



THE COMMODORE'S
COLUMN
by Dave Walls

I wish to thank all members who attended the Special Meeting and those of you who sent in your proxy votes. The membership approved a motion to allow the Board of Directors to proceed with building expansion as per plans submitted.

It will be about two weeks before we get blueprints, then we have to get bids from contractors for the construction. We are looking at maybe six to eight weeks before we see any kind of construction activity.

Construction time will be approximately 12 to 16 weeks, so we are looking at probably Jan. 06 for completion.

Meanwhile, please join us for Friday Happy Hour and cruises and other activities, and remember to check out the web page at www.piyc.org



1st Place Winner: "Freedom Isn't Free"



SOCIAL COLUMN
by Debbie Loven

Thanks to everyone who helped produce our annual "*Americana Party*". It takes a great deal of time and energy to plan and produce these great parties. PIYC is so fortunate to have talented individuals who voluntarily give up a portion of their time to plan, setup tables, decorate, serve/prepare food, and afterwards, clean-up! About 130 members and guests came out in the August heat to enjoy the band Riptide and partake in our all American Barbecue. We had a great evening.

We had 12 tables entered in the table-decorating contest. As far as I'm concerned, we were all winners for coming out early to decorate in the August heat. Once again, our members showed off their creativity. Our two judges, Shana Clark and Sharon Pearson had to make some tough decisions. First place in the contest went to Julie Guillot's and my table, "Freedom is not Free". All of the credit goes to Julie for planning and creating our table. Unfortunately she had to be out of town on Saturday and couldn't be there to accept her prize. Second place went to Lynn Loveless with her tropical paradise table. It was beautiful and I do hope she got home with all of her decorations. I saw more than one person eyeing her stemware and place settings! Third place went to "Route 66" produced as a joint effort by Dorcus Payne, Ginger Koclanes, Jean Whipple and Elia Morais. Honorable mention went to Deb Collins and Michyl Hillegeist for "Oklahoma". Thanks to all of you ladies and gentleman for helping make this annual party a great success.

Our September social will be a joint cruise/social to Port Aransas on Saturday, September 24th at the covered pavilion by the Harbor Master's

office. Happy hour will start about 5:30 in the afternoon. The club will be providing beer and wine. Everyone attending needs to bring their own main course to be cooked on the grill. Club cruisers will be building a huge salad to accompany the meal. Landlubbers need to bring appetizers and/or desserts. I do hope our members will either cruise or drive over and enjoy an evening in the city marina. We may be lucky enough to enjoy the band playing at the Back Porch Bar. The sound travels straight across the channel to the pavilion.

Our October social is traditionally a Halloween party on the last Saturday before Halloween. I will be out of town that week. As of today, no one has volunteered to chair this party. We really need someone to step up to the plate and volunteer to plan and organize this party. Please give it some thought. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Have a great month. See you at PIYC.

YOGA PRACTICE

by Barbara Williams

As you may know, we have been holding Yoga sessions at the clubhouse twice a week for about the past year. Recently, several of you have expressed a desire to join the yoga practice and we appreciate the interest you have shown. At this time, however, the Yoga class is closed to additional members. Due to lack of floor space only 10 to 12 people (including class leaders) can be accommodated for yoga. Please contact Barbara Williams (bawhmw@juno.com) to be put on a waiting list.



CRUISE NEWS

by Mern Williams

Many thanks to Jim and Anne Weatherill (*Genesis*) for hosting the August cruise in our absence – be sure to see their article printed separately in this issue of Docklines.

Port “A” Cruise/Social – September 24-25

Our next cruising event is across CC Bay to the Port A Marina, and will be combined with our monthly PIYC social to be held in the Pavilion at the marina. This event is for all – cruisers and landlubbers – and should be lots of fun. The Pavilion is already reserved, however, boaters need to call Port A marina harbormaster Kurt (361-749-5419) to reserve a slip – prepayment of slip fees secures your reservation. Mention that you are with PIYC so that boats get together near the Pavilion for the festivities.

South Padre/Port Isabel Cruise – October 6-10

Boaters start planning for this longer fall cruise to South Padre/Port Isabel. Current plans are to begin the cruise on Thursday morning, spending the first night at Port Mansfield. Friday we will continue to Port Isabel – probably docking at South Point Marina – for several nights over the weekend. Plans are underway for some fun events during our Port Isabel visit.

We will make all the marina reservations for this cruise because past years' experience shows that having only one PIYC contact with the South Padre/Port Isabel marinas works best. So, if you are interested in cruising this one, please let us know ASAP by email (bawhmw@juno.com), or contact us by cell (361-563-4370). 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

The gate opener was replaced and worked well for a grand total of two days. There was a problem with the control panel, and it had to be sent back to the factory. The factory tells me it will be about two to three weeks, so we should have it back in early September. Hopefully, the gate problems will be over. Many thanks to Steve Spoonmore for all of his work in installing the gate opener and diagnosing the problems.

You might notice the acquisition of a used refrigerator downstairs in the storage room. Leo and June Green, neighbors of Al and Carol Woll, donated it, and PIYC wishes to thank them. This refrigerator is quite an improvement both in size and not having to defrost it.

Thank you to the PIYC members who volunteer on the Wheelhouse Committee - Harry Benoit, Brant Bricarell, Bill Fairey, Gaylor Heemink, James Hillegeist, Bruce Nunez, Dave Walls, and Brent Whitmore. They do a great job in setting up and manning the bar for Friday night happy hours. A special thank you to our grounds volunteers, Bill and Peggy Fairey, who have continued to work outside in the blazing heat.

There are still slips available. Contact me if you need one, or know of a member who needs one.



BLUE PLATE SPECIAL!

Jaki Boyd, Blue Plate Chairperson

Just as I predicted in the last Docklines, the August 24th Blue Plate was “**eccellentissimo!**” I want to thank Maggie and Lee Westgate, Al and Carol Woll, and Carol Lehnerr for cooking and hosting the event. I understand that Elia Morais also contributed the coleslaw dressing. The chicken pasta dish was delicious, and so was the ice cream and “apple cobbler,” albeit “familiar.”

Even Italian jug wine was provided with the meal! You can’t ask for more than that!

The September Blue plate is another blockbuster! This time the PIYC Board members are cooking up a lip-smackin’ Cajun specialty – jambalaya (or “jambla,” as our native Texan Social Director, Debbie Loven, pronounces it). I can hardly wait for all that good ole shrimp, sausage, chicken and rice to be cooked to perfection and served up by your hard-workin’ Board members. This Blue Plate is not to be missed – **come one, come all to the Board Blue Plate on the third Friday, September 16, at 7:00 P.M.** All for a mere \$5 per person.

Although all of the Blue Plates for 2005 have been spoken for, it’s not too early to be thinking of next year. The Blue Plates present a great opportunity for new members to “get involved” and team up with other members to host a month in 2006. The Blue Plate chefs plan, shop, cook, and serve the meal of their choice, and not only are they reimbursed for all expenses, but they also have the undying gratitude of PIYC. With the magnitude of our membership, we should not have a problem in getting new volunteers for Blue Plates. Let me know if you would like to sign up for 2006, especially early in the year. It will help the new Blue Plate Chairperson tremendously to have some early signups. Thank you for volunteering in advance!



2ND PLACE WINNER: LYNN & GERALD LOVELESS



What a fun evening our annual party was! Although it was August hot outside, our Social Director, Debbie Loven had the foresight to rent a canopy tent to provide shade—and it was just what we needed. We were able to fit almost all the tables for dining beneath shade somewhere. Speaking of tables—I'm not sure who had the great idea to have a table decorating contest—but wasn't it a great one? I loved wandering around enjoying the creativity of our members. There were no rules—just pick a theme and decorate a table. They were all beautiful and interesting.

And the food was wonderful, of course—what else could All American Barbecue be, but wonderful? And then there was the band. Rip Tide was outstanding! Great music, lots of dancing, and fun for all.

We should all take the opportunity to thank Debbie Loven for being our Social Director this year—it's a big job and it takes a Super Person to do it—and she does it so very well! Thanks also to all of those who helped her with food, setup, decorating, serving, and cleanup the next day. Teamwork—what a concept!

Aren't we the luckiest folks in the world to live in such a beautiful place and be members of PIYC? Enjoy your summer!
Vickie Nunez



Date: 8/4/05 Time: 7:00 PM Place: PIYC
Refreshments Provided By: JoAnn Vint & Maggie Westgate

Most Buncos - Jennifer Johnson
Most Wins - Maggie Westgate
2nd Most Wins - Cindy Atteberry
Boobie (Most Losses) - Sarita Bennett
1st Bunco - Jennifer Johnson
Last Bunco - Cindy Atteberry

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

ISLAND MOORINGS CRUISE

by Jim Weatherill

The PIYC Cruisers invaded Island Moorings on August 13th and 14th. In attendance were Miss Dixie, Reel Loco, Oh bonny O, Windshadow, Rattler II, Blue Yonder, and Genesis. We were treated to a reopened restaurant; a refurbished pool; reasonable overnight rates and friendly dock hands that helped get all the boats tied up without a fuss.

The Island Moorings channel was a non-event as we read off depths to one another and saw mainly six feet plus depths. The tide at the time was quite low. One member of our flotilla had a problem with fouled bilge pumps and I am proud to say all of the boats from PIYC who were nearby responded to the problem of our fellow clubbers. Once the pumps were unclogged we all headed to the dock and the arrival beer.

The group spent the heat of the day floating in the Island Moorings pool drinking piña colodas, or napping in their boats or both. Our land cruisers came for our happy hour, dinner, and the dock party.

The restaurant served us good food, and the dock partying broke up around midnight. The morning mimosas were dockside at Genesis. Then, with a flurry of activity, we all left.



Chuck Hoffman, Irene & Dave Walls, keeping high and dry



Dancing beneath the stars at the Annual Party



Bev Hoffman, Bill Boyd, Vickie Nunez, Linda Walsh, & Jaki Boyd . . . keepin' cool in the pool at Island Moorings



Our Annual Party Judges for the Table Decorating Contest; Shana Clark and Sharon Pearson