

Padre Island Yacht Club

Docklines

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Halloween Party A Huge Success!

The PIYC Halloween Party was a huge success, thanks to the participation of PIYC members. Over 75 people came in costumes, and I lost track of how many people were there after counting 85! Not only were there some **GREAT** (and imaginative costumes) in the "Dress as a Song" theme, but there was also **GREAT** food and punches provided by the guests, **GREAT** prizes, and I am not exaggerating, when I say, "A **GREAT** time was had by all!"

The party opened with a fun mixer in which everyone tried to guess everyone else's costume song or theme. I apologize that I did not get the name of the winner guessing the most titles, but he/she was awarded a lovely prize. Then came the costume parade. This was fan-tastic and



fun-tastic, with people acting out their costume roles (ARG! for the pirates), some performing their songs, or as in the case of gutsy Bruce Nuñez, the whole party singing, "She Wore an Itsy-Bitsy, Teeny-Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini." Prizes for the best costumes were

awarded to:

Men: 1st place **Brett Tanner**, "Pirates of the Caribbean Theme" 2nd place - **Bruce Nuñez**, "She Wore an Itsy-Bitsy, Teeny, etc." (and it was!) 3rd place - **Scott Isaacson**, "I'm Too Sexy for My Body" (and he was!)

Women: 1st place - **Mary Isaacson**, "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer" ; 2nd place - **Mary Hardee and Sue Honea** (sisters), "Pirates of the Caribbean Theme," and 3rd place - **Barbara Williams**, "Lady of Spain, I Adore You"

After the costume parade, we played a musical trivia game, and again, I don't have the name of the winner, who also was awarded a wonderful prize. Incidentally, Lynn Loveless, Co-Chair of the Halloween Party, was the creative person who purchased and assembled all of the marvelous prizes, which came in festive pumpkin containers.

Of course a GREAT party takes GREAT people to plan, set up and clean up. Many thanks to the following PIYC members: Co-Chairs - Lynn Loveless and Jaki Boyd; Set-Up/Decorations - Gay Baker, Bill and Jaki Boyd, Bill and Peggy Fairey, Lynn and Gerald Loveless, Dorcas Payne, Millie Simonis, Neva Sundvahl-Cruz, Barbara Williams, and Nina Young; Cleanup - Bill and Jaki Boyd, Bill and Peggy Fairey, Bev Hoffman, Lynn and Gerald Loveless, Vincent and Georgina Maltais, Bruce and Vickie Nuñez, Laurie Tanner, Barbara Williams, and Rick Wilson.

The Commodore's Column

Commodore Jerry McCracken



Another good year comes to a close

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making 2004 a great year. PIYC went through some major changes this year and I believe they will make the club stronger. The negotiation for a 20 year lease next year is looking better. We had a great Building committee working on plans to enlarge the clubhouse. Once we finalize the new lease I hope the Building committee will continue on with their plans to enlarge the clubhouse. Next year, the 2005 Board will appoint a new committee to look at long range plans. Please support the 2005 board and help when you can.

Be sure to check the Docklines for a list of all the activities in December. December is always full of holiday activities and a good time to be with family and friends. The club will be open to the public for viewing the La Posada parade on Dec. 11. Please help with cookies and refreshments. The Wheel-House will be closed that night. Once again there will be Christmas dinner at the clubhouse on Christmas Day. If you have any questions about the dinner contact Mary Whitley. Be sure to bring in the New Year at the club. Every year the party seems to get bigger and better. Thanks to all who help and make all of the parties a big success. Karen & I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy the holidays and be safe both on the water and land.



PIYC Says "Goodbye" to Danofskys

Friends gathered to say "farewell" to Dick and Bettye Danofsky who have moved to Florida. Hostesses; Jaki Boyd, Peg Fairey, Bev Hoffman, Dorcas Payne, Jan Roehrig and Barbara Williams sponsored the event.

Chuck Hoffman presented a review of the activities of Dick and Bettye during the ten years they were members of P.I.Y.C. Bettye served as Activities Director in 97 and both had served as Cruise Directors, Dick served as Vice Commodore, Commodore and Director during years 2000,2001,2002 respectively. The two were active in cruising with the Club and then alone for most the past two years. Dick and Bettye are much loved and respected P.I.Y.C. members. We will miss them and wish them well in their new adventure in Florida. Their new address is 608 Smithfield Place, The Villages, Florida 32162.

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The social scene

By Katharine Robinson-Social Director



What a fun and active two months at the Club. The Halloween Party —chaired by Lynn Loveless and Jaki Boyd. Members were very creative with their costumes that coincided with a musical theme. Everyone had to figure out the song for each costume. Thank you Lynn and Jaki for all your time and hard work making this entertaining Halloween.

Chili Cook-Off on November 20th was chaired by James Hillegeist. A large group gathered at PIYC Saturday afternoon for our World Famous (well it should be) Chili Cook-Off. Jim with this organizational skills arranged for members (who were willing) to cook their favorite Chili recipes. Other members provided corn bread, brownies, beans and music. Beer, wine and soft drinks were provided by the club. Making it a very enjoyable event.

With seven extremely talented entrees, our judges had the delicious but at the same time the difficult job of picking the winners. Our judges were Michyl Hillegeist, Dorcas Payne, Nina Young, Kris Schaffer and Paige Summers. The winners were 3rd place Bill Boyd : 2nd place Gart Bowling and 1st place Steve Offutt. Thank you, James, for such a pleasant, delicious day at the club.

Christmas Party/ White Elephant Gift Exchange

Saturday, December 4th—7 p.m.



Featuring

Authentic Festive Danish
Hors d' Oeuvres
Prepared by Ulla & Jorgen Skovdal

Look around your home, see if you have a gift
you would like to exchange for
a new white elephant type gift....

Gifts tend to be fun and talked about for a long *long* time.

And

Please bring a new Christmas Tree ornament in a Nautical theme
Our tree is in need of new bright ornaments. Thank



Wheelhouse Notes and More

Vice Commodore Dave Walls

I wish to thank each and every one of you who turned out for the Fall Cleanup. We cleaned the building inside and out, trimmed bushes, cleaned flower beds, scraped and painted the flag pole and Bar B Que pit. The well pump was replaced and we now have a working sprinkler system. The place looks great, Thanks again.

We now have five vacant boat slips available for lease. Please pass the word. Lease negotiations with the city are moving at a rapid pace and we should know something by the end of the year. We will keep you posted.

Don't forget the Installation Banquet is Jan 15th. Call Dave or Irene Walls for reservations--949-7351.

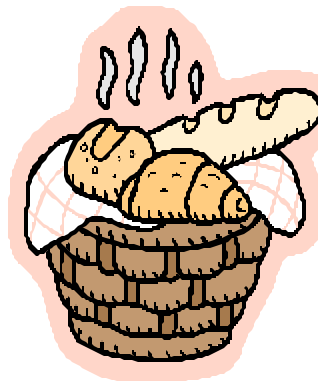


Christmas Dinner

Padre Island Yacht Club will again have a Christmas Day potluck dinner for members who will not be with their families for the holiday. The dinner is scheduled for 4 pm on Saturday, Dec. 25 at the clubhouse.

Katharine Robinson is coordinating the event. Please call her to check what dishes are needed and offer your help in setting up or cleaning up. Her telephone number is 949-0405.

The Wheelhouse will not be open for mixed drinks, however, wine, beer and soft drinks will be available. And, don't forget your delightful place setting.



November Bunko results

Refreshments Furnished By: Cissy Day

Most Bunkos - Barb Smith
Most wins - Jutta Cox
2nd Most Wins - Cissy Day
Boobie (Most Losses) - Irene Walls
First Bunko - Barb Smith
Last Bunko - Barb Smith

Next Bunko will be held on December 1, 2004 at 2PM at the Yacht Club.

Please join us! This game is easy to learn and fun to play!

PADRE ISLAND YACHT CLUB PLANS 2004 LA POSADA BOAT PARADES

This year Padre Island celebrates the 30th annual La Posada lighted boat parades and the 20th year the Padre Island Yacht Club (PIYC) has been an active participant. The dates for the 2004 parades are Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11. About six years ago, the TOYS FOR TOTS program was added to the La Posada Parade by Richard and Trudy Harter. In 1998, the Padre Island Yacht Club accepted the primary responsibility for the planning and execution of the parades.

Beverly Hoffman, (949-7551) 2003 PIYC Commodore, is the 2004 Parade Chairperson, and PIYC members are rallying to provide workshops, host the La Posada Open House, organize and participate in the parades, and collect toys along the parade routes. By now, you have probably read the La Posada information in the North Padre Island Moon and/or the 78418 Grapevine, but PIYC extends a special invitation to as many members as possible to participate.

2004 La Posada Schedule:

Saturday, November 13 and November 20, 10 A.M. – Free workshops at the Padre Island Yacht Club, 13402 Whitecap Blvd. These sessions on boat lighting and decoration are especially helpful to **first-time entrants**. Bret Tanner and Rick Wilson will each host a workshop.

Thursday, December 9, 7:30 P.M. – Skippers' Meeting at the Padre Island Yacht Club

Friday, December 10, 8:00 P.M. - La Posada in the Galleon Bay-Commodores area (Marshalling begins at 7:30 P.M.)

Saturday, December 11, 6:00 P.M. – La Posada Open House at the PIYC, parade/viewing from the PIYC deck (PIYC members

provide cookies and punch.), La Posada in the Caravel/Cartegena/Whitecap/Hawksnest

Bay areas (Marshalling at the Caravelle ramp area north of Whitecap) begins at 5:30 P.M.)

Sunday, December 12, 2-5 P.M. – Fiesta de la Posada (Awards/Community Celebration) at the Briscoe Pavilion at Bob Hall

Pier, \$5 per person

Who Can Participate? – Anyone with an engine-powered boat and a little Christmas Spirit! The following types of boats are needed:

1. Three or four large decorated “mother” boats to carry the toys collected.
2. Several smaller “collector” boats to actually collect the toys from boat docks where people are handing off toys from the land. These can be decorated or not.
3. Smaller “safety” boats to make sure the parade stays organized and boats are not endangering other vessels or themselves.

4. Decorated boats, large or small, to participate in the parades. PIYC would like all boats to participate both nights if possible. 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Most Traditional, Most Joyful, Most Island Spirit, and a special category this year, Most Patriotic. There will be a Fleet Award for the Best Overall. There is no limit on the number of decorated boats which can participate. Please call Beverly Hoffman (949-7551) to participate. Informational pamphlets, registration forms, parade routes, and other information will be forthcoming.

Last year was a record breaking year. PIYC collected 3,735 toys from the Padre Island community, which was **number 1 in the nation for group donations**. Another record for the number of parade participants was set with 30 glittering boats, 13 of them from PIYC, cruising in the canals. In the 30th year of La Posada, PIYC would like to break these records again!

New Year's Eve Casino Night

Once again there will be fun and games at our Annual New Year's Eve Casino night. Mark your calendar and be prepared for an even more exciting evening of displaying your "River Boat" skills. Of Course, all members and their guests are welcome. The evening still start at 8:00 p.m. with the "buy in" of chips for your use at the various gaming tables. We anticipate that about six or seven Black Jack (21) tables will be at your disposal to "out play" our (professional trained) dealers, which again will come form the ranks of our membership.

This year will be also have a "Wheel of Fortune" for the expanded adventure of those that may wish to diversify their skills in a different manner.

In an effort to appeal to those that may not wish to seek our their fortunes on the top floor, we have made arrangements to host "Bingo" in our "Below Decks" facility. As on the top floor, the object is to win as many house chips as possible.

As in the past, all wagering will be done with the "house chips" available thru-out the night from our cashier cage which will be guarded with some obscure and insecure device. Once again, the challenge for each player is to accumulate as much house money (chips) as is possible, to be used to dib for the many and varied prizes to be auctioned off at the completion of the time cut off. Through out the evening we will have periodic prizes raffled off to whomever chooses to purchase tickets which will be available from circulating "hucksters".

Promptly at 11:00 p.m. we will cease all gaming and the auctioning for the prizes will commence. Of course all through the night the "Wheel House" will be open under the normal donation criteria, for those who may need fortification to bolster their wagering prowlness. The auction will be conducted by a renown individual, whose unsurpassed skills of financial manipulation and enticement are celebrated through-out the area. Pooling of winnings between friends, fellow members and/or their guests is encouraged,

However, in the interest of fairness we ask that only one prize be limited to each group who consolidates their winnings. We anticipate that the auction will carry through to about the magic hour of welcoming in the New Year. At that time the Club will host a Champagne Toast to the New Year and for those who may wish an alcohol free Champagne will also be served. We look forward to you and your guests presence and hope to present you with another unforgettable event.

By a Diligent Committee

THANKS AND FAREWELL

By Dorcas Payne

As outgoing Blue Plate Coordinator, I want to say "THANK YOU!" to all the Host Chefs and Assistant Chefs who participated in making this a fantastic Blue Plate year. The meals were wonderfully delicious and homemade for the most part. I am especially appreciative of the dependability of the Host Chefs. Not a single one backed out of their commitment. Many "thanks" to those who showed up in the kitchen afterward to help with the clean-up, and those kind souls who lugged the tables up and down the stairs before and after the meals. The Blue Plate meals were well attended, each averaging 70-80 persons served.

Next year, Jaki Boyd will be the Blue Plate Coordinator, accompanied by Cissy Day,. Jaki is now in the process of scheduling Hosts for 2005. I urge anyone who is not done this before to do so. It is a good way to get involved with the Club and its functions. Most everyone that has participated has said that they enjoyed the experience.

Cook's Notes

By Dorcas Payne

WE WENT OUT WITH A BANG!! A record number of people were served this last Blue Plate of the year. Steven and Carol Jean Spoonmore cooked the entire meal *single-handedly*. This was quite a feat considering we served at least 80 people last count. The Santa Fe Stew, accompanied by a southwest salad, French and jalapeno cornbread bread was a huge hit as exemplified by many requests for "seconds". To cool things down, members were treated to homemade brownies and ice cream. Thanks so very much to the Spoonmores for planning and executing such a fine meal.



Photography by Maggie Westgate



Santa Fe Stew

Mix and Brown

- 2 lbs ground beef (I use 1 lb 93% ground beef and 1 lb of ground sausage)
- 1 pkg taco mix (I use chili powder, garlic, cumin, oregano, salt, pepper)

Add, bring to boil and simmer for 2 hours

- 2 cans Mexican stewed tomatoes (Rotel)
- 1 can whole corn (mex style)
- 1 cans kidney beans
- 1 can ranch style beans
- 1 can white beans
- 1 can black beans
- 1 package ranch style dressing mix
- 1 medium course chopped onion
- 1 medium bell pepper (I use a mixture of green and yellow)
- ¼ bunch of cilantro
- garlic, cumin, oregano, fresh ground black pepper to taste

Possible additions

- jalapeno (or your choice of hot) pepper – it is spicy without the peppers – you may want to serve them on the side like we did at the blue plate

Treasurer's Report

By Bill Boyd



PIYC Profit & Loss Statement

January 1—November, 2004

	TOTAL
Income	
Blue Plates	4,028.50
Clothing Sales	3,127.70
Cookbooks	5.00
Courtesy Dock-Power	36.00
Courtesy Dock-Rental	338.59
Cruises	360.00
Directory Sales	1,080.00
Docks-Power	2,953.13
Docks-Rental	16,263.08
Donations	34.05
Initiation Fees	5,474.50
Installation Banquet	2,550.00
Interest Income	20.55
Membership Dues	35,910.82
Miscellaneous Income	111.77
Socials-New Years Party	1,018.00
Wheelhouse	6,420.10
Total Income	79,731.79
Expense	
Awards	45.63
Bad Debt	206.30
Bank Service Charges	235.54
Beverly Rogers	825.00
Blue Plate Exp	2,585.48
Clothing	2,513.99
Directory Expenses	876.99
General Supplies	937.59
Installation Banquet Exp	3,644.75
Insurance	5,289.24
Interest Expense	129.17
Lease Payments	5,945.28
Maintenance-Building	2,887.04
Maintenance-Docks	2,275.02
Maintenance-Grounds	1,443.66
Mem-Docklines	1,305.25

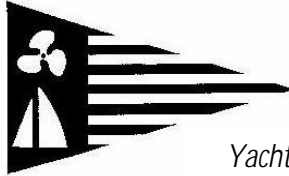
Mem-Historian	91.98
Mem-Members	505.14
Miscellaneous	376.92
Office Supplies & Postage	1,404.93
Officer Flag	365.97
Race/Cruises	500.23
Social-General	2,913.20
Social-Men's Coffee	199.35
Social-New Years Party	351.34
Special Projects	3,382.81
Taxes-Property	7,527.61
Telephone	386.57
Trash Disposal	846.62
Utilities-Electric	3,099.50
Utilities-Electric-Slips	2,787.57
Utilities-Water & Gas	698.82
Web Hosting	194.85
Wheelhouse Exp	6,424.45
Total Expense	63,203.79
Net Income	16,528.00

The checking account balance as of November 20th is \$14,299.64, and our CD balance is \$6,431.03/

We are looking into a CD with a higher interest rate.

The parking lot repairs, resealing and restriping have been completed at a cost of \$3,382.81.

There are five slips available. If you know of anyone interested, contact Dave Walls.



Yachting Club of America

Yachting Club of America membership cards and web passwords are available through club Commodore Jerry McCracken.

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— Coming attractions —

Dec. 4th—White Elephant & Tree Decorating
Dec. 11th—La Posada Boat Viewing
Dec. 14th—Board of Directors
Dec. 25th—Christmas Dinner
Dec. 31st—New Year's Eve & Casino Night
Jan. 15th—Mardi Gras Party & PIYC Installation



PIYC Members You are Invited

**2005 PIYC Installation Banquet
And Mardi Gras Party
Saturday January 15th, 2005
5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

**Omni Marina Tower Hotel
707 N. Shoreline
Corpus Christi, TX
Cost \$25.00 Per Person**

Menu

Fresh Garden Salad with Buttermilk Ranch Dressing
Grilled Breast of Chicken with Mild Cajun Cream Pepper Sauce
Green Bean Amandine
Wild Rice Pilaf
Triple Layer Chocolate Cake
Freshly brewed Coffee and Ice Tea

**5 –6 Happy Hour –Cash Bar
6-7 Dinner
7-8 Program
8-11 Dance to Tequila Sunrise**

**Dress up or Dress Down
It's Mardi Gras**

Your check is your reservation
Any questions call Irene or Dave Walls 949-7351

Checks will be held till 10 days before event
So sign up early



Christmas Carols Quiz



Can you name these Christmas Carols?

1. Oh, member of the round table with missing areas
2. Boulder of the tinkling metal spheres
3. Vehicular homicide was committed on Dad's Mom by a precipitous darling
4. Wanted in December: top forward incisors
5. The apartment of two psychiatrists
6. The lad is a diminutive percussionist
7. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis
8. Decorate the entryways
9. Cup shaped instruments fashioned of a whitish metallic element
10. Oh, small Israel urban center
11. Far off in a hay bin
12. We are Kong, Lear and Nat Cole
13. Duodecimal enumeration of the passage of the yuletide season
14. Leave and broadcast from an elevation
15. Listen, the winged heavenly messengers are proclaiming tunefully
16. I beheld a trio of nautical vessels moving in this direction
17. Do you perceive the same vibrations which stimulate my auditory sense organ?
18. Our fervent hope is that you thoroughly enjoy your yuletide season

Christmas Carols Quiz Answers

1. Oh Holy Night
2. Jingle Bell Rock
3. Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer
4. All I want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
5. The Nutcracker Suite
6. The Little Drummer Boy
7. Silent Night
8. Deck the Halls
9. Silver Bells
10. Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem
11. Away in a Manger
12. We Three Kings
13. The Twelve Days of Christmas
14. Go Tell It on the Mountain
15. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
16. I Saw Three ships
17. Do You Hear What I Hear:
18. We Wish You A Merry Christmas

