

Swan Boat Club

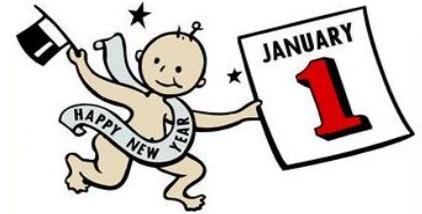
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View from the Bridge Commodore's Report



First of all, Happy New Year to everyone! With the end of 2019 comes the end of my term as your Commodore. It has been a memorable experience to say the least. Jane and I have been proud to represent Swan at the numerous functions throughout the year. Swan Boat Club is well respected in the boating community and I was often asked by other Commodores how Swan would handle certain challenges that they were experiencing, knowing that we had probably faced the same problems before and we seemed to have handled things well. Fortunately, I generally had an answer and could give them advice without embarrassing myself or Swan.

I want to express my gratitude to the membership for placing their confidence in me by electing me Vice Commodore and Commodore. It was time consuming but rewarding. I learned a lot about our Club's role in the larger boating community and some of the obstacles we have to overcome in dealing with regulatory agencies at

many levels. Fortunately, we have people who are capable and willing to take on these necessary burdens.

I was very fortunate during my term to be surrounded by a great support group. My belief is you just find some talented people, let them know what the goal is and you will be amazed at how creative they can be in achieving it. This year we had numerous individuals who answered the call and achieved much.

Early in the year, I wanted to see our Auxiliary become active again. I spoke to a few people, told them that they would have my full support and they were able to get the group going again. So many of the ladies stepped up to serve I hesitate to try and name them all for fear of omitting some but President Pam Riordan took charge and solved some of the administrative problems of functioning with a smaller Board. Although their numbers were still small, they accomplished a lot. They had some successful fund raisers and social functions. The Adult Christmas Party was a perfect example. Over 90 tickets were sold! The past few years attendance was in the 20-30 range. This year the Pavilion was decorated beautifully, the food was great and the band, SRO, was outstanding. I would like to see

Auxiliary membership increase so they can continue to enhance the quality of our Club.

Our dock crew, headed by Dockmaster Rick Knox, really had a challenge before the season started with the damaged caused by last winter's ice. Some of our docks looked more like a demolition site than a marina. Board were broken, pilings raised and some of the dock steel was torn away and twisted. Rick and crew worked long hours in the cold spring to get things back to a usable state.

Steak Roast attendance was very high this past year thanks to the efforts of Vice Commodore Rob and his crew. Some of his menu modifications worked out very well and the crowds came back week after week.

Treasurer and Rear Commodore are probably the toughest jobs in the Club. Keeping track of the money when it comes in from various sources and is spent in numerous directions is both time consuming and nerve wracking. Pat Breen and Amy Gendron both did a fine job of handling the demands of their office while working on the implementation of our new Point of Sale system. Secretary Sheryl Stiles was hesitant to accept being appointed but I assured her that she "will do just

fine". And she did! Not only that but she will be our Treasurer in 2020 and is willing and capable of completing the POS system install.

The 2019 Board of Directors, Pete, Corry, Bill and Commodore-elect Peter, were all a great help and made themselves available whenever needed and helped lighten the load for the officers. So many others helped during the year that I don't have room to list them all, but Dan, Claude and CJ work tirelessly around the club. Building repairs, dock repairs, charitable gaming, licensing, wild game dinner; you name it, these guys are always there.

Lastly, I had contact with Santa who wanted to thank the boys and girls who came to see him and especially thank those who helped make his visit work, including Brenda, Tammy, Jeff, Joyce, Therese and others who worked behind the scenes.

As it says on the transom of Looney Toons
"That's All Folks!"

Gary Baker
Commodore
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Food for Thought



This report summarizes the responsibilities of the Vice Commodore during 2019. It is important in reading this to understand that there were over 130 volunteers that worked very hard throughout the year to support Swan in these activities.

A Kitchen cleaning party was held in May. Volunteers worked for several hours cleaning and organizing the kitchen, the pantry and power washing the cement floor in the kitchen garage.

A movable deep fryer was purchased and used for Regatta as well as other dinners through the year

A new refrigerator was purchased for the kitchen. The old one was disposed of.

Serving meals includes shopping, preparation, serving and cleanup. I am only guessing at the total but would say we served somewhere over 2,800 meals this year. That number excludes Blue Gavel meals, the Wild Game Dinner, Kids Easter party, Fishing Tournament, Men's and Women's parties etc.

Here's a quick review of meals served:

- We started with Food after the COW
- AYC January Election Meeting at Swan
- Super Bowl Chili Cook-off
- Valentine's Day Prime Rib Dinner
- St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner
- Three Fish Dinners
- Mother's Day Breakfast
- Memorial Day Breakfast
- 14 Steak Roasts
- Chicken Dinner during Regatta
- Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday for Regatta and the Canadians when they visited
- Labor Day Spaghetti Dinner and Pig Roast
- Pizza after Regatta and Pig Roast

Can you see now how we needed 130 some volunteers throughout the year!!

As the VC I was also responsible for the Swan Regatta/Poker run. This event hosted over 100 boats coming in from other clubs. There were many volunteers that made this event happen. Thank you to all our regatta workers. I heard very positive feedback from our members, the public and other AYC clubs that felt very welcomed.

As the VC I have been in attendance at the Board and Membership meetings and handled other Club responsibilities as needed. I have ordered most of the

sundries for the club and had them delivered.

Gloria and I also earned our Poker Run Perfect Attendance flag for the sixth time. We attended the Bash at the Bay. We had a great time with the Swannies and AYC members we met along the way. We also attended many AYC events including the VC specific events, several Balls and Commodore's receptions. We participated in Opening of the Port and Opening of the Island. We made many one-day burgee runs to AYC clubs. It has been a fun filled year for us.

The remaining event this year is the New Year's Eve party. Please plan to participate either as a volunteer or party guest.

Everyone should be very proud of our Club's accomplishments this year. Thank you for allowing me to be your VC for 2019 with all the great help and support from everyone. Special thanks to my lovely, loving wife Gloria.

Happy New Year!

Rob Schneider, Vice '19

TREASURER'S REPORT



Remember, if you're a current permanent dock holder, one-half (50%) of your 2020 annual dock fees are due no later than **9pm on January 31, 2020**. Also, permanent dock holders interested in switching docks, must fill out a Dock Change Request and submit it by 9pm on January 31, 2020 as well.

If you are not currently a permanent dock holder, you'll need to fill out a Dock Application and submit it by 9pm on January 31, 2020 to participate in the Dock Meeting to be held @ **4pm on February 08, 2020 at the club**. If you're assigned a dock at the meeting, you are required to pay at least 50% of the dock fees by the end of the meeting.

All Dock fees for 2020 must be paid in full by 3/31/2020.

If you have any questions, please call or text me at: 313-363-2908.

Patrick Breen
Treasurer

FLEET CAPTAIN



Thank you
Fleet Captain Chris Wright



Blue Gavel & Association of Past Commodores

If you have a suggestion for a by-law change they can be submitted to any Blue Gavel member for review. See you at the club.

Respectfully,

Swan Boat Club Blue Gavel and
Association of Past Commodores

AUXILLIARY



As 2019 comes to a close and 2020 begins I hope the New Year holds the promise that it will be a good year for all. That peace will reign over this great country and all who live within her borders.

Hope everyone that attended the Christmas party had a great time. The band "Standing Room Only" was fantastic and the food was good too. I know Dan & I enjoyed the evening and would like to thank everyone who helped put the evening together I couldn't have done it without any of you. A special thanks to Brenda Watkin for the beautiful decorations, they were wonderful and Ruth Dimaggio for helping to pick up some of the food.

It is with a heavy heart that I need to make all aware that the new year will also be bringing a curtain down on the Auxiliary. Due to the lack of interest as well as participation we will be going back in the closet and existing on paper until there comes a time when we are truly needed.

I cannot keep begging for members to show up and support Swan it is up to all to make this club great. Month after month seeing only a few take the time or interest in coming to our meetings has been heartbreaking.

We will be having our January meeting on Sunday the 12th at 2pm hope to see some of you there. It is the same time as the membership meeting. Come down and support our new Commodore Peter Watkin as he is sworn in and starts his new position. Best of everything to him and Lady Brenda in 2020!

Until then may life find you happy and healthy, God bless us everyone.

President Pam Riordan and P/C Dan

EDITOR'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL!

I am sadden to see our Auxilliary end once again. Pam has done a wonderful job this past year.

We have a few Swan members who really need our prayers, so please keep them in your prayers.

See you at the club.

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