

On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • October 2015

Commodore's Log

October is the month for change. A new budget was set at our September 4th business meeting. The new slate is posted at the Club awaiting election at the Friday, October 2nd business meeting. Please attend and be part of the process.

The front and back of the house have been working together as a strong team. Their goal is to greet members and make their dining experience enjoyable. We, as the club, are very grateful to have such a wonderful staff. I have personally enjoyed working with all of them.

Labor Day band "Cool Rock 'in Daddies" was outstanding. Dance floor was over filled. The staff, once again, did a fantastic buffet enjoyed by everyone!

Steve Theis put all his efforts into making Venetian Night the best ever. He attended all the meetings and worked with Phil Edwards on recreating Snow White. Phil's boat won First Place. Couldn't get any better than that!

Jim Gentile held his annual clean-up dive at the harbor. Thank you to all who volunteered. Jim has been a genuine individual who has worked alongside of me for over 3 years. Thank you for the loyalty you have given to me and also Burnham Park Yacht Club while on the board. I will miss working with you on the Board.

Paulette Horne is unbelievable in stepping up in taking care of the events that are scheduled on the calendar. You are the best and couldn't have done it without you.

Danielle Detten throughout the year has set up the calendar and made the Club events happen such as live bands, Johnny V., decorating and organizing, so much fun!! Danielle, you will be missed.

A special thanks to Sonya Moore for proofreading my Commodore's Log. Can't thank you and Keith enough for the time and effort both of you put into the newsletter *On The Wind* and *The Breeze*.

Commodore's Ball is set for Saturday, October 24th. Please attend and welcome the newly elected Flag & Board of Directors. Party with the 2015 officers as we thank them for all their hard work throughout the year. Volunteering takes a lot, all the hard work and missed time away from family is much appreciated.



Special thanks to my 2015 Flag Officers: VC Chris Edmonds, RC Keith Moore, Treasurer Jim Gentile, appointed Secretary Scott Gordon.

Board of Directors: Paulette Horne, Todd Sherman, Phil Edwards, Howard Jacobson, Steve Theis, Danielle Detten, Pam MacGregor, Bill Van Emburg, Bonnie Riordan, Charlie Martin, Dick O'Connell, Don Waller. A special thank you to Scott Broderick who was on the Flag as Secretary before resigning from the Club.

The pleasure is all mine to have worked with all of you, thank you again.

The saddest part in October is putting our boats in storage. We know that spring will come again and it will put smiles on our faces knowing that our boats and our friends will be back at the harbor to do this all over again!!

Janet McCarthy

Commodore

Vice Commodore

There is nothing new to report regarding the House, Docks and Grounds, Sail Fleet or Park Relations Committees. All are in good shape or if there are tasks to be done, they are already being addressed.

In regards to the Membership/Marketing Committee, there has been a great deal of activity by the Committee and especially Howard Jacobson, our Chairman.

The New Members Dinner has been advertised in *The Breeze*, our weekly newsletter for a month. It is set for Saturday, September 26th at 6:00 pm. This is a Members welcome by the Club as a whole to all our new members for this year. It is on us for the new members and a great dinner menu has been created. Please make reservations to come, new members and the rest of us as well. Let us welcome our new group. Invitations have gone out via email to our new members. If any new members have not received one, please call now. We don't want you to miss this nice evening.

The next big event and actually the most elegant of the year, is the Commodore's Ball. It is a black tie/tux event. Your new Officers and Board of Directors will be sworn in, awards will be given and some "SHORT" speeches will be made. The dinner will be special and the music will be fun. It is an event not to miss so please make reservations. It is on Saturday, October 24th.

We have hired Samantha Klaff as our new office person to handle the finances and member accounts. Sam needs to be trained on our Club Systems software which is to be scheduled ASAP. Please be patient and don't mistake Sam for the General Manager position. Interviews are taking place for that position as of the writing of this article.

With the assistance of our accounting firm, it has been discovered that numerous members' account payments and charges have not been properly posted. We were led to believe otherwise by prior management (thus, the erroneous statements). The office is on it, but it is not an overnight fix. Please call with your questions and answers will be given after each account is reviewed. Numerous Board Members are assisting to expedite this process. Special thanks to Jim Gentile, Keith Moore and Paulette Horne in their efforts.

On a bright note, the food is much better, more consistent and received in a timely fashion. The menu is also being expanded and specials added. So come on in as we are getting back to where we should be.

Lets get back to the fun part of boating and being a member of a great yacht club family.

Chris Edmonds—Vice Commodore

Women's Auxiliary

Welcome to fall. The harbor is still hopping with great weather and friendly faces. Lets make the most of the next month to celebrate 2015 boating season. I had the pleasure of helping "more Wet Dreams" (Phil and Lynda) put together their boat for the Venetian night. I have to say they are boaters in the true sense of the word. They braved the winds and high seas to get to Navy Pier. Their creativity and vision all came together with a Sleeping Beauty and Seven Dwarfs. Congratulations to you both for taking 1st place that evening. The Auxiliary is excited to contribute to a cash prize to you from your Yacht Club. Job well done!

We have a new friend and member at the Auxiliary. Lynda Schelli-Vena has joined the Auxiliary. Welcome to the community of women focused on the beautification of the Club. We are so glad you are a part of our journey. Joyce Durante has been working on updating the Logo wear. Check out the new logo wear in the display case. We heard you. We have visors, hats, umbrellas long sleeve t-shirts and golf shirts. We are having a sale on the anniversary items. You can speak with any of the Auxiliary ladies to get your new and sale items. If you did happen to take an item and need to make the IOU payment, please chat with one of the Auxiliary ladies. We have had quite a bit of shrinkage in the inventory. Thank you John Staniszewski for installing the new 1000 watt dimmer, and helping us ladies with many of the repairs needed by the display area. John installed a new combination lock for the logo wear.

The last meeting found us having a trivia quiz on the history of the club. What can I say, girls just want to have fun and win prizes! We also had Champagne to celebrate our Treasurer's newest position - Wife!! Welcome Mrs. Maloney! Join us for the next meeting on October 9th at 6:30 pm. Come and join us for a new trivia every month and work with the ladies that care about your club experience.

The Auxiliary will replace the dining room drapery and blinds by the end of the year. Thanks to Deb Roeser for her eye for style and bringing a fresh look to our windows. Deb's contribution this year has been treasured.

I will be bidding the Auxiliary board farewell but not the committee. My new challenge is on the Flag as the Secretary. Please let me introduce the new Auxiliary board. Congratulations and a Big Thank to your 2016 Auxiliary Board. Geri Lauric, President, Bonnie Hetzel, Vice President, Joyce Durante, Secretary and the new Mrs. Maloney - Barb Hetzer-Maloney.

See you all on the 9th of October!

Bonnie Riordan
Auxiliary President

Rear Commodore

Where did the season go! Blink and it gone.

As we move into October your new slate is elected and new members join the board and new committees. It will be sad to see some hardworking directors go all the while looking forward to working with some new faces. It has been a pleasure working with the 2015 Board of Directors and volunteers.

Over the past few weeks Bar and Galley has had multiple meetings with the staff to work on your dinning and overall club experience. Mark Stern, from Weathermark Tavern, has started his consulting project which is working with the Flag and the Bar and Galley Committee. Small changes have already been implemented.

Dock and Grounds is wrapping up the season getting the BPYC fleet ready for winter. Publicity is working on collecting the add money for the directory. If you had an ad for this year please reach out to Pam so she can get the directory wrapped up. Power Fleet has finished the year with a successful Fleet Review, Rendezvous and Venetian Night!

Committees and Volunteers: Who can join a committee, all our committees are open to membership, regular or social members. So for those looking to be part of the club beyond a simple meal. Try a committee.

We have committee's for the member that likes to be social,

membership;

We have a committee for the member that likes to plan parties, programs;

We have a committee for the handy (person), the house committee; for the member that likes gardening, docks and grounds;

We have a committee for the member who likes to Tweet or Facebook, Publicity.

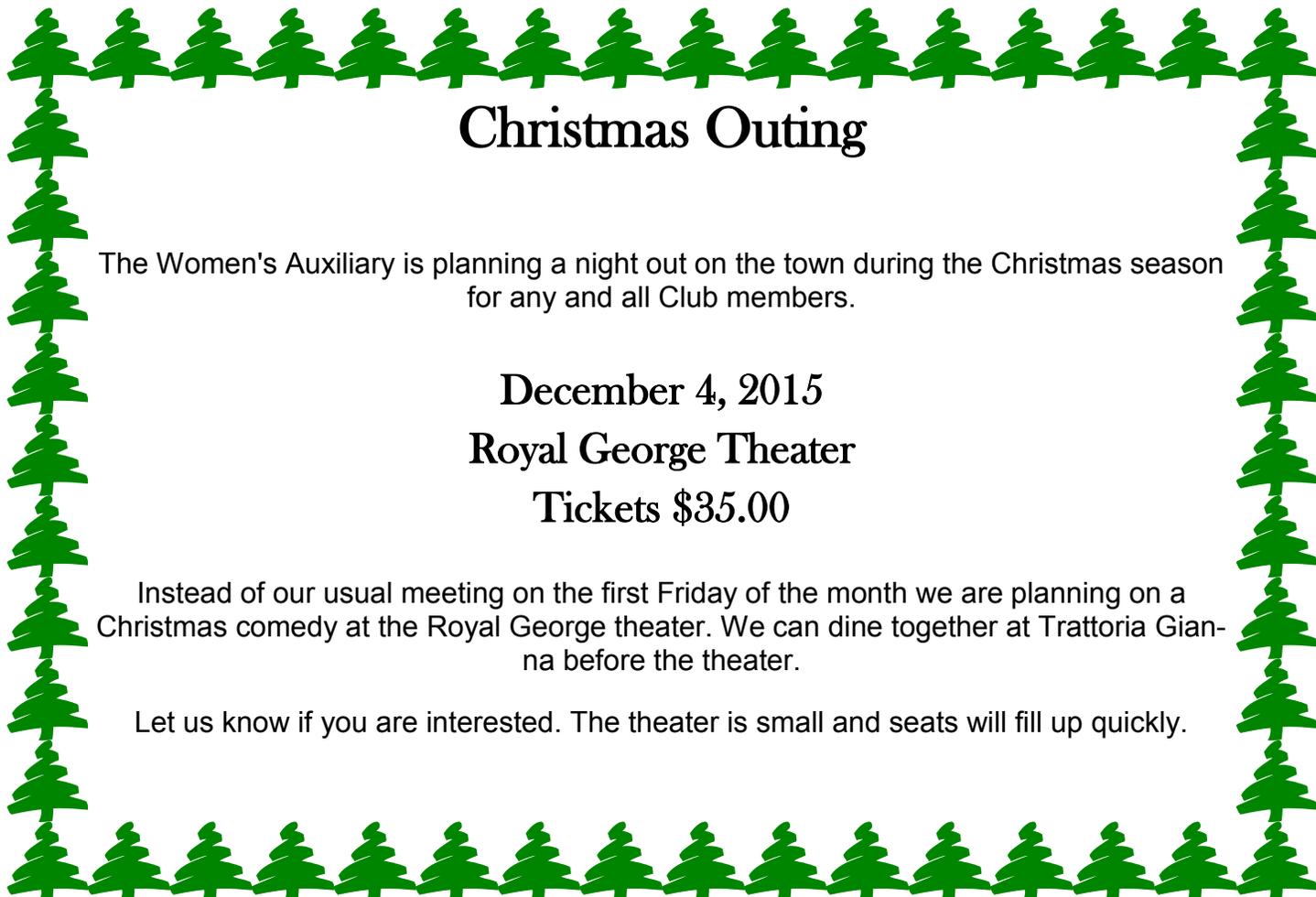
The list goes on. New to the club? It's a great way to meet other members. Your involvement is and time commitment is up to you. Be as active in the committee as you want to be. All the committee directors are listed in the directory and can be reached by email and or a simple phone call.

As we approach the holiday season and you're looking for a place to host your holiday party don't forget your club membership means no rental cost if you hold your holiday function at the club. Dates are starting to fill in. In the next month we have 2 weddings and several private parties.

Enjoy what's left of the season and safe a trip to winter storage.

Cheers!

Keith Moore—Rear Commodore



Christmas Outing

The Women's Auxiliary is planning a night out on the town during the Christmas season for any and all Club members.

December 4, 2015
Royal George Theater
Tickets \$35.00

Instead of our usual meeting on the first Friday of the month we are planning on a Christmas comedy at the Royal George theater. We can dine together at Trattoria Gianna before the theater.

Let us know if you are interested. The theater is small and seats will fill up quickly.

Programs

September recap:

The Cool Rockin' Daddies: WOW! If you were there – I'm sure you'd agree. If you missed it, it was a blast! We're already working on getting them scheduled for next year. And the food buffet and service were great. Thanks Phil & Lynda Edwards for the lead.

Puff n Stuff: What a relaxing evening. Howard Jacobson was able to bring in a distributor to offer the wine and whiskey tastings. Some enjoyed cigars, and all had a nice time meeting and visiting with other members. Sal put together some amazing fruit, meat and cheese trays. Congratulations to 'He-gar' and 'She-gar' raffle winners: Phil Maulding and Laura Theis.

Venetian Night – Congratulations to Phil & Lynda Edwards for winning 1st Place!

FarmAid – What a great day to be at the club and enjoy the food and drinks and listen to all of the musicians.

New Member's Dinner was held on Saturday, September 26th. The 2nd Annual Chicago Fire Festival was also held at Northerly Island Park on Saturday night.

October:

Johnny V is playing on the patio Friday, October 16th from 8-11 pm. He's getting married soon, so be sure to congratulate him next time he's playing.

The Commodore's Ball is on Saturday, October 24th. An elegant evening is planned. Please rsvp to 312-427-4664.

November:

Tailgate Party – Sunday, November 15th for the Bears @ St. Louis Rams at noon. Buffet, drink specials, sports raffle items.

December:

The Women's Auxiliary is co-ordinating a Christmas play "Bingo" and dinner at Trattoria Gianna in Lincoln Park. A block of tickets was purchased. Tickets are \$35/person. Elaine Kurland ejk5700@yahoo.com Christmas/Holiday Party – Saturday, December 5th. Details to follow.

Going Forward:

Planning the educational and entertainment programs and events is the fun position of being on the Board.

These programs and events are one of the many benefits of belonging to The Burnham Park Yacht Club.

Planning is not the only part that goes into this role; there's co-ordinating, purchasing, decorating, staffing and attending these events that make them successful.

In the two years I was on the board, it was a pleasure to work with the Flag and other Board Members who work very hard to make sure **all** functions of the club work for the members.

The team spends an HUGE amount of time planning, addressing, monitoring and adjusting to make sure the club is working for the members' benefit.



All of these positions are volunteer. I am impressed by the positive approach and determination of those individuals who dedicate so much time and energy, and thankful to those—past and future—who have done/will do the same.

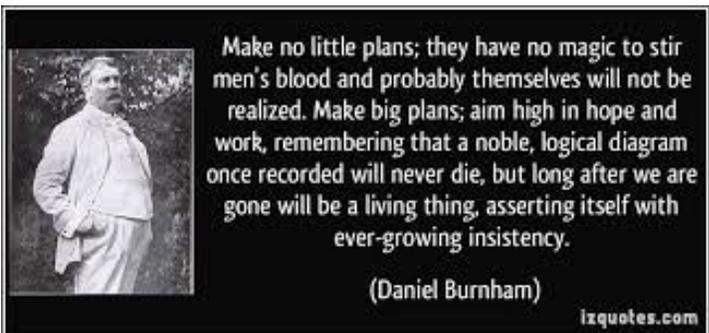
So as you read future publications of The Breeze or On the Wind, know that your help with a program, project or issue will further enrich the (your) Burnham Park Yacht Club and is not only the responsibility of the Flag and Board – it's your club, too.

Join a committee – you'll have fun, meet other members and the club will be better for it!



I am re-reading "The Devil in the White City" and sometimes wonder what Daniel Burnham would think of the city, and the harbor and club named after him. It is truly the best venue in the city. How fortunate we all are to be here.

He had a strong belief that man should be of service to others. So even if not a leading role, choose some role and help service your club. Be a part of the BPYC legacy.



Wishing you all the very best!

Danielle Detten
Programs

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Business Mtg- 6:30pm	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Women's Aux Mtg- 6:30 pm	10 Private Party 4pm
11 Private Party 4:30pm	12	13 Board Mtg 6:30 pm	14	15	16 Johnny V- 8-11pm	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Commodore's Ball
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



BPYC Summer Hours of Operation

Galley:

Breakfast: Sat & Sun 9am-12pm
 Lunch: Tues-Sat 12pm-5pm
 Sunday 12pm-5pm
 Dinner: Weds & Thurs 6pm-9pm
 Fri & Sat 6pm-10pm
 Sunday 6pm-10pm

Bar:

Tues-Thurs - 12pm-10pm
 Friday-Sat - 12pm-12am
 Sunday - 12pm- 10pm

Tender Service:

T,W & Th - 11am-9pm
 Friday - 11am-12am
 Sunday - 8am-10pm

Please call for reservations 312-427-4664

Fax 312-427-4666 www.bpyc.com

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Business Mtg-6:30pm	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Bears—11am	16	17 Board Mtg-6:30pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



Club Winter Hours
Begins October 19, 2015
Through May 15, 2015

Monday—Thursday - CLOSED

Friday Dinner 5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Saturday Dinner 5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Sunday Dinner 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED

2015 Flag Officers

Commodore Janet McCarthy
Vice Commodore Chris Edmonds
Rear Commodore Keith Moore
Secretary
Treasurer Jim Gentile

2015 Board of Directors

Two Year Directors

Danielle Detten
Bill Van Emburg

One Year Directors

Phil Edwards
Scott Gordon
Paulette Horne
Howard Jacobson
Pam MacGregor
Todd Sherman
Steve Theis

Women's Auxiliary

President Bonnie Riordan

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