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An Association of Past Commodores

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The mission of IOBG is to recognize past commodores of the international yachting community and unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting, and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.





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## *President Gary McGrath*



It has been an interesting year so far, we did not have a Winter Regional Meeting so in order to stay in touch with my Board, I have instituted a monthly conference call among the Executive Board complete with recording secretary and minutes.

In January, our North Central Vice President resigned for business purposes and both the Southeastern Vice President and Legal Officer resigned due to health problems, so our first conference call was to vote on their replacements. The NCVP is P/C Ernie Odierna from District 26, SEVP is P/C Bud Higginson from District 8, and our new Legal Officer is Gary Green from District 11 and husband of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rosalie Davis Green.

The Executive Board Meeting voted to combine our Web Master, Log Editor and Lighthouse Editor and put them all under one title of Communication Director. Also, we decided to expand District 1 to include Idaho.

We are also working on redesigning our IOBG Brochure to be more up to date in regards to our Mission Statement. We will be changing our Standing Rules to include item 9, sections 9.1 and 9.2 which would allow us to use electronic means to meet and communicate with each other for the purpose of voting on items that need to be decided on prior to Regional or Annual meetings. The record of an electronic meeting and action shall be recorded by the Secretary and will become part of the Executive Committee's actions to be approved at the next Regional or Annual meeting.

We are investigating O&D insurance and we will be revamping our Area Vice Presidents' travel expense to include airfare to Regional meetings.

In the Treasurer's financial report and budget it does not take a genius to figure out that if we are to maintain our operations, we will need to have a dues increase for 2015 so we will be discussing that action in Cleveland.

Past International President Art Theobald has passed away and he was our Historian, so we need someone to step up and take over those duties. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

For the second half of my report I would like to address two areas needed for Blue Gavel to grow in the future. Those two areas are membership recruiting and retention.

Much has been said about membership recruiting but in my estimation it simply compares to sales. I have been in sales and sales management all my life and I know what it takes to be successful. The techniques that are used in the Midwest, east and southeast coast are different than the techniques used in the west coast and the northwest areas. In order for us to be successful, we must adapt our recruiting techniques to those individual areas. We must find out what is the motivating force in each of these areas to properly recruit new members and ultimately Chapters. I know that in some areas Blue Gavel is the key to entry into different and more exclusive yacht clubs, in some areas it is the Blue Gavel prestige when cruising to other clubs, in some areas it is simply the camaraderie and social events that attract new members, while in other areas it is a philanthropic event that brings new members to our ranks. Whatever the reason, we must find what motivates these members to join IOBG.

The only way you Directors can find these motivational factors is to visit your area Yachts club Chapters and participate in their activities. By joining in their activities and talking to them, you can get a feel for what motivates each Chapter. Use these motivations to better recruit.

In District 14, we have about 35 yacht clubs but only 15 have active Chapters. The reason is that District 14 is like a little District 8 in that it goes from Drakes Bay to Half Moon Bay (100 miles) and it is difficult for a lot of members to make the meetings. I have recommended that they divide District 14 into 3 separate Districts which would make for smaller more compact Districts. This would make it easier for the Chapters to meet and would allow for better communication. That would also create two new Directors in smaller Districts which would allow for better coverage and recruiting in those Districts. (Continued...)

## *President Gary McGrath... Continued*

Its little things like this that we need to be doing as Directors and AVP's so that we make recruiting easier and more effective.

The other area we need to improve on is Retention. A lot of the ideas we use to recruit are also needed for retention. We need to be aware of different member needs in different areas. We (Directors and AVP's) need to be aware when a Districts membership and participation fall off and we need to find the reason. The quicker the better. If we find the reason and react quicker, we may be able to find ways to keep those members and Chapters active. The closer we (Directors and AVP's) are to our members and Chapters, the easier it will be to retain those members. Another area we are lax in is on renewals. Your Treasurer or membership chair, should send out renewals at least three different times, starting in October and again in November and lastly in January. I know many of you do this by email, but you should send at least one renewal list by snail mail. You might be surprised by the results.

Members, I know some of this is repetitive, but I was told a long time ago that the mind only retains 30% of what it hears, and by repeating this message two or more times, maybe some of you will retain 90% of this message and implement those ideas and we may once again begin to grow our membership.





## *President - Elect Joel Kay*

The year has been filled with wonderful experiences at various chapters in several districts. We started our winter on February 1 in Siesta Key, Florida. We were not in our apartment one full day when we got an email from Joe Dowdell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President inviting us to a District 8 meeting at the Naples Yacht Club the following Saturday. The meeting was very interesting. One of the most important things I learned was that this meeting was scheduled subsequent to two telephonic meetings, in which serious business was discussed. This method streamlines the handling of district business, which the International should consider.

Before the meeting concluded, I was asked to say a few words; I thanked District 8 for inviting me to the meeting, pressed the members to come to the spring meeting in Portland, and attend my ball in October. I also commented on the way the executive committee handled the meeting in the most professional manner; I was impressed. We spent Saturday during the day and evening socializing with District 8 members as well as meeting members of Naples Yacht Club, which is a very beautiful club in a beautiful setting.

Nancy and I left Florida early this year so that I could be home to march in the St Patrick's Day Parade in beautiful, ice cold, downtown Cleveland. However, I had a blast. One of the Parade Marshalls was the Advisor to the President of District, who got District 7 a spot in the parade. What was particularly nice, was that there were members of Districts 9 and 25 present marching. The downside beside the temperature being so cold, was that we could not keep up with the open truck carrying St Ignatius men pounding on garbage can lids. They kept yelling at us "oldsters" to keep up!

The weekend of April 4 and 5 was the Inter-Lake Yachting Association Annual Meeting and festivities. At the general meeting, I was given a very nice introduction as President Elect of the IOBG. I acknowledged by saying a few words about District 7 and ILYA's positive involvement with each other in boating on Lake Erie and its tributaries.

On April 26, was Edgewater Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball – a most beautiful event. Here, I gave the Invocation. The following day, we attended the cruise ship "Nautica Queen" for lunch and a cruise. This was a District 7 Spring social event.

On May 4, Nancy and I attended District 9's spring meeting at the Harbor View Yacht Club in Oregon, Ohio, near Toledo. Also in attendance were Tony and Sandi Durieux. Tony is the North Central Area Vice President. The event started with a Mexican lunch followed by the meeting. We learned of the issues facing the District and Tony and I were called upon to give our insight and experience in overcoming the issues. The meeting was handled in a very professional manner, and nearly everyone present had something to say or raise pertinent questions. I urged District 9 to support the Annual Meeting in Cleveland in October, giving all the particulars, and thanking the District for its current support. I also urged the District to send its officers to the spring meeting in Portland, and for all District members to read the "Log" and "Lighthouse."

On a personal level, during the past two months, we have all but finalized the 2014 Annual Meeting to be held at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel in Beachwood, Ohio (Cleveland). Please make your hotel reservations for this year's Annual Meeting ASAP! We have just learned that there are three other events scheduled for the weekend of October 16 - 18 and space is going fast. The most up-to-date and comprehensive schedule of events and prices can be found in the latest copy of the LOG. As you will see, the weekend is full of wonderful events!

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# *President - Elect Joel Kay... Continued*

I am still feeling the wonderful effects of having been Knighted at the Rosarian's Rose Festival this past June 6 and 7. It was also a real highlight to meet many of the outstanding men and women who have distinguished themselves by their having served their various communities in such a deserving manner. It was such an honor for me, one that I will always remember.

This summer is just speeding by. I hope everyone has had a safe and fun boating season so far. Our club, Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio, has been celebrating its 100th birthday all year; the real festivities will occur later this summer and fall.

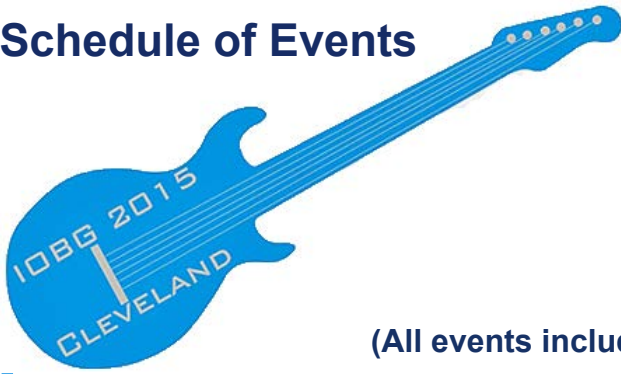
To answer the question each of us have been asked at one time or another - why should I join the Blue Gavel, or why should I continue my membership, I have compiled some answers from others who have written about these questions.

- \* It is an honor to belong to such a prestigious organization that has members from around the globe.
- \* It provides an association for men and women who are connected to boating and have served their respective yacht clubs as Commodore.
- \* It provides an opportunity for members to provide experience and information to yacht clubs requesting such.
- \* It subscribes to and stimulates interest in yachting traditions. ceremonies, customs, ethics and etiquette.
- \* It encourages and promotes the continuing interest and service of qualified and proven Past Commodores to their own yacht clubs and their activities without in any way usurping the authority and responsibilities of the incumbent officers, for the best interest of the club.
- \* And, it increases members' knowledge in yachting programs by providing the opportunity to learn about yachting activities and marine events and ceremonies of every kind as a result of high standards of honor, tradition, good sportsmanship, and the fraternal and social relations experienced by and between Past Commodores. This is done through the sponsorship of sailing programs or other boating activities at our yacht clubs.

I could write more, but this is a good summary of answers to the questions.



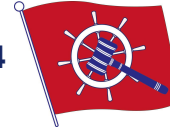
# Schedule of Events



## INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

### Annual Meeting

October 15 – 18, 2014



Beachwood, Ohio

(All events include transportation to and from the hotel)

#### Wednesday, October 15

Registration	Hotel	3:00 – 08:00 PM
Hospitality	Hotel	4:00 – 08:00 PM
Dinner	(On your own)	

#### Thursday, October 16

#### All Meetings – Winter Uniform

Registration	Hotel	8:00 – 11:00 AM
IOBG (Ex-Com)	Room To Be Announced	9:00 – 11:45 AM
IOBGA (Ex-Com)	Room To Be Announced	9:00 – 11:45 AM
HF Meeting	Room To Be Announced	9:00 – 11:45 AM
Lunch	(On your own)	11:30 – 1:00 PM
Tour of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame		2:00 – 5:00 PM
Dinner (no host cocktails)	Lakeside YC (Dress - Yacht Club Casual)	5:30 – 8:30 PM
Hospitality Room	Room To Be Announced	9:30 – 11:30 PM

#### Friday, October 17

#### All Meetings – Winter Uniform

Registration	Hotel	8:00 – 11:00 AM
IOBG Meeting	Room To Be Announced	9:00 – 11:45 AM
Lunch	(On your own)	12:00 – 1:00 PM
IOBG Meeting (Continues)	Room To Be Announced	1:00 – 2:30 PM
Trolley Tour of Cleveland	(Tour ends at Edgewater YC for dinner)	3:00 – 6:00 PM
Dinner (no host cocktails)	Edgewater YC (Dress - Yacht Club Casual)	5:30 – 8:30 PM
Hospitality Room	Room To Be Announced	9:30 – 11:30 PM

#### Saturday, October 18

#### All Meetings – Winter Uniform

Registration	Hotel	9:00 – 10:00 AM
IOBG Meeting	Room To Be Announced	9:00 – 11:45 AM
IOBGA Meeting	Room To Be Announced	9:00 – 11:45 AM
Lunch	Hotel	12:00 – 1:30 PM
IOBG Meeting (Continues)	Room To Be Announced	1:30 – 3:00 PM
Fall Regional Meeting	Room To Be Announced	3:00 – 3:30 PM
Hospitality Room	Room To Be Announced	3:30 – 5:00 PM
<b>Cocktail Hour</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Installation Dinner/Dance</b> (Black Tie/Formal)	<b>Ballroom</b>	<b>7:00 – 12:00 PM</b>

#### Sunday, October 19

Thank You for Coming. Have a Safe Trip Home





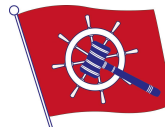
# Registration Form



# INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

## Annual Meeting

October 16 – 18, 2014



Beachwood, Ohio

**Registration Deadline: September 29, 2014**

Date/Event	Cost per Person	# of Persons	Total
<b>Thursday, October 16</b>			
Tour of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame	\$18.00	X _____	\$ _____
Dinner, Lakeside Yacht Club	\$32.00	X _____	\$ _____
<i>(Pasta Bar – Choice of Pasta &amp; Sauces, Meatballs, Seafood, Chicken, Beef Tenderloin, Sausage, Vegetables &amp; Lasagne)</i>			
<b>Friday, October 17</b>			
Trolley Tour of Cleveland	\$28.00	X _____	\$ _____
Dinner, Edgewater Yacht Club	\$25.00	X _____	\$ _____
<i>(Buffet includes: Chicken Marsala, Quinoa/Wild Rice, Vegetables, Rolls, Salad, &amp; Dessert)</i>			
<b>Saturday, October 18</b>			
Lunch- Hotel (Soup & Salad Bar)	\$25.00	X _____	\$ _____
IOBG President's Ball Hilton Doubletree Ballroom	\$60.00	X _____	\$ _____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

**Please Circle Your Dinner Entrée Choice:**

New York Strip Steak  
with herb butter & frizzled onion

Herb Chicken Sauté  
with garlic cream sauce

Salmon seared  
with citrus butter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

District # & Office Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Member (Circle)  
IOBG IOBGA

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

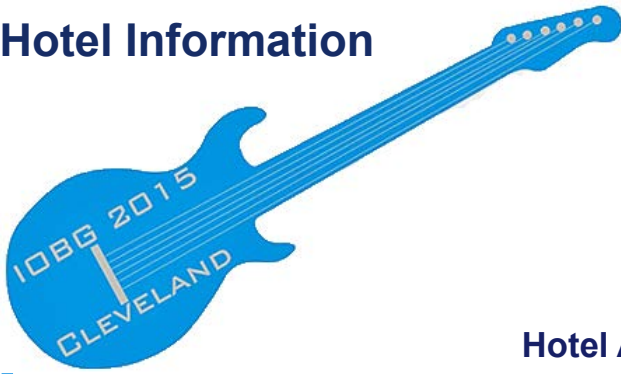
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Joel Kay" and send this entire page with payment to:

**Mary Romano**  
11572 Pekin Road Newbury, OH 44065

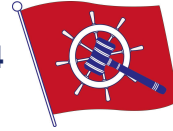
## Hotel Information



## INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

### Annual Meeting

October 16 – 18, 2014



Beachwood, Ohio

### Hotel Accommodations:

DoubleTree by Hilton Cleveland East Beachwood  
3663 Park East Drive  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122



Stay at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cleveland East Beachwood in Beachwood, Ohio, and experience all of the delights that greater Cleveland has to offer from music, sports and entertainment to authentic Midwestern hospitality.

Located in the affluent neighborhood of Beachwood, this modern Ohio hotel is only a 25 minute drive from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and only 20 minutes from bustling downtown Cleveland.

### For Reservations Call:

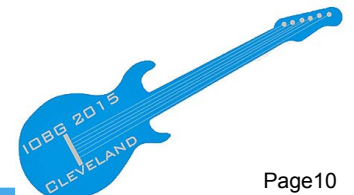
800-222-8733

Mention Group Name: International Order of the Blue Gavel

Rate is \$109.00 + tax for either a King or 2 Double-Bed Room  
and includes breakfast

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

**Thursday, October 9, 2014**





## *First Vice President Joe Dowdell*

Our Organization is subject to certain written rules that govern all such corporate organizations – The Corporate Charter, the By-laws, Rules of Order, Rules of Policy and Procedure and Standing Rules.

Our By-laws and our Policy and Procedure Manual are readily available to everyone because they are found on links on our website. All members should go there and download copies to read and become familiar with the various provisions. You could even print copies if you wanted to have a written set readily available for reference.

In this Article, I wanted to discuss our Corporate Charter, often call the Articles of Incorporation. This is a formal document that sets forth the basic information about the Corporation, defines its purpose, specifies its powers and outlines its organization. Once filed with the Office of Secretary of State in the state of incorporation, the corporation can enter into legally binding contracts, own property, can sue or be sued, but its members cannot be held personally liable for the acts of the corporation.

Our legal officer has a copy, of course, but outside that, I doubt that anyone else has a copy and is familiar with its contents. But the Articles of Incorporation is actually the governing legal document that takes priority over all the other governing documents I mentioned. No other document can be adopted that is in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation.

Our Articles of Incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Washington on March 20, 1967. Article I sets forth the object and purpose of the IOBG. It is “to honor the services of past Commodores and shall be composed of past Commodores of recognized yacht clubs wherever they may be located, and to encourage the association and fraternization of past Commodores of recognized yacht clubs among themselves, for purely social reasons and also, whenever possible, to offer their experience and influence for the benefit of yachting.”

Article II provides that “the Corporation shall be divided into chapters, districts and a headquarters office. That is to say the past Commodores of each yacht club shall be known as a chapter, and a group of yacht clubs shall be known as a district. Districts are to be governed according to the provisions of the bylaw. Permission to organize a district must have full and complete authority and approval of the officers and trustees hereinafter designated.”

Article III states the headquarters of the International Order Blue Gavel shall be in Seattle, Washington. The Corporation shall have full power and authority to acquire property, to improve said property in any way for the benefit of its members and to do any and all things necessary for the general welfare of the corporation and its members. “The Corporation shall also have the power as is necessary to incur such indebtedness as to finance the affairs of the corporation.”

Article IV states that IOBG shall be a nonprofit organization and shall act for the benefit of its members which shall be limited to the past Commodores of the recognized yacht clubs of the world whose qualifications are and will be defined by the bylaws. There shall be no capital stock issued. “The interest of each member shall be equal to that of any other member and each member shall be entitled to one vote in the election of the officers in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation. All contracts of the corporation must be executed by the President and attested by the Secretary.”

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## *First Vice President Joe Dowdell... Part 1... Continued*

Article V states: "The business of the Corporation shall be managed by a governing board of not less than six members who, composed of elected officers and two or more additional elected members, shall manage the affairs of the Corporation. The governing Board shall be elected at an annual fall meeting of delegates of the Corporation according to the bylaws for a period of one year or until such time as their successors shall be elected and qualified. In accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of said corporation. In addition to the said governing board the member shall, at their annual meeting, elect a President, a First Vice President and other Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and two or more board members to carry on the business of the international order blue gavel in accordance these articles in the bylaws of said corporation."

Article VI states "The principle place of business shall be Seattle, Washington. Meetings shall be held as such are designated by the Secretary with approval of the governing board."

In my next article, I will discuss the other little known set of rules, known as "Standing Rules".

## *First Vice President Joe Dowdell... Part 2*

Organizations benefit from establishing formal rules to fairly and effectively manage operations. Two types, Bylaws and Standing Rules, detail specific policies and procedures to be followed by decision-makers in the conduct of business. Despite having the same objectives, the two complement each other and are not interchangeable. No Standing Rule should conflict with the Bylaws.

The key differences between bylaws and standing rules relate to scope and effect. At the core, bylaws are designed to be overarching and procedural while standing rules are specific and administrative. Robert's Rules of Order state: "bylaws should include all the rules that are of such importance that they cannot be changed in any way without previous notice and consent of a large majority of members. Standing rules should contain only such rules as may be adopted without previous notice. They are considered main motions that are continuing in nature (hence standing rules). "The executive committee has adopted certain standing rules. In my opinion, some of these rules are of such importance that they should be in the bylaws. They should not be able to be changed by a simple motion.

For an example, in July 2012 the Executive Committee adopted Standing Rules that require Area Vice Presidents and District Directors to belong to a yacht club and a Blue Gavel Chapter that is in the geographical area that they will represent. These two standing rules should be incorporated in the bylaws. Right now the bylaws only require membership in a yacht club. Since the executive committee has already recommended another bylaws change clarifying the restriction on proxy voting to be voted on by a mailed ballot to the board of directors, it would be a simple matter to add these two rule provisions to the ballot for a vote at the same time.

On another matter, to have a quorum at the annual meeting we need two-thirds of the total eligible votes of Board of Directors present. The Past Presidents have a vote but they are not included for quorum purposes. We found out yesterday that there will be 81 votes from the District Directors. The board of directors also includes the executive committee and the area vice presidents, so the total eligible votes come to 93. To have a quorum requires 2/3, or 62 votes present. Since the executive committee has recommended a dues increase, it is now incumbent on each area vice president to notify their district directors and for the district directors to notify their members of the proposed dues increase and to poll their members for their feelings about the proposed increase to enable the district directors to cast their representative vote on the issue.



## *Second Vice President Rosalie Davis-Green*

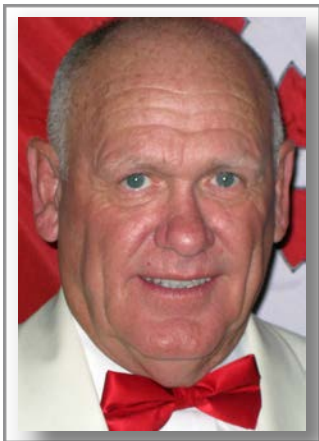
In January, I challenged you to evaluate your District's/Chapter's performance with regard to how it actualizes various aspects of the IOBG mission statement. How are you doing?

A few of you have sent copies of district newsletters which describe social, service and philanthropic activities that occurred or are planned. District 5, host of the IOBG Portland, Oregon regional meeting, is in the midst of fundraising to purchase life jackets for a community boating program that needed life jackets. They decided they could raise enough money to purchase a certain number of the life jackets. One of their talented IOBGA members, who makes jewelry volunteered to donate her time to make jewelry. Proceeds from the sale of the jewelry go toward the purchase of the life jackets. When we arrived at the Portland Yacht Club for Friday night dinner we found a long table with earrings, bracelets, necklaces and pendants beautifully displayed. We were invited to support their project by purchasing tickets which were dropped in a bowl in front of the items we would like to have. Whosever ticket was drawn received the item. Some of us went home with beautiful jewelry and all participants had the joy of supporting a worthy project. This group found an unmet need in the boating community of a manageable size they could meet. They are enthusiastic; they are doing the work and are well on their way to meeting their goal. Good work District 5. Sometimes we overlook the practical ways we can make a difference and contribute to our community.

I have observed that thriving districts are having a good time being in each other's company and are being of service in a variety of ways to the local yachting community. Districts that are struggling seem to neglect the service aspects of our mission statement. Past Commodores are doers and want to be part of a community service effort. Once the service function is omitted, it takes a lot of effort and time by district officers to reinvigorate the district. It takes patience, regular communication and one to one personal contact to re-involve long time members as well as to spark the interest of newer members. It may take a year or two of consistent action to see significant results.

The Area Vice Presidents and the Vice President can assist you by providing encouragement, being a sounding board, problem solving and in general being supportive. I encourage district directors and district presidents to share your struggles with your Area Vice President and the International Vice President responsible for your area. We are part of your team.





## *Past President Chuck Browning*

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2014 - 2015**

The IOBG Nominating Committee has made the following nominations for Officers for the year 2014 -2015.

There will be no nominating from the floor. Nominating from the floor, does not give the membership an opportunity to advise their Chapter Presidents and District Directors their choice for each office. At the Summer Regional meeting the Nominating Committee announced the slate of officers for the following

year.

If anyone wants to run for an office he/she will have 30 days in which to send the IOBG Secretary, a petition for the office. That person's name shall appear on the ballot with the Nominating Committee's recommendations. This will give all members of the IOBG a chance to see all the candidates for each office and let their Directors know who to vote for.

The election shall take place at the Annual Meeting to be held in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, October 18, 2015.

#### The Nominations Are:

President	Joel Kay, District 7 (automatic as per bylaws)
President Elect	Joe Dowdell, District 8
First Vice President	Rosalie Davis-Green, District 11
Second Vice President	Tony Durieux, District 7
Immediate Past President	Gary McGrath, District 19
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy, District 15
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert, District 1
Northeastern Vice President	Ernie Odierna, District 27
Northwestern Vice President	Mary Nye Meyers, District 1
North Central Vice President	Mark Vadaj, District 7
Southwestern Vice President	Mike Billington, District 14
Southeastern Vice President	B.E. "Bud" Higginson, District 8
District 50 Director (East of Mississippi River)	OPEN
District 51 Director (West of Mississippi River)	Walt Kadyk District 51

Respectfully Submitted:

Chuck Browning, Past President & Chairman

Gary McGrath, President & Steve Willing, Past President

Eastside Member: Roger Isphording & Eileen Van Winkle, Westside Member



## *Treasurer Marshall Nemoy*

At the Regional Meeting in Portland, Oregon I presented two reports on the financial position of the organization. The first report was for the year ended December 31, 2013:

IOBG had a net income for the year ended December 31, 2013 of \$19,964 which is \$10,157 greater than last year. The increase in net income was due to a savings in multiple areas. An analysis of the types of expenses that were lower than budgeted are:

Clerical Service	\$ 2,086
Gifts and Awards	1,566
Web Site	940
Membership Cards Expense	(1,004)
Office Expenses	1,872
Postage	1,345
Travel	<u>15,132</u>
Total	\$21,937

The same data sorted by activity is:

International Operations Center (Clerical & Postage)	\$3,895
Annual Meeting (Gifts & Travel)	5,303
Executive Committee (Travel)	5,686
Area Vice Presidents (Travel)	6,048
The Blue Gavel Log	<u>646</u>
Total	\$21,576

Note: The difference between the two sets of data is due to minor variances which were not listed in the data sorted by activity.

Our total assets increased by \$14,708 primarily because of the aforementioned increase in net income. The reasons for the variances will be discussed in more detail in the comments for each activity.

The total revenues were \$1,672 lower than budget and \$1,494 less than last year. Membership dues were \$1,520 lower than budget which equates to 38 members and \$1,360 lower than last year or 34 members.

The second report was for the four months ended April 30, 2014:

For the four months ended April 30, 2014, IOBG had a net income of \$48,239 which is \$4,006 better than budget and \$693 more than last year. Our revenues were \$9,223 less than budgeted and \$6,984 lower than last year. However, our expenses were \$5,217 less than budget and \$7,678 less than the prior year. Dues collections are slower this year and account for the bulk of the variance of \$9,176 in total revenues. Again this year the support payment to the host committee for the Annual Meeting of \$3,000 budgeted in the month of January has not yet been paid. The year-to-year variance shows the prime reason to be the change in policy whereby there was no Regional Meeting in February for 2014. There will be a Regional Meeting held in August. The year-to-year variance in travel expense is expected to continue because of the alternating schedule for the Winter and Summer Regional Meetings.

Our total Assets have increased by \$21,331 over a year ago primarily due to the net income of the prior year and the normal cash influx during the first four months of the year. Again this year we continue to have a strong financial position as of April 30, 2014.

## *2015 International Budget*

Each year according to the IOBG Bylaws, the Executive Committee, in the role of a finance committee, must prepare a budget for the upcoming year to submit to the Board of Directors for approval at the Annual Meeting in October. The Treasurer provides the current year financial information and his projection for the remainder of the year. The Treasurer also provides projections of the cost of operations for the ensuing year plus any other items requested by the other members of the Executive Committee.

For the year of 2015 the committee first focused on operations as has been done in the past few years - two regional meetings plus the Annual Meeting in October, electronic delivery of *The Blue Gavel Log*, and the administrative function. The committee also noted that, while cost have gone up for many items, our international dues were last increased in 2007 for the 2008 year. The projection for 2015 indicated increased expenses in travel and administrative expenses pertaining to space occupancy costs and clerical services. Revenues were projected based on the current level of paid members as of August, 2014, 1700 members.

In total the projected expenses will exceed the projected revenues by \$7,389 or **\$4.35 per member per year**. The committee also took under consideration additional items that had been under discussion in the past few years. They are:

- Increasing the travel allowance for all delegates to the Annual Meeting by \$100 for each increment.

- Purchase a Directors and Management Liability Insurance Policy

- Fund the travel for Area Vice Presidents to the two Regional Meetings.

The travel allowance for delegates to the annual meeting has remained the same since before 1993. In 1993 the \$400 amount would purchase a round trip airfare from one coast to the other. Airfares have gone up and \$400 will not come close to the cost of airfare. By increasing the amounts from \$200, \$300 and \$400 to \$300, \$400 and \$500 it may increase the participation at our annual meetings. In recent years attendance has fallen off to the point where we barely have a quorum. This addition will not increase operating costs of the organization because the funds that are part of the regular budget are not fully used each year.

The committee has decided that the purchase of a directors and management liability insurance policy was in the best interest of the membership. It is recommended by our legal officer and we all know that today's society is more litigious than in prior years. Such a policy will add **\$.53 per member per year**.

Funding travel for the Area Vice Presidents to attend the two regional meetings during the year was recommended because items discussed at the regional meetings deal with all manner of subjects which directly affect the operations of IOBG. Further, based on past practice, it is an Area Vice President that is chosen to move up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President on the executive committee. It is important that we train our lower officers thoroughly about the issues and duties before nominating them for a higher office. In short, this expenditure represents an investment in our future leadership. The cost of this proposal is based on the fact that only four AVPs must be funded at present because our Northwest Area Vice President is also our Log Editor who is funded as part of the executive committee group. The cost of funding the four AVPs to attend two regional meeting is **\$6.02 per member per year**.

The Executive Committee is recommending to the Board of directors that all of the above discussed items be adopted and that the annual dues be raised \$10 to \$50. It is anticipated that there will be resistance to such an increase in dues. IOBG consists of a wide variety of people who are members for reasons ranging from serving the boating community and raising funds for worthy causes to enjoying the camaraderie of fellow past commodores, to having reciprocal privileges at more yacht clubs. Regardless of the reason for membership, we all recognize from our personal lives that prices have and continue to go up. We must all pay our fair share. **\$50 per year** is not that much in the scheme of things considering the last dues increase was voted in 2007. Remember, to say no is the easiest thing to do because it does not require any thought. Past commodores were elected by the membership at their club because the members thought they had leadership ability and vision. Lets not prove them wrong.





## *US Sailing Representative Bill Thayer*



JUNE 2014 - The new Adaptive Sailing Center Program was approved at the Annual Meeting. The program will provide exposure to organizations that offer sailing opportunities to individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities. Whether you are an individual looking for a place to sail or an organization looking to start a program or looking to get recognition for work you are already doing. The US Sailing website [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) has all the info. Nevin Sayer is program Chair.

US Sailing Member Carl Eichenlaub passed away Friday, November 29 at the age of 83. Carl was a legendary US Olympic Team and US Paralympic Team boatwright who played a large role in helping the United States win more medals in sailing than any other nation.

US Sailing offers the new half day Coastal Safety at Sea Seminars which are designed for skippers and crew members who participate in coastal or near shore races. The curriculum is derived from the one and two day seminars and will be moderated by the same instructors

I was able to attend the inaugural Sailing Leadership Forum held Feb. 6 thru 9 as we had no meeting in February and it was held at the Hilton San Diego Resort on Mission Bay. They combined it with the ever popular National Sailing Symposium. There were 600 attendees from all areas of US Sailings vast array of programs. Iconic Skipper Ken Read delivered the Keynote Speech and Past President Gary Jobson took the daily kickoff duties.

Morning hour was held in the Grand hall and then the walls start to slide into 10 rooms for presentations. Most were well attended and many were run with a presenter and four or five members. The electronic field was alive and well. The complete schedule was on our iphones and tablets. As this was my first time to be able to attend something like this, I was told I picked the monster. US Sailing knows how to put on a show. I will not begin to pick the hot topics, they were all hot. The racing rules of sailing and its 5 associated topics was well beat up for four days, mark rounding and proper calls took center stage.

Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio will host the Championship of Champions, a regatta requiring that all helmsmen be either Nations Champion or World Champion in the last year on October 9 to 12. The club picked Dave Ullman as Special Guest Competitor.

Brian Porter and Jody Starck are US Sailing's 2013 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year.

USCG has empanelled a Standards/Rubrics Expert Team and has launched a national validation survey. This is your opportunity to impact the development of free recreational paddling and rowing (canoes, Kayaks, rowboats, paddleboards, etc).

AUGUST 2014 - US Sailing has used it's newsletter to inform and educate using catchy little titles along with videos. "Rising Tide, Episode Two". The best young sailors in America are dedicating themselves to the Olympic Path. With a new generation of athletes pushing established veterans to higher levels of performance, the team is coalescing around a single goal: getting the United States on the podium.

The 2014 Summer Solstice, 21 June was a large success around the USA. Many boating organizations, sailing Clubs and Schools gathered together using the event tools that US Sailing published as organizing tools.

US Sailing now offers a new PHRF Support Service designed to manage sailboat data and rating information for fleets. Participating fleets will have the ability to focus on performing their own handicapping and serving sailors, while US Sailing manages fleet information with guaranteed Security and protection.

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## *US Sailing Report ... Continued*



In June US Sailing announced the selection of Henry Marshall and Maximo Nores to the 2014 Youth Olympic Team for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing. Marshall will race in the Byte CII Boys single-handed and while Nores will compete on the Techno 293 board in boy's windsurfing.

The 2014 Hurricane Season runs from June 1 Nov 30. The Gowrie Group recommends you all prepare by visiting the Gowrie's Severe Storm Center to assess our resources.

US Sailing published a list of factors on how to plan your Bareboat Chartering. As two who have Bareboat Chartered we wholly concur with the entire list.

United Airlines gives US Sailing members a 5% discount when traveling to US Sailing events.

"Clever Pig" another catchy title, is designed for aspiring youth and young adults who want to take their competitive sailing careers to the next level.

### *Education Officer Phil Promessi*

Last year at the Annual Meeting at Concord, CA, a few directors indicated that they did not really know or have enough information about what their duties encompassed. I have put together a program to explain what IOBG is about and discuss the duties and responsibilities of the different offices, and go over the marketing program.

I hope to cover most of the questions that were expressed. If anyone has any suggestions as to what they want covered, let me know. E-mail me at [ppromessi@comcast.net](mailto:ppromessi@comcast.net) and I will cover your question at the Annual meeting in Cleveland.

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## *Past President's Award*



Past International President Vern Bendsen presents Past IOBG Legal Officer George Knies with the Past Presidents Award for 2014.

This is an award presented by the International Past Presidents to recognize individuals that have distinguished themselves by their years of service and guidance and loyalty to the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

George has been Legal Officer to both the IOBG and the IOBGHF for many years.

President Gary McGrath, Past President Vern Bendsen & Linda went to George Knies' home to present to him the Past President's Award for 2014. As most of you know, George does not show much emotion when he is the recipient of an award but Gary, Linda and Vern could tell he was very appreciative of the Award.

Even though his body is not up to pare, his mind was still very sharp.

We are sadden to announce that shortly after the presentation George succumbed to his long term respiratory illness primarily from this long Naval Air Shipboard Career. In addition to his distinguished Air Pilot Carrier Based Career, George was an accomplished Marine Legal Lawyer, working until recently with the Coast Guard and CG Auxiliary and local yachting associations.

He passed away in his sleep at his home surrounded by his wife Ann, daughter Susan, sons Scott and Carl and their spouses and grandchildren.



## *District 50 Director Mark Vaduz ... (East of the Mississippi)*

District 50 has enjoyed much success in retaining Membership from Maine to Florida to the Mississippi River. Over the past year two years we have made great improvements with our communications in an effort to contact each and every member by phone, email and or U.S. mail. Please Note: My purpose is not to solicit Membership Dues or Donations but rather an effort of providing our membership with information on District, Regional and International IOBG events, support and assistance of a yachting issue, directing you to our web site and/or Facebook page or simply social involvement on or off the water. We will continue to reach out to all of our members with the hope that more of our Members take advantage of the privileges and benefits of being a member of IOBG. And hopefully bring a fellow P/C or two along.

Some of you have shared your stories with us on the District 50 Facebook Page of your travel and or cruise, which is greatly appreciated. (Summer and Winter, North and South, On The Water and Off The Water) We enjoy hearing from you. Please don't forget to include a picture of yourself for our Facebook Page. You can find us by searching The International Order of the Blue Gavel District 50. Your contribution to the page is welcome.

If you do find yourself landlocked, relocated or in an area without an active Chapter, please contact me as we have been successful at transitioning members into active Districts or Chapters. We sincerely value your contribution and participation as much as your membership.

I hope that all of our At Large IOBG, Members continue to renew their commitment to IOBG where ever you are located. Remember, you are only a short drive away to one of our events or meetings. You have a voice, knowledge, expertise and experience; we welcome your participation and contribution.

I personally extend an invitation to all of our District 50 Members to join us in Cleveland, Ohio for the Annual International IOBG Convention starting October 15th and concluding October 18th with a Black Tie Ball and Officer Installation. Details can be found on our web site at [www.iobg.org](http://www.iobg.org)

Thank You for your renewal and commitment to "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity"

Northwestern V.P.  
Mary Nye Meyers



Districts

1 & 5  
2, 4 & 24  
Blue Gavel Canada

I would like to thank District 5 for once again hosting our spring regional meeting. In the past year District 5 has accomplished some amazing things in the name of Blue Gavel and you can read all about it in their report but I would like to shout out a congratulations to District 5 Auxiliary President Deborah Westfall for her fundraising idea. During the Friday night dinner at Columbia River Yacht Club, Diane exhibited her jewelry making skills by displaying and raffling off several beautiful items for District 5's loaner life jacket program. Money raised from the auction enabled District 5 to purchase another 10 life jackets. Thank you to all the people who purchased raffle tickets and congratulations to all the winners!



At the District 1 spring meeting in Clarkston, WA, which is on the border between Washington & Idaho, it dawned on me that we had a problem. We have three major chapters in the eastern side of the state. Two of those chapters have ties with the state of Idaho (which is not part of District 1). Spokane's chapter is the largest and is in Washington State but their clubhouse and all their activities are held in Post Falls, Idaho. Hells Canyon Boat Club is chartered in Idaho but their clubhouse is in Washington. Both chapters have members who live in Idaho.

So-o-o-o I called President McGrath and asked if the Executive Committee could vote to have Idaho join District 1. He called back and said that they had approved to add Idaho to my area. Hey Idaho... welcome to District 1!!! Hooray!

Fall Change of Watch meetings are scheduled for both Districts during the month of September. District 1 will be holding their C.O.W. on September 19 – 21 in Everett, WA (where Boeing manufactures the 747, 767, 767 Tanker, 777 and 787 Dreamliner). District 5's Fall meeting will be at the Columbia River Yacht Club on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Portland, Oregon.

Hope to see everyone in Cleveland this October...



### District 1

Andre' Gano, District Director  
&  
Lani Lightle, District President



District #1 held its Spring Regional Meeting on April 25-26, 2014 in Clarkston, WA. It was hosted by the Hells Canyon Boat Club and their clubhouse is located overlooking the picturesque Snake River. Clarkston is located in eastern Washington on the Snake River just across from Lewiston, ID. In spite a long driving distance (7+ hours one way) for most members we had a good turnout of 56 people attending this popular location.



The largest Opening Day in the Pacific Northwest (and third largest in the nation) was on May 3, 2014 and was again hosted by the Seattle Yacht Club. This year's theme was Toys Ahoy which brought out an abundance of well decorated boats with a toy boat theme. The International Order of the Blue Gavel was represented by the raising of our IOBG flag during the Commissioning ceremony and then again in the boat parade with our IOBG banners strung across the bow of Past District President Bob Weber's boat. Many thousands of spectators saw us during the parade, as we were able to celebrate and bring awareness of our organization to the boating community.

The International Spring meeting was June 6th. District 1 was honored to attend the Portland, Oregon Rose festival hosted by the Royal Rosarians. President Elect Joel Kay and District 1's Northwestern Vice President Mary Nye Meyers were recognized by the Rosarians for their hard work and dedication by being Knighted at the annual Knighting ceremony.



Our annual summer picnic was held July 18-19 at Port Hudson Marina and RV park in Port Townsend, WA. The town is located about 45 miles northwest of Seattle on the Olympic Peninsula and just 26 nautical miles from British Columbia, Canada. The picnic was hosted by our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bob Lee and his crew. There were over 30 members in

attendance. You could not of asked for a better view of the Port Townsend waterfront while dining on BBQ and playing ladder golf. I can't wait to see where we will go for next year's picnic.

Our Fall Change of Watch regional meeting will be held in Everett, WA on September 19 & 20, 2014. Boeing's Everett facility is known for being the largest building in the world. We would like to extend an invitation to any IOBG Districts who would like to attend.

## Blue Gavel District 5 Donates Over 200 Life Jackets to help

### Prevent Water Related Fatalities

Submitted by District 5:  
Duane Westfall, President  
Mike Kondrat, Vice President  
Bill McKinney, Past President  
Deborah Westfall, Auxiliary Pres.

District 5 of the International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) announced today that it has provided over 200 life jackets to the Portland District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon State Police & Safe Kids Coalition.

This donation will resupply worn and lost life jackets at 19 life jacket loaner stations located along the Columbia River and in the Willamette Valley at Corps-managed parks and boat ramps in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Visitors recreating on the water can borrow life jackets and return them to the kiosk before leaving.

We learned that the Daughters of Neptune were in need of some life jackets for their teaching program. So we stepped up and supplied them with 10 life jackets for this program. We have also partnered with the Multnomah County Sheriff's River Patrol and the Daughters of Neptune to place life jackets at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Boat Ramp Kiosk for their loaner program. We are awaiting hooks and IOBGA is still raising money for this project.



**ABOVE:** Hanging new life jackets at John Day River kiosk. Duane Westfall, President Blue Gavel District 5, Senior Trooper Michael Holloran Oregon State Police, Bill McKinney, Director Blue Gavel, Mike Kondrat, Vice President and Program Manager Blue Gavel District 5, Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger Amber Tilton. Ranger Tilton and Sr. Trooper Holloran are members of Columbia River Gorge Safe Kids Coalition.

**RIGHT:** Park Ranger Amber Tilton standing by a kiosk after the new life jackets from Blue Gavel District 5 are hung up for users to have a safe water experience.

The plan is to deliver the life jackets to each kiosk for the summer recreation season. Detailed information on kiosk locations are located on the Portland District website at: <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations.aspx> under the module titled "Borrow a life jacket".

"Blue Gavel leadership is very excited to partner with the Corps of Engineers on this project. Our members are all past leaders of boating groups throughout the Portland Metro area and we understand that drowning is preventable. Nine out of ten people who drown were not wearing a life jacket which is why this program is so important." said Mike Kondrat, Vice President of the IOBG District 5. "Anything we can do to promote water safety is very good for our community."

"Partnering with organizations like the Blue Gavel enables the Army Corps of Engineers to support a variety of water sport activities at the numerous recreational parks we manage along the Columbia and Willamette watersheds," said Amber Tilton, Park Ranger and member of Columbia River Gorge Safe Kids Coalition. "Providing these much-needed PFDs for our kiosks enables a safer water experience for a wide variety of people enjoying our parks."



District 5 Report Continued...

Summer Update: At the Spring Regional Meeting in June we had a jewelry raffle to try and raise \$200.00 for life jackets for the Kiosk at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street boat ramp during the Friday night dinner held at the Columbia River Yacht Club. We raised \$220.00 and the hooks for the kiosk will be going up on Monday and the Life Jackets have been ordered. Thank you to everyone that came to the dinner for all of their help....Deborah Westfall, Dist. 5 Auxiliary Pres.

We are now known as the Life Jacket people. It has been a good way to tell the story of Blue Gavel. We have been featured in Northwest Yachting magazine and in Freshwater News, for supplying life jackets to 19 Kiosks for a loaner program. And we have also given 10 Life Jackets to the Daughters of Neptune for their education program. The project that got all of this started is the last to come on line and that is the Kiosks at 42<sup>nd</sup> street boat ramp. The life jackets are just waiting for hooks and signage.

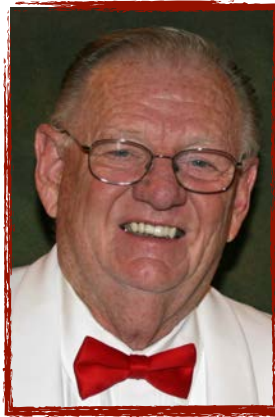
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came to the Regional Spring Meeting in June and help to make a goal of the District 5 Blue Gavel Auxiliary come true.





Southwestern V.P.

Mike Billington



Districts

6,10,11,14,15,  
16,19 & 21

We Traveled to San Diego to attend District 15's Management Seminar which was held at the Mission Bay Yacht Club. The seminar was very well done and explained the things yacht club leaders need to know. There were many speakers covering such topics as club legal requirements, ABC licensing and rules, club financial considerations and club protocol.

After the seminar, Marshall Nemo, International Treasurer, gave us a tour of the club grounds. Mission Bay Yacht Club has its own beach and sits on large grounds. They have a very active youth sailing program with Mission Bay offering the perfect place to learn to sail. They also have a good sized marina filled with both sail and power boats.

We were invited to attend the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs meeting put on by the Navy Yacht Club of San Diego. The meeting was held at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club which is located about 5 miles south of the Hotel Del Coronado on the Strand. The Strand is a narrow strip of land separating San Diego Bay from the Pacific Ocean. Driving down the Strand reminded me of driving in the Florida Keyes. The meeting was well attended with many IOBG members present. The meeting included each yacht club and IOBG representative bringing everyone up to speed on what their organizations are doing now and for the next year.

We also visited Silver Gate Yacht Club on Shelter Island in San Diego. They have a beautiful new club house which they first occupied in October of last year. The members of the club were very welcoming and we had a great time.

Recently we traveled to the Ventura and Channel Islands yacht clubs which is District 16 of IOBG. We attended the opening days of four of the yacht clubs in the area. The clubs were Ventura Yacht Club, Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, Harbour Island Yacht Club and Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. Ventura YC and Pierpont Point YC are located in Ventura at the Ventura Marina. Harbour Island YC and Pacific Corinthian YC in Oxnard are at the Channel Islands Marina. The Opening Day events were formal but light hearted.

It was very interesting seeing how different areas in Blue Gavel celebrate opening day. In Northern California with Bay District 14 and Delta District 19 opening days are celebrated by boat parades with the largest being the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association opening day on San Francisco Bay. Diane and I along with other District 14 members were guests on the PICYA committee boat, the California Hornblower. Almost one hundred boats cruised by the committee boat to be judged. I encourage all Blue Gavel members to travel to other areas and see how they celebrate opening of boating season. Contact information for all Blue Gavel Districts is on the International web site at [www.iobg.org](http://www.iobg.org). To get the most out of your IOBG membership use this information to visit other yachters.

We also attended District 19's member appreciation day at the Delta Marina in Rio Vista. Delta Marina is about 30 miles downriver from Sacramento and about 15 miles upriver from Pittsburg Yacht Club, one of the places we met for the IOBG Annual meeting. The event was well attended.

District 10  
LaVon Plumlee, District Director

District 10 continues to promote the mission of the International Order of the Blue Gavel by recognizing our Past Commodores through social, educational and humanitarian programs. It is my pleasure to report that District 10 members have a lengthy list of activities again this year. Our Treasurer Bill Plumlee reports that we presently have 87 IOBG members, and we are still expanding. We have again inducted eight new Past Commodores at their Opening Day ceremonies this year. Following our membership drive, District 10 hosted a very successful "Meet our New Members" BBQ, and our members are looking forward to many similar events.

**Auxiliary:** Our IOBG Auxiliary President Sally Cohen continues to enhance our district's activities. It has been said that every successful district has an active Auxiliary, and that is true at District 10. We now have 25 active Auxiliary members. Last year our Auxiliary hosted a very successful Fashion Show with the proceeds benefitting the Humanitarian Foundation. Plans are going forward for our 2014 Fashion Show and we hope to duplicate our efforts and hopefully double the proceeds for the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation.

**Charity Regatta:** District 10 has been an active member of the committee that organizes the Long Beach Charity Regatta for many years in support of the Long Beach Children's Clinic. Our Secretary, P/C Joyce Jackson, is at the helm serving as Chairman of the regatta this year. So far, we have hosted a pancake breakfast and an evening function with food and entertainment, and all profits from these events are donated to the Long Beach Children's Clinic. Both a Champagne brunch and burger bash are on our calendar in support of the regatta.

**Communication:** District 10 continues to stress communications as is a vital factor to our success. With this in mind, our Newsletter Editor, Jon Fults, publishes our monthly newsletter and he continues to do a fabulous job for our members. Our website ([www.IOBG-District10.org](http://www.IOBG-District10.org)) is updated monthly.

**Monthly Socials:** District 10 enjoys several monthly events including but not limited to the following: Grill your Own at Seal Beach YC, CPR Class at Huntington Harbour YC, Father's Day BBQ, Charity Regatta Brunch, Luau, Cruise to Long Beach YC, BBQ at Barney's Beach House, Fashion Show, Christmas lights aboard electric boats and many other events.

We're looking forward to our 2014 activities and endeavors.



We started the new year with the Port Royal Yacht Club Chapter annual wine tasting fundraiser for the King Harbor Jr. Sailing Scholarship Fund on 26 January 2014 raising \$465.00.

On 23 February 2014 IOBG District 11 spent an afternoon having lunch at the Landing Grill and Sushi Bar followed by electric boat ride on Westlake. We enjoyed the hospitality of Westlake Yacht Club IOBG Chapter hosted by Franklin Cofod. Franklin arranged a tour of the lake by members of Westlake Yacht Club on their electric boats and we had a beautiful day as we learned about the history of the lake. Any day on the water is fantastic.



On Saturday 22 March 2014 our IOBG VP SUSANA HERNANDEZ ARAICO had set up a wonderful day at the Getty Museum Research Institute's exhibit and lunch. Our primary focus was the exhibit of Connecting Seas showing how adventures on other continents and discoveries of different



cultures were perceived, represented, and transmitted in the past, when ocean travel was the primary means by which people and knowledge circulated. The exhibit was very enjoyable and educational with rare books, maps, and photographs. We also explored the Getty Museums special collections, including Jackson Pollock's Mural and A Royal passion Queens Victoria photography.

On behalf of IOBG I attended the opening day's ceremonies at Westlake Yacht Club, Santa Monica Windjammer Yacht Club, California Yacht Club, Marina Venice Yacht Club, South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, Pacific Mariner Yacht Club, and Del Rey Yacht Club. Installed Jr Staff Commodores to IOBG and would like to welcome the following new IOBG District 11 members:

Sal Scarpato (WLYC), Steve Vincent (SCCYC) Charlene Perron (SMWYC) and Larry Koch (PMYC) were inducted into IOBG District 11. We welcome them to our IOBG family.

Redondo Beach installation included Sheila Anderson (PRYC) and Lisa Falk (KHYC)

On 12 April 2014 we held a membership appreciation lunch at Marina Venice Yacht Club thanking our members for joining IOBG. After an Italian feast we took a boat ride with Fire Department 110 ending a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our first windy q BBQ was held in May as well as the Sundown Friday night sail boat races. We are looking forward to nice summer of boating activities. Our speakers have included topics on improving sailing and medical emergencies at sea.

Our Officers are dedicated to perform their duties, expertly. We look forward to an even more productive 2014, by getting more personally involved with our member clubs, having more sailing events, and new events. The webpage ([www.IOBG11.org](http://www.IOBG11.org)) will list upcoming events, newsletter, gallery of photos, officers, membership renewal forms and news.

District 11...Continued  
Sherry Barone, District Director

We continue our Windy Q BBQ with guest speakers which was held on 8 July and 4 August 2014 . IOBG District 11 continues to participate in the Sundown Friday night sail boat races on June 13 and July 11 2014 as well as enjoying the summer of boating activities.

A number of our members helped with the CFJ national event with over 120 juniors from all over the country competed from 25-27 July 2014 at DRYC in Santa Monica Bay

Attended the L.A. Sheriff's Dept. National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 4-8 PM at DRYC. National Night Out is a nationwide event coordinated by local Sheriff's Departments around the country to focus on safety, education and recognizing our local heroes and enforcement officers. This event will feature special speakers, manned booths to educate us on bicycle safety and registration, sidewalk CPR, water safety and much more, as well as a life vest exchange. There will also be tours of the Sheriff, Lifeguard and Fire Dept boats. Hosted at DRYC.

Upcoming Events

Windy Q BBQ - 16 September 16, 2014 & Speakers

Sundowner Friday Night Races - August 15, Sep. 12, 2014

Sailing/ Paddle boarding

Tall Ship sailing Concerts in the park

IOBG District 11 and Westlake Yacht Club Chapter cruise with Commodores, and yacht club members on a 7-day cruise from LA, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Ensenada and back to Los Angeles on October 11 - October 18, 2014. Additional information is on our web page [www.iobg11.org](http://www.iobg11.org).



District 14  
Marge Bottari, District Director

After the inductions of Barbary Coast Boating Club, District 14 will have 70 regular members and 8 associate members in 2014. We have been working hard to find the balance of purpose, philanthropy as well as fun activities that will be attractive to our District members, both current and future membership. We

have created a Junior Sailing Award Program that will provide \$700 to go to any Junior who wishes to apply for the purpose of taking sailing lessons at any of our PICYA clubs or other sail training programs. We will be having wine tastings and other fund raising events to raise money for these sail training applicants.

District 14 started out our year with a Joint Induction meeting with District 19 at the Pittsburg Yacht Club. On May 24th we had a wonderful cruise on the SS Jeremiah O'Brian, a WWII Liberty Ship. The day included a day on SF Bay and beautiful Memorial Day program, with a band, color guard and 900 WWII, Korean and Vietnam Vets as well as family and friends. We also participated with PICYA on the Hornblower Yacht, the California, in the Opening Day Festivities on the SF Bay as well as joined District 19 on their annual "Cruise Out" to Rio Vista.

A District 14 Yacht Club, the Barbary Coast Boat Club, has inducted several IOBG members this year and is interested in having an IOBG Blue Gavel Chapter. The Executive Committee attended their August 7th meeting to talk to the YC's Staff Commodores, general membership and to induct three new members.

We will be surveying our membership to see what they would like to see in the way of District 14 activities.

2015 Installation of Officers and Directors is planned for November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Encinal Yacht Club.

District 15  
Kathleen Smith, District President

Greetings from District 15 in beautiful, sunny Southern California. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know we survived the recent fires and are looking forward to a cooler summer.

This year we concentrated on making the activities of our district more relevant to our members as well as providing service to our community, while having fun at the same time. In keeping with that goal, our District President Kathy Smith and her husband Gary arranged for us to welcome new members, and show appreciation for continuing members, at a party hosted by them in their million dollar view home. A great time was had by all.

Our first order of business was the annual Yacht Club Management Seminar presented by District 15 and held at Mission Bay Yacht Club in January. The Seminar again included the well-received section on ABC rules.

This year, District 15's Gregg Hansen took the lead in forming an IOBG Bike Team for the Make-A-Wish Amazing Race hosted by Coronado Yacht Club, Navy Yacht Club, and Coronado Cays Yacht Club. Our team raised over \$1200 toward the \$75,000 total raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The laudable goal for the three organizing clubs is to make three Make a Wish wishes come true.

Finally, our Summer Party hosted by District Director Michele and Dick Wold was a huge success. This is our annual fundraiser, in which we contribute to one of the local club's charity. We collected \$200 to be distributed to ElderHelp of San Diego. ElderHelp ([elderhelpofsandiego.org](http://elderhelpofsandiego.org)) provides direct services to the elderly, allowing them to stay in their own home, such as escorted rides to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, and other "concierge" type services.

The event was a cookout/potluck. We also had a Golf Putting Tournament. The competition was fierce on the Wold's custom designed golf putting course, overlooking their million dollar view.

The Executive Board has accepted our invitation to host the Winter Regional Meeting, February 5-8, 2015. We will be using this unique opportunity to spotlight San Diego to all of you. It is our intent to show off several of our local yacht clubs. We look forward to seeing you there!

District 16  
Nancy Rowe, District Director

District 16 had a very successful meeting in June at The Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. Lt. Chris Miller, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Station - Channel Islands gave a very informative talk on our local harbors, and activities to be watchful for. There is an ongoing problem with drugs coming into all local areas, and when in doubt or suspicious of something, it's best to notify your local Coast Guard.

We are planning to work with The Maritime Museum in the Channel Islands harbor In the near future. We hope to have an event that will attract IOBG members throughout District 16. Our Maritime Museum is in its new location and we have had ongoing talks with them to determine how the many talented IOBG members might be of assistance in their educational programs.

September will find us back at The Ventura Yacht for our annual BBQ. This is always a well attended event, and one that we look very much forward to. We are planning to have a speaker at this event as we have had in the past.

District 16 continues to move forward....trying to attract new members from our local clubs.

District 19  
John Anthony, District Director

I visited three yacht clubs, Pittsburg, Martinez, and Benicia in the last two months along with Marina West.

Pittsburg Yacht Club is in the process of taking over the Make-A-Wish function which had been hosted by Driftwood Yacht Club for several years. We wish them the best in their endeavor.

At Martinez Yacht Club I was given a warm welcome and also got to meet with members of Solano Yacht Club who had cruised in for the weekend.

At Benicia Yacht Club I was welcomed by Commodore Tom Konecki who stated that they are holding their own.

Marina West, where we belong and my wife, Lucy, is Commodore (she hasn't learned to say no), we are also getting ready to host our Make-A-Wish. The Club is gaining membership slowly but steadily.

The best of all was the annual MEMBER appreciation day at Delta Marina in Rio Vista on May 10, 2014. This was hosted by Delta District 19 and was joined by District 14. It was very well attended by members of both Districts. The menu was prime rib sandwiches, potato salad, chili beans and plenty of appetizers and beverage of your choice. This was at no cost to members with a \$10 donation for spouses, guests, or other family members.

Thanks to Sandy Clark, Vice President of District 19, for organizing and setting things up so everything ran smoothly. Also thanks to all who furnished their special dishes and appetizers? A special thank you to all who attended.

District 21  
Merry F. Keller, Newsletter Editor

Our Board of Directors meets monthly, usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

In May, two new members were inducted into the District 21:  
Jim Bailey from Lido Isle Yacht Club and Bob Lenard from Dana Point Yacht Club.

Richard Price became our President Elect, after Tom Stone resigned from the board.

The Annual Membership Meeting and 2015 election is being planned to be held at Dana West Yacht Club in November 2014.

The board is looking into a summer event, perhaps at Lido Isle Yacht Club, or another local yacht club.



### Hundreds View the America's Cup at Dana Point

Hundreds of persons, including IOBG members, attended the event and toured or cruised on the America, a replica of the Schooner that won the America's Cup Trophy in 1851.

The America yacht is a painstaking replica of the original "America," which in 1851 stunned the world by winning the legendary sailing race around the Isle of Wight and won the trophy that now bears her name, the America's Cup!

At 1 PM, a presentation was made by the Commodore of Golden Gate Yacht Club, Norbert Bajurin. GGYC is the home club of the America's Cup Defender, Oracle Team USA.

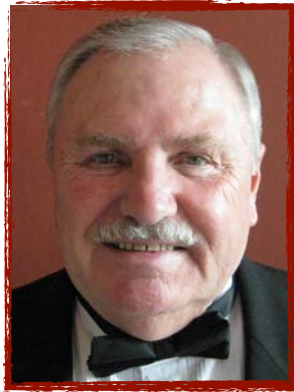
The presentation included the history of the Cup and an update on the upcoming 35<sup>th</sup> America's Cup and its related race events.

The trophy is the "Oldest Trophy of All Sports".

Above and Right to Left:  
Speaker & GGYC Com. Norbert Bajurin,  
DPYC S.C. Jim Faustini,  
IOBG Dist. 21 Pres. Elect Richard Price



North Central V.P.  
Tony Durieux



Districts  
7, 9, 23 & 25

North Central districts are redoing their scheduled events for 2014 and the summer is looking good. As with every year, Districts 7-9-25 are gearing up for the cocktail party held at Put in Bay on Lake Erie in conjunction with ILYA (Inter-Lake Yachting Association) Power Boat Regatta. This event brings boaters together from all over the Great Lakes.

It is a fun event sponsored by the three districts and it has proven to be a valuable recruiting tool. There will be so many yacht club members in their summer whites that one would think the Navy had come for the weekend.

I.O.B.G has strong ties to ILYA, with many belonging to clubs who are ILYA members and themselves past ILYA officers.

Districts 7,9, 25 are active with all the local boating organizations in their area. Name recognition, along with the pride of being an IOBG member makes recruiting much easier and ILYA becomes a source to draw leadership talent.

Membership has stayed stable and even grown in some districts. Although the kinks are still being worked out District energy and enthusiasm is high and all are looking to a strong future.





District 7  
Pat McIlwee, District Director

Greetings from the North Coast of America!

We have been very active in District 7. Our membership is very steady and growing.

In March, we had some very exciting events. District 7 marched in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had some very special guests join us from District 9 and District 25. Before and after the parade we had a hospitality room in the Hyatt Arcade and had some fine Irish hospitality. A big thank you to President Gene McKeown and Lady Connie for all of their hard work to make this function successful. We will be doing the same next year so if you are not vacationing somewhere warm, please plan on attending.

We had our Sunday Brunch Tours, which were very well attended and took us to Erie Yacht Club and Sandusky Yacht Club. The food, hospitality and camaraderie at these chapter clubs were exceptional!

We also had our Blue Blazer, which is our only recruiting event of the year at Bratenahl Place. We swore in six new members to the IOBG and the evening was a success. We continue to gain momentum and have Past Commodores clamoring to join our fraternity.

District 7 Auxiliary has been a terrific asset to our group. President Marianne Dempster has been working diligently and has scheduled a Nautica Queen Sunday Brunch which was held in late April. The Nautica Queen brunch is very well attended and is a very nice social gathering as we cruise Lake Erie and enjoy a terrific meal.

In May District 7 participates at the Memorial Day Service in conjunction with the Greater Cleveland Boating Association. We are looking forward to this solemn event again this year. In June at the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Rendezvous, we hold a cocktail party that is the highlight of the weekend at The Huron Boat Basin!

We co-hosted a cocktail party at I-LYA Bayweek Regatta at Put-In Bay Yacht club along with District 9 and District 25 in August. We wish former VP Steve Harris best wishes in his role as Commodore of ILYA.

District 7 is very proud to have our very own Joel Kay making the move to President of International. We are looking forward to the Change of Watch in October and look forward to meeting some new friends in IOBG. It will be nice to meet many of you whom with I have spoken but not had the opportunity to meet. The meeting in Cleveland should be very exciting and the fall weather is beautiful in Northeast Ohio.

Our website has the most current information and can be found at [www.iobgdistrict7.com](http://www.iobgdistrict7.com)

District 25  
Greg Lowe, District Director

2014 has proven to be a very challenging and low-keyed year for District 25. In spite of the fact that there have not been any District events planned, our membership remains steady. I would like to thank our current Treasurer, Jack Berry, for his hard work. It has been because of Jack's diligence and determination that he has almost single handedly kept our membership going.

Two District 25 chapters, Great Lakes Steel Boat Club and Sun Parlor Boat Club are both holding events and have extended an invitation to other chapters to assist. GLSBC is again hosting their annual Zukin's Ribs Dinner, while SPBC will be hosting a chicken dinner. In return for members assisting in these events, the two chapters will be donating a percentage of their profits to District 25.

District 9  
Stephen Barry, District Director

District 9 held its spring meeting on May 4th, 2014 at the Harbor View Y. C. in Toledo, OH. In attendance was IOBG President elect Joel Kay and IOBG A.V.P. Tony Durieux. The meeting was very well attended and several topics were discussed.

District 9 again joined districts 7 and 25 in sponsoring, the annual happy hour, held at Put in Bay, Lake Erie, Ohio during ILYA (Interlake Yachting Association) week at the Bay, and hosted by the Put in Bay Y.C. This a major event is used by the three Districts to promote the Blue Gavel to yacht club members from all over the great lakes.

Following the reading of the minutes, Treasurer's and district V.P. reports, an informal discussion on membership and retention was presented by A.V.P. Tony Durieux. The Ideas presented were not new and most were presently being used by our district. It's note worthy to say that District 9 is doing its level best to service its members and is maintaining member numbers or retention. As A.V.P. Durieux said, "the ideas presented are a result of proven programs being used by other chapters and districts." It is important to hear and learn how other districts handle this very important area of district and chapter success.

Following the presentation, President Elect Joel Kay thanked everyone for all they do and invited everyone to join him and the Executive Committee at the Portland, Oregon meeting.

Our spring meeting was resounding success. A meal and fellowship followed and we all went away feeling the meeting was time well spent.

District 9 President Arlie Hansen hosted the summer E-board meeting at his house. A cookout and pool party provided a relaxing environment for planning our fall fundraiser and discussing other options for the coming months.

### *District 51 Director Walt Kadyk ... (West of the Mississippi)*

Best wishes to all...

I could not attend the meeting as work continues to interfere with leisure time. District 51 had one (1) member last year. I have not seen a recent roster so I may be without anyone at this point. I keep attending various yacht club functions representing IOBG along with other District Officers and participate in swearing in new members when requested but not for District 51. I try to recruit members where and when I can in person, by email or letter but have little success.

I often find that when a remote or inland area yacht club does not have a local Chapter that their members belong to a Chapter that is some distance away. They pay their IOBG dues which is what we ultimately want! In many cases these folks may or may not belong to the original yacht clubs they have moved away from and now belong to a "Lake Venue" type yacht club which does not have their own Chapter. But again, they are dues paying IOBG members.

These folks are not interested in joining District 51 and they keep ties with the original District they belong to. While District 51 does present an alternative to IOBG members it does not appear to have an attraction or a need any longer. Not sure how things work with District 50 or how many members are in that group but would be interested for feedback. I will keep doing what I am doing as long as I can serve IOBG and am open to suggestions and comments.

Northeastern V.P.  
Ernie Odierna



Districts  
3, 12, 20,  
26 & 27

What I can report is that a group of PCs from District 12 have recently met and seemed determined to continue their Blue Gavel efforts. District 12 was the area which was probably the area most impacted from Super Storm Sandy which wrecked havoc up and down the Northeast Atlantic seashore two years ago. The clubs in District 26 were also very severely impacted and many of them just now are getting back on their feet. We have been seeing a reduction in regional boating activity due in part to the very high fuel prices coupled with later than usual boat launchings.

The clubs in District 26 are, once again this year, planning "Thank-A-Vet" boat outings in September. The Huntington, the Huguenot, the Harlem and Mt. Sinai yacht clubs all have plans underway for this very popular and rewarding activity which everyone enjoys. All together, we probably get over 400 Vets out on the water and at our clubs during the month of September.

We will most likely be implementing an Audio Conferencing Meeting program this fall to help keep us better connected and up-to date on Blue Gavel events and club activities. Minimizing travel time and expenses could provide the incentive we need to do a better job. Sharing ideas and success stories, as well as problems, can benefit us all and are some of the major reasons we are involved with the I.O.B.G. At the same time, we don't want to lose the camaraderie generated by face to face meetings or social events.

District 3  
Lewis W. Smith, District Director

District 3 lost another of its long time members. P/C Charles Meyer, Jr. from Niagara Sailing Club passed away this spring. Chuck was very active in NSC's junior sailing program. He was also a founding member of the Buffalo Maritime Center. At the request of his family we conducted a Blue Gavel memorial service at Niagara Sailing.

The District has been running smoothly under the leadership of P/C Paul Schneeberger and his Board. Our membership remains around 100. Social activities, including our summer sail on the Miss Buffalo, are well attended. A general membership meeting is scheduled for September.

We continue to support the Excalibur Leisure Skills Center as our primary charitable activity.

District 27

District 27 is not very active these days, but our last event was very successful and we were able to donate \$2,500 to the Wounded Warriors Foundation.

Our problem now is keeping our current members. Bush River Yacht Club is the only active club in the district and we are proud to say that we are now the proud home of the 2014 queen of the Chesapeake Bay. Her name is Katie Lindsey and she is a senior in high school and also a life guard at Bush River Yacht club.

Bush River will be celebrating there 75th Anniversary on August 9 and the Blue Gavel will be a part of that special event.

*Southeastern V.P.*  
*Bud Higginson*



*Districts*  
8 & 18

Since my appointment as SEVP, most of my time has been spent trying to familiarize myself with District 18. On April 1, 2014, I met with Buzz Bisanz, President and District Director of District 18 in Atlanta for a quick overview of the District. I was somewhat surprised as to how few paid up members there are in the District. Buzz and I discussed how we should correspond with all members whether or not they are still active and tell them about IOBG's renewed effort to rebuild the District and invite all of them to the upcoming IOBG Regional meeting in Charleston, SC August 15-16, 2014 hosted by the Charleston Yacht Club.

I provided Buzz with a copy of all Chapters that have ever been issued an IOBG Charter. We discussed the hosting of the August meeting and the planning meeting that was held recently in Charleston with himself, P/P Chuck Browning, District 18 Vice President David Kowert, Commodore Brian Swan of the Charleston Yacht Club in attendance.

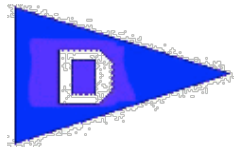
I attended the February and May District 8 meetings, in Naples and Ft Lauderdale, FL. Individual membership continues to increase slowly but there is increased interest in a new Chapter membership with the Dunedin Boat Club application in the final approval stage.

While in Ft Lauderdale, we met with representatives of the Lauderdale and Lauderdale Isles yacht clubs who have an interest in forming their own Chapter of the IOBG.

The next District 8 meeting will be held at the Pelican Isles Yacht in Naples, FL on October 11, 2014. My plans are to attend the Regional IOBG meeting in August, District 8 meeting in October and the IOBG annual meeting in Cleveland in October.

District 8  
Bud Higginson, District Director

JUNE 2014 - Membership activity in District 8 seems to be picking up especially new IOBG Chapters. The Dunedin Boat Club in Dunedin, FL, after Board of Directors approval, has finalized its application with seven charter members. They have been approved by District 8 and the application has been forward to International for final approval.



I have been working with the Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club in Ft. Lauderdale, FL with seven Past Commodores.

We met with P/C Jerry McGuire and several of their members at our regional meeting at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft Lauderdale. Also, at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, we had a separate meeting with P/C Fred Welker of the Lauderdale Yacht Club which has been established for over 60 years, who expressed an interest in forming an IOBG Chapter. He was supplied with applications and portions of our bylaws and plan to make a presentation at their Board of Directors meeting next week seeking their approval. An offer was made to assist in the presentation if needed. They have over 15 Past Commodores. The Venice Yacht Club is processing a new member who is Past Commodore of the Milwaukee Yacht Club.

District 8  
Bud Higginson, District Director - Continued...

District 8 Winter Regional Meeting was held at the Naples Yacht Club in Naples, FL on February 8, 2014. President Chuck Ranson introduced our own Joe Dowdell, First VP IOBG International from Marathon Yacht Club in the Florida Keys, who in turn introduced our special guest Joel Kay, President Elect IOBG International from South Euclid, OH. Joel invited all to attend the IOBG Annual Membership Meeting to be held on October 16-19, 2014. President Ranson then reported that the Executive Committee in their teleconference meeting on January 24, 2014 recommended a change in the Supply ordering procedure. Instead of ordering thru a District 8 Supply Officer, chapters and individual members be directed to buy direct from Commodores Insignia, thus eliminating the position of Supply Officer. P/C Philip Francoeur, Naples Yacht Club made a presentation of their BLUE GAVEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM which raises between \$70,000 and \$100,000 annually. A copy of the presentation is available from [genmgr@naplesyc.com](mailto:genmgr@naplesyc.com).

District 8 Summer Meeting was held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft Lauderdale, FL on May 10, 2014. Coral Ridge Yacht Club has renewed their efforts in support of the Blue Gavel Chapter and it showed as they hosted this meeting. They have an excellent facility with an outstanding location and the service was great. After a presentation by 1<sup>st</sup> VP IOBG Joe Dowdell, the Executive Committee voted to set aside \$1000 in 2014 and \$2000 in 2015 for a total of \$3000 to help defray cost of the IOBG annual meeting to be held in Marathon, FL October 22-24, 2015.

AUGUST 2014 - District 8 continues with its efforts to establish new chapters. With the Dunedin Boat Club approval in place with its seven members, the Lauderdale Yacht Club Board of Directors approved the application for a Blue Gavel Chapter with 17 Past Commodores. We expect the package to be ready for final approval at the IOBG Cleveland meeting in October.

District 8 Annual Membership meeting will be hosted by the Pelican Isle Yacht Club in Naples, FL on October 11, 2014. PC Bill Pittman will become the District 8 President and the Nominating Committee has filled all the vacancies except the Secretary position, which it hopes to fill by the Annual meeting.

District 18

Plans are being made for a renewed effort to boost the membership in District 18. Documents have been gathered to assist in this effort such as listing of all the yacht clubs in the District along with a listing of all the IOBG Charters that have ever been issued in District 18 whether active or not.







In discussion with Buzz Bisanz, President and District 18 Director, the immediate goal is to appoint a Secretary/Treasurer and begin to handle all the functions of a District including maintaining the bank account locally, billing the members for annual dues and other regular functions.

With that in place, we will begin a concentrated effort to recruit new members and chapters. A lot of effort was made to host this event in Charleston and my thanks to all who participated in the planning.

Telephone numbers and addresses of members are protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. As a matter of policy, rosters of names, addresses and telephone numbers shall not be made available to the general public or any outside organization. Privacy of all rosters shall be safeguarded and the page clearly labeled.

The publication of these rosters, addresses and telephone numbers on any computer on-line service including the Internet is prohibited by the 1974 Privacy Act.

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## International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary



### *President June Thacker*

Our Spring Meeting in Portland was delightful as usual. We were pleased to see the new venue for the Knighting Ceremony was under cover and seating was in real chairs close to the stage. This was an improvement over the garden site, which, although very beautiful, required seating on bricks or grass, some distance from the Queen.

The ceremony for the knighting of President-Elect Joel Kay and Northwest Vice President Mary Nye Meyers was very enjoyable.

When we visited Columbia River Yacht Club for dinner, I was very impressed with District 5's Auxiliary fundraiser, a jewelry auction. The whole event was a lot of fun and they raised about \$220 for their project, with which they could buy about 10 more Life Jackets. Congratulations, Debra.

Attendance at our meeting at Portland Yacht Club was low; only 4 Auxiliary Districts were represented: Districts 1, 7, 8 and 14. The Treasurer's report reflected total membership at 301 members, including 7 Past Presidents. Our balance sheet is very healthy.

The attendance may have been low but the discussion was lively and lengthy. Among topics discussed:

1. Status of the Auxiliary "Hottie" calendar. Only 5 pictures have been received, and efforts to collect more pictures are ongoing. The good news is that some districts are using the idea of assembling pictures of past commodores in their teens and twenties and using them in their local projects, such as contests to identify the past commodores shown in a collage of "hottie" pictures.

2. Proposed Auxiliary By-law amendments were discussed at length, but in the end, the motion to present changes to the membership was tabled until the summer meeting.

3. A "No Bake" Bake Sale fundraiser was proposed and an outline presented. It involved asking a member to pull out their favorite recipe, but instead of preparing it and donating the finished product for sale, just calculate the cost of going through with the preparation - the ingredients cost, their time, fuel to the grocery store and back, then STOP. Send the treasurer the recipe and the money you would have spent preparing it. The Executive Committee decided to proceed with this fundraiser.

Thanks to Alan Eiffert's hilarious joke telling talents we all left the meeting laughing.

Following our Auxiliary meeting, I addressed the IOBG members during their meeting. The main point I conveyed to them, after reporting on the present number of our paid members and the state of our finances, was that, sadly, there were not too many Past Commodores that considered themselves "hot" as youngsters, judging by the lack of pictures submitted thus far to be published is the Auxiliary "Hottie" calendar!



# IOBG Humanitarian Foundation

## PATRON OF THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM

IOBGHF launched a program to provide special recognition to contributors who donate \$100 or more. Each contributor will be awarded a distinctive "Action for Life" pin which signifies their status as a patron of the foundation.

"The International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation provides the boating community the ability to create real differences in others' lives. The foundation provides resources to existing charities and benefits communities through new initiatives involving boating activities and education."

This is the Mission Statement of the Humanitarian Foundation.

Ira Nies  
IOBG-HF President

Change is vital for any organization, but too much change in too short a time frame may not solve the problems. We need to expand the Directors to include the Eastern areas so that all of IOBG is represented: (please give me a call or email). Most people have Causes---Programs that they contribute to. IOBG-HF is

unique since you can contribute any amount and name the program you want the funds to go to . And if it happens to be \$100 or more, you will receive the special PIN. Now available we have \$500 and \$1000 award pins. \$500 has a silver wreath and \$1000 has a gold wreath. If you have more than one \$100 pin...trade it in along with the additional monies and get your \$500 or \$1000 pin. Remember...IOBG-HF is a 501(C)(3) so all your contributions are tax deductible.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

IOBG-HF is a volunteer organization made up of Blue Gavel Members and depends on contributions of both time, talent and money. Not all members want to participate in Administration and Operation, but if you do, you can make a world of difference. Catch our spirit and make hope a reality for people you care for. You can make cash contributions, property donations, stock, mutual funds or bond donations. Name the IOBG-HF in your Will or Trust.

And don't forget the LAP. We need Local Area Projects. You can assist by observing programs/projects that need our help and then let us know. You are everywhere and we are only a few.

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### **What is the IOBG and the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation?**

The International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) was founded in 1953 by Ev G. Henry as a fraternal organization of yacht club commodores who had successfully completed their years of service. The IOBG is committed to serve as a resource pool of past commodores who can benefit their yacht club and regional yachting associations with their experience.

IOBG members represent over 450 yacht clubs worldwide. These past commodores are successful business and community leaders and their participation in the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation represents rich resources committed to making a difference for others. The IOBG Humanitarian Foundation is a volunteer non-profit 501(c) (3) California public benefit corporation which:

- Supports world wide humanitarian causes
- Provides grants to Local Assistance Programs, and Youth Assistance Programs
- Sponsors Special Olympic Sailing Programs

The IOBG Humanitarian Foundation’s objective is to implement our founding fathers’ vision of serving mankind through the use of the extraordinary talents, international relationships and the business experience of our members. In support of this goal, the Foundation focuses on:

- Fund Raising
- Strategic partnerships
- Education
- Communication
- Volunteer service opportunities
- Grants to approved causes

Each IOBG yacht club chapter may support the Foundation by:

- Annual fund raising events
- Individual member contributions
- Donation of time and talent
- Solicitation of personal and corporate contributions through personal contacts

### **Projects and Accomplishments**

The initial Foundation cause supported the National Bone Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). The NMDP is a widely appealing cause which increases the potential donors in the national registry. This enhances the probability of as recipient finding a match which is a life extending gift to those requiring a marrow transplant. We have broadened our activities to provide for greater participation from within the IOBG and the community at large. Additional projects have included medical research, a sea rescue organization, a children’s hospital, youth sailing programs, support of the City of Hope, Make A Wish and Special Olympic Sailing, just to mention a few.

## How You Can Help

The IOBGHF is a volunteer organization, which depends on generous contributions of time and talent. Not all people can participate in administration and operation of the IOBGHF, but if you do want to make a world of difference, catch our spirit and make hope a reality, you can make a tax deductible contribution to the IOBGHF in the following ways:

- Cash contributions property donations
- Security or real estate gifts
- Naming the foundation as a beneficiary in your will or trust
- Assignment of insurance proceeds to the benefit of the foundation
- Irrevocable charitable remainder trusts, which may provide your estate with significant tax planning benefits.



The opportunity to make a difference for another's life is one of the greater human satisfactions. The IOBFGHF is committed to provide opportunities for participation for people to conveniently select a cause, which means something special to them.

**We invite you to make a world of difference, catch our spirit and make hope a reality**

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