

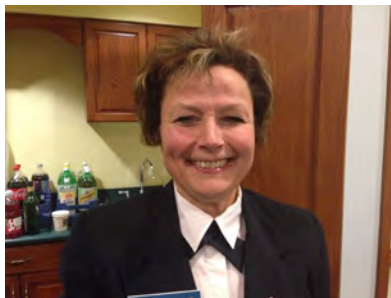


# IOBG District 7 Northcoast Chatter—March 2017

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## President Debbie Light



.Happy 2017! We are heading towards a new boating season. The current weather is bridging us nicely to the 2017 boating season.

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If you haven't paid your 2017 membership dues, please contact our Treasurer, John Sukis, 440-570-4921. Please consider being part of the International Order of Blue Gavel District 7.

I am looking forward to the remainder of 2017 and praying for great and safe boating season for all.

## Happy Spring!!

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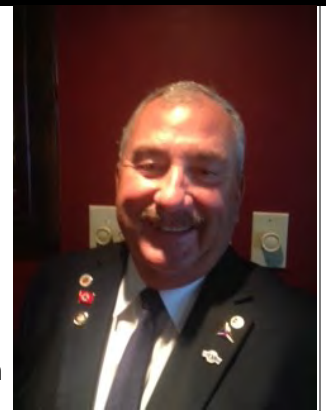
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### Upcoming Events:

**3/4/17—IOBG Meeting**

**3/17/17—St. Patricks Day  
Parade—Cleveland**

**3/24/14—IOBG Blue Blaz-  
er**



## President Elect Lloyd Bogue

By the time, you read this I will be in sunny Florida at the IOBG winter meeting in Clearwater. I hope to learn a lot that will help me execute my duties next year as your President. If I do not learn anything, I hope to at least, get warm for a week. Our area Vice Presidents and our Treasurer have had their hands full going through our membership renewals for 2017. I hope that everyone has sent in their dues by now, but if you haven't please do so NOW! We could be back on track to catch District #8 for the top spot in the country again this year with your help. So pursue the Past Commodores of your yacht clubs and refer them to your local IOBG chapters. Let's also make sure that they get to our Blue Blazer on March 26th from 2-4pm at Northeast Yacht Club. Your encouragement will help them make the decision to join yachting's most prestigious fraternity of past commodores.

March does not only include our Blue Blazer, but a fun, fun, fun, event in downtown Cleveland on March 17th. The annual St. Patty's Day Parade will kick off around 1pm with all of us gathering in the staging area between east 18th street & east 21st street on Superior at approximately 12:30pm. All members of the International Order of the Blue Gavel and the Auxiliary are invited to participate. As in the past, there will be a fee of \$20 charged for this event that we will be donating to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Also, plan to join us in the hospitality room either before or after the parade at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the Arcade. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

This year, we are once again honored to have a president elect of the International Order of Blue Gavel from District #7. Our own Tony Durieux will be the next International President of IOBG. District #7 will be hosting the international meeting in October (18-22) at the Westlake Doubletree at Crocker Park. Much more to come about this event in the next issue of the chatter. In the mean time, we have put together a fundraiser for Tony as we did for Joel Kay. We are selling tickets for a chance to win a "cooler of spirits" valued at least \$700 with a portion of the funds raised going to the IOBG Humanitarian Fund. So see any District 7 Board member for tickets or call me (440-812-4242) and I will help you reach your quest.

The IOBGA will once again be putting on their fantastic brunch cruise aboard the Nautica Queen on Sunday April 23, 2017. This is a great event to jump-start your spring boating season. For a very small price of \$33/pp you can enjoy a wonderful afternoon on the water and stuff yourself silly. Give Marianne Dempster a call at 440-289-1216 or email her at [Marianne.dempster@yahoo.com](mailto:Marianne.dempster@yahoo.com) for reservations.

The boating season will be in full swing by the time our next issue of the chatter comes out, so in the mean time let's get ready to renew old friendships and push forward for many new adventures that the summer has to offer as we pursue our passion of boating.

## First Vice President Dominique Sorbo



How about the 2016-17 winter! This is one of the rare occasions I saw both jet skis and fishing boats on the water the week between the holidays. The good news is even if the we have a few blustery weather days left this winter, spring is just around the corner. This of course means we will be preparing our boats for the big spring boat launch, always an exciting time of year. As I mentioned in the last Chatter article, my First Mate, Rick, and I have enjoyed visiting many of your clubs. This year we hope to visit even more. Though our home club is the HYC, we are moving our boat further east to Lorain where we hope to venture out to the east side of District 7.

As I take this new position of First Vice President, I am excited to learn more about IOBG, my position in the organization and about our membership. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events, at HYC or on the water!

## District Director Rich McKee



I am looking forward to 2017 and the new boating season, which is not too far away. The 2017 IOBG Calendar of Events has been completed and there are a wide variety of events scheduled for this year.

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If you have not paid your IOBG Membership Dues yet for 2017, please contact our Treasurer John Sukis at 440-570-4921. Please consider being a part of IOBG District 7!!!!

Wishing for a wonderful season of weather - Here's hoping to see you out on the Lake!!!!

# International Ball 2017

## International Blue Gavel Convention Update

Things are moving along nicely for the International Convention to be held here, in Cleveland, Ohio, October 19-22, 2017.

We have met with the Hotel and worked out the menu for the lunches and the Ball. The transportation has been locked in. Rosemary Sukis and I had a very positive meeting with Dan Crandall from Crocker Park regarding the Poker run throughout his complex. Sheri Brello is working with John Crist Winery for a stop during the event and John Sukis scoped out a nice micro-brewery very close to the Hotel for those beer drinkers.

If anyone has contacts with companies to provide goodies for the welcome bags, please let me know. We will need probably around 120 pieces.

**Keep selling those Raffle tickets. Those funds turn into FUN for all.**

As the time gets closer, we will need more volunteers, so don't give up hope if you have not been called

I hope all of District 7 will be able to attend this wonderful weekend we have planned.

Should you have any questions, give me a call at 216-389-3020

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### Cleveland East VP Pat White

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**V.P. Pat White, CLYC**

Spring Is Around The Corner, And I Think ,We Are Ready To Get The Boats Waxed And Cleaned In The Water For A Fun 2017 Summer. District 7 ,Has A Lot Of Fun Things Planned This Year, I Hope To See You At Some Of The Events. Please Get Your 2017 Dues In If You Still Have Not Paid, It Is Very Important We Stay Strong ,And On The Top , If I Can Ever Help You ,Please Contact Me. Lets All Have A Safe And Healthy Year.

Chagrin River Yacht Club  
Lake County Yacht Club  
West Channel Yacht Club  
Island West Yacht Club  
Members at Large  
Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club  
Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club



## Northeast VP Kathryn McCarthy

Hello to all our IOBG- D Members,

As of the writing of this article, there is approximately two months to go until a new boating season will begin. I know I am not alone when I say that I am anxious. In fact, during one of our recent unseasonably warm days, my hubby and I climbed up into our boat and ate our lunch under the shrink wrap. Now if that's not anxious, I'm not sure what is. Before we know it, It will be time to uncover our boats and begin cleaning and get ready for spring launch.

### **V.P. Kathryn McCarthy— REYC**

*Grand River Yacht Club  
Mentor Harbor Yachting Club  
Mentor Lagoons Yacht Club  
The Captains Yacht Club  
Rivers Edge Yacht Club  
Western Reserve Yacht Club  
Ashtabula Yacht Club  
Fairport Harbor Yacht Club  
Zem Zem Sailors Club*

In April I am looking forward to the IOBG – D 7 Brunch Cruise on the Nautica. (April 23rd). I have invited members of my home club to go and have a group lined up. If you have never gone on this outing, I encourage all of you to try it. It's a great way to kick off the boating season, the food is great, and it's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with friends. Gather a group from your home club and contact Marianne Dempster to RSVP at 440-289-1216.

I am also looking forward to attending the GCBA Rendezvous in Huron in June. We attended for the first time last year and really enjoyed it, so we're planning on going again this year.

I'd like to put a little plug in for a great event that my home club is planning this year. River's Edge Yacht Club in Fairport Harbor has hired the group "Disco Inferno" to entertain us at our 2017 Summerfest Event being held July 22, 2017. Food, Beverages, and Entertainment for a reasonable price. Guest dockage will be available at a first come basis. If you are interested in joining us for this great event, you can email me at [kmccarthy725@yahoo.com](mailto:kmccarthy725@yahoo.com) and I can get you more information.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all of you who have supported the IOBG – District 7 with payment of your 2017 membership dues. I've enjoyed talking to some of you either by phone or email and hope to meet you personally this season. If you have not paid your dues yet, we would greatly appreciate it if you could do so as soon as possible. We want to keep District 7 one of the largest chapters in the International.

Keep Counting Down those Days!





## President IOBGA Auxiliary – Debbie Yearick



I would like to “Thank” my Bridge and Committee Members for all their help and support:

VP- Rhonda Rich

Treasurer – Mary Romano

Secretary – Beth McKee

District Director: Mary Romano

I would also like to “Thank” President Debbie Light and her bridge for their support. I look forward to working with all these dedicated individuals.

Tim and I attended the Boat Show on behalf of the GCBA booth. That always gets everyone excited on planning cruises for the summer & catching up with boating friends during the winter.

The month of March will be busy for all our “Blue Gavel” Members. March 3-4 is the Regional Meeting in Clearwater, FL.

March 26th the Annual “Blue Blazer Social” at Northeast YC.

April 23rd will be the date for our Sixth annual “Nautica Cruise”. Our members

look forward to this event, a two hour cruise on Lake Erie and a great buffet! The best part is getting to see boating friends again after a long cold winter.

Our price will remain the same of \$33 per person, for a great Buffet and cruise on Lake Erie! What a Bargain!! Call Marianne Dempster and get your reservations in soon, we are filling up fast!

## 2017 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$68.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

IOBG D7 Treasurer

John Sukis

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Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

P/C of which Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

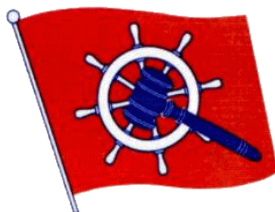
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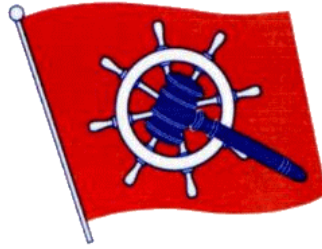
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# IOBG D7 Calendar

October 1st	District 7 Change of Watch - Forest City Yacht Club
November 18th- 19th	GCBA Commanders Ball - Kalahari Resort
December 2nd-4th	I-LYA Fall Meeting (District 7, 9 & 25 Pizza on Friday Night) - Perrysburg, OH
February	AYC Commodore's Ball - Perrysburg, OH
March 4	E-Board Meeting @ TBA
March 17th	St. Patrick's Parade in Cleveland
March 24	Blue Blazer @ North East Yacht Club (tentative)
March 31—April 2	I-LYA Spring Meeting - Double Tree Westlake
April 23	IOBGA Nautica Brunch Cruise
May 12th	E-Board Meeting @ TBA
May 29th	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD
June 23—25	GCBA Rendezvous – Huron Boat Basin
June 24	District 7 Cocktail Party - GCBA Rendezvous
August 9-13	I-LYA Power Regatta
August 12	IOBG Cocktail Party @PIBYC, Districts 7, 9, & 25
September	E-Board Meeting @ TBA
September	Annual Wine Tour - Geneva, Ohio
October	D-7 Change of Watch



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

Sunday April 23, 2017 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](mailto:marianne.dempster@yahoo.com) or 440-289-1216

Seating is limited, please reserve early. Reservations and payment due by April 10, 2017

Please make checks payable to IOBGA District 7

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



**District 7  
International Order of the Blue Gavel  
2017 Annual Convention & Ball Fundraiser  
Benefitting President Tony Durieux & Lady Sandi**



**Anyone Can Enter or Donate**

**\$5.00 per Ticket – Cooler Full of Premium Spirits**

**A \$700.00 + Value**

**See any District 7 Board member for tickets or call:**

**Warren Dempster 440-725-7731**

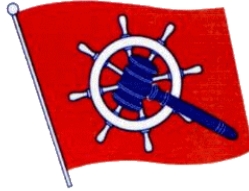
**The Winning Ticket will be drawn publicly during the IOBG Cocktail Party at the GCBA Rendezvous June 24th, 2017**

**A portion of proceeds will benefit the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation**

	<b>International Order of Blue Gavel District 7</b>
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