



# Boat Club News

***Only ~13 Weeks Until Docks-In!!!***

## **Commodore's Line - Dave Dicke**

Ruth and I hope you all had very Merry Christmas and will have a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Docks in is only about 13 weeks away in a little over 90 days!

The Change of Watch was outstanding thanks to the hard work of my Committee, Ruth, my daughters and son-in-laws. Both our daughters helped with the party. Maria welcomed you and Emily served as Master of Ceremonies. They both grew up at PBC and enjoyed meeting both long-time and new member friends.

Chris & Debbi Shuff, LuAnn Abair, Sue and Dick Wagoner, Pat Slee Marilyn and Ron Metti all helped make the evening enjoyable. Cindy Slee and her band provided music, Chris Hibbett (my dear friend) provided professional photos of everyone to take home. The meal was excellent. And the program was short. Again, thanks to everyone who attended the Carranor. It's a great venue and their excellent staff helped make it a success!

We are attending various other AYC club balls and getting to know our 2017 class of Commodores and Ladies. Ruth calls these "Commodore Proms." Since our first official date as a couple was for our junior high prom, it seems appropriate that after 47 years we can still dance the night away, sort of, with ibuprofen's help. Cheers!

## **PBC Youth Invited to Join Sea Scouts**

PBC youth have been invited to consider becoming members of a Sea Scout Ship 1100 sponsored by Grace Methodist Church in Perrysburg. Their face book site is <http://www.facebook.com/Sea-Scout-Ship1100-The-Niagra-Hazard-177414712440750/>

If anyone has an interest in looking into it please call me. Dave Dicke

## **Boat US Membership**

- Our group number is: GA83576B
- When you renew or become a new member of Boat US, reference this number to receive 50% off your membership fee.
- Boat US has a great magazine and great prices of boat and towing insurance. There are other discounts at certain marinas and many more membership perks. All this for about \$15 per year (1/2 of the regular price). You may want to consider becoming a member. Check out [www.boatus.com/membership/](http://www.boatus.com/membership/) for more details.

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## **Rear Commodore - Willard Buttner**

Happy New Year! 2017 is going to be great year for Perrysburg Boat Club.

I am in phase one of planning for the Regatta for 2017, I am asking for any ideas for the theme, menu, or organization of our events. I would be happy to take any suggestions and ideas. You will soon be getting correspondence from me through e-mail asking for your commitment to participate in our Regatta.

I will also need volunteers to chair different committees to make our Regatta successful.

Please contact me (Willardbuttner50@gmail.com/410-277-0508) if you have interest in specific committees and any ideas you might have that would make our Regatta fun and successful. Willardbuttner50@gmail.com

## **Secretary/Treasurer - Pat Slee**

- 1) Dock renter's meeting March 4 1:00 pm @ PBC "tent city"
- 2) 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb, members who have not yet paid 2017 dues and fees will receive a second notice (and last notice) with a \$25.00 late fee assessed.

## **PBC Membership Considerations by Commodore Dave Dicke and Secretary/Treasurer Pat Slee**

During the recent Board Meetings we discussed our recent increase in dues and what affects it may have on our or membership. We considered how to, and if to, soften the impact of the dues increase, especially on Life members who do not have docks.

There is concern that current members may resign as a direct result of the \$150. per year dues increase. We decided to modify Life Membership requirements in an effort to help them decide not to resign at this time.

We value, respect and want to keep all of our members. We hope that all members' desire are to continue as active or life members of the club. The membership value will be enhanced by the prospect of the new building and campus style home that will eventually become reality.

Our Club was fortunate for almost 80 years to have been able to utilize the Perrysburg Waterworks Building at a very low cost. In order to duplicate the function and restore and enhance your comfort, convenience and class we have increased all memberships by \$150 per year.

Being a member of any organization brings with it plusses and minuses. Let's look at some plusses of PBC membership. (continued next page)

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We are a boating/social club with numerous annual and special events including weekly potlucks open to membership and their guests. When our new facility is up we will have a beautiful new, warm, dry place to sit at and enjoy a spectacular view of the river and our natural river environment. Few buildings can be seen such that it seems like we are almost alone on the river. The sunsets are spectacular.

We hope members will feel at home to come down to the Club all winter long. During the winter, the serenity of the river may bring up thoughts of the great times and the boating adventures you may have had or will have in the future.

Sometime you can experience this euphoria by yourself without the distractions and the buzz of other people talking in the background as happens most of the time at potlucks and other parties.

You may be asked to join for a boat ride, have a heartfelt or humorous conversation with a new or old timer, or have a beverage.

The Club owns a unique property, docks and a rich history of recreation on the river. As a member you are a part of the past and future. And for boating, the location of your slip, for most, is so convenient.

Most people and families are involved with other organizations. Churches, legions, fraternal clubs each have their rules, fees and costs. Show your friends why PBC is a great place to be a member.

None can compare to what is offered as a member of PBC - our location, serenity and camaraderie of fellow boaters and members, all for about seventy five (\$.75) per day.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### ***No Club events in January***

**2-17-17 AYC (Associated Yacht Club) weekend will be held 2/17-18/2017 in Novi MI** at the Crown Plaza (soon to be a Sheraton). Weekend and Ball tickets are \$50/person. Weekend only tickets are \$40/person. We are limited to 3 couples for the ball and 30 people for the weekend excluding the ball. Think about attending next year when it will be held in Perrysburg.

### ***Winter Pot Lucks***

If any member is willing to host a Club pot luck at their home, please contact V/C Brunner or C Dicke to schedule a date that is convenient for you. Let's keep the fellowship going until the joy of a new spring returns.

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## Board Notes

The Board met 12-6-16 at P/C Steve and Lady Karen Wise's home for a great meal, fellowship and the meeting. We the met again 1-10-17.

The annual meeting was well attended and the membership seemed to understand all topics discussed. The building team met on Dec 1. The architect is working to finalize plans so that permit applications can go forward. Dues were raised by \$150 per year to \$275. We are still the most economical club in the area.

Billing of work hours is now recorded and completed. About 18 member families have received a bill for unworked required work hours. About 100 hours in total were not completed for 2016. Total completed hours for 2016 is about 2,350.

The member families that logged **the most** of hours are: Bureau @ 87; Grosskopf @ 86; Eilers @ 77; Dicke @71; Oliver @60. Many members had in excess of 30 hours. Thank you for your work and dedication to our Club family! Hopefully more will step up in 2017 to help us build for our future!

Commodore Dicke and Lady Ruth will host a dinner for all 2017 Club family members that log in excess of 40 hours for 2107.

**Change in Work Hours for Life Members** - The board unanimously passed the following: Members who have 25 years in the Club **and** are over 70 years old will not be required to log any work hours. We encourage you to continue to help when and where you can with any project and with social events.

A used aluminum row boat has been purchased by the Club for various work and Club uses.

### ***SUNFISH SAILBOAT GIVE AWAY ESSAY #4***

Winners were: Laura Sandberg (Harms boat), Joseph Conley (Ritter Boat), Drew Newton (Harms Boat), Josh Carter (Harms Boat, Carl Conley (Harms trailer)

Josh Carter's Sunfish Essay, July 13, 2016

I have been a member of the Boat Club since I was a toddler, and it has been awesome. I remember when Joe Conley and I learned to catch our first goose. It was soft. I have caught so many snakes and turtles, too. They were always so fun and cool to catch. When I traveled to the islands and ate a poisonous plant called Green Dragon, it was very scary. It felt like shards of glass in my mouth, but it was fun anyways. It was also a lot of fun when Joseph and I had to get towed by jet skis back to the Boat Club. (continued next page)

I love to watch the fireworks at the Boat Club with all of my friends. The grand finale is always awesome. I also like driving our boat to Toledo and going to eat, or watch a Mud Hens game. Tubing is so fun and so is going to the sandbar\*. These are some of my awesome experiences at the Perrysburg Boat Club.

(\*Editor's note: If you don't know where the sandbar is, call Dave Dicke.)

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## Happy Birthday

**January** 2 Meghan Roth  
2 Gustina Pennese  
2 Patty Zenner  
3 Diane Toffler  
4 Wayne Eilers  
4 Kraig Mackett  
10 Jill Smith  
11 Susan Wagoner  
11 Cheryl Grosskopf  
11 Thomas Geissler  
16 Richard Luedtke  
16 John Toffler  
18 Brooke Potts  
20 Amy Berg  
24 Sandra Menard  
25 Ray Schneider  
25 David Sperling  
27 Marjorie Elden  
28 Sally Goligoski

**February** 2 Dan Rowand  
5 Julie Mackett  
6 Rob Brunner  
7 Cindy Slee  
13 Jim Caldwell  
14 John Elden  
15 Bonnie Kudner  
21 Don Hoste  
22 Jeff Novotny  
24 Keith Robeson  
28 Joshua Seney

## Happy Anniversary

**January** 19 Jim & Karen Caldwell  
30 John & Sandra Menard

**February** 25 Tim & Pat Birthisel

### Perrysburg Boat Club Board Members

Dave Dicke - Commodore  
Rob Brunner - Vice Commodore  
Willard Buttner - Rear Commodore  
Secretary Treasurer - Pat Slee  
Recording Secretary - Rachel Wesley  
Immediate Past Commodore - Steve Wise  
P/C Jerry Abair  
P/C Wayne Eilers  
Eric Enyon  
Josh Seney  
Chris Shuff

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