



THE COMMODORE'S COLUMN

by Dave Walls

Building expansion plans are moving right along. We are finding out that the wheels of progress really do turn slowly. We should be getting blue prints some time in the next few days.

I have asked Al Woll to assist us in working with the architect and contractors. A more detailed progress report from Al is forthcoming.

Meanwhile, our dress rehearsal for hurricane evacuation messed up our great cruise/social we had planned. More info from Debbie in this issue.

The Nominating Committee has presented the Board with a list of nominees for our 2006 Board of Directors. They are:

Commodore-----Bill Boyd

Vice Commodore----Gaylor Heemink

Rear Commodore--- James Hillegeist

Secretary-----Tammy Bricarell

Treasurer---Steve Spoonemore

Cruise Director----Jim Hodson

Social Director---Georgina Maltaes

Information Director---Harry Benoit

These will be voted on at our annual meeting on November 11th . If you have someone you would like to nominate, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee or the Board of Directors.

Don't forget to check our calendar; we have activities planned for every day of the week.



THE SOCIAL SCENE

By Debbie Loven

Our September Social to Port Aransas was cancelled as a result of Hurricane Rita evacuation. Hopefully, this cruise/social can be rescheduled for another time. Our island was spared one more time from the destruction of a major hurricane. If any of us had doubts about what our island would look like after a hurricane, we need only turn on the news or talk to friends and relatives whom have been so heavily impacted from these storms. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Thanks to Bev Hoffman and Dixie Hodson for volunteering to chair the Halloween Party. It will be at 7pm on October 29th. Come in costume if you like and enjoy this traditional holiday festivities. Everyone should bring an appetizer that will serve 6 or 8. Drinks will be furnished by PIYC and will include a special "Witches Brew".

Our November Social is Saturday, November 12th. This will follow our "Fall Cleanup". It is a ***Chili and Chili with Beans Cook-off***. Michyl Hillegeist is the chair for this party. Last year's cook-off was a big hit and we are looking forward to this becoming an annual competition among our members. Check with Michyl if you need more information regarding rules and regulations for the cook-off.

Have a great month. Be thankful we still have our beautiful island. See you at PIYC.



CRUISE NEWS

by **Mern Williams, Cruising Director**

Rita forces Cancellation of September Cruise/Social

With Hurricane Rita gaining strength in the Gulf and the very real possibility of Corpus Christi in her path, your Board took the prudent action of canceling the combined cruise and social planned for September 24-25 at the Port "A" Marina/Pavilion. Hopefully, we will be able to reschedule the cruise to Port "A" later this year. If you prepaid the marina for your slip, they will retain your funds and credit them against a future trip to the Port "A" Marina. *(Save your receipt or cancelled check.)*

South Padre/Port Isabel Cruise – October 6-10

In less than two weeks boaters will head out for our fall cruise to South Padre/Port Isabel. Current plans are to begin the cruise on Thursday morning, October 6, spending the first night at Port Mansfield. Several slips have been reserved at El Jefe Marina/Cantina in Port Mansfield for our Thursday night stay. Friday we will continue to Port Isabel – probably docking at South Point Marina – for two or three nights over the weekend. Plans are underway for some fun events during our Port Isabel/South Padre cruise.

We are currently making marina reservations for this cruise for PIYC boaters. Please, if you are interested in cruising this one, let us know ASAP. Contact us in person at the Friday night social and sign the cruise board at the clubhouse; let us know by email (bawhmw@juno.com); or call us at 949-8074 or (cell) 563-4370. We are anxious to know who will be joining us on this exciting cruise – it's bound to be a great experience!



NOTES FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Vice Commodore Bill Boyd

At our September Board meeting, the PIYC Board of Directors voted to donate our riding lawn mower to the Island Presbyterian Church. We use a lawn service, so the mower is just deteriorating in our storage room and taking up space – I'm sure it will now be put to good use.

While I don't have any October events to write about, I want to mention some upcoming events, which hopefully you will all participate in. Saturday, November 12, 2005 is the Fall Cleanup, where we do a repeat of the Spring Cleanup. These two cleanups really help keep the PIYC Clubhouse clean and in good repair, and the grounds looking well kept. We will be posting a sign-up sheet this month, and I hope everyone will volunteer for something.

Another date to put on your calendar is Saturday, January 21, 2006, which is the date of the PIYC Installation Banquet. This is one of the most attended parties of the year, and the only event where we get dressed up! This year the event will be held on the Island at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort. More information will be forthcoming in the next few Docklines, and invitations will be out in November.

A special thanks to Ray Smith, who replaced the locking mechanism upstairs. Volunteerism is what makes our club so great!

Date: 9/7/05 Time: 7:00 PM Place: PIYC
Refreshments Provided By: Neva Sundvahl

Most Buncos - Eloise Reuter
Most Wins - Karen Kleine
2nd Most Wins - Neva Sundvahl
Boobie (Most Losses) - Carol Lehnherr
1st Bunco - Carol Lehnherr
Last Bunco - Eloise Reuter

Next Bunco will be held on October 5th at the PIYC at 7:00 PM. Please join in the fun! This game is easy to learn!



BLUE PLATE SPECIAL!

Jaki Boyd, Blue Plate Chairperson

It's hard to believe we are already in October! The October Blue Plate will be the last Blue Plate of this year since we have Thanksgiving and Christmas potlucks in November and December. The Board decided a Blue Plate was not needed for November, even though one had been scheduled (probably by oversight). I want to thank Jim Hodson for stepping up and volunteering instantly after I announced I needed someone to do it. Maybe we can convince him to do his famous clam chowder for one of the Blue Plates next year. I already have volunteers for January – the Heemink, Morais, Rittenberry, and Spalik families. If anyone else wants to volunteer for next year let me know. It will help the new Blue Plate Chairperson to have volunteers for the first part of the year.

Thank you to the Board of Directors who prepared the outstanding jambalaya dinner for September. The Boyds, Lovens, McCrackens, and Walls did the main dish, which was delicious, if I must say so myself! But I think everyone agreed with me judging from the number of seconds served and the take-home packages sold. Also thanks to the rest of the Board who rounded out the meal with salad, cornbread, ice cream and brownies – the Faireys, the Heeminks, and Carol Million.

Now on to October's Blue Plate! Carol and Steve Spoonemore and Barb and Mern Williams are going to conjure up some Witches' Brew Chicken Stew. I can't tell you the ingredients, but snakes and lizards are definitely not part of it. Steve Spoonemore has been experimenting in his lab and promises to kick it up a devilish notch! I can hardly wait – can you? Be there on the third Friday, October 21, at the bewitching hour of 7:00 P.M. – or turn into a toad! Still only \$5 per toad – er... person.



BUILDING EXPANSION PROGRESS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2005

At last August's Annual Meeting, the membership voted overwhelmingly to support the Board's recommendation to expand the club as exhibited on what was then the most recent concept. This was the final step, (membership approval), of the effort that has been ongoing since Past Commodore Dick Danofsky called the first Building Committee to order on April 26, 2004. Since that date the following essential requirements for expansion have been completed: (1) a new lease has been negotiated with the city giving the club the same forward looking time frame (20 years), that the club had when the existing clubhouse was built, (2) a new line of credit & favorable financing has been committed to by our past lender for amounts estimated to be adequate to complete the project, (3) a detailed analysis on projected cash flows, (based on past & projected Budget Overviews), was completed to confirm that the project was affordable to the existing membership, (4) a Building Committee was formed & charged with detailing the expansion.

The Commodore has asked me, (and I have accepted), to act as an intermediary or liaison representing the memberships interests during the ongoing construction & as such I will be reporting to you, the month to month progress via the bulletin board. While funds have been forwarded to cover the necessary permits required for a LULO, (Limited Use, Limited Occupancy) variance for the proposed elevator, a second elevator concept is presently being explored. After several meetings with the architect, (to resolve some minor details), the most recent renderings are being brought up to blueprint stage & upon approval of the Board will be let out for bid. At present résumés are being acquired to determine the background experience & qualifications of those who will be asked to bid.

Final drawings are now posted, (but lacking the detail specifications), on the bulletin board, as well as the minutes of the most recent meetings prior to the August Annual Meeting. The posting of these were delayed because of my west coast trip. I would encourage you to view these & will attempt to answer any questions you may have. I believe that the progress of the project is moving ahead at the best pace that can be made at this time & hope that once this start-up phase is over you will begin to see some actual activity.

Al Woll