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**Club Commodore,
Kathleen Powers**



**Vice Commodore,
Rob Schneider**



**Rear Commodore,
Scott Fuller**

Greetings from your Commodore! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with friends and family! I also hope each of you achieve your New Year's Eve resolutions!

We had 20+ children attend the Auxiliary's Children's Christmas Party. There were cookie decorating, ornament decorating, games, food, a movie, and a visit by Santa Claus! The event was a big success! Thank you to Auxiliary President Michele Lachcik, Vice President Jody Thatcher, and their crew.

Monday, Jan. 4th is our Annual Muskrat Dinner, headed up by the V/C Rob Schneider, Dave Rafko, and supported by the usual crew. Tickets sold out quickly.

Tickets are on sale for the AYC Commodores Ball on Feb. 19-20 at the Holiday Inn, Perrysburg, OH by contacting P/C Brian Moyer. Meanwhile, Power Fleet Captain Kristen Whittico continues work on our Hospitality Room. Our theme this year is the "Green Parrot Bar," Key West, Florida.

P/C Dave Ryan is the Chairman of the Knabausch Property Development Master Plan Committee. The other 3 members assigned to the core committee are Vice Commodore Robert Schneider, Dock Master Grant Kozlowski, and Donald Blouin. The committee is charged with the task of fostering a Master Plan for the development of the Knabausch property. They will review any recommendations made by members and integrate as appropriate with the goal of publishing a plan that can be approved by the membership.

Our Wi-Fi equipment is ten years old and has failed. Dave Grassley is leading this project to research the costs to replace and upgrade our system. Nick Pinotti and Larry Inguagiato will assist Dave on this project. The intent is to ensure that there is adequate service inside our building and to the MBC boat docks.

MBC's Commodore's Ball will be held on Sat. March 26th at the Holiday Inn, Southgate, MI. I encourage you to attend! We offer one of the best Balls around and ticket prices are among the lowest in the AYC. We achieve this by each Commodore raising funds for the following year's ball. Mike and I hope to see you there!

Once again, the Toys for Tots fundraiser held on December 9th was extremely successful. This was the third event held by our club. The members' donations of toys and cash are valued at over \$5,000! Thank you very much for your support for the Monroe County Marine Toys for Tots Campaign. REMEMBER, your help brings (Cont'd column 3.....)

Hello Monroe Boat Club Members! Gloria and I hope you had a great Christmas surrounded by family and friends and we would like to wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

Please remind everyone that we are having a New Year's party at the club again this year. It will be an intimate evening with DJ Wally and all of our friends. The festivities start at 7 pm and will run until 1:30 am. Please bring an appetizer or desert to share.

I also want to thank everyone for their participation in the Muskrat Dinner which is a complete sell out again this year. It is on Monday, January 4th from 6 pm to 8 pm. We still need a few extra helpers for the serving and cleanup of the dinner. Please call or text me if you can help.

I am changing the "kitchen clean up" date from January 16th to Saturday, January 30th. I will have sign-up sheets posted by the first of the year. I would like to have at least 10 people to help that day. We will be removing all the dishes and silverware to wash them, wash out the cupboards and drawers and inventory it along with other activities to clean our kitchen.

Here is a list of tasks and ideas for either a group activity or an individual:

- Replace all the burned out lights throughout the building and grounds.
- The exhaust hood motor needs to be inspected for bearing or belt service or replacement.
- Our main double door refrigerator is in need of service and may need a new condenser.
- The exhaust hood filters in the kitchen need to be removed and washed, this needs to be done monthly.
- Wash, repair and paint or replace all the bathroom and cleaning closet doors in the rear hallway.
- Repair the partition door in the back hallway, so anyone can operate it easily.
- Replace and install exhaust fans in the two main public bathrooms.
- Wash and paint rear exit door to the court yard.
- Update the existing electric service to our main building. This present system is inferior and needs to be upgraded.

Please come to me with your thoughts and ideas to maintain and update our club. With all your help, I will be working on these items throughout the new year. Thanks in advance for your assistance with completing these projects and helping to maintain the beauty of our facilities.

Hope all of you had a great holiday season! January is the time when we lose a lot of people to warmer weather. To those not heading south, please come out and support your club.

Look for daily lunch specials on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We are open to any suggestions! Just let us know!

I should have mentioned our Health Inspection in my last article, as it went very well! We had no violations, thanks to the efforts of many people! Our plans for future inspections will include putting two more people through the Food Safety class in Jan/Feb.

Thanks for all the positive feedback I have received from my last newsletter covering language and conduct in the club. It is much appreciated and I promise to continue monitoring the problem and dealing with issues.

See you around the club!!!

Commodore continued.....

a little joy on Christmas morning to the needy children of Monroe County!!!

I would like to personally commend the club membership. Your charitable donations in support of our community listed below reflect the generosity of this club:

- Special Olympics: \$7,300
- Toys for Tots: \$5,050 (toys & cash donations)
- Environmental Career Days: \$4,500 (grants awarded to MBC to fund the event)
- Junior Sail Scholarships: \$4,000
- Univ Toledo Sailing Team Fundraiser: \$3,400
- Cut trees, brush and weeds from Harbor of Refuge Range lights \$2,000
- MBC History Books donated to Monroe Library and Monroe Historical Society \$90.00
- Oaks of Righteousness: \$440.00 (Auxiliary monetary donation plus individual members)

We are truly blessed to have such a caring and generous membership that gives freely to the community.



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- **March 2 - MBC Book Club**
- **March 10 - Harmful Algal Blooms Forum**
- **April 23 - Earth Day**
- **May 7 - Joy of Eating and Drinking**
- **June 6-7 - Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders**



The Book Club...met for their annual Christmas Book Club meeting, lunch, and gift exchange on Wednesday, December 2. They discussed the Debbie Macomber book, Dashing Through the Snow. The club recommends it as a nice story and good read. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2. The book chosen for that meeting is See Me by Nicholas Sparks. The group will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month from March forward except for July and August.



The Stewardship Network (TSN), <http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org/>, of which MBC is an active member, will host a public safety forum on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) on March 10. It will cover environmental and human health risks of HABs in the Western Lake Erie basin. We will learn how HABs are affecting the ecosystem health of Lake Erie and the impact they have on local economic, environmental, and human health. It will be free and open to the public. More information on time and place will be forthcoming.



April 23, Earth Day...Planning has begun for the 2016 Monroe County Earth Day event at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Vendors and sponsors are needed for the event. If your local business provides products/services aimed at environmental or human health, use this event to advertise to the community. Vendor registration deadline is February 1. Sponsors are also needed to make donations or award/raffle prizes. For information, contact Dan Rock, dan.rock@monroemi.org with the Monroe County Health Department.



The Joy of Eating and Drinking...Mark your calendars for the second annual fun and interesting food and drink

event on May 7, 5-7 pm. Different foods and drinks will be emphasized this year. Watch for more information as the date approaches.



Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 6-7, at MBC. Our funding proposals to the Community Foundation of

Monroe County and the Environmental Fund Foundation have been approved, and we are into the planning phase for the 5th annual event. The 120 students who participate in this event report the day is filled with learning and fun for them. They especially enjoy the ride on MBC members' boats, as for some of them, it is the first time they have seen Lake Erie on been on a boat. We will once again be soliciting your participation in taking these kids for a ride while collecting lake water for analysis.



Auxiliary, Michele Lachcik

The Children's Christmas Party held on December 6th was a great success. After lunch, the Children had a really good time decorating their Christmas bulbs & cookies. They were excited to see Santa and give him their Christmas wish list along with receiving a gift. Thank you to everyone who worked this party to make it a success. A good time was had by all!

MBC Auxiliary has taken on the Oaks of Righteousness Shelter in Monroe Michigan as our Christmas family this year. Pastor Heather Boone heads this facility which is non-denominational. She doesn't refuse anyone a place to stay, or to just come in for a prayer and meal. Currently they are housing many adults along with 22 children ranging in age from 5 months to 15 years old. They were most appreciative of our contribution along with toys from Commodore Kathy Powers Toys for Tots Program to help them through this Christmas season. Thank you, Commodore Powers.

It is time to start thinking about the AYC Commodore's Ball being held at the Holiday Inn Perrysburg French Quarter on February 19th and 20th. Our Power Fleet Captain Kristen Whittico could use a lot of help to plan and prepare for this event. Watch the Harbor Light for scheduled planning and building meetings. It takes a lot of work to build an entire room for this event and they can use everyone's participation.

The MBC Auxiliary application has been updated on the MBC website along with the applications behind the bar. At our annual dinner meeting held in October, a by-law passed that increased the initiation fee from \$25 to \$30 and yearly dues increased from \$15 to \$20 per year. This was to keep up with the increased cost of kitchen supplies/paper products that the auxiliary uses for their functions. It also allows us to sponsor many functions without a charge.

With that being said, we are always looking to bring in new Auxiliary members. There are a lot of functions in which to earn your work hours. Your participation is what makes this club successful. At the same time, you will be meeting new friends along the way! Please remember to tell your friends what a great club that you belong to, what great friends you have made and all the fun functions this club provides. It also doesn't hurt that we have great food and cheap drinks thanks to Rear Commodore Scott Fuller!!!

Well, another year in the books. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe Happy New Year.



Sail Fleet Captain, Troy Willett

Hello and greetings from the Tiller. Or, more likely, hello and greetings from the couch, complete with remote in hand...

With the 60 degree temps I keep wondering why I pulled my boat so early! Michigan weather will always keep you guessing!

We have the upcoming AYC Paaaaaaarty being planned and worked on by our illustrious Power Fleet Captain, Kristin Whittico. This will be a great way to earn some work hours and support the club while having fun! So make sure to find out what all the hub-bub is about and come get your party on at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, woot woot! If there are any tickets left, Brian Moyer is the man with the plan, so track him down and find out what it's all about!

The typical sailing season is nonexistent during these months and with the weather being so warm and tropical it doesn't look good for ice boating either. But if and when it does improve I will make sure to let everyone know if there is any ice boating in the area.

I'm planning on having a Sail Fleet Meeting in early February, perhaps the 1st or 2nd Thursday, so keep an eye out for the formal posting for the date and I hope to see as many as possible to attend. We will be discussing the upcoming sailing season and planning for the Annual Friday Fish Fry in March. This year we hope to see even more people attend and enjoy the wonderful food and company.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and as always, I'll see you around the club!



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Come All!**



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Game time: 1pm

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Bring an appetizer to pass

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Power Fleet Capt. Kristen Whittico

Greetings from your Power Fleet Captain!

As 2015 comes to an end the more excited I get about 2016. The AYC Commodore's Ball is right around the corner and I am happy to report that the planning of the Hospitality Room is going very well. I want to thank all that have attended so far for putting forth their ideas, giving advice from past experience, recreating artwork from the green parrot bar and offering items for the room. I would like to send out a special Thank You to the Auxiliary for their kind donation and continued support. If you would like to join in on the fun, the next round of meetings will be held on January 10th and on January 31st, both at 2:00p.m.

Power Fleet will continue to run Thursday Night Burger Nights for January. There are plenty of opportunities for work hours available and help is needed. Sign-up sheets to work Burger Nights are on the kitchen doors. Any time you can put in would be greatly

appreciated!

Also I am looking to solicit your ideas for Power Fleet activities this coming year. Currently I am looking into a bus trip to the ever-popular "Testicle Festival" and also possible bus tours of some of the local wineries in the early fall. Other possibilities include boating season cruises, and any other activities we can think of and organize. Please send your ideas to my e-mail or you catch me around the clubhouse... especially on burger nights in January.

Please don't forget the AYC Hospitality Room planning meetings on Sunday January 10th and January 31st at 2:00 pm.

Have a happy and safe holiday and I'll see you around the club in the New year!



Dock Master Grant Kozlowski

Hello dock holders and members! This last month has been a busy one on the docks. We have completed several inspections of the docks. We have started repairing on the docks, replacing 4 docks, repairing center posts and dock pilings that had lifted or sank. We are having a diver inspect the outer "T" main poles to see if they are safe. If not, we may add new poles next to the old.

There is a lot of work out there. We are trying to get the docks up to par. I would like to thank my Dock Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Board for their continued support. I will keep you posted as things progress.

Happy holidays, and I hope that Santa was good to everyone!!



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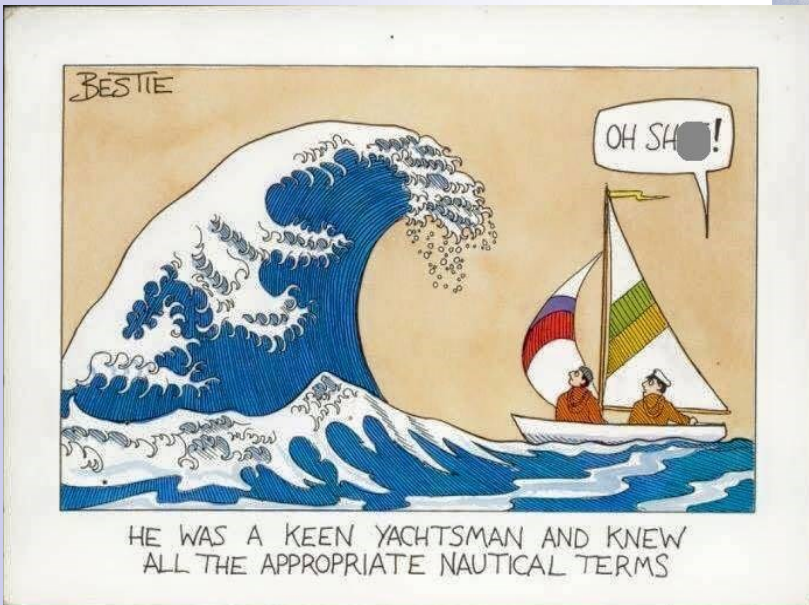


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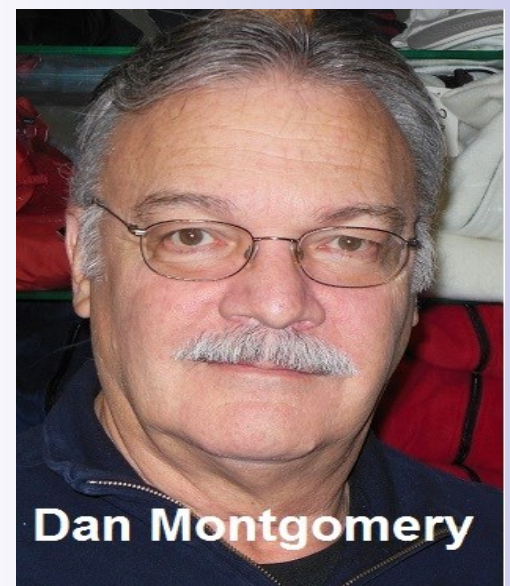
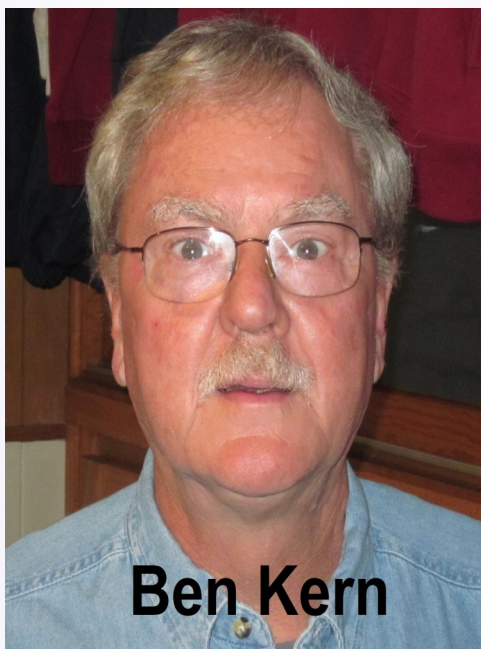
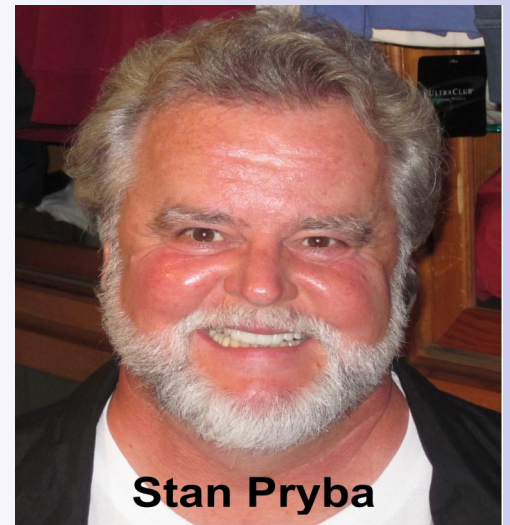
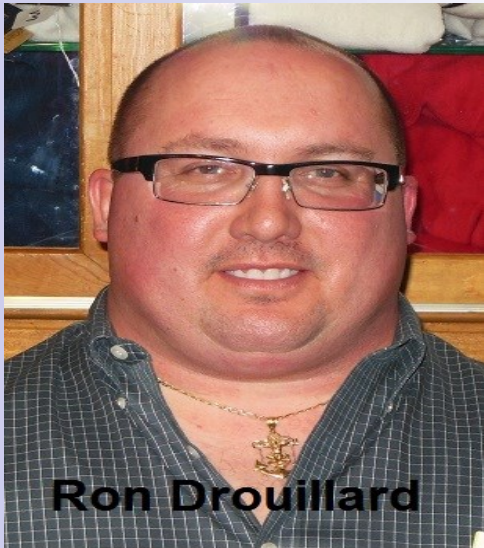


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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

January

1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- 1 - College Bowl Games
- 4 - Muskrat Dinner 6pm
- 10 - AYC Room Planning 2pm
- 11 - College Champ Game 830pm
- 13 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 14-18 Cleveland Boat Show
- 18 - Martin Luther King Day
- 24 - AYC Fleet Capt. Mtg.
- 27 - Board Meeting 6:15 pm
 - Gen. Membership Mtg. 7pm
- 30 - Kitchen Cleaning Party 10am
- 31 - AYC Room Planning 2pm

Ongoing Events:

- Thursdays - Burgers & Soup
- Sundays - Euchre noon

Bar Hours:

Regular hours:

Holiday hours:

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

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February

- 7 - Super Bowl Game 630pm
- 10 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 13-21 Detroit Boat Show
- 14 - HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
- 19-21 AYC Commodore's Ball
- 24 - Board Meeting 615pm;
 - Membership Mtg. 7pm

Stay up to date with all of the club's events on the web site: www.monroeboatclub.org