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President Gene McKeown

It is a privilege and my great honor to serve as President of District 7 for the coming year. During this year, I am looking forward to meeting as many members of District 7 as possible. Included in this first issue of the Chatter is the coming year's calendar. I hope you all find an outing or outings that fit into your schedule. I'll be there to greet you.

My wife, Connie and I have two children and six grandkids. We live in North Ridgeville and spend most of the summer at our cottage at Gem Beach. Our club affiliations include Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club, where I was the 2009 Commodore and Beaver Park Yacht Club in Lorain.

District 7 maintained our position as the largest District in IOBG last year, thanks to the hard work of President Pat McIlwee and all of our Vice Presidents. This coming year's Blue Blazer will be on March 20th at Bratenahl Place. We will be contacting all Commodores and Vice Commodores of our clubs and extend invitations for them to join us for a "meet and greet". You can help us out by encouraging your current Commodore and Vice Commodore to attend the Blazer. This is our only recruiting event of the year.

Following D7's Change of Watch in October, The International Order of the Blue Gavel will hold their annual meeting and President's Ball from October 16th to Oct 19th right here the Greater Cleveland area. Our own D7 Past President Joel Kay, Edgewater Yacht Club, will be installed as President of the International. We are all looking forward to hosting this event honoring Joel and Lady Nancy. We will be asking for your help throughout the year to make this a successful event.

The D7 E-Board is made up of the following members;

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Don't forget to check out our website www.iobgdistrict7.com Contact me at genemckeown@oh.rr.com



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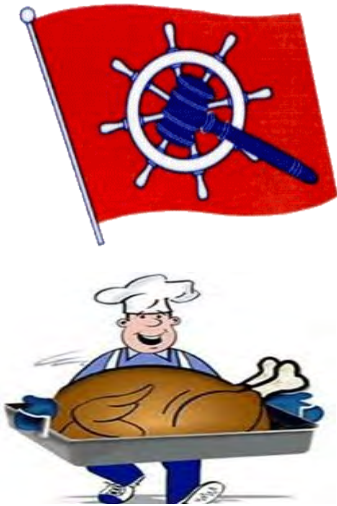
Special points of interest:

- **2014 Dues are due and payable by 12/31/13**
- I-LYA Fall Meeting, Westlake Holiday Inn December 6 –7
- Holiday Party—12/8/13 Bratenahl Place
- January Sunday Brunch TBA

President Elect Warren Dempster

Hello, I would like to begin by thanking the membership for allowing me to serve as President Elect for 2014. I am looking forward to working with President Gene McKeown and the entire bridge and board for what I feel will be another exciting year. A big thank you goes out to all of our Vice Presidents for all of their hard work in making District 7 the largest district in the IOBG once again. But just as important, it is the members of District 7 who made it happen. I would like to thank everyone who participated in our events this past year. Each year we try to add new events that I think our membership will be pleased with. Please check our website and our calendar for all details on the upcoming events.

I would like to congratulate the 2014 I-LYA Commodore, Steve Harris and the 2014 GCBA Commander, Anthony Caruso. District 7 looks forward to working with both organizations as we have in the past. One event that is in the planning process is the 2015 Annual Meeting of the IOBG which will be held in Cleveland in October of 2014. Our own Past President of District 7, Joel Kay will be installed as the President of the IOBG at that time. I hope our entire membership will support Joel and Nancy Kay at that event. We will be having a few fundraisers this year in support of Joel and Nancy Kay, and I look forward to our district support-



President Elect Warren Dempster(continued)

ing them in that effort. This will be a very important event for our district, as IOBG members from all over the country and abroad will be attending and visiting Cleveland.

I would like to thank the Auxiliary of District 7, P/P Robin Vadaj, President Marianne Dempster, Vice President Marilyn Gabriel and Treasurer Mary Romano for all their help and assistance last year. I would like to welcome their new secretary, Debbie Yearick from NEYC to the organization and look forward to working with them once again in 2014.

Please remember that you, as members of District 7, are the most important part of this organization. If you have an idea or comment on improving our district, please inform any bridge member or vice president and we will work together in keeping our district one of the best in the IOBG. Again, THANK YOU and I hope to see many new members and returning members at our events for the upcoming season.



First Vice President Rich McKee

I would like to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in my representing the office of First Vice President. I believe that I bring a lot of experience to this role as being 2006 Commodore of South Shore Cruising, Club and 2010 Commander of the Greater Cleveland Boating Association. I have also served three years in IOBG-District 7, one year as Secretary and two years as Vice President.

We have a great bridge for 2014, and I am looking forward to working with everyone.



International President Elect Joel Kay

I am pleased to inform you that I will be elected President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel on October 18, 2014 and will be installed that evening at the Ball. The event will take place at the 2014 International Annual Meeting, which will be held in Cleveland. .

We are planning an eventful and fun weekend, beginning on Thursday, October 16. The meetings and ball will be held at the Hilton Double Tree in Beachwood, Ohio. The Friday night dinner will be held at Edgewater Yacht Club. We are in the planning stage for all other events that will occur during the weekend.

The Friday Board Meeting will be open to all IOBG members. This is the meeting where we learn from others how they handle various issues, conduct programming, etc. The Annual Meeting, open to all IOBG members, will be held on Saturday.. This weekend event will literally put District 7 on the front page of the "LOG" and show that the mid-west can put on as good an event, or better, as the west coast! Nancy & I are looking forward to working with everyone in order to make the event a complete success. This event will bring IOBG members from all over the US and Canada, and, maybe from other places as well.

A bank account has been opened at Fifth Third Bank dedicated only to the event. Once the event is over, the account will be closed. To help cover the costs of the event, we are looking forward to various fund raising activities, and support from as many of the yacht clubs as possible in Districts 7, 9, and 25. Contact us if you want to help us with this event.

Nancy and I wish everyone in District 7 a Happy Thanksgiving, and best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014.



District Director / Chatter Editor Pat McIlwee

It was an honor and privilege to serve as President of District 7! We had a great year in 2013 and I am looking forward to serving as District Director in 2014.

District 7 has a very cohesive and hard working bridge. I am excited to help in any way that I possibly can.

I would like to recognize these clubs that have started a Chapter of IOBG and welcome them to our fraternity!

Commodores Cruising Club—Sandusky, Ohio

Laguna Yacht Club—Huron, Ohio

Lakefront Yacht Club—Port Clinton, Ohio

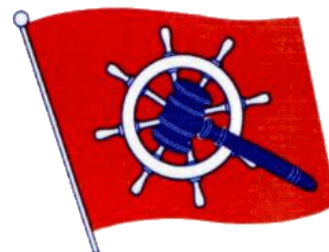
And a big welcome back to **Vermilion Yacht Club in Vermilion, Ohio**

We have a very big year in 2014 coming up!

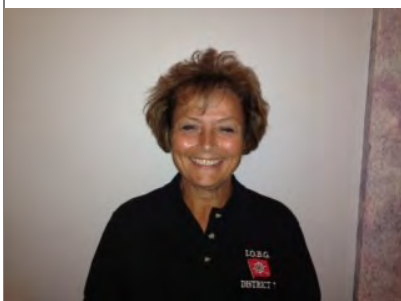
Our own Joel Kay who is currently President Elect of the International will move to President in October of 2014. This means that "all hands on deck" will be the protocol. The annual meeting will be in Cleveland and we will need help in many areas. IOBG members from all over will be coming to the North Coast. I know that District 7 will shine and continue to be the standard and make this event successful and fun filled event.

If your chapter can help in any way or have any fund raising ideas I would encourage you to contact Joel and Nancy Kay directly. I am sure they would appreciate it!

I would like to wish all members of District 7 a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!!!



Northwest VP Debbie Light



**Northwest
V.P. Debbie Light, APYC**

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

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Debbie Light. I am the Northwest Vice President of district 7 IOBG. I am happy to say that this is my first year serving. I was the 2011 Commodore of All Ports Yacht Club, where I have been a member for twelve years. I have a 28 ft. Wellcraft Monte Carlo called First Lady, which I am still learning to operate as Skipper.

During the coming year, I hope we will get the opportunity to come together and share in the Camaraderie. I am looking forward to serving this region to the best of my ability. I will be in touch with my clubs and members as the days unfold. If you need to get a hold of me, my cell is 216-973-1076 and my email is dlightful759@sbcglobal.net.

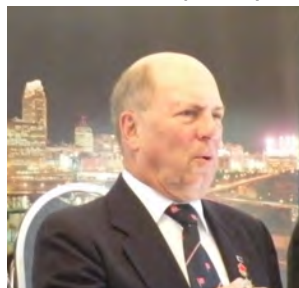
I welcome your suggestions and your participation in District 7. Looking forward to meeting everyone that I can.

Northeast VP Cliff Gabriel

The boats are all put away for the winter! As of this writing, we have only 144 days until April and the 2014 boating season, which we are already looking forward to. This will be our forth year of involvement on the District 7 bridge and we look forward again to working with the Past Commodore's of Yacht Clubs in the Mentor Lagoons and Grand River. Our interest is to support you in establishing strong Blue Gavel Chapters within your organizations. My wife Marilyn and I have met many new friends through our involvement with the Blue Gavel and have received way more then we have put in.

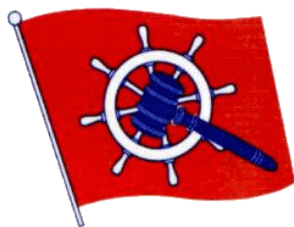
We ask that our Clubs supply us with their "2014 Schedule of Events" so we can list them on the Districts website. This will enable everyone the opportunity to take part in your functions. We also encourage you to attend our District 7 events and meetings which you can find on our website. In the mean time I will do my best to keep you informed of upcoming events.

If I can be of help in any way, please give me a call.



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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



Advisor to District Director Mark Vadaj

A Sincere Welcome to all of the New Members of The International Order of The Blue Gavel, and a Heartfelt Thank You to all of our Alumni Members for renewing your commitment to Yachting's most Prestigious Fraternity. I hope I can assist you in taking advantage of all of the benefits and privileges that The I.O.B.G. has to offer. Please feel comfortable to contact me at anytime should you require assistance with your Membership, Benefits, Privileges, or information about the calendar of events both locally and internationally. As Advisor to District Director I welcome the opportunity to meet with your individual chapter to discuss how the District can assist and support your efforts or participate in any of your chapter functions whether it is a Fundraiser, Regatta, Induction Ceremony or Change of Watch. I can assure you the I.O.B.G. will be there.

For additional information on both District and International Events, Newsletters, Policies, Elections, Supplies, Bylaws and more, please visit our websites. Should you be unable to locate what is needed, simply contact me and I will assist you.

District 7 Website is www.iobgdistrict7.com

The I.O.B.G. International Site is www.iobg.org

Please remember to link these two web sites to your own Club or Chapter Websites. Thank You.

A Special Thank You to all of our Members who so generously contributed to the Humanitarian Foundation. (A 501-C-3 IRS Charitable Designation) Your support and contributions make it possible for the Humanitarian Foundation to assist so many that are in need of support when support is needed most. For additional information on the H.F. or to learn how you can become more involved, please contact me directly. I will gladly discuss or present to your Chapter & Club the fine work that The Humanitarian Foundation and I.O.B.G. is all about. I welcome this opportunity.



Cleveland Central VP Bob Sefcovic

Although I provided a brief bio last issue, I'll resubmit for those who may have missed it. My name: Robert Sefcovic

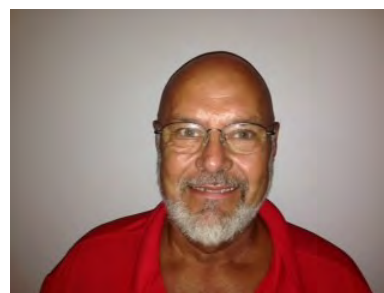
I was Commodore of Westlake Yachting Club I was the Cleveland Central V.P. for three years prior to taking a sabbatical to complete my duties as an officer of The Greater Cleveland Boating Association. I returned, to once again take on the responsibility of Cleveland Central V.P.

District 7 is the largest district in the I.O.B.G. That says a lot about the Past Commodores of our area, as it shows, we are proud to have been a Commodore of one of the many clubs in District 7.

There are notices posted on the website, as well as a calendar of events, Here in the Chatter. It would be a pleasure to meet as many I.O.B.G. Members as possible over the next several years.

The dues notices went out in late September and many have responded. We've changed the due date to January first, but don't let that slip by!

The holidays will soon be upon us, so that being said I would personally like to extend my best wishes for all of the holidays forthcoming!



V.P. Bob Sefcovic

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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 – Marianne Dempster

I am Marianne Dempster, born and raised in Ohio, I have been married to my husband Warren for 24 years and we have one daughter named Allison. I have been in boating since meeting my husband. We had a pool when I was growing up so I have always loved the water. We currently dock our boat in Mentor Lagoons Marina in Mentor, Ohio. I am a nurse and work at the local community hospital.

I am currently the President of District 7 IOBG Auxiliary for the 2nd year. I have so enjoyed working with the members of IOBGA and IOBG. We have met so many fascinating people, I look forward to another productive year.



On our agenda is the Holiday Party for IONG and IOBGA members which will be held December 8 at Bratenahl Place, please see attached flyer. Also we will be hosting the 3rd annual Nautica Queen Cruise on April 27 in Cleveland, please see attached flyer.

Cleveland West VP Nick Romano

*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*



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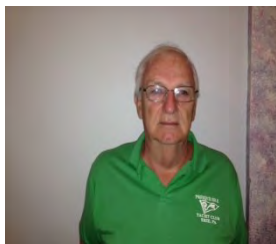
South Central OHVP Open

*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*



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*

Help Wanted

We are looking for a member in the Central Ohio area to become a Vice President for District 7. The pay is great, the food is good and the benefits are priceless!!!!

**Inquire with President
Gene McKeown**

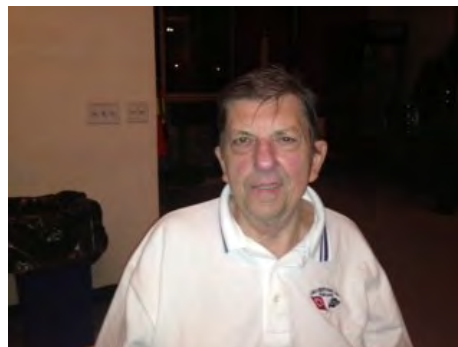
Cleveland East VP Pat White**V.P. Pat White, CLYC**

*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*

It is my pleasure to serve a second year as Vice President East of District 7 IOBG. I really enjoy meeting all the IOBG Officers and members that make up our district.

My husband and I have been boating with our family for over thirty years. We are members at CLYC. I was Commodore in 2006. I have enjoyed the many friendships made at CLYC and IOBG.

I am looking forward to 2014. If I can help anyone, please feel free to contact me at 440-256-9714 or ronpatdale@roadrunner.com

Ohio River VP—Pat Waitkus**Secretary Dominique Sorbo****Supply officer—Lou Key****Treasurer Dave Zmek**

2014 IOBG Dues Notice

Dues are due and payable 01/01/2014

IOBG Dues \$58.00

IOBGA Dues \$10.00

Total \$ 68.00

Optional Humanitarian Fund Donation available

Mail to

IOBG District 7 Treasurer

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: _____

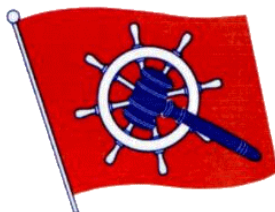
State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Any changes from prior year: _____





International Order of the Blue Gavel

The Association of Past Commodores

IOBG D7 Calendar

Event	Date
2014 Date	
E-board (Huron)	Oct. 30 (Chatter due Nov 8)
GCBA	Nov. 8-10
I-LYA Fall Meeting	Dec. 6-7
Christmas Party	Dec. 8
D7 Sunday Brunch Tour	Jan ? (TBA)
AYC Commodore's Ball	Feb. 14-16
D7 Sunday Brunch Tour	March 2
St Patrick's Parade	March 17
Blue Blazer	March 20
I-LYA Spring Meeting	April 4-5
Nautica Queen Sunday Brunch	April 27
Memorial Day @Cod	May 26
GCBA Rendezvous Huron	June 20-22
I-LYA Regatta PIB	Aug. 9
Vineyard Tour	Sept. 20
COW D7	Oct. 11
International Annual Meeting	Oct.16-19

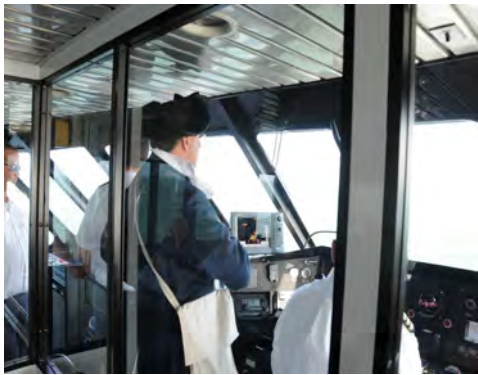
Change of Watch

Forest City Yacht Club

October 12, 2013



2013 Battle of Lake Erie Re-enactment—Labor Day Weekend—Put In Bay Ohio



The GCBA Club Championship 2013



District 7 IOBG and IOBGA
Cordially invites you to our

Annual Holiday Party

December 8, 2013

3:00p-6:00p

One Bratenahl Place
Cleveland, Ohio (Penthouse Suite)



Cost - \$20.00 per person
Includes Appetizers, Dessert and Open Bar

Please RSVP by November 30, 2013

Marianne Dempster

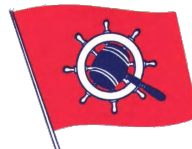
440-289-1216

marianne.dempster@yahoo.com

Checks payable to IOBGA may be sent to
Marianne Dempster 33545 Lori Ann Dr., Eastlake, OH 44095

Please note seating is limited to first 75 responses

Dress is casual/Festive attire requested





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

Sunday April 27, 2014 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

For reservations contact Marianne Dempster at marianne.dempster@yahoo.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

Payment may be sent to: M. Dempster 33545 Lori Ann Dr., Eastlake, OH 44095

Thank you

President Marianne Dempster

News and Notes

- Ohio River VP Capt Patrick Waitkus had a unique perspective of the Battle of Lake Erie! You can view his photos at this link
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8sz80f8qitt2iet/2PMqOPISCs>
- Sandusky Yacht Club P/C Bob Bunsey also had some great photos of the Battle of Lake Erie. You can view his photos at this link
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wh4sgsffovkc2b8/Nn4qnLeA-K>
- The I-LYA Fall meeting is December 6-7 at the Westlake Holiday Inn in Westlake, Ohio. Please be sure to stop by our hospitality table for some great Pizza. Courtesy of District 7, District 9 and District 25
- We are looking for fundraising ideas for Joel Kay. Joel will be President of the International and the Blue Gavel world will be coming to Cleveland in October of 2014. If your club can sponsor an event or function to help raise funds, it would be greatly appreciated.



Inter-Lake Yachting Association

www.i-lya.org

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To All Historical Enthusiasts,

August 15, 2013

We have sent this letter today asking for your help with the restoration effort of our I-LYA Memorial Monument located at DeRivera Park in Put-In-Bay, Ohio. Over the years our monument has suffered from harsh winters, wet weather, pollution and a general lack of maintenance. This has taken its toll on the condition of this important piece of Inter-Lake Yacht Club's history and tradition. The bronze plaques are in need of restoration, the sand stone needs to be cleaned, de-scaled and sealed, and all the masonry joints are in need of re-pointing. There will be a substantial cost to bring this

important piece of I-LYA history back to its original state and glory, but it cannot be done without your support. The last time the monument had any work done was well over 10 years ago, and it was through the generosity of our I-LYA's Past Commodores that this task was completed. Today the cost of the restoration is \$21,000.00.

At this time we have had (2) detailed quotations submitted for the work and it is our hope that we can have this work completed by the end of this calendar year. We are asking that you find it in your hearts to donate the funds to help with the effort. We know that times are hard and that every dollar is difficult to come by, but without your support, the I-LYA Memorial Monument will only continue to degrade further, and the cost will only increase. What we are hoping for are donations of \$200.00, or any amount that you feel that you could contribute. If you should have any questions concerning the monument or the restoration effort, please feel free to contact me by phone at 780-713-1066 or by email at spbc2005@cogeco.ca

We thank-you for your consideration with the above request, and look forward to answering any questions that you may have, and hope to see you at the Bay this year.

Sincerely,

Chris Amlin

Chris Amlin - I-LYA Trustee

Chairman - I-LYA Monument Restoration Fund

Jay Onacila - I -LYA Trustee President

Send contributions to:

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