

IASYC YACHTSMAN

November 30, 2013

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHRINE YACHT CLUBS



(Shown left to right)
Amara Shrine Yacht
Club Commodores:

- Dick Newman 2003
- Al Arbothnot 2008
- Carl Mueller-VC 2013
- Jim Beattie 2010
- Ron Kabitzke 2007
- Milt Austin-FC 2013
- George McArthur
1978
- Bill Annis 2009
- Bob Feustel 2013

Florida Shrine Clubs Meet in Palm Beach No Work. Just good company, food, rest, fun!

Man does not live by bread alone. This old admonition teaches us that it's important to take time out to enjoy things other than just work. As a matter of fact the Shriners were originally organized for the sole purpose of enjoyment! This fact was not lost on this year's get together by the Yacht Clubs that make up the Florida Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs. Members in attendance went out of their way to minimize the "business aspects" of their annual meeting and maximize the casual, relaxing, fun activities that would send them back home, not just with wonderful memories, but with the renewed energy and vigor to engage in the activities

necessary to raise funds for the Children's Hospitals they work so hard to support throughout the year. We need not feel sorry or guilty for these few days with our friends. Rather, we know how necessary it is to maintain balance in our lives, to be able to match our smiles with those who we work so hard to restore to a happy and painless life. We strongly urge all our club/unit members to always take the appropriate amount of time to rest and relax and "restoreth our souls."

We hasten to mention, however, that the organization of such a meeting takes lots of work. So, much was left to the women folk whose work is never done! They do a magnificent job!

Khediye Yacht Club takes all Trophies in Mid-Atlantic Region for 4th year in a Row!

Trail blazing a new record, the Khediye Shrine Club won all Trophies available from the Mid-Atlantic Region. Shown (L to R) are the Commodores for the past four years: PC Don Super 2012, Commodore Travis Twiford 2013, PC John Bull, 2010, and PC Bill Kennedy 2011.



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Letters To/From the Editor

Regional Ambassadors, State Commodores and Club Port Captains are volunteering as never before and being appointed at an accelerated rate. There's a new awareness that "We are on the Move!"

We have to make sure that every Shrine Yacht Club/Unit member feels that quick burst of air announcing a front is moving through, bringing in its rush an electric charge that makes a sailor cry "The wind has come...Up the anchor, raise the mainsail, run up the pennant, and devil take the hindmost."

Don't you be left behind on this glorious adventure. You joined the Shriners to help others. You asked for challenges, You asked Our Higher Power to bless you and keep you to see it through.

Please read every issue of **The Yachtsman** thoroughly. Examine all the ideas presented therein that might help a Club/Unit increase its membership and/or raise funds for our hospitals. When you read an idea you believe might work in your area, ask that you be allowed to present it; and, when you do present it, wave the flag, show your enthusiasm, offer your assistance. If they do not respond in kind, don't get down hearted. Wait a while and then present another idea. When they realize you are there to help, they will respond positively!

We must never forget that it's our calling to serve, to lead, to persevere. Send in examples of your own activities for us to share with other clubs/units throughout the world.

bill

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2013-14 IASYC BRIDGE



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~ In Memoriam ~



Eugene S. Dangerfield,
IASYC Secretary Emeritus
*Former Member of Mahi Mariners
 And a Founder of the Royal Pirates
 Died September 29, 2013*

Thomas Ralph London
*Former Member of Murat Mariners
 Died July 1, 2013*

Paul R. Marshall
*Former Member of El Jebel Mariners
 Died July 8, 2013*

Ken Wendt, PP, PIC
*Former Member of Hadi Mariners
 Died November 13, 2013*

*"Reports of my Death have been greatly exaggerated"
 - Mark Twain*

We regret that we reported in the Fall Issue of The Yachtsman that Noble Richard A. Knorr, El Jebel Shrine Temple, Denver, had died. We are, however, delighted to report that he was and is alive and well. Our apologies and best wishes to both

* COMING ATTRACTIONS *

Feb-13-23, 2014 Winter Meeting/plus
 Cruise -Tampa, FL/Western Caribbean.

July 7-10, 2014 Summer Meeting -
 Minneapolis, MN.

March, 2015 Winter Meeting -
 Palm Beach, FL

July 5-9, 2015 Summer Meeting -
 Houston, TX

March, 2016 Winter Meeting -
 New Orleans, LA

Places We've Been:

California: San Diego, Martinez, Elk Grove

Florida: Key West, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale,
 Plantation Keys, Orlando, Bradenton, Marathon, Ft.
 Meyers, Punta Gorda, Sarasota, Singer Islands

Other: Scottsdale, AZ; Mobile, AL; Newburgh, IN;
 South Padre, TX; Charlotte, NC; Indianapolis, IN;
 Portland, OR.

Foreign: San Juan, PR; Cabo San Lucas, MEX.

Welcome New Members!

We cordially Welcome Aboard

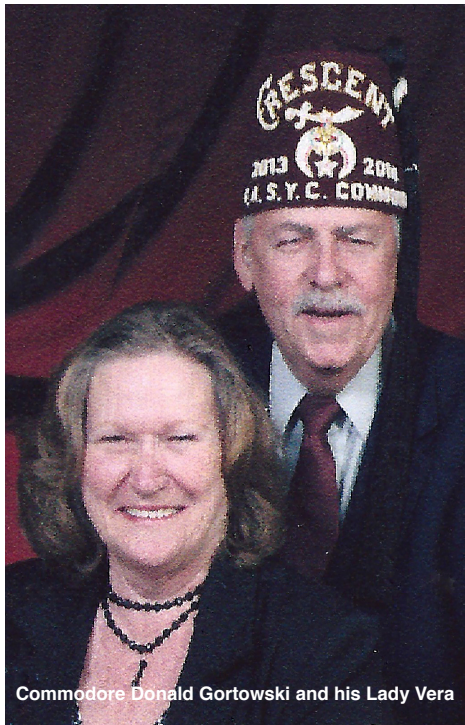
the following NEW IASYC Members:

Daniel R. Aubuchon (Hadi)
 Sam Byers (Hadi)
 CO Bob Stanley (Al Koran)
 Trimble M. Cavins (Hadi)
 Bruce Claybrooks (Hadi)
 Jerold L. Cook (Nur)
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 Bob Lear (Hadi)

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 John Peterson (Hadi)
 Brandon Renner (Hadi)
 Malcolm Reynolds (Hadi)
 William Sargent (Bahia)
 Chris Shaberts (Hadi)
 Andy Shepard (Hadi)
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 Mike Sollman (Hadi)
 Bill Spring (Melha)
 Michael P. Stefurak (Hadi)
 Mike Stewart (Antioch)
 Windell Webster (Hadi)
 Tim Yokel (Hadi)

Commodore's Report:



IASYC-It's All About Ships!

Friend Ships:

Now that boating season is over for most of us, it is a good time to think about taking a winter break and joining Commodore Don and Lady Vera in Tampa, FL, for the Mid Winter Meeting, February 13-16 at the Best Western Tampa Bay, followed by a cruise.

Cruise Ship: Western Caribbean Cruise aboard Norwegian Dawn, Feb. 16-23. As of now there is limited space, so Call Sheri Kirkman today for a cabin with names and the deposit of \$500 within a week. Final payments are due Nov. 25. Every Cabin will get a \$50 Onboard Credit. Call now for a cabin. *If you need more info, see next page.*

Member Ship: Welcome new members! Without membership we would run aground. Thanks all for your support.

Here are 10 Ways to Increase membership in IASYC:

1. Ask someone from your Shrine Yacht Club.
2. Bring a guest to a Yacht Club event.
3. Place Application forms in Shrine Offices and at Yacht Club events.
4. Make prospective members feel important because they are.
5. Use group email to promote IASYC.
6. Follow up with guests
7. Wear your IASYC pin to all events.
8. Develop a welcome letter from the Commodore for all new members.
9. Contact all members who have resigned in the past three years.
10. Recognize new members in newsletters.

I hope all the Shrine Yacht Clubs are looking to our IASYC website to promote their events. If your Shrine does not have a yacht club and you are looking to start one, please let me know and I will help you get started.

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Belizean Paradise



Toucans to Turtles

If you're having second thoughts about possibly signing up to take the February Winter Cruise, procrastinate no longer! This excursion offers many of the most memorable stops of any trip in the world...Belize City and its many fascinating exotic byways, ranging from the world's second largest reef to its dense rain forests filled with sound and sights unseen anywhere else. A recent article appearing in *Southern Boating* magazine lauded Belize as one of the most affordable destinations ever. English is the second language. One U.S. dollar will get you two Belizian dollars. You can drink the water and the electricity is the same as in the U.S.]

"But the country's overall draw is the natural beauty of its islands, waters

and rain forests," says tourist writer Nancy Spraker.

Don and Vera Gortowski have spared nothing to make this wonderful cruise exciting, memorable and, of course, affordable. So, gather up a minimum of clothing for the trip that begins just outside of your hotel in Tampa, and leisurely moves through the tropical Caribbean waters to dock at ports in three countries: Honduras, Belize and Mexico. Don't delay, make your reservations NOW!



And, there's more:

Roatan Bay Island, Honduras

Located 30 miles off the coast of Honduras, island waters teem with marine life, a diver's paradise. The beauty of Tabyana Beach is awesome; and, ladies, shopping maps await you aboard ship.

Costa Maya Mexico on the Yucatan Peninsula offers brilliant butterflies, deer, monkeys...even jaguars (which the editor wants to bring home to ride with him is his classic XJ6.)

Cozumel, Mexico. This tourist attraction has, despite its growth, retained much of its original warmth and charm. The location offers the ultimate in big game fishing and, ladies, big time shopping. "To each their own," so they say.

With all the excitement of new vistas to see and experiences to savor, we do not want to minimize the pleasure of traveling on one of the world's greatest cruise ships, the Norwegian Dawn. This magnificent ship offers every possible amenity and in a setting that meets the most discriminating tastes. Both food and service are par excellent! The ship's personnel represent dozens of countries, speak multiple languages, and will do everything in their power to make you comfortable.

ATTENTION!

We want your stories and photos. In order to appear in the next issue, we must have your materials no later than **January 15, 2014.** Mail or email to the **Yachtsman Editor.**

It's Promotion Time Again!



There's hardly any event that cannot profit from adding on a Silent Auction. Most people, especially our womenfolk, love them; and depending on the items offered up, most of the guys, too! If you have a Commodore's Ball coming up (or even a regular

monthly meeting), why not suggest that a Silent Auction be held. Ask the Ladies to volunteer to run it and then get ready to have fun. Note that the guys who resist the idea the most are also the ones who enjoy it the best, especially when the results are announced!

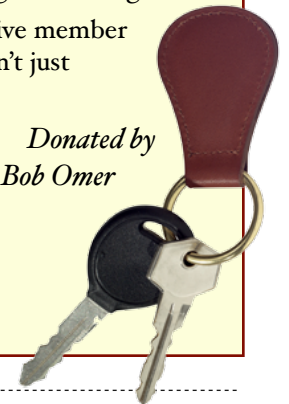
Be An Active Member

Be an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Don't be just contented
That your name is on the list.

Quite a program's scheduled,
That means success if done.
It can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.

Think this over, Member,
Are we right or wrong?
Be an active member
and please don't just belong..

*Donated by
Bob Omer*



RAISE BUCKS WITH A CHILI COOK-OFF

For real competition, hardly anything beats going to a Chili Cook-Off, especially outdoors on a pleasant day, with lots of hot pots cooking up mysterious recipes of hot...really hot...mouth-burning, eye tearing, spicy chili, served up with an icy cold drink in between.

The excitement is rampant when the winning names are announced. As in cave man days, the event results will be discussed again and again until they are legend. Be part of this

truly American tradition. Sponsor your own Chili-Cook off. Charge for the right to sample dozens of entries and vote on the one(s) you think best with prizes for the winners. Such a competition is wonderful fun and a wonderful way to make money for our kid's hospitals!



Especially for the Kids!



COSTUME PARTY

Since when do costume parties only have to take place on Halloween? Costume parties are great fun anytime. Use this occasion to invite participation by children and grand-children from every unit in your Temple. Pick a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, have plenty of soft drinks and cookies on hand and start the competition. Winners will receive toy prizes.

It's also a sneaky way to get new members for your club/unit. Ask couples from other units to attend to help serve...make sure



they have applications to take home. Follow up by inviting them to attend Yacht Club Meetings.

Ice Cream

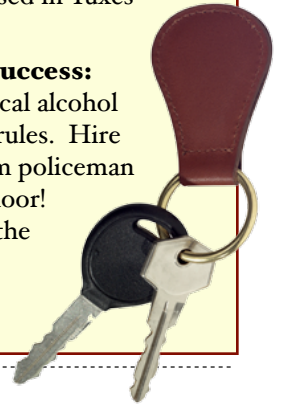
Party Next summer why not sponsor an ice cream party for all the small kids from your Temple. Arrange to play a lot of suitable games, take a lot of pictures to give to their moms (and to run in your club and Temple newsletter). It develops wonderful camaraderie among all the units and opens the door to suggest joint promotions that help the Temple to attract new members and raise more money.

AND FOR BIG KIDS, CASINO NIGHT!

Come on...admit it. You like to gamble a bit. Put that idea to work for the benefit of our hospitals. Hold a Casino Night at the Temple. Sell tickets. The night of the affair, sell funny money for real cash. Everyone can play. At the end of the night, you blow the whistle. The five people holding the greatest amount of "funny money" win real cash (50% to those winners and 50% to the Transportation Fund.) A cash bar is open and your men dressed in Tuxes serve.

Keys to success:

Abide by all local alcohol and gambling rules. Hire several uniform policeman to patrol the floor! Hire a DJ for the event.



HOLD A REGIONAL BOAT SHOW!

Be the first in your Region to announce a Regional Boat Show. This can be co-ordinated with your Regional Ambassador, District (State) Commodore and the Port Captains representing all Yacht Clubs and/or Mariner Units throughout your Region. Hold on your Temple grounds. Tie in a food fair coordinated by the Ladies. Sell tickets to all other Temple Units. Invite the Press. Advertise. Use the event to rent tables to sell used nautical items. Invite all Temple Officers to attend. Plan well, Plan

Big. Get excited. Show no fear. Be successful. Set goals; i.e., how much income you can raise for your Temples, how many new members you can attract, how much fun you can have.



IASYC Rear Commodore Ray & Lady Betty Desrochers (Below left)

Over the past few months, recruiting of new members has been on the rise due primarily to our growing, positive attitude concerning the development of IASYC!



In Michigan, for example, IASYC District Commander Harvey Kirpinski of Moslem Shrine Yacht Club and I attended other association meetings in Michigan to recruit Shriners that do not belong to IASYC. On August 24, Harbor Club North & South Yacht Club joined forces with Moslem Shrine Yacht Club for an annual fundraising outing. All proceeds from ticket sales and auction were donated to the Shrine Children's Center. Harvey has done a great job recruiting and invites you to call him at 586-468-7221.

Lady Betty and I attended the yearly "Crawl" at the gathering of the Alkoran Shrine Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio.



We were guests of IASYC District Commodore Stanley Leff and and Lady Linda and fun was had by all during the visit. In the Northeast Region a joint meeting was held with Bektash Mariners Shrine Yacht Club and Kora Shrine Yacht Club of Lewiston, MA. We visited the historic Moheagan Island and enjoyed the time we spent with our fellow members.

Bektash has a meeting each month during the summer on different islands on Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire. We heard from guest speakers at each meeting and also enjoyed a cookout with all our Ladies, our friends and future members. Another joint venture for Bektash was with Melha Yacht Club in Springfield, Massachusetts, where we were guests of Commodore Bob Hager and his Lady Carol. During the meeting I introduced Bob Hager as the newly appointed IASYC District Commodore for the state of Massachusetts. Ray Hub was also introduced as the newly appointed Port Captain of IASYC for the Melha Mariners of Springfield, MA. Lady Betty and I also attended the Florida Shrine FSMYC meeting in Palm Beach, FL, where we were guests of Commodore James and Lady Beverly Beattie. During the meeting, I spoke on the importance and benefits of being an IASYC member. I also introduced the newly appointed Ambassador Gerald Deacon (Bahia), District Commodore Don Shearer (Bahia), and Port Captain

for the South East Region Edwin Cotton (Araba), respectively.

DAVIS & HORN EXCEL!

Recruiting has been on the rise as a result of the outstanding job of District Commodore Bill Davis of Indiana and Port Captain David Horn, both of Hadi. Their joint enthusiasm and commitment for IASYC should be shared by all IASYC members. I urge all to call either Bill at 812-449-4637 or Dave at 812-449-3288 and let them know how much you appreciate their efforts! Remember, in recruiting new members, ATTITUDE is a little thing that makes a world of difference between future IASYC success or possible future club failure. My own enthusiasm about our future has never been better. If any Noble has questions or needs my assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call me at 603-934-5198 or email me at des.hov@gmail.com.

IASYC Vice Commodore Bob & Lady Gail Feustel (shown Right of Lady Sandy Harris)

I don't know what you've been doing lately, but Gail and I have been on the go since our meetings in Indy this past July. During August and September I have been working with the Roadrunners, escorting kids to the Shrine hospital in Tampa. If you have never been to a Shrine Hospital, please make every effort to go and see the wonderful work being done to help so many Children. You'll soon discover why I became a Mason, a Shriner, and a Roadrunner before becoming involved with the Mariners and IASYC!

In early September, Gail and I traveled to Minneapolis to help us secure accommodations and places suitable for meetings and dining; together with some side trips for everyone attending next July's IASYC Meetings during the Imperial Session.

October, also, was a very busy month. Our Shrine, Amara Temple, helped to accommodate the FSMYCA sessions held in our own back yard. The attendance was great and many new ideas came out of the meetings during our discussion periods. The Florida

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Association Bridge is very active. IASYC Secretary/Treasurer David Harris presented his reports to the Bridge. We were joined by IASYC Fleet Captain, Ray and Betty Desrochers, who flew down from Bektash Shrine in New Hampshire to be with us. Ray was invited to speak to the many Mariners present on how IASYC membership is so important and useful to all our members throughout the United States and many countries over seas.

Ray and I discussed the revitalized role of the Port Captains, District Commodores and Regional Ambassadors in service for our Mariner and Yacht Club members. They were encouraged to see representatives from the International take the time to address the membership on the benefits of being IASYC members. We gained several new members during the weekend.

On one of the days, the group held RC Boat Races on Lake Catherine in Palm Beach Gardens. The event was definitely a hoot! There were over fourteen boats which competed. Yours truly even came home with a traveling trophy for the fastest time during the races.

Ray and I made stops to various Marinas in the area to see what potential relationships could be made in offering our membership discounts in fuel, supplies, hospitality and dining. We are working to improve an already great organization and to make it even more viable for our boating fraternity.

IASYC Rear Commodore Bill and Betty Kennedy



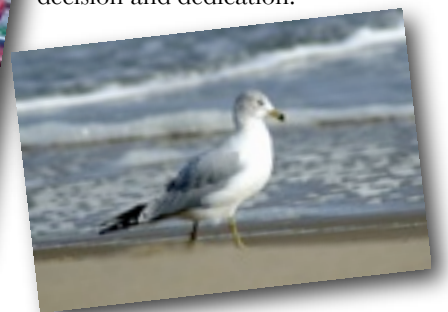
The past few months have been both busy and hectic, during which time, unfortunately, Betty and I have attended eight funerals. All were for good friends, one as close as our own family. Not to paint too dark a picture, it is a period that gives one pause to think about what has been and what might have been. You begin to think about how “time nor tide waits for no man”, how short the days are growing, and how important it is to make what time is left count, which brings me to IASYC.

I have come to recognize that IASYC can do a lot of good by helping all our clubs and units grow larger and become stronger. I can't speak for you, but I am very impressed with the amount of time and effort that Bob Feustel and Ray Desrochers have recently expended visiting Clubs and Units in both the North East and South East Regions. They are letting our membership know we care about them, that we want to help them in any way they choose to use us, that we want brotherhood and service, the hallmarks of being a Mason, to prevail. And, you can help too. **The bridge is looking for more District Commodores (we need one for each state in the U.S and foreign countries), plus we need an IASYC Port Captain in every Yacht Club and Unit.** We want you to volunteer and, I promise you, the work is easy and incredibly rewarding. You will be helping clubs increase their own membership, thus helping them stay more active longer. You will be helping them develop more ways of raising funds for our kids in need; and isn't that the reason we joined up in the first place?

We don't have a lot of time left. Because of aging, some of our Clubs and Units are approaching a fateful decision to close their doors. We cannot let this happen without a fight. Other Clubs, even if they have enough members to be viable, are existing in a “couch potato state.” They need to get up and get out. They need to recognize that it is time for an Epiphany in their lives. They need to make a decision for all to become “energizer bunnies” and start moving again. IASYC can help. We are already trying. It's your turn to help!

So much for flag waving. You can see by the photo of me and Betty that we would rather sit than run. We promise to do better tomorrow. In the meantime, here are a couple of things you might want to consider doing:

1. Buy yourself a new IASYC shirt (and one for your wife) to wear at the next club/unit meeting. Also, a scramble egg hat. An Order Form is printed in every issue of the *Yachtsman*.
2. While attending meetings, pass out Application Folders to all members. (Email Dave Harris)..
3. Suggest that your club/unit join with another club/Temple to hold an event to raise money for the Temple Transportation Fund.
4. Work the event like your entry into heaven depended on it! It just might, you know?
5. Reconsider attending the February IASYC Winter Meeting in Tampa this coming February. We're going to visit the Imperial Head-Quarters and lots of interesting sites, plus you will be able to meet and share with all the members of the current Bridge, plus many of our past IASYC Commodores. They want to share their experiences, hopes and dreams with you. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. You will be happy you came. We will be pleased with your decision and dedication.



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Steward Ships: Robert Farrell, a member IASYC and P/C of Crescent Shrine Yacht Club, with help from his team, has raised over \$50,000 in the past five years through paper drives for the Shriners Children's Hospitals. Think what we could raise in just one coordinated national drive by all the IASYC Shrine Yacht Clubs!

I'm reminded of a wonderful little poem by Connie Clyburn, wife of Shriner Ray Clyburn (Khedive).

"Having fun helping kids" is what we do.

We play golf, host rodeos, and paper drives too.

This raises funds to pay for kid's care,

Their bodies are fixed so people don't stare.

Now some can ride horses,

And some can jump rope,

Some can play football,

Or ski down a slope.

Cause Shriners help kids while having great fun,

This pays for hospitals where great work is done.



Treasurer's Report

"During the past reporting period we took in a little, we spent a little and we have a wee little bit left over."

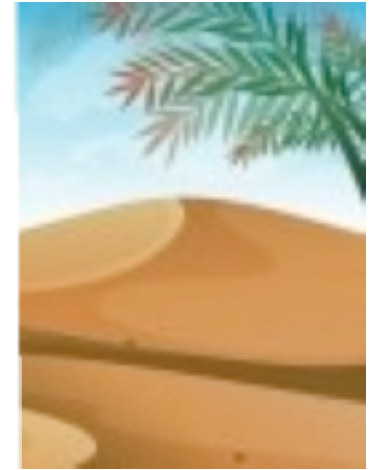
Your Treasurer



Secretary/Treasurer Dave Harris

Fellow Noble Yachtsmen and Mariners, as the year 2013 is drawing to a close, a small number of members still have not paid dues for this year. You have been notified and have not responded. In the past we continued in good faith to communicate with you by mailing you The Yachtsman. However, with the rising cost of postage and printing, this is no longer feasible. All members who have not paid their dues will be suspended as of December 31, 2013. Please look at your Dues Card for the year in which it was intended. We value your membership and want you with us. Note: 2014 Dues Invoices will be mailed out shortly. Please respond in a reasonable and timely manner.

Now, on to other matters: During the year a Financial Committee was appointed consisting of a PIC (Chet Dunn), The Treasurer (me) and a member of the Bridge (Bill Kennedy, IASYC Rear Commodore). The marching orders for the Committee were to review all IASYC financial matters and to report same to the IASYC Commodore for action. This year, this included the repositioning of several growth Funds held to cover specific costs such as those associated with Life Memberships, etc. It was recommended that such Funds be consolidated into one fund. The Commodore, along with members of the Bridge, is currently reviewing this matter and will make a full report with the appropriate recommendations for voting at the next IASYC Business Meeting in Tampa in Feb., 2014.



Another major matter to be reviewed is to make sure that all our financial procedures are in line with all current Imperial Bi-laws, as well as IASYC Bi-laws.

SHIPS STORES/ETC.

I also want to take this occasion to talk a bit about our Ships Store. For example:

1. We now refer to our white cotton shirt as an Aviator Shirt....it's a trade thing.
2. We do our best to maintain a minimum of inventory in order to keep our cost of goods at a minimum. At the same time, we recognize that as we grow (note the large numbers of Hadi club members who just joined IASYC) our inventory will have to grow as well. We assure you we are doing our best to keep our costs in line.
3. While we currently have an adequate supply of Application forms, we do not want to duplicate efforts; i.e., the true control point for forms is at the Port Captain level. While District Commodores and Regional Ambassadors need some copies for promotion purposes, it's the Port Captains who should have enough forms for all prospective members of his club or unit. If you don't have enough, email me and I will make sure they are mailed to you promptly!
4. Finally, the Winter Cruise cost is a "steal"! Make it a second Honey Moon for you and your honey!

And, now a word from the Ladies

**IASYC Commodore's
Lady Vera Gortowski**



The year to date has been hard to describe. Its been both hectic and exciting, sometimes exasperating, but mostly its been fun. Going to Indianapolis was great fun because there were so many unusual things to see. The people there were among the most friendly Don and I have ever met. I was thrilled with our hospitality room and Dave and Sandy Harris did a fantastic job displaying our Ship Store items.

All the gals seemed pleased with how well the Ladies Breakfast and Banquet turned out. One never knows how successful such events are going to be, so it's nice when they do go as planned.

In addition to the responsibilities of being The Commodore's Lady, I am also a District representative for the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association for one more year. This is at the same time as preparing for our Winter Meeting in Tampa and the Cruise thru the Western Caribbean. It's also the time that I start making my Kahuls roasted nuts (and whatever else I come up with) for gifts for Christmas Mass. I wonder what ever happened to Don's promise to make my life a Rose Garden? If you have not thought about coming to Tampa, please decide to do so. IASYC has become more active than I have ever seen it. I know you and your Lady will truly enjoy this get together and we have some wonderful events planned.

By the way, it is still not too late to join up for a really fantastic boat cruise with mysterious ports-of-call and sea sights that will never be forgotten. (See details on pg. 5). ***The cost is fantastic, too!***



**Rear Commodore's
Lady Betty Kennedy**

Halloween has come and gone, Thanksgiving, Christmas and winter will soon follow. A long wait before we all gather for our winter meeting in February, about which I am very excited. I hope to see many of you there.

In the meantime, if you need to raise some funds for your home town Shriner Club to help the children, then you might wish to consider some of the following suggestions. In the picture above, I am modeling an antique ancestral gown from the 1800's that has been carefully packed away in a trunk for many years. Bill found it in his computer and it sparked a great idea for your clubs to raise money for the "children".

A fashion show of "Gowns through the Years" sponsored by the Shriner Ladies, combined with a luncheon, or a tea with snacks or desert, held in your temple or elsewhere is a great way to bring together the ladies and at the same time raise funds for our hospitals. Dig down in your trunks, look through your closets, borrow from a friend, daughters, nieces (sons and gentlemen, too!). Get young people from your church or schools to model, if you no longer can fit into them. Go from past to present or you could do a special theme like "Brides through the Years," or "Fashions for the Commodorables thru the years." Bring out your other special antiques to put on display. I have done it three times with different organizations; and, each time it was highly successful with both men and women attending. Invite the public!

See you in Tampa!

**Vice Commodore's
Lady Gail Feustel**



What a busy summer. Bob and I wonder how I worked a 60 hour week! We are glad to report that more Shriners from Amara Temple have joined our Mariners group. Accompanied by their First Mates, most now attend our monthly dinners to share good times and meals together.

IASYC member Commodore Ray Desrochers, Bektash Shrine Yacht Club, NH, and Lady Betty joined us Oct. 3 for three days at the FSMYCA Fall convention in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. A hospitality room, overlooking the lobby of the lovely Embassy Suites, well stocked by Cdr. Jim & Lady Bev Beattie and others, was a popular spot for all to socialize. Ray and Bob were successful recruiting new members for IASYC.

We enjoyed many events: the remote control boat races on Lake Catherine with a trophy for the winner; "Divas Duck" tour on an amphibian vehicle in down town Palm Beach; a lecture and walk in Jonathan State Park shopping at Palm Beach Gardens Mall. A highlight was a ladies tea hosted by Amara's Ladies of the Oriental Shrine with real antique teapots, cups and saucers. Attended by 65 ladies wearing big hats and pretty sundresses, the men on the Divan of Amara, dressed in tux, served them, pouring tea at each table. ended with a beautiful dinner on the beach at the Hilton Hotel. A great time for all!

We learned a lot about hosting an event that makes it a success. We hope our visit to Minnesota helps us do a bang-up job for that convention. See you in Tampa, Feb. 13. More fun Things!

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IASYC Fleet Captain's Lady Betty Desrochers



Ray and I have once again enjoyed our boating season at Miller Marina in Michigan. Since returning to our home in Franklin, NH, we have been busy with our monthly Bektash Mariners Shrine Yacht Club meetings and attending various IASYC regional meetings and celebrations here in the North East and Great Lakes Regions.

After the Imperial Session in Indianapolis in July, we attended a fund raising event in Barrie, Ontario, sponsored by Rameses Shrine YC of Toronto; then a trip to Maine with our Bektash Club for a joint meeting with Kora Shrine YC that included a cruise to Monhegan Island. In August our Bektash meeting was held on beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee in NH. Next, it was off to Ohio to attend the annual "Crawl" with Alkoran Shrine YC in Michigan. Proceeds were presented to IASYC District Commodore Harvey Kirpinski for the Children's Shrine Center. After attending a dinner meeting at the Anchor Bay Yacht Association (ABYC) with 24 area Commodores in attendance, Ray spoke on possible methods they could use for recruiting new members.

In October, we packed up once more to join Bob and Gail Feustel at the Florida Shrine Mariners Yacht Club Association Conference, coordinated by Commodore Jim Beattie and Lady Beverly. Ray once again spoke on recruiting and the importance of membership in IASYC. A highlight of the event was a Garden Tea given by Zem Zem Court #85, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine.

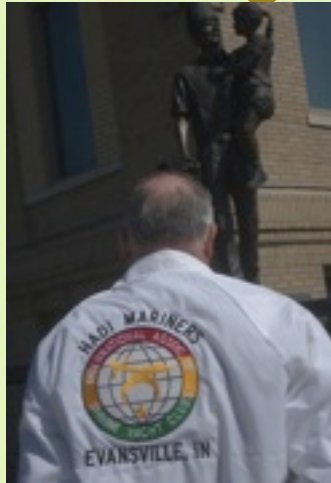
Ray's next speaking engagement was on the importance of belonging

to IASYC and what it means to the club to add new members. Once again we were entertained, this time with a delicious buffet while the Nobles attended the grill.

Ray and I are enthused about the direction that IASYC is heading. Attending the meetings and functions with my husband has changed my life and I have had the opportunity to meet so many lovely Ladies and make so many new friends.

Our best wishes to you and safe boating!

Ever Wonder how it Began?



IASYC was organized in 1971 by representatives of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs representing a number of clubs whose members were affiliated with the boating fraternity. It is a fraternal, self supporting Shrine boating association dedicated to the furtherance of the aims of Shrinedom. It has grown from its infancy on the East Coast to all 50 states and many foreign countries. Its expansion continues with no end in sight. It is considered by many to be the most family oriented premier organization in all Shrinedom! In our next issue of The Yachtsman we will tell you how the famous Shrine statue (shown above) came to be.

Hadi Temple Sailor and Lady Make "Great Loop"!



On March 23, 2013, the Sollmans set out on their boat M.Y. Therapy, a 34 ft. Marine Trader Trawler to complete America's Great Loop. The Great Loop is a string of waterways connecting five to seven thousands of miles of water, depending on the options you choose, that circles through the eastern half of the United States up into and across Canada and coming back down through Lake Michigan.

Mike and Yonetta Sollmans left their homeport of Evansville, IN, on a cold March 23rd and returned 169 days later on Sept. 7, 2013. Their adventures took them through many open bodies of water, several canals, over 100 locks and dams, the Gulf, New York Harbor, Canada, the Saint Lawrence Seaway, Thousand Islands, the Trent Severn Waterway, Georgian Bay, the North Channel and Lake Michigan. They traveled over 5,600 miles visiting countless small towns, experiencing historical sights, meeting other fellow "loopers" and learning a great deal about navigating the waterways.

Mike and Yonetta both agreed that much planning and preparing needs to be done before taking on the Great Loop. Having finished their trip, they both now feel it was well worth the effort. They say life seems to magically unfold right before your eyes on this trip and each day was full of surprises!

You can view their journey through their blog spot:

mytherpygreatloop.blogspot.com

New Slate of Regional Ambassadors Move into High Gear!

When the founders of IASYC wrote its first set of ByLaws, it was obvious that they understood the organizational structure necessary to both create and grow an international association; one that would allow ideas to flow easily between all clubs and at all levels.

At this past year's Winter Meeting held in San Juan, PR discussions were held regarding the responsibilities and duties of IASYC Ambassadors, whether they be at the Region, State or local Shrine Center level. They are among the most important of any appointed office in the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs or Mariner Marching Units. This is so because they are the ones most likely to meet directly with the actual IASYC membership. The success of this organization depends for the most part directly on them because they will be the ones most affecting attitudes toward all IASYC endeavors. The total organization will grow or die based primarily on their efforts.

We should always remember that IASYC does not involve itself in any way with the operations of any Shrine Yacht Club or Mariner Marching Unit. We are a service organization only. We are a communications hub between all Shrine Yacht Clubs. We collect information on successful local club promotions and publish such information throughout the world so that all clubs can, if desired, use these ideas to enhance their own opportunities to attract new members and increase their fund raising activities, so as to provide greater financial aid to Shrine Children's Hospitals.

Regional Ambassador Duties:

1. Maintain primary contact with all State Ambassadors and all Temple Secretaries
2. Maintain secondary contact with all Temple Potentates.
3. Via State Ambassadors, distribute appropriate communications including (but not limited to) Application Forms, Newsletters, Bulletins, Brochures, Films, Videos and the like, as directed by the IASYC Commodore *via the IASYC Fleet Captain*.
4. Collect all pertinent information available from State Ambassadors including (but not limited to) Club/Unit New Membership promotions and Fund Raising Drives; such information to be communicated via the "Yachtsman" to all other Clubs/Units for their possible use.
5. In cooperation with State Ambassadors, determine which Temple Centers do not currently have a IASYC Yacht Club/Mariner Marching Unit and provide assistance to those Temple Centers who will consider establishing same. This assistance would also be offered to those Centers who have Yacht Clubs who have real needs in retaining their viability.
6. Via State Ambassadors, be responsible for notifying the IASYC Secretary on all deaths, demits and changes of address of all members in their respective State's established Yacht Clubs/Units.
7. In-so-far-as-possible, communicate frequently with all State Ambassadors via email, phone, Skype conference calls and, where possible, personal visitations to discuss matters of mutual importance and, where necessary, relay this information to the IASYC Fleet Captain. *[It is the IASYC Fleet Captain's responsibility to report such information to the IASYC Commodore]. [District Commodores and Port Captain Duties appear in the spring Yachtsman].*

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