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President Rich McKee

I am honored to be your incoming IOBG District 7 President and hope to continue in the footsteps of our past presidents before me. We have a busy year ahead of us and we hope that we have put together a 2016 Calendar of Events that all of you will be able to attend. I look forward to meeting as many of our members as possible in the upcoming year. The 2016 Calendar of Events is posted on our website at <http://iobgdistrict7.com>.

I would like to thank Mary Romano for continuing as President of IOBG-Auxiliary for this year. I would also like to thank all of our Auxiliary Officers and look forward to working with them. The Auxiliary will again be hosting the Nautica Brunch Cruise on April 24, 2016. Information will be distributed on this event and I would suggest if you have not attended to sign up as this is always a good time. The food is great and it is nice to be out on the water again after a long winter.

I look forward to working with all of our Vice Presidents and Board Officers this year. I would like to thank all of our VPs that have stayed on and welcome our new officers to the Bridge. We are committed to involve all of our members and recruit new members to our organization. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Warren Dempster for an outstanding 2015. Warren did a great job during his leadership and I hope to continue what he started.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact either one of our Vice Presidents, Bridge Officers or myself. We would be more than happy to answer any of your questions. We will strive to make sure that we have a fun, eventful year and hope that each of you will be able to make one of our upcoming events for this year.

Rich McKee

President



Happy Thanksgiving!!

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Upcoming Events

- **Dec 4-6—ILYA Fall Meeting Holiday Inn Perrysburg, OH**
- **December 11—IOBG Holiday Party Danny Boys**



LOL GOBBLE GOBBLE !!!!! See More

President Elect Debbie Light



First Vice President Lloyd Bogue



I would like to thank the membership for electing me as your 1st Vice President of District 7. I also look forward to working with President Rich McKee and my fellow board members this year! As we start the new year I would like to remind everyone to get their dues sent into treasurer John Sukis as soon as possible. The dues notice form will be included in the back of the newsletter for your use.

Rhonda and I had an opportunity to go to Marathon Florida and attend the International meeting held there in October. We had a grand time and enjoyed the company of many of our fellow District 7 members. We were glad to be in attendance at President Joel Kay's final meeting. If you ever get an opportunity to go to Marathon, Florida make sure you stop in at the "Marathon Yacht Club" for dinner and drinks, you won't be disappointed. I would like to take credit for the wonderful weather we have been having this past week, I think we brought it back with us from Florida. Ha Ha!

President Rich has completed his schedule for the upcoming year and it will be a busy one. We hope you will mark down these events and plan on joining us for these great opportunities for fellowship throughout the year.

Rhonda and I would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

District Director Warren Dempster



I would like to congratulate Rich McKee for being elected as the 2016 District 7 President and his entire executive board. The members of District 7 can be assured that we have a very dedicated and experienced board for the upcoming year. I would like to thank the members of District 7 and the district executive board for all their support this past year. Once again, District 7 had the largest membership in the IOBG, just edging out District 8 in Florida by five members.



I attended the Annual IOBG meeting and ball in Marathon in October as the District Director from District 7. District 8 was the host for this event, and along with the Marathon Yacht Club put on a very successful and interesting four days of events. The meeting minutes will soon be available on the IOBG website for all members to review. I would like to congratulate the 2016 IOBG President Joe Dowell from District 8. Also, the immediate Past IOBG President, Joel Kay and Lady Nancy from District 7 deserve a big thank you for a job well done this past year. District 7 was well represented at the annual meeting and ball. In October of 2017, our own Past President of District 7, Tony Durieux will be sworn in as the International President for 2018. The annual meeting and ball will once again be held in Cleveland and we look forward to many of our members attending this event.

If any member knows of a yacht club that would be interested in forming a new Blue Gavel chapter, or bringing back a chapter that has been inactive for a while, please let one of the board members know and we will follow up with that club.

Finally, congratulations to the 2016 GCBA Commander, Lloyd Bogue and Lady Rhonda and the 2016 I-LYA Commodore, Chris Amlin and Lady Sharon. District 7 supports both of these organizations at various events throughout the year. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season and hope to see you at one of our events in 2016. Thank you.



**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*

Northeast VP Kathryn McCarthy

Hello IOBG District 7 Members,

I'd like to say hello to all the members of District 7 and offer a little introduction about myself. I was recently sworn in as Vice President of the Northeast Chapter at the Change of Watch ceremony last month. My husband and I enjoy boating in our 39' Sea Ray and travel with our little dog named "Baby". She goes everywhere we go. Our boat's name is "Perfect Match", which my husband affectionately named after us. We are active members of River's Edge Yacht Club located on the Grand River, in Fairport Harbor. I was the first woman commodore of REYC serving in 2012 and 2013. I joined REYC in 2008, but said I wasn't going to get involved! I served as secretary/treasurer for two years, vice commodore, two year term as commodore, trustee, and now back to being treasurer.....so much for not getting involved. Guess I just can't get enough! Now, I am starting my new role for IOBG District 7. As this is a new position for me, I hope you all will bear with me as I learn the "ropes" of my responsibilities.

This time of year is definitely a sad time for all of us as our boats are stowed away for the winter. Our boat was just shrunk wrapped last weekend. For most boaters, it's like life has come to a halt for the next six months. Now we have to find other ways to entertain ourselves. I would like to encourage all the clubs to share their Event Schedules with each other. District 7 has many activities to look forward to also. I for one am definitely looking forward to next year's cruise on the Nautica. It's usually the first cruise of the season, right before most of our boats are in in the water once again! I also want to encourage all our members to support District 7 by paying their 2016 dues and help keep our district strong.



V.P. Pat White, CLYC

*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*

Cleveland East VP Pat White

I can't believe it's already fall. Where did summer go? This year has flown by. The boats are put away for the season and now we must settle in for a long winter break.

Congratulations to President Rich McKee and Officers. Thank you to our Past President Warren Dempster. He had a very successful year. I also would like to thank the Auxiliaries for all their hard work this past year as well. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I hope that District 7 continues to grow with new members and renewals. We have many events planned for 2016. I look forward to seeing all of you in 2016. If I can help you in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holiday Season filled with good health and happiness.



President IOBGA Auxiliary – Mary Romano

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the 2015 IOBGA Bridge and “Welcome” to our 2016 Officers:

Vice President - Debby Yearick Treasurer - Rhonda Rich

Secretary - Beth McKee District Director - Marianne Dempster

I would also like to “Thank” President Warren Dempster and his Bridge for their support; and “Congratulations” to President Rich McKee and the 2016 IOBG Officers. I look forward to another exceptional year working with all these dedicated individuals.



We had nice participation from District “7” at the International Meeting in Marathon, Florida. Our Auxiliary once again had the greatest number of members, with our yearly total at “111”! I would like to Congratulate these District “7” members on their new positions as IOBGA International

Officers: President - Sandi Durieux Secretary - Nancy Kay

Second Vice President - Robin Vadaj North Central Director -Rhonda Rich

Again this year we will have a “Holiday Gathering” at “Danny Boys Restaurant” in Chesterland. If you can join us on December 11th please let me know. Just a casual evening to share good food with friends!

April 24, 2016 -- mark your calendar for our 5th annual “Nautica Cruise”!

Our price remains the same --\$33 per person, for a great Buffet and cruise on Lake Erie! What a Bargain!! Get your reservations in early – last year we had “101” friends and family on our cruise!

Just a reminder, if you have not paid your \$10.00 dues for 2016, please do so. Through your dues and our fundraisers we are able to contribute to some worthwhile organizations. At the International Meeting this year we were able to make a contribution to the Humanitarian Foundation.

Blue Gavel is a good organization and as with any organization it can only be as successful as its members are willing to make it. Please get involved!!

Secretary Dominique Sorbo



Treasurer—John Sukis

I am happy to be your new treasurer and I hope to bring the reporting up to something that is professional, constructive and useful. We have purchased a full accounting software package from Intuit and while the majority of the setup is complete it may take some time to familiarize myself with the type of reports needed by the District, Membership, the International and what formats are possible with the software. I have setup individual accounts for each member which will allow us to invoice dues in a timely and more cost effective manner by emailing invoices. I am anticipating better correspondence between the membership and myself as a result of the new software.

I am currently invoicing for 2016 dues and as you can imagine with the setup and processing of 240 members there may be a few glitches along the road. I ask that you bear with me during this first billing cycle. You can always reach me via email at john@sukiscpa.com with any questions or inquiries. Please take time to review the information on your invoice when received paying particular attention to spelling and email addresses as my data processing and typing leave a lot to be desired.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season and hope to see you at the IOBG Holiday Dinner.



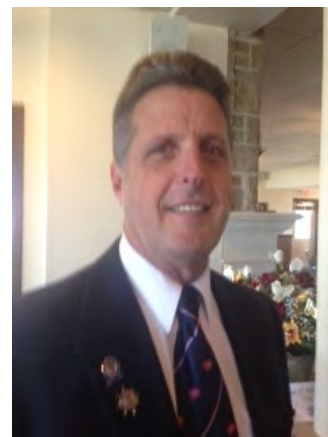
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Vermilion Boat Club
Beaver Creek Boat Club
Beaver Park Yacht Club
Huron Yacht Club
Lorain Sailing & Cruising Club
Westlake Yachting Club
Laguna Yacht Club*



2016 IOBG Dues Notice

IOBG Dues \$68.00 \$ _____

IOBGA Dues \$10.00 \$ _____

Humanitarian Fund Donation (Optional) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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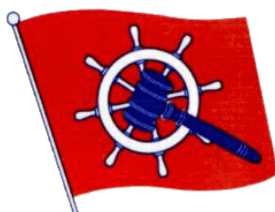
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Change of Watch—Forest City Yacht Club



Change of Watch—Forest City Yacht Club



Happy Holidays

IOBG & IOBGA MEMBERS

**COME JOIN US FOR A
HOLIDAY DINNER GATHERING**

**Friday, December 11, 2015
6:30 PM**

Danny Boys Restaurant



8389 Mayfield Road

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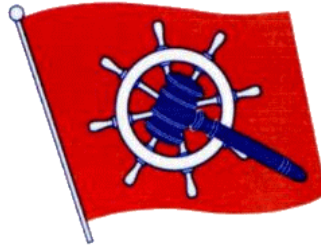
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Deadline: December 6, 2015

District "7" will again be holding a "Get Together" with their IOBG/IOBGA friends to celebrate the Season! We will gather at this local "Italian Restaurant" and share a meal and maybe a Holiday Beverage together. If you would like to join us, please contact me – just so we can provide a count to the Restaurant.



IOBG D7 Calendar

October 11th-	District 7 Change of Watch-Forest City Y.C.
October 22nd-25th	International Annual meeting and Ball-Beachwood, Ohio
November 13th—15th	GCBA Commanders Ball-Independence OH
November 7th	E-Board meeting at HuronY.C.
December 4th-6th	I-LYA Fall meeting (Districts 7,9 & 25 pizza on Friday night)-Perrysburg OH
February	IOBG Regional meeting
February 21th-23nd	AYC Commodore's Ball-Perrysburg, Ohio
March	E-Board meeting@ TBD
March 17th	St. Patrick's Parade in Cleveland
March	Blue Blazer
April 1-2	I-LYA Spring meeting-Perrysburg, Ohio
April 24th	IOBGA Nautica brunch cruise
May	E-Board Meeting @ Huron Y.C.
May 25th	Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS COD
June 19th-21st	GCBA Rendezvous-Huron, Ohio
August 13th	I-LYA power regatta-August 8th-IOBG Cocktail party at PIBYC
September	E-Board meeting
September	Annual Wine Tour-Geneva, Ohio
October	D-7 Change of watch

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