



# IOBG District 7 Northcoast Chatter—March 2013

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## President Pat McIlwee

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March is finally here and we have made it through the tough winter months. Now we can start working on preparing our boats for the upcoming season. In my last article thanked my bridge for stepping up to the plate and making District 7 the finest in the country. I made a major mistake by not thanking my treasurer P/C Dave Zmek. If you have not sent in your dues please get them into Dave as soon as possible. Thanks for all of your efforts Dave.

I would also like to thank P/C John Popovich as he has really tried to help me put together the Chatter—John thanks so much for all of your wisdom and support. Please see the attached flier for ILYA Commodore Kris Miller.

We have a very busy spring planned here at IOBG District 7. We will be marching in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade as a group on 3/17/13. If you would like to join us please let me know as soon as possible as we need to plan this event accordingly. The fee to march in the parade will be \$30. This donation will go directly to the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day parade committee. I am hoping for a great turnout and good weather. This may be a tradition for District 7 for years to come. If you would like to get involved please let me know.

We are scheduling the Blue Blazer event again this year at the penthouse suite at 1 Bratenahl Place. I would like to thank Neil and Sue Van Uum for their continued support of District 7. The Blue Blazer is a chance for recent past commodores, current commodores and vice commodores to come and meet the current bridge and decide if IOBG is something that they would like to pursue.

In April we will be having a Nautica Queen brunch. I would like to thank IOBG Auxiliary President Marianne Dempster for organizing this event. The deadline for reservations is March 25. Please see the chatter for additional information. If I can be of help to anyone within the organization please do not hesitate to send me an email at patmcilwee@cox.net or call me at 216-214-6111.



## President Elect Gene McKeown

I'm not sure about you, but for me, the beginning of the new year always seems to drag by. Along comes March 1<sup>st</sup> and all of a sudden there are not enough hours in the week to get every thing done to get ready for spring. However, make sure you find the time to join your fellow District 7 Past Commodores and march in Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

When you start to get the boat ready for spring launch, be sure to look for your IOBG Burgee and make a point of flying it this season. If you can't find it, contact our temporary supply office, Warren Dempster at 440 725 7731. Warren just got in a new supply of IOBG Bugees as well as sleeve patches. The IOBG Burgee is flown world wide and we all should take great pride in flying it, wherever we go this summer.

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### Special points of interest:

- Dues are currently due and payable
- March 17, 2013  
St. Patrick's Day Parade
- March 21, 2013  
Blue Blazer Social
- April 28, 2013 Nautica  
Queen Brunch
- May 27, 2013 USS Cod
- June 22, 2013 GCBA  
Rendezvous Huron OH
- August 10, 2013 ILYA  
Put in Bay OH





## President Elect Gene McKeown (continued)

My wife Connie and I, as well as Nick and Mary Romano attended District 25's Presidents Ball held in late January at the Southgate Mi. Holiday Inn. District 25 honored their President, Greg Lowe and Lady Arlene. We all had a great time. Also attending was Sir Steve Willing and Lady Shirley.

District 7's Vice Presidents are finishing up our membership renewal program for 2013. If you didn't receive your 2013 membership invoice let me or your Vice President know and we will get to you. Your membership in the Blue Gavel puts you in a league comprised of Past Commodores from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and several other countries. Please take a few minutes now, and rejoin us, in District 7.



## First Vice President Warren Dempster

I hope all of our members and their families had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We are approaching the 2013 boating season and the board of District 7 has been very busy planning events that I'm sure you will enjoy. We thank both the GCBA and I-LYA for allowing us to be a part of their events as well. Please take time to look at our calendar of events in this issue and keep checking our website for updates as well. As spring approaches, we look forward to marching in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day parade and the IOBGA Nautica brunch cruise in April.

District 7 is in the process of finishing up our 2013 dues renewals. The area Vice Presidents have been working very hard along with our Treasurer to get the renewals in to the IOBG and membership cards delivered in a timely manner. Last year, our district held the honor of having the largest membership in the IOBG, and it is our goal to repeat that this year. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please contact your area Vice President or any other board member for a dues renewal form.

During the winter months, I have been assisting the supply officer, P/P Lou Key with the IOBG clothing and supplies for our district. If anyone needs burgees, arm patches, pins, ties etc., please contact me and I can get them to you. We have been ordering clothing from the IOBG website through Pierside Promotions and you can log on to their website through the IOBG website. Just e-mail me with your item number and info and we will order through District 7 for you.

District 7 respects your membership and thanks you for being a member of the IOBG and IOBGA. If at any time you have a concern or an idea for an event, please contact any member of the board.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the following District 7 members, Greater Cleveland Boating Association's 2013 Commander-Bob Sefcovic, Inter-Lake Yachting Association's 2013 Commodore-Kris Miller, International Order of the Blue Gavel's First Vice President-Joel Kay, and our own District 7 President-Pat McIlwee. As you can see, our district is well represented in many boating organizations.

Warren Dempster

## 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

## Cleveland West VP Rich McKee Jr

Rich McKee Jr., SSCC

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440-353-3494

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



## District Director Mark Vadaj



District 7 IOBG & IOBG-A Members, You have much to be proud of From a Chapter Level to a District Level as well as an International Level. In 2012 District 7 was the largest District in Membership worldwide. Our District Officers worked very hard to reach this goal, and their efforts are greatly applauded, However the thanks and appreciation goes to you the Member which is our most important asset. IOBG recognizes that that our Members worldwide may have experienced individual economic burdens and that our Membership has choices, therefore we greatly value and appreciate your decision to renew for 2013. Please contact one of the District Officers if you have not yet received your new plastic Membership Card or a renewal form.

As The District Director I am sincerely proud and honored to represent both District 7 and your Individual Membership at an International Level. As a Member you have a voice and a valuable contribution I welcome your input and suggestions. Please feel comfortable to contact me at anytime. At the October Change of Watch in Baltimore, District 7 was recognized for not only the achievement of Membership but for our wide variety of Social Activities, Multi-Affiliation Recreational Participation and Humanitarian Efforts. Recently I represented District 7 at the Winter Meeting in Venice Fla. where once again, Our District was recognized as a leader in innovative ideas and participation. On a Business and Operation side of IOBG, I am pleased to announce that Membership overall is steadily increasing. I am also pleased to announce that through carefully executed measures, IOBG has been able to trim our overall operational expenses while providing a higher level of service and benefits. Our Summer Meeting will once again be held in Portland Oregon and our Fall Change of Watch in Walnut Creek California. Specific Details will follow in the next District Newsletter. Please ask an Officer how IOBG can support your next Chapter event or how you as a Member can become more involved with IOBG, IOBG-A or our International Humanitarian Foundation. IOBG welcomes your participation at any and all levels and appreciates your commitment to Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity, I.O.B.G.



Thank You

## Northwest VP Debbie Light

Greetings Everyone! I hope the New Year finds everybody well and surviving the winter months! Soon it will be time to prepare for launch. The clubs within my region, please send me your 2013 "Schedule of Events" so we can get them posted on the district's website. This will enable everyone the opportunity to attend your functions. I also encourage you to attend our District 7 events and meetings which you can find on our website.

I would like to thank Lewie Kuhn, Commodore of Vermillion Boat Club, for informing me that 2013 will be the 100th year anniversary of the club. VBC is planning a special celebration this July 19-20 at the club. I will send out more details as I receive them.

Please keep up with the Chatter, there are many opportunities to get to know other IOBG members and create new memories. As a closing reminder to pay your dues to keep District 7 on target.

Debbie Light

### Northwest

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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

## 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 Zailors



### **Cleveland Central Mike Key**

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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

### **Northeast VP Cliff Gabriell**

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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

### **Ohio River / Southern Ohio VP Nick Romano**

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### **Central OHVP Steve Harris**

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Aladdin Mariners Yacht Club  
Atwood Yacht Club  
Buckeye Lake Boat Club  
Earlville Yacht Club  
Lake Milton Boat Club  
Scioto Boat Club  
Herrington Lake Yacht Club  
Alum Creek Sailing Club

### **South Central OHVP OPEN**

We are currently looking for a volunteer to become the South Central Vice President. If you know someone that may be interested please have them contact any bridge member



## President IOBGA Auxiliary – Marianne Dempster



President—Marianne Dempster  
 Vice President Marilyn Gabriel  
 Secretary Cindy Wierczchowski  
 Treasurer Mary Romano  
 District Director Robin Yada  
 Advisor P/P Sue Van Um  
 Advisor International P/P Jerry Key



I would like to thank the IOBGA & IOBG Bridge for all their assistance with the Holiday Party, it was a huge success and fun was had by all.

Please remember that reservations and payments are due to myself by March 25, 2013 for the Nautica Queen Cruise, tickets are going fast.

The Auxillary is raffling off an afghan crocheted and donated by Hildegard Gephart with proceeds benefiting the Humanitarian fund, tickets are \$5.00 each and the afghan will be raffled off during the Nautica Cruise, winner need not be present. For tickets please contact myself at 440-289-1216. or [maredemp@oh.rr.com](mailto:maredemp@oh.rr.com) or any member of the IOBGA bridge. Thanks, Marianne

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

Sunday April 28, 2013 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

For reservations contact Marianne Dempster at [maredemp@oh.rr.com](mailto:maredemp@oh.rr.com) 440-289-1216

Seating is limited, please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by **March 25, 2013.**

Please make checks payable to IOBGA District 7

2013 IOBG Dues Notice

Dues are due and payable 12/15/2012

IOBG Dues \$58.00

IOBGA Dues \$10.00

Total \$ 68.00

Optional Humanitarian Fund Donation available

Mail to

P/C Dave Zmek

18705 Mt Pleasant Drive

Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Please list all of the following for Roster Information

Name:

Spouse:

P/C of which Yacht Club:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number

Email address:

Any changes from prior year



**Join  
Inter-Lake Yachting Association  
2013 Commodore  
Kris Miller**

**for a**

**Spaghetti Dinner  
Fundraiser**



**March 10, 2013**

**3-7pm - Edgewater Yacht Club  
6700 Memorial Shoreway  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102**

**Reservations Requested**

**Call John Popovich 440-248-8763**

**\$10 Adult \$5 Children (10 and under)**



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Gavel District 7**

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**March 17, 2013**

**SAVE THE DATE**

We will be marching in the St Patrick's Day Parade in  
Downtown Cleveland on March 17, 2013

More information will be coming out on this when it  
is available.

Please check your email often and visit our website  
for the most current up to date calendar of events

If you would like to march—there will be a \$30 dona-  
tion that will be forwarded to the St. Patrick's Day  
Committee which organizes the parade.

Please call or email if you would like to participate

Phone: 216-214-6111  
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**[www.iobgdistrict7.com](http://www.iobgdistrict7.com)**

**March 21, 2013 Blue Blazer Social**

We will be inviting current Commodores and Vice- Commodores to our Blue Blazer Social to be held on March  
21, 2013

This is an introduction for Commodores to preview Blue Gavel. We will be holding this at 1 Bratenahl Place.

Thank you Neil and Sue Van Uum