all the rights and privileges that go with the title. Further information regarding the Academy of Yachting can be accessed at www.academyofyachting.org.

Given my directive for this fiscal year, I have been in contact with our Area Vice Presidents, Steve Tisack – Northeast Area VP, Steve Hyder – North Central 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. Please look for their reports as submitted to our Secretary for inclusion in the minutes of the Portland meeting.

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.**

Telephone numbers and addresses of members are protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. As a matter of policy, rosters of names, addresses and telephone numbers shall not be made available to the general public or any outside organization. Privacy of all rosters shall be safeguarded and the page clearly labeled.

The publication of these rosters, addresses and telephone numbers on any computer on-line service including the Internet is prohibited by the 1974 Privacy Act.



Second Vice President Mark Vadaj

Although we are only 6 months into the calendar year, we are 9 months into the fiscal year or membership year. We are financially sound, well organized and well supported through an infrastructure of web sites, 3-4 regularly published newsletters, Lighthouse eBulletins, two regional and one Annual meeting as well as Social Media. Although we appear to be tracking closely to previous years with renewed membership and new membership, we are struggling to add the growth that we should be enjoying for an organization of this caliber.

The IOBG is and has always been the Most Prestigious Fraternity in Yachting and yet somehow the IOBG is not always a household word especially with the new generation of boaters. Even when it is known or recognized, it is often a challenge to easily identify the value and benefit of membership. Since the inception of the IOBG, we have relied on the organizational structure of Members, Chapter Officers, District Officers, District Directors, Area V.P.'s and the Executive Board. This has and will continue however, what we are looking for is growth of 2x, and beyond. To enjoy this growth it is necessary to not rely only on the Officers themselves but to deploy our best asset for growth...the Members themselves. We need the Members to drive the message of not only what the organization can do for its members, but what the members can do for the organization. It is an accepted theory that there is strength in numbers. The more members that the IOBG has, the more the IOBG can support the Members, The Districts and Chapters.

What Can IOBG Members do for IOBG?

I can tell you that the most successful districts are those with successful chapters. But It all starts with the individual member at the Chapter level. The success of chapters starts with a purpose or a reason to exist and a beneficiary for the purpose. Example: Many successful chapters start with a fundraiser which can be an event such as a steak roast, party, comedy night or raffle. This is the reason. The beneficiary is the Club. 50% of the profits will be awarded to the Club for some tangible need or desire. 50% can remain with the IOBG Chapter to help offset the cost of their own IOBG Members' dues for Chapter or District dues. The Member wins because they receive assistance with their dues for their efforts. The Club wins because they receive something tangible from the IOBG Members. The IOBG wins because everyone within the Club that benefits appreciates the effort and recognizes the value of the IOBG. This recognition also helps stimulate desire of Club Members to become officers and then IOBG Members.

What can IOBG do for IOBG Members?

Many of you have asked what is in it for me? Although this may not be the most welcome question, it is a frequent and fair concern.

The real answer is in multiple responses and I welcome an opportunity for all to call me directly to respond to each of you. As a matter a fact I would sincerely appreciate it if you did as individuals, chapters or districts. But the short answers are:

- a. 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.
- b. To support and assist the Club, its Officers and its Members.
- c. To be a part of Our Humanitarian Foundation. Benefiting Clubs, Community, Members.
- d. Benefits: I have been working on tangible benefits to provide to our Current Members and act as incentives to attract New Members. This will be explained at the 2019 Annual Convention this October. I hope that you can join us as we need your presence to expand and improve the IOBG.

See the IOBG web site for dates, hotel and other travel information.

Second Vice President's Report Continued...

What I need from you, the Member, is to respond to your District and become involved.

- a. Tell them your ideas.
- b. Tell them what is working, what is not working.
- c. Tell them about the communication or lack of communication. Are you receiving the Newsletters regularly? Are you reading them?
- d. Tell them what you need, want. expect.
- e. Tell them to share this with the District Director and then the Area V.P.
- f. I need every Member to reach out to a new IOBG Prospect, or a Previous Member who has left for whatever reason and bring him or her to a meeting.
- g. Can you develop a Benefit program at your own Club?
- h. We need all Members to follow the Chain of Command.

Remember: There is strength in numbers and more members benefits every one of us.

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

See you in Los Angeles.





Treasurer Marshall Nemoy

WHICH EMAIL ADDRESS SHOULD I USE?

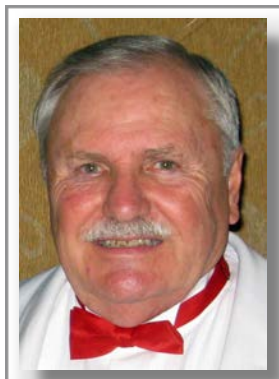
Many of the District Treasurers have had direct email communications with my former employee, Laura Tejedas. When there was a question about a dues transmittal, Laura would send an email to the district treasurer. The district treasurer would respond directly to Laura at her email address. With the questions answered, Laura was able to prepare the membership cards and mail them directly to the members and send a list to the district treasurers.

Laura decided to retire at the end of March, 2019. A new employee, Maly Leeper, was hired and trained on the IOBG membership system. Maly is a single mother with two young children and two part time jobs. When she got laid off of one of those jobs, Maly had to find a more stable employment. Maly secured a full time position and terminated her employment with me on June 12.

During her employment we discovered the direct email communication between the district treasurers and Laura's email address. The situation meant many emails were not read or acted upon in a timely manner. Please use my email address, bgtreas@iobg.org, instead of Laura's old email address.

Everyone's cooperation is appreciated. Remember, anyone can call the 800 number which comes into my office. The number is (888) 378-2211





Past President Tony Durieux

State of Officers for 2020

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.

The IOBG nominating committee met by conference call and reviewed all requests for nomination submitted by interested members. The committee thoroughly discussed each request. Our decision reflects the consensus of the committee. The IOBG Executive Committee ratified the slate as presented to them by the nominating committee.

These nominees will be placed on the ballot to be voted upon by the IOBG Board of Directors at the IOBG Annual Meeting in Marina del Rey, California on October 19, 2019.

President	Sherry Barone (Automatic)	District 11
President-Elect	Robert "Buzz" Bisanz	District 18
1 st Vice President	Mark Vadaj	District 7
2 nd Vice President	Kathleen Jo Smith	District 15
Immediate Past President	Bud Higginson (Automatic)	District 8
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy	District 15
Executive Secretary	Mary Nye Meyers	District 1
Northeast Area Vice President	Stephen Tisack	District 3
Southeast Area Vice President	Karen E. Shea	District 8
North Central Area Vice President	Steven Hyder	District 7
Northwest Area Vice President	Jim Martinson	District 1
Southwest Area Vice President	Sheila Anderson	District 11



N.B.F. Representative Marlene Barrington

The summer solstice has arrived and boating season is here for many. The National Boating Federation is involved with getting the information out to all boaters regarding the government's approval of E15 and the dangers for small boats being towed and fueled at inland filling stations. We support warning labeling on all gas pumps! More information is included in our Legislative Director's June report below - follow us on our website: www.n-b-f.org and on our Facebook posts at: National Boating Federation

Earl Waesche, NBF Legislative Director
ewaesche@comcast.net

The EPA Approves Year Round Sales of E15 Ethanol:

This would put marine engines at risk, simply by pumping the wrong type of fuel into them at gas stations all across America starting June 1. The "wrong fuel" in question is E15, made from a blend of 85 percent gasoline and 15 percent ethanol, a renewable fuel that comes from corn and other plant materials. E15 can seriously damage marine engines, which are designed to operate on blends of gasoline with 10 percent or less ethanol. Most marina fuel docks don't sell E15, but roadside gas stations do, creating a challenge for boaters who fuel their trailer boats at the same time as their vehicles.

H.R. 1024: If enacted, the EPA Administrator is required to revise labeling requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15 ethanol. Also a Public Education campaign will commence six months after the bill passes. Its purpose is to inform the public of the risks involved with the improper use of E15 in boats.

The U.S. Department of Energy Completes Study of E15 use in Marine Engines: The Energy Agency approved the final analysis of the results of its study, which show some engines were so badly damaged during the E15 testing that the tests couldn't even be completed. Results of the reports show severe damage to engine components and an increase in exhaust emissions, reinforcing the recreational boating community's concern that E15 is not a suitable fuel for marine engines.

The Land and Water Conservation Permanent Funding Act, H.R. 3195: The Land and Water Conservation Fund was established by Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard our natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation boating opportunities to all Americans. Using zero taxpayer dollars, the fund invests earnings from offshore oil and gas leasing to help strengthen communities, preserve our history and protect our national endowment of lands and waters. Every year \$900 million in leasing royalties paid by these energy companies are put into this fund, yet nearly every year, Congress diverts much of this funding to uses other than conserving the nation's lands and waters. This is why H.R. 3195 was introduced by Rep. Jeff Van Drew (D-NJ) and is a companion bill to an effort in the Senate by Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Joe Manchin (D-WV).

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National Boating Federation Report Continued...

The Governor of Texas Signs Kill-switch Bill into Law:

Texas Governor Greg Abbot signed a bill into law that requires boat operators to be physically connected to a boat's emergency shutoff switch. The bill is called Kali's Law, after a 16 year old, Kali, died in a 2012 boating accident.

Although the U.S. Coast Guard is still considering regulations that would require boat builders to install kill switches (emergency engine cut-off switches) in all recreational boats below a certain length and separately considering making their use mandatory, they have been on the market for over 30 years. The National Boating Federation feels that the U.S. Coast Guard should implement such regulations Nationwide. Also, we feel that all states should pass a Kill-switch law.

In Memorium

Marion Roy Hughes



2002 International President

From District 1

January 25, 1930 - April 6, 2019

Marion Hughes of Pasco, WA crossed the bar on April 6, 2019. He was surrounded by family at home. Marion was born in Roy, New Mexico and graduated from Eastern New Mexico University where he met Gervadine Jones, the love of his life and bride for nearly 69 years.

Marion was an educator for 25 years and along with his passion for education he enjoyed boating on the Columbia River and in the San Juan Islands (Washington State). He was a Clover Island Yacht Club Commodore & International Order of the Blue Gavel 2002 President.

He is survived by Gervadine (Gerva) and his five children, 9 grandchildren & 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial was held on May 4th in Pasco, Washington.

Northwestern V.P.
Lani Lightle



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

District 1's Spring meeting was in Prosser, Washington which is about 200 miles east of Seattle. Prosser is in the center of Yakima Valley which has a multitude of wineries. Each year the wineries have a barrel tasting celebration which involves much tasting at many wineries. We had a great turnout and it was such a hit that, by popular demand, we plan to return next year. Already 10 RV spaces have been reserved.



A summer picnic is scheduled for Brownsville, Washington on July 19 & 20. Brownsville is a 16 mile boat ride from Seattle and we expect a good turnout of boats, RV's and drivers at the Brownsville Yacht Club.

Our Fall Change of Watch meeting is planned for the Des Moines Yacht Club on September 20 & 21. Des Moines Yacht Club is located just south of Seattle and has a park, marina and great views across Puget Sound. It is a great place to visit.

Because IOBG District 5 no longer has any participating members I have picked up five boxes of records the district has been storing. I don't know yet what these boxes contain but they represent the history of the District for many years with photographs. I will sort out what is important and scan the pictures and documents so a permanent historical digital record can be kept. Hopefully District 5 will gain members in the future and reorganize.

Southwestern V.P.
Kathleen Jo Smith



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

The Southwest Region's Districts are busy planning summer activities for their members. Activities range from Barbecues, Picnics, Cruising, and Regattas to trips to local casinos. Everyone is focused on bringing their membership together for socialization and fun.

There has also been a lot of fundraising going on. Many of our districts have held events to raise funds for the 2019 IOBG Annual Meeting & Installation including Wine Tastings and Wine & Paint Parties, maybe a theme there, as well as locally selected charitable entities.

All of these activities reinforce our goal of retaining members, and Installing new members.

District 10
Joyce Jackson-Coomber, District Director

Opening Day season is well underway and as representatives of The International Order of the Blue Gavel, Rodney and I have attended several of these events. In District 10 so far there have been five new members inducted into the Blue Gavel.

Lavon Plumlee (Past District Director) inducted Becky Martinez at Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach. Josef Davydovits (current Treasurer) inducted Wendy Sherwood of Hollywood Yacht Club and Cindy Allen of Seagate Yacht Club. I have inducted Evert Fink of Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club and Dedra Finninger of Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. There are several more opening days to attend and hopefully more new members to add to our roster.

Our first event of the year for IOBG was "Burn Your Own" at Seal Beach Yacht Club. Everyone brought their own meat to cook and for \$5.00 we could purchase salad and a baked potato. Our turn out was excellent with about 30 members in attendance. Thank you to Commodore John Caldwell for inviting us for a fun evening.

On July 21st we are joining Huntington Harbour Yacht Club for Sunday Brunch and then have a Poker Run/Duffy ride out on the water

District 11
Sheila Anderson, District Director

District 11 has focused this year on planning the 2019 IOBG Annual Meeting in October. We have raised money for the meeting with two comedy shows, wine tasting fundraiser, a night at the Hollywood Bowl, and a Chili Cook-Off. We look forward to hosting a wonderful meeting.

We inducted eight new members to District 11 this Opening Day season. We hosted our annual Member Appreciation event in April. Our summer monthly Windy-Qs started June 9th followed by the July and August events. These Windy-Q are social events for members to rekindle old friendships and make new ones in the yachting community. We are still working on membership retention.

District 11 also supported the yachting community by continuing to support the ASMBYC Home Port Regatta. We also will enter an IOBG boat in the Marina Del Rey Christmas Boat Parade.

We are encouraging greater member participation in the Annual Meeting. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to Southern California.

We have 59 paid members.

District 14
Liz Allison, District Director

We have two upcoming events. First we will join with our friends in D-19 for a 3-Day Event of picnicking & cruise-ins on June 21-23. In July we will join with Aeolian Yacht Club in Alameda for their huge "Bang Up" 4th of July barbecue and city parade.

District 15
Gregg Hansen, District Director

District 15 planned on sending a number of our members to Portland for the June Regional meeting hosted by the local Rosarian's of Portland Rose Festival fame and witness our International President-Elect Sherry Barone be knighted in the Rosarian Kings court on Friday afternoon.

Then later this month we had our District 15 Member Appreciation BBQ held at Silver Gate Yacht Club on Sunday, June 23rd. This is our goodwill event where we invite all District 15 members to share each other's company along with a free lunch and drinks to show our appreciation for their support.

Looking towards the fall we will once again be participating in the Make-A-Wish Amazing Race for Children's Wishes on Sunday, October 27th at Coronado Cays Yacht Club. Look forward to wearing your favorite Halloween costume while bike riding around Coronado Island as we all join together to raise funds for a very worthy cause.

The following events are scheduled for the remainder of 2019:

- 1) MAW Amazing Race on October 27th, 2019 at CCYC – 12pm
- 2) Board Meeting on November 4th, 2019 at SWYC – 6pm
- 3) Change of Watch Dinner Meeting on January 10th, 2020 at SWYC – 6pm
- 4) Board Meeting on January 13th, 2020 at 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

District 16 continues to advocate for keeping Channel Islands Harbor a recreational boating harbor. The County Commissioners believe that surrounding the harbor with private high end residential apartment buildings would generate more revenue for the county and therefore are firmly opposed to all efforts to continue recreational boating in the harbor.

District 16 members are also busy planning a fourth annual Chowderfest to be held later this summer.

Our next meeting will be a BBQ followed by co-hosting the 2019 Annual Meeting followed by a Christmas party.

District 19
Jack Michael, District Director

Delta District 19 has reached a 2019 membership of 144 regular members and 3 Past International Presidents for a total of 147 members. Our IOBGA chapter has 61 members. The IOBGA chapter is assisting us with our 2019 activities.

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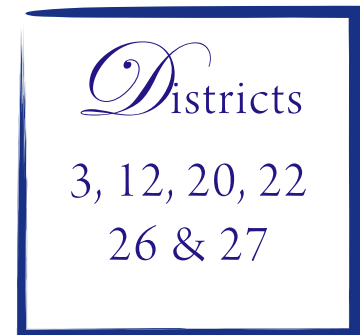
District 19 Report Continued...

The summer is finally here and our next event is our free Appreciation Picnic and cruise-in to all paid members June 22nd. The cruise-in also includes the Pittsburg Yacht Club and is hosted by the Stockton Yacht Club. IOBG District 14 has again been invited to attend. A special invitation to our free Appreciation Picnic is being extended to the Flag Officers of each chapter in Delta District 19. Our intent is to offer Past Commodores an opportunity to meet us and hopefully gain new members. We are anticipating a large turnout.

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

September 21, 2019 is our Election meeting at Bridge Marina Yacht Club in Antioch, CA. We will be celebrating the completely reconstructed clubhouse which is on pilings over the water with its "Million Dollar View". The clubhouse was damaged when a towed barge struck the pilings under the club. After 14 months of construction, Bridge Marina Yacht Club is back in business.

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



The Northeast is still slow going in growth and reestablishing district board members to help get a stronger present of the Blue Gavel in the Northeast. The biggest obstacle as we all know is what does the Blue Gavel have to offer me. With that said, I look forward to the educational seminars that we will be offering yet another tool to help bring new and old members into the fold.

District 3 is doing well and working on inspiring long-term retention as well as growth with our new members. Currently we have 105 members. We are excited to be part of the Tall Ships Challenge series, coming to canalside district for a weekend in Buffalo NY, July 4-7. Information on this can be found on the web at www.portofcallbuffalo.org. This year we will be have our annual Summer Picnic at Sandy Beach Yacht Club on July 31st featuring a great steak dinner with all the sides and live entertainment .

I am still working with members in District 12 to try and get an active board together so we have a foot hold on the east coast. I will be traveling out to New Jersey and meeting with various chapters to help promote and educate them on what the Blue Gavel is about.

Currently there is a strong interest to form a chapter in Maine at the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club. I have spoken with them and have sent forms to establish a chapter there. They are working on it and as soon as I receive it, I will be presenting it to the executive board for review. I am in the process of coordinating a visit to answer questions and inform their members of what the Blue Gavel is all about. When the new chapter is established, we need to determine what district they will be in.

I received correspondence from Dover Yacht Club in Canada with interest to become a chapter. I sent forms and information and am awaiting feedback from them. I will continue to work with them.



District 9 reports that they have 182 members.

All three Districts are hard at work with activities for their members and attempting to recruit as many members as possible.

As outlined in the District 7 report - On August 10th Districts 7, 9 & 25 will put on a cocktail party at I-LYA Power Boat Regatta for the ILYA Commodore Cindy Johnson Mintus.

District 7
Lloyd Bogue, District Director

Wow! Things are starting to pop! With all of the rain that we have had this spring this is a nice break. If only the temps would get back to normal. On behalf of the Auxiliary I would like to thank everyone that turned out to support their annual fundraiser on the Nautica Queen. 235 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on the water with a fantastic brunch to boot. Thanks to everyone that bought basket raffle tickets to help support their book project, Nothing is better than helping young people with reading.

The district is in pretty good shape with respect to membership this spring. We are still short a few members from our last years numbers and I understand that we are behind District 8 in total membership. So I encourage each and every member to ask their fellow past commodores to join our ranks. We have reactivated a few new members from the Bay Point Yacht Club thanks to the efforts of past president Gene McKeown. Thanks Gene for going the extra mile and helping these past two commodores join our organization. Not to be outdone, West Erie Yacht Club has also reactivated a past commodore too! Thank you Ed Schuler for your help here!

The district activities are starting to heat up too with the GCBA Memorial Day Ceremony aboard the USS Cod starting things off. Our support for the GCBA continues as we hosted a cocktail party at their rendezvous on June 22 at Huron Boat Basin.

As in the past we along with Districts 9 & 25 we will be honoring the I-LYA commodore with a reception/cocktail party on Put-in-Bay on August 10th from 3-4:00 pm at the PIB Yacht Club.

District 7 and District 9 will once again be doing a joint wine tour on Sept.20-21 at the new Holiday Inn Express in Madison Ohio. Come join us as we go to various wineries in the "Grand River Valley" area. If you like wine this is the event for you! Call now for your room reservations and a seat on the bus.

Rhonda and I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer and hopefully we will see you at one of those events.

Southeastern V.P.
Karen Shea



Districts
8 & 18

October 2018 started out very busy with International President Bud Higginson's Change of Watch in Venice, Florida along with our District 8 President Joe Dombrowski's COW also from Venice Yacht Club that same weekend. Then as District 8 Director I was responsible for the February 2019 Winter Regional Meeting in New Orleans. I was able to recruit Past D8 Director Joe Tringali & Mary Lou as our tour and restaurant guides and together we successfully coordinated a great weekend. As if it wasn't enough, I volunteered to host the District 8 Regional Meeting May 17 & 18th at my Gulf Harbor's Yacht Club in New Port Richey, FL.

In between those times, I was able to install Commodore Jose Miguel Diaz Eschich from Hemingway International Yacht Club, Havana, Cuba as an Honorary member of IOBG at my Gulf Harbors YC in March and then Spencer and I visited him at HIYC in Havana in April while we were on a cruise.



District 8
Karen Shea, District Director

As of May 16, 2019 we have 217 members plus 2 Past Presidents (P/P's Janiszewski & Dowdell) compared to 223 in 2018. We now have 21 Chapters compared to 24 in 2018. We have lost Bird Key YC, Charlotte Harbor YC, Ft Walton Beach YC and St Andrews Bay YC. We have added Hemingway International YC, Cuba. Bradenton YC have shown interest but no new members yet. 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 inactive chapters along with our new brochures which I will continue to do.

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Thanks to District 8 Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Hockenberry who coordinated with our IOBG International Communications Director Mary Nye Meyers who sent out our 2019 Membership Directory in May. 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.

As you know, Hemingway International Yacht Club, Havana, Cuba is now under District 8. The D8 Bulletin was sent out with the Membership Directory along with an article on the IOBG honorary installation ceremony for Commodore Jose Miguel Diaz Escrich at Gulf Harbors YC while he was here for the St. Petersburg to Havana Regatta in March 2019. It was also published in the Tampa Bay Times. District 8 honored him with an IOBG flag, table flag and certificate.

Spencer and I were able to travel by cruise ship to Havana on April 29, 2019 where we visited Commodore Escrich at the HIYC and had lunch. We also brought from D8 an IOBG tie, belt and a jacket emblem with 3 gold stars, the IOBG flag and his HIYC burgee on it. He was very humble in accepting the jacket emblem. He said there are many presents I receive with everyone else's burgees on them. This is the first one with our burgee on it and I will always wear it on my blue jacket. In a time of tensions between our two countries, it is quite evident the love of boating between our countries. The IOBG is supporting the Boat Rally from Key West to Havana in November. I passed out flyers to distribute to D8's Power Squadron's and Fleet Captain's. It'll be a great trip. Those who want to fly down, please contact me.

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 website. We have 5 out of 20 YC's who have IOBG info/tabs on their website. (Dunedin Boat Club, Gulf Harbors YC, Isles YC, Pelican Isle YC & Venice YC)
2. Have their Yacht Clubs add IOBG members to their Hospitality/Reciprocity rules. International will be sending out a letter soon, but here I distributed a copy.
3. Be an ambassador for the IOBG when you have Regattas and other events involving other yachts clubs and set up an IOBG card table with brochures, etc. I've made up an IOBG Display table which can be used. Call me to see if I'm available.

We approved presenting our IOBG Chapters with an outdoor IOBG flag (24" X 40") with number of years as chapter for hosting a meeting. We presented GHYC Chapter President Long with the flag with 38 years on it.

Humanitarian Foundation Director Nancy Bisanz and myself presented a \$1000 check to P/C Long for GHYC Youth Sailing Camp. After our D8 meeting that night we had a celebration of "Hot Night in the Tropics" with tropical décor, food and a band.



A Good Idea Comes Home

Good ideas are like pigeons that carry messages from war-torn front lines: if people don't shoot 'em down, they always come home. That's what happened at the District 8 Summer Meeting at Gulf Harbors Yacht Club a couple of months ago. Past District 8 Director Joseph A. Tringali presented a new/old idea to the Executive Board, and the general feeling was, "Welcome back! What took you so long?"

P/C Tringali is now the Founder and President of the Academy of Yachting, an organization that specializes in providing two-day seminars at yacht clubs in many parts of the country. "Not many people remember this," Joe said, "but I got the idea for this kind of thing at a District 8 meeting about 20 years ago, and since then I've put together a team of really good people and an outstanding program. Today the Academy is the only yacht-club association of its kind that is both recognized by the National Club Association and authorized to award continuing professional education credits (or "CLE's") to lawyers and accountants. I want to do something special for District 8 as a way of saying, 'Thanks for the idea.'"

Under P/C Tringali's guidance, the Academy divided its renowned two-day program into six two-hour "sections" for a special program that is designed to fill the "on-your-own" time that happens at of many IOBG meetings. Participants who complete the six special IOBG sections will receive a diploma and wallet card identifying them as "Fellows of the Academy" along with all of the benefits the Academy offers. "It will take those people six meetings—okay, two years—to complete the special IOBG Academy program," Joe told the Executive Board, "but at least they'll leave each meeting with valuable knowledge instead of worthless souvenirs from shopping trips to places they've already visited. And, as a bonus, whoever is assigned to plan the district meetings won't have to worry about a guest speaker for the next two years!"

Each section of the specially-designed IOBG Program contains an hour of general club information followed by an hour of "club law." Together, they cover everything you need to know about life in a yacht club:

Section I (a) Traditions of Yachting and I(b) How Laws are Made and Enforced; Section II(a) Meetings without Madness and II(b) Directors and Officers Liability; Section III(a) Planning and Performing Ceremonies and III(b) Private Clubs versus Public Accommodations ("Can you legally restrict membership?"); Section IV(a) Taxes with special emphasis on IRS sections 501 (c)3 and 501(c)7, and IV(b) Releases of Liability and Problems with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act); Section V(a) What your Insurance REALLY Covers and V(b) Proper Manager/Board Relations; and Section VI(a) Leadership and VI(b) Legal Requirements of Working with Children.

The District 8 Executive Board will vote on the Academy proposal at its next meeting, but early indications are that it's an odds-on favorite to be accepted. Make your reservations now for the D8 Change-of-Watch Meeting at Clearwater Yacht Club in October and see for yourself!

District 18
 Dave Kowert, District Director

We have increased from 5 to 6 members from 3 Yacht Clubs in two states and one Past President Chuck Browning who resides in Myrtle Beach. We are happy to report that we have 4 completely NEW Past Commodores who are currently considering joining IOBG, hopefully before August. I have met with each of them personally and would welcome their participation.

D18 has offered Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA) to maintain their official committee boat. That is great exposure for IOBG. We would support the Wednesday night race and then transport the boat to the various Yacht Clubs for the weekend regattas. I hope this program will increase our visibility and the positive spirit towards IOBG we are slowly building in Charleston.

We also hope to host a "get together" of some sort this summer season. I have had trouble getting the majority of folks to agree to a time and place in the past but hopefully if we get these additional members, we can make this work. I will update leadership of the date (likely in August) and location so if anybody can join the event would have some additional punch. Might be in connection with one of the Saturday evening dinners at CHYC or James Island YC.

Finally, we have been offered the use of the yacht club owned J24 at Charleston Yacht Club for any IOBG activity we want. Not sure how to best take advantage of that offer yet, but we have the chance to do some recreational sailing or offer lessons to non-sailors if asked. If anybody has successfully used such a boat to promote IOBG please let me know.

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President Gary Smith

The IOBG Auxiliary currently reports 319 enthusiastic members. When we met in Portland in June we had reports from District 7 of a strong Book Project impacting two schools and putting over 400 books in the hands of students. In addition to their Book Project they are engaged in many events such as Blue Blazer Social, Brunch Cruise, St Patrick's Parade, Memorial Day service, and many more.

District 15 is very involved in raising funds and helping seniors through Elder-help San Diego. They are also planning on helping Make-a-Wish in October. District 19 had an Annual Appreciation Picnic on June 22. Our membership is strong and engaged in community efforts all over the country.

The Book Project continues to be a major focus. The Board has voted to grant \$100 to any district to help in their implementation. Application is on our website.

The IOBGA has been reviewing the By-Laws. Several small changes have been proposed in order to clarify and remove redundancy. These proposed changes will be submitted to the IOBG legal officer and then to the general membership for approval at the Annual Meeting in Marina Del Rey in October.

We are all looking forward to the Annual Meeting in Marina Del Rey, California on October 17-20, 2019.

District 19
Mickey Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer

Although IOBGA Delta District 19's membership is 61 members, we still have a problem recruiting officers/ leadership. Numerous auxiliary members plan to attend the Annual Appreciation Picnic on June 22. We have been busy assisting with the arrangements, logistics and a raffle. People always seem to enjoy free food, drinks, and prizes. Imagine that!

During the picnic Auxiliary plans to hold a short impromptu meeting to discuss future events. Hopefully we can decide on which charitable organization we wish to support this year. Last year Make-a-Wish, and previous to that the Sea Scouts, benefited from our fundraising. Possibly Auxiliary can sponsor an educational cruise-out like the one a few years ago when we participated in a historical walking tour of Stockton. Fascinating history!

IOBGA Delta District 19 has so much potential. We just need to get ourselves directed and focused.

District 15
Audrey Hall, District President

We have been busy trying to add new members to our great district.

We also have had a fundraiser for Elder-help San Diego. Our VP Belen Poltorak, our Treasurer Dawn Shaffer Nemoj and our PP Grace Hansen held a softly used jewelry event in MBYC on May 26th. They were able to raise with donations \$300. So far this year we raised about \$500.

We are looking forward to the IOBG/A appreciation day, June 23rd to be held in Silver Gate Yacht Club. After a great barbeque there will be Bocce Ball contests. There will also be a chance to fill a donation basket with dollars to help raise funds to make many seniors have a better day. Last year the attendance was great and hold to hit that number and add more attendees. Looking forward to fun day.

We have another event on Saturday, July 13th, to be held in our VP Belen and Mike Poltorak's home in San Diego. They want to do what they can for IOBGA and Elder-help San Diego. There will be an evening of music, a nautical silent auction and wonderful food. I know this will be one of our big successes and spend a wonderful evening with old friends and many new friends.

It is always good to know District 15 IOBGA is doing their part to have fun and bring cheer to our seniors. Our thanks go to VP Belen for this great idea. The results will be in my next article.

Some of our clubs are planning to work with IOBGA and have another jewelry event.

IOBG has an event planned for October called the Amazing Race to help Make a Wish give children their wishes. IOBGA will be there to help wherever we can.

Have a great summer,

Our board: VP Belen Poltorak, Secretary Marybeth Thayer, Treasurer Dawn Shaffer Nemoj and proud President Audrey Hall

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