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President Warren Dempster

It is truly an honor to serve as President of District 7 for 2015. The Past Presidents of District 7 have set the level of commitment very high and I plan to continue that tradition along with our entire board.

My wife, Marianne and I have one daughter and reside in Eastlake. We currently dock at Mentor Lagoons Marina and are members of Put in Bay Y.C. and The Captains Y.C.

I would like to both thank and congratulate the members of District 7 for once again having the largest membership in the IOBG for 2014. Remember, this is a worldwide organization, so you should be very proud of this accomplishment. I would also like to thank Past President Gene McKeown and all the area Vice Presidents and the entire District 7 board for their never ending hard work this past year.

As you will see later in this issue of the chatter, we have many events planned for 2015. Please take a few moments to look over the flyers and the calendar. We have our website updated with all the information needed for our members to participate in as many of our events as possible. A special thank you to webmaster John Weirzchowski for all his work on the website. I understand it may not be possible to attend all of the district's events, but we have tried to put together a calendar for both east and west side events. As in the past, we plan on inviting districts 9 and 25 to our events and we hope to support them as well. We have just completed our first event, which was attending the Greater Cleveland Boating Association's Commander's Ball honoring Lloyd Bogue and Lady Rhonda. Next will be the Inter Lakes Yachting Association's fall meeting and Ball honoring Commodore Steve Harris on December 5th-7th at the Westlake Doubletree hotel. Districts 7, 9 and 25 will host a pizza party in conjunction with the hospitality rooms on December 5th at that event. District 7 would like to congratulate the GCBA Commander Lloyd Bogue and the incoming I-LYA Commodore Duane Burgoyne and we look forward to supporting both organizations. March will be a very busy month for District 7. We will start with by marching in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Cleveland. This will be our 3rd year participating in this event and a good time is had by all. All IOBG members are invited to join us. Next we have the Blue Blazer. This is our main recruiting event held each year at Bratenhal Place. Please let your immediate Past Commodore and current Commodore know that we will be sending them an invitation to this event and hope that they can attend. This is a no pressure event where the District 7 board gets to meet and greet those individuals and introduce them to the IOBG. The following day we travel to Perrysburg for the spring meeting of the I-LYA. All information needed for these events will follow in the next issue of the chatter.

Many members of District 7 attended the International Meeting and Ball honoring Joel Kay and Lady Nancy from Edgewater Y.C. We are extremely proud to have Joel as the President of the IOBG. Congratulations also go out to Tony Durieux who was elected Second Vice President and to Mark Vadaj who was elected North Central V.P. As you can see, District 7 is well represented on the International level. Also, congratulations to Sandi Durieux who was elected President Elect, Nancy Kay, Secretary and Robin Vadaj, Northeast Director, all on the International Auxiliary board. At the meetings that were held during this event, the issue of a ten dollar dues increase was proposed and voted on. Each District Director in attendance voted the way their district membership advised them to. While spirited discussions were held, the majority voted in favor of the increase. At our change of watch in October, our membership voted no on the increase. While we were not in favor of this increase, we will as a district, continue to support the International and the officers that were sworn in at the annual ball. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please don't hesitate to email or call either myself or District Director Gene McKeown. Also, the latest edition online of the IOBG Light-house has more information on the dues increase.

In closing, I would like to welcome two new area Vice Presidents, P/C Lloyd Bogue as the Northeast V.P. and P/C Bill Blakeslee as the Cleveland West V. P. I would also like to thank our outgoing Cleveland West V.P. P/C Nick Romano for all his hard work and support over the years for District 7. A special thank you to Past President Marianne Dempster and her bridge for all the support that the Auxiliary has given the district this past year. We look forward to working with President Mary Romano and her bridge for 2015. I will be assisting our Supply Officer Lou Key this winter in ordering any IOBG supplies and apparel. Again, thank you very much for allowing me to serve as President of District 7 and if you have any ideas or comments for the upcoming year, please contact any member of the board. Remember, this is your district and we value your input.



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Special points of interest:

- 2015 Dues are due and payable there is an invoice in this issue
- December 5-6 ILYA Fall Meeting Holiday Inn Westlake Ohio



President Elect Rich McKee

I am looking forward to working with Warren and Cliff this upcoming year. I had the pleasure of being on the same bridge with Warren in GCBA, and look forward to working with Warren again along with the rest of the IOBG Officers/Vice Presidents of District 7.

Warren has put together a great schedule for 2015 and I hope that everyone will get a chance to participate in these events. Please refer to the schedule for all events and their dates.

Congratulations to Lloyd Bogue, our 2015 Greater Cleveland Boating Association Commander. Please join me in wishing him all the best for this upcoming year.

I would like to thank Gene McKeown for his time as President. Gene was able to get a lot accomplished and set the “bar” for us to follow.

I am sure that you all join me in counting down to the 2015 Boating Season.



First Vice President Cliff Gabriel

As the boats get stored for winter we hope you all had a safe and enjoyable boating season! We can now count the days when they are back in the water.

Thank you P/C Gene McKeown for your fine leadership as this year's District 7 President. It's been a privilege to have worked with you!

After four (4) years of involvement on the District 7 bridge as North-east Vice-President I am looking forward to filling my new position.

The capable, P/C Lloyd Bogue, of Ashtabula Yacht Club and present Commander of the Greater Cleveland Boating Association (G.C.B.A.) will be taking on the responsibilities of Northeast-VP.

I will be looking forward to working with the District 7 Vice Presidents in helping them develop strong Blue Gavel Chapters in their assigned Yacht Clubs.

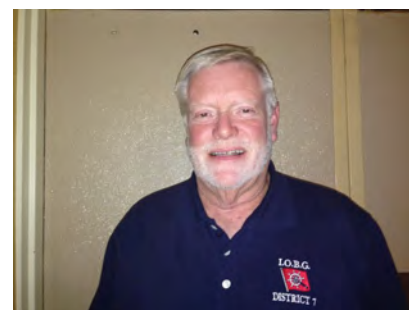
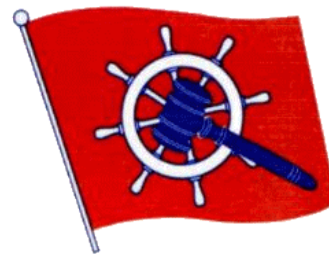


District Director Gene McKeown

It was an honor to serve as District 7 President this past year. New memberships as well as the renewal of existing memberships put the District out front as the largest District in IOBG. The entire bridge can take a bow and feel very proud of their accomplishment. I would like to thank all the members of District 7 for being a part of this great District.

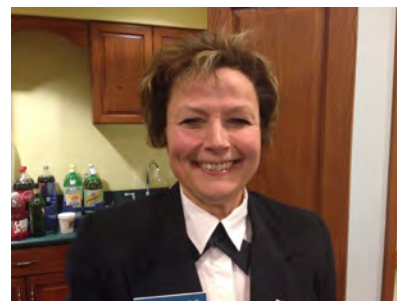
Our 2015 President, Warren Dempster, has put together the District calendar for the coming year. Please take a look at it and see what fits into your calendar. Whether its St Patrick's Day parade at the Hyatt Arcade in Cleveland or the Wine Tour at the Lodge in Geneva, there is no better time to book a room, than now. The IOBGA Nautica Brunch Cruise has grown in size every year. We have so many more opportunities to meet and socializes, so please join us. It's "all good"!

Thanks to all of you for a great 2014 in District 7.



Ohio River Watershed VP—Pat Waitkus

Well I confess I just made it into the Blue shrink wrap before the cold weather really hit! It was a great season this year on Lake Erie and now that the toys are put away, a little time for reflection. Many thanks to Gene McKeown for a job well done, it certainly added to my great new experiences with District seven. I wish Warren Dempster smooth sailing in his new role, as we pledge him our support. And special wishes to Joel Kay in his new role as President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. I am so sorry I was not able to make the ceremonies, but I look forward to all the tall tales. I do wish one and all a safe and Happy Holiday Season!



Northwest VP Debbie Light

It is my pleasure to serve another year as Vice President Northwest Region of District 7 IOBG. I really enjoy meeting all the IOBG officers and members that make up our district! I have met many new friends through my involvement with Blue Gavel and received way more than I put in.

I had the pleasure of attending the IOBG ball for Joel and Lady Nancy Kay in Beachwood. The event was filled with fun activities and great food! It was a great time had by all who were in attendance.

It is hard to believe that the boats are all put away for the winter! Soon the holiday season will be upon us. Please take the time to send in your 2015 dues. We ask that our clubs that supply us with their "2015 Schedule of Events" so we can list them on the District's website.

As always, please keep up the Chatter, there are many opportunities to get to know other IOBG members and create new memories.

I hope we all created many lasting memories to help get through the winter months ahead of us. Please review our District 7 website for events during the colder months to bridge us to our spring launch.

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 All Ports Yacht Club
 Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club
 Dock of the Bay Yacht Club
 Harbor Bay Yacht Club
 Huron Yacht Club
 Middle Bass Island Yacht Club
 Point Yacht Club
 Sandusky Yacht Club
 Vermilion Boat Club
 Vermilion Harbor Yacht Club
 Vermilion Yacht Club



V.P. Lloyd Bogue AYC

*Fairport Harbor Yacht Club
Grand River Yacht Club
Mentor Harbor Yachting Club
Mentor Lagoons Yacht Club
River's Edge Yacht Club
The Captains Yacht Club
Western Reserve Yacht Club*

Northeast VP Lloyd Bogue

Just want to say that I have big shoes to fill following 1st Vice President Cliff Gabriel. He has done an excellent job in covering the clubs in our area. Let me introduce myself, my name is Lloyd Bogue. I am from Ashtabula Yacht Club and I have served my club in many capacities. Not only have I served as my clubs Commodore for 2 yrs, but I am still involved as our clubs treasurer. We have a 36' Silverton express cruiser (Stress Relief) and spend a lot of time during the boating season on the go. My partner Rhonda & I enjoy getting out and meeting people from all around the lakes. We have been on all 5 of the great lakes, along with the Erie barge canal and the Trent Severn waterway. We have a lot of great friendship from our travels. As of this writing I have just ascended to the rank of Commander of the Greater Cleveland Boating Association. So, you can see I am the type of guy that gets involved. I look forward to serving as the VP for the Northeast district of the IOBG. I too am looking for all of the activities of the clubs in my area. We plan on visiting each and every one of you, and hope we can help you in any way possible to make your chapters the best they can be! You can contact me on my cell @ 440-812-4242 or email me @ lloydbugue@windstream.net

Pennsylvania VP Charles Miller



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*Commodore Perry Yacht Club
Erie Yacht Club
Presque Isle Yacht Club
Sea Rangers Boat Club
Syria Shrine Mariners
Zem Zem Sailors*

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Cleveland Central VP Tim Yearick



Hello, my name is Tim Yearick and at the District 7 Change of Watch, I was elected to be Cleveland Central VP. I am a 12 yr member at North East Yacht Club and served as commodore in 2011 and 2012. My wife Debbie and I have 2 children, Kelly and Ryan, and 1 granddaughter Ava. Debbie currently serves as secretary at both NEYC and the Blue Gavel Auxiliary. The summer boating season sure flies by fast and hopefully the winter off-season will go by just as fast. Please remember to get your dues in, as it is that time of year again!

Happy Holidays to everyone and hope to see you all at one of the upcoming events.

P/C Tim Yearick
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*Dugway Creek Yacht Club
Edgewater Marina Boat Club
Edgewater Yacht Club
Four Seasons Boat club
Gordon Shore Boat Club
Inter-City Yacht Club
Lakeside Yacht Club
Members-at-Large*



President IOBGA Auxiliary – Mary Romano

I would like to introduce myself to new members of our Auxiliary. My name is Mary Romano; I have been a member of IOBGA since 2002. I was District “7” Secretary from 2002 - 2006 and Treasurer from 2012 – 2014. As President for 2015 I have the honor of working with these dedicated Officers of District “7”:

Marilyn Gabriel - Vice President **Debbie Yearick** - Secretary

Rhonda Rich - Treasurer **Marianne Dempster** – District Director

The new year started off with a bang, hosting the International Meeting here in Cleveland. We had good attendance from our “D-7” members at the Auxiliary meeting on Saturday morning. The meeting was very valuable; we had an opportunity to meet members from other Districts and hear about their charity fund raising ideas. I would like to Congratulate these District “7” members as 2015 Officers for the International Auxiliary: Sandy Durieux, President Elect; Nancy Kay, Secretary and Robin Vadaj, North Central Area Director.

District “7” has been represented at the International level with Mary Gallagher, Jerry Key, Willa Wade, Hope McLeod, Pat Graven and Ethel Keith serving as President of the International Organization.

Just a reminder, if you have not paid your \$10.00 dues for 2015 please do so. We were once again the largest District for 2014 with a total of **146 members!**

Mark your calendar for April 26, 2015 - - - the day of our 4th annual “Nautica” Cruise. Our members look forward to this event and our attendance increases each year. What a way to spend a Sunday afternoon in early Spring, good food, great friends and a cruise on Lake Erie!

Check out the scheduled events on the website “iobgdistrict7.com” and see which ones would fit into your schedule.

The more you participate it seems the more fun you have!



North Central District Director—Mark Vadaj

Members of I.O.B.G. - District 7, Thank You Once Again for your renewed commitment to "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity". Your Membership is greatly valued and sincerely appreciated to further our lofty goals of Education, Preservation of Yachting Customs and Humanitarian Contributions. Without you the Member, the organization cannot exist. In the coming year, we the I.O.B.G. Leadership will strive to increase our membership size as well as add value and purpose to your individual membership. As the North Central Vice President, I will be supporting, assisting and communicating with the District 7 Director and President regularly on many topics. I encourage you to not only contact your District 7 Vice Presidents, and I also encourage you to become more involved with our Meetings, Events, Social Gatherings and Supporting Organization Events. I invite you visit the I.O.B.G. District 7 Web Site at www.iobgdistrict7.com for a Calendar of all of your Local District and Chapter events. I also encourage you to view the I.O.B.G. International Site at www.iobg.org for the most current international issues and status pertaining to your Membership from Chapter Applications, Member Applications, Bylaws, Policies, Humanitarian Foundation and Calendar of Events. Remember as a Member, you have a Voice and a Vote. We welcome your input, participation and contribution.

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



Cleveland West VP Bill Blakeslee Jr

*Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club
Beaver Creek Boat Club
Beaver Park Yacht Club
Cleveland Yachting Club
Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club
Westlake Yachting Club
South Shore Cruising Club*

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Cleveland East VP Pat White

V.P. Pat White, CLYC

*Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club
Chagrin River Yacht Club
East Light Yacht Club
Forest City Yacht Club
Island West Yacht Club
Lake County Yacht Club
Northeast Yacht Club
West Channel Yacht Club
Wildwood Yacht Club*

As we close the 2014 boating season, I hope that everyone had a great boating year!

My district has new yacht clubs this coming year in 2015. Let me introduce myself. I am a member of Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club. Everyone is invited to stop and visit our club. We have many exciting additions coming in 2015. We will be adding a pool and a new bar! We are very excited! I hope I will have the opportunity to meet all of you at the upcoming events.

Congratulations to President Warren Dempster and the Slate of Officers. Thank you to Gene McKeeown for all your time and effort in 2014. It has been a good year!

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Order IOBG Gear

I will be taking orders for IOBG and IOBGA clothing from the IOBG website. It will be from Pierside Promos on the IOBG website. Just let me know the item number, color, size and I will email back a price before I order it. All orders must be in to me by as soon as possible. Thank you. Assistant to the Supply Officer, Warren Dempster-wcyc40@yahoo.com

Treasurer Dave Zmek



Secretary Dominique Sorbo



2015 IOBG Dues Notice

Dues are due and payable 01/01/2015

IOBG Dues \$68.00

IOBGA Dues \$10.00

Total \$ 78.00

Optional Humanitarian Fund Donation available

Mail to

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P/C Dave Zmek

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Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Please list all of the following for Roster Information:

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Spouse: _____

P/C of which Yacht Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

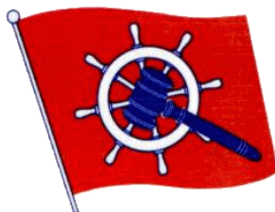
Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Spouse email address: _____

Any changes from prior year: _____





International Order of Blue Gavel District 7
148th Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade

When: Tuesday March 17th, 2015

Where: Downtown Cleveland, Ohio

Cost: \$20. Per person parade donation

Parade starts at 1:04 pm

We will be gathering at the staging area between East 18th street and East 21st street on Superior at approximately 12:30 pm.

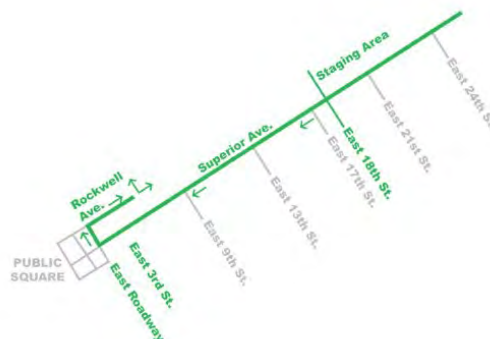
Dress: Winter uniform-Blue Blazer/Grey slacks/White shirt/Tie

All members of the International Order of the Blue Gavel and Auxiliary are invited to march in the parade.

We will be making a donation to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee (included in \$20. Cost)

Please join us before and after the parade at the Hyatt Regency at the Arcade in the District 7 hospitality room for corned beef and some fine Irish hospitality.

RSVP: Warren Dempster at wcyc40@yahoo.com or 440-725-7731 prior to 2/14/14





Please join IOBGA District 7 for a **Brunch Cruise on The Nautica Queen.**

Sunday April 26, 2015 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Boarding time is 12:00 p.m.

Adults \$33.00 per person

Buffet includes:

Fresh Fruit Compote
Mixed Greens with Dressing
Assorted Sweet Rolls, Danish and
Croissants with Butter and Jam
Side Salads
Chef's Choice of Carving - Beef, Ham, or Turkey
French Toast or Waffles with Maple Syrup
Grilled Bacon and Sausage
Blintzes with Fruit Toppings
Home Fried Potatoes
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Pasta du jour
Breast of Chicken du jour
Dessert
Choice of Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea
Cash Bar

For reservations contact Marianne Dempster at marianne.dempster@yahoo.com or 440-289-1216

Seating is limited, please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by March 27, 2015

Please make checks payable to IOBGA District 7

Payment may be sent to: Marianne Dempster- 33545 Lori Ann Dr., Eastlake, Ohio 44095

3rd Annual IOBG District 7 Wine Tour



September 18-20, 2015
The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake

Come by Car or Boat

Friday, September 18

Self-guided tours

District 7 Hospitality suite open after 7 pm, (if you like, bring a bottle of your favorite wine)

Snacks, beverages and beer available

Saturday, September 19

Arrive at Lodge no later than 11am, tour bus departs at 11:30am

Wine tour info to follow after the first of the year.

Dinner at the Lodge at 5:30pm (or on your own)

District 7 Hospitality suite will open at 7 pm (if you like, bring a bottle of your favorite wine)

Snacks, beverages and beer available

Sunday September 20

Breakfast Buffet at the Lodge. Check out at 11 am

Lodge room rates: Friday—Standard Double \$129.00, Premium King--\$175.00

Saturday—Standard Double \$159.00, Premium King \$199.00

(plus 14.75% bed tax respectively)

A block of 15 rooms has been reserved for IOBG District 7. Mention group ID 4G81HE

Shuttle tour: \$25. for hotel guests, \$30. for non-guests. Shuttle info to follow after first of year.

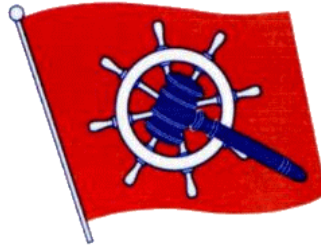
Reservation due date August 4, 2015

The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake reservations 1-800-801-9982

Geneva State Park Marina Dockage 440-466-7565 or e-mail: genevamarina@ncweb.com

**In addition to hotel and shuttle reservations, please confirm that you will be attending this event by e-mailing Warren Dempster at wcyc40@yahoo.com or 440-725-7731.





IOBG D7 Calendar

October 11th-	District 7 Change of Watch-Forest City Y.C.
October 16th-19th	International Annual meeting and Ball-Beachwood, Ohio
November 7th-9th	GCBA Commanders Ball-Beachwood, Ohio
November 15th	E-Board meeting at Northeast Y.C.
December 5th-7th	I-LYA Fall meeting (Districts 7,9 & 25 pizza on Friday night)-Westlake, Ohio
February 5th-8th	IOBG Regional meeting (D-15) in San Diego, California
February 20th-22nd	AYC Commodore's Ball-Perrysburg, Ohio
February	Brunch-tbd
March 7th	E-Board meeting@ TBD
March 17th	St. Patrick's Parade in Cleveland
March 26th	Blue Blazer
March 27th-28th	I-LYA Spring meeting-Perrysburg, Ohio
April (tbd)	Brunch at Sandusky Y.C.
April 26th	IOBGA Nautica brunch cruise
May 14th	E-Board Meeting @ Huron Y.C.
May 25th	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD
June 19th-21st	GCBA Rendezvous-Huron, Ohio
August 5th-9th	I-LYA power regatta-August 8th-IOBG Cocktail party at PIBYC
September 10th	E-Board meeting
September 18th-20th	Annual Wine Tour-Geneva, Ohio
October 10th	D-7 Change of watch

2014 IOBG Geneva Wine Tour



2014 IOBG Wine Tour Geneva



2014 Change of Watch—Forest City Yacht Club



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