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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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# International Order of the Blue Gavel

## Winter Regional Meeting

February 5-8, 2015

San Diego, CA



Bay Club Hotel  
2131 Shelter Island Drive  
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[www.bayclubhotel.com](http://www.bayclubhotel.com)

Room Rate: \$119, single,  
\$129, double.  
May be extended beyond  
IOBG meeting dates, based  
on availability

Rates include full hot breakfast, parking, airport shuttle  
and free WiFi.

**For reservations, call (800) 672-0800, reference**  
**International Order of the Blue Gavel,**  
by January 13, 2015

Bay Club Hotel is located near all the event venues.



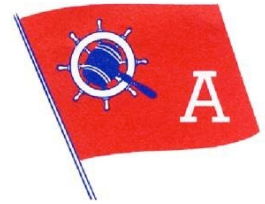


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San Diego, California

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## Schedule of Events

### **Thursday, February 5, 2015**

Check-in Hotel

5:00-7:00PM

Welcome Cocktail Party

**San Diego Yacht Club**

Dress: Yacht Club Casual

No Host Bar

### **Friday, February 6, 2015**

**Southwestern Yacht Club**

Dress: Winter Uniform

9:00-10:00am

Executive Committee Meeting

9:00-12:00pm

Humanitarian Foundation

10:00am-12:00pm

IOBG Regional Meeting

12:00-1:00pm

Lunch

1:00-3:30pm

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**Silver Gate Yacht Club**

6:00-9:00 pm

Dinner at **Silver Gate Yacht Club**

Dress: Yacht Club Casual

### **Saturday, February 7, 2015**

10:30-3:00pm

Harbor Cruise to Lunch at **Coronado Yacht Club**

6:00-9:30 pm

Farewell Dinner at **Southwestern Yacht Club**

Dress: Winter Uniform



# International Order of the Blue Gavel



## Winter Regional Meeting

San Diego, California

February 5-8, 2015

### Registration Form

#### Thursday, February 5

San Diego Yacht Club

Reception

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

#### Friday, February 6

Southwestern Yacht Club

Lunch

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 pp \_\_\_\_\_

Silver Gate Yacht Club

Dinner

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30pp \_\_\_\_\_

#### Saturday, February 7

Harbor Cruise to Coronado Yacht Club

and Lunch

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30pp \_\_\_\_\_

Southwestern Yacht Club

Dinner:

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45pp \_\_\_\_\_

#### Total Amount Submitted

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# President Joel Kay



What a year this has been. Mary Nye Meyers and I were knighted in Portland by the Rosarians during the June Regional Meeting. Having observed this event in previous years, I had no idea what my reaction would be. I knew that I would come away with something very special, but had no clue how I would really be affected. My memories of the knighting ceremony and the Masked Ball on Saturday night will be with me forever.

I have been attending Regional and Annual Meetings for many years and have come away with knowledge about yachtsmanship, leadership and the skills related to being an active IOBG member. The organization thought the Executive Committee has tackled some serious issues such as modernizing the bylaws; dealing with better communication "up the ladder and down the ladder" with our members; better relations between Districts within areas and how Districts and areas handle similar situations, such as membership and social activities; maintaining a recognizable place in their respective boating communities and the relationship to the general communities in which the District and their Chapters reside. The discussions and conclusions of these issues have had and continue to have profound results in favor of the organization.

Nancy and I would like to thank all those who were able to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting. We, along with Districts 7, 9 & 25, worked very hard toward having the 2014 Annual Meeting be a really meaningful experience. We put together a weekend of events: a tour of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Thursday afternoon; a trolley tour of historical Cleveland on Friday afternoon; wonderful dinners at two yacht clubs; a memorable Grand Ball on Saturday evening; and a hotel that was able to host the meetings in such a manner that we accomplished our business in the proper atmosphere.

Presidents - Past & Present





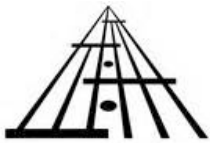


# INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL Annual Meeting

October 15 – 18, 2014



Beachwood, Ohio



**ROCK AND ROLL**  
HALL OF FAME + MUSEUM™







(Continued...)  
Lakeside Yacht Club - October 16, 2014







### Lolly the Trolley Sightseeing Tour



















## *US Sailing Representative Bill Thayer*



US Sailing's National Conference was held at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee, WI. October 23-25, 2014

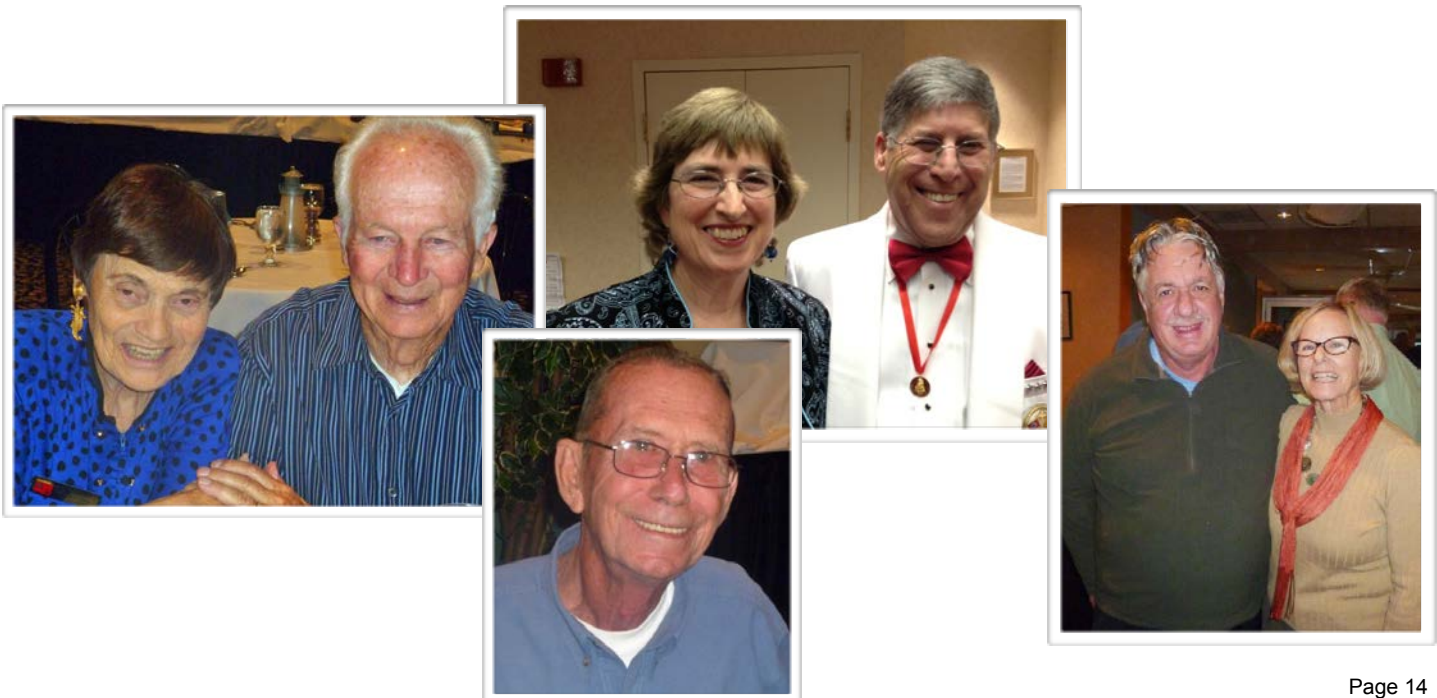
US Sailing has posted the official NATIONAL SAILING PROGRAMS SYMPOSIUM agenda for the 2015 event to be hosted by the Double Tree Hilton in New Orleans, LA. on January 21-24, 2014

The US Sailing Resource Center has collected a significant amount of educational content over the years from forums, symposiums and sanctioned courses and seminars. The center helps all types of sailors improve their abilities and provide new ideas for local sailing centers and yacht clubs.

RS Sailing has changed the game for Adaptive Sailing. The Venture Keel has a whole range of "plug and play" adaptive sailing options which compliment her self righting capabilities which can be added or removed as required to allow the same boat to be used for able bodies or adaptive sailing. Adaptive options, forward facing twin seats, twin joy sticks, smaller size Mainsail and jib. Three cockpit positions, forward for aft facing coaches, middle to allow crew to slide across the boat and aft to allow helmsman to slide across boat. Available soon, the electronic pack for paraplegic sailors. The first ever adaptive sailing seminar will be held at Sea Scout Base in Galveston, TX October 25-26.

Nominations are open for the US Sailing's Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year.

The 2014 International Federation for Disabled Sailing Combined World Championship in three Paralympic classes, SKUD, Sonar and 2.4mR was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia August 19-24. The primary goal for the team was to qualify the USA for the 2016 Games. The USA team qualified in two disciplines, SKUD and 2.4mR and narrowly missed on Sonar



Northwestern V.P.  
Mary Nye Meyers



Districts

1 & 5  
2, 4 & 24  
Blue Gavel Canada

District 1 and 5 both had their Change of Watch in September and both Boards are very excited about the potential for IOBG membership in our area.

In the past few years District 1 has lost 27 members while District 5 has lost almost half of its membership. It was a wake up call for everyone and now we have plans in place to "stop the leak".

The Districts both have the same goals in mind for 2015...

- 1) the "R & R" of membership (retaining & recruiting)
- 2) Explaining the District's relevance to their members and their yacht clubs...answering the question "Why should I join or stay in Blue Gavel?"

I've encouraged the use of "Conference Calling" and when everyone is ready...Skype or some other means of video & audio conferencing. The vastness of the Northwestern region does not accommodate frequent Board meetings or General meetings. With over 600,000 square miles in my region you can begin to understand how important it is to find alternate ways to keep communications open....other than the preferred "face-to-face".

District 1 and 5 both have reports that follow so I will not repeat any of their key points.



District 1

Lani Lightle, District Director

District #1 held it's 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 for most members we had a good turnout of 56 people attending this popular location.



The largest Opening Day in the Pacific Northwest was on May 3, 2014 and it is always 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 club to the boating community.



District 1 Report Continued...

District #1 held its annual summer picnic on July 18-19, 2014. This year we went to Port Hudson Marina and RV park in historic Port Townsend, Wash. Port Townsend is located about 45 miles northwest of Seattle by boat and is closer to Victoria, British Columbia. The Kingston Cove Yacht Club and our then 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bob Lee, hosted the event. We had over 30 members attend. Port Townsend had become a popular tourist attraction with many historic sites to see as well as scenic views

District #1 held its Fall Change of Watch meeting on September 20, 2014 in Everett, WA which is 25 miles north of Seattle. Kingston Cove Yacht Club hosted this event and did a great job. Bob Lee has moved up to the position of President and I know that Bob and his officers and board will have a great year. We were honored to have District #5 president Duane Westfall join us this year.

Past President Lani Lightlie (left) passing the gavel to 2015 President Bob Lee (right).



Submitted by District 5:  
Duane Westfall, District Director  
Mike Kondrat, President

Our new executive team is very excited about the potential for IOBG District 5 in 2015. We will focus on two things to make Blue Gavel successful: understanding our District's relevance to each and every yacht club in the Portland Metro area and driving our membership numbers up. We plan to do this through effective monthly communications with our members as well as with any past and current commodores and with our boating community as a whole.

Projects like the replacement of worn and lost life jackets at our boating area kiosks or developing a shelter at a boating destination are just a few examples of how we intend to engage our members and make membership in IOBG District 5 relevant.

Making IOBG fun, exciting and vibrant is a challenge we will meet. We are looking forward to hosting the Spring Regional Meeting in June 2015.

District 5's change of watch was on Tuesday September 23, 2014.

District 5's New Officers for IOBG are:

- Duane Westfall District Director
- Mike Kondrat President
- Jen Tonneson Vice President
- Steve Adkins Treasurer
- Bill McKinney Secretary

Southwestern V.P.

Sherry Barone



Districts

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

I am looking forward to being the Southwestern VP and getting to know the districts and chapters from Hawaii to San Francisco/Delta veering 5600 miles.

Regan and I attended the Annual Meeting in Cleveland as the new officers were elected. Joel and Nancy Kay put on a fabulous weekend in Cleveland. The hospitality as well as the local yacht clubs were amazing as we managed to squeeze in staying a few extra days visiting the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Art Museum, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Maltz Jewish Heritage Museum and local Cleveland sights.

The IOBG weekend included seeing old friends as well as meeting new IOBG members. The annual meeting was fun with Master of Ceremony of the event Stephen Willing. The officers were installed followed by dinner, dancing and enjoyable music from a local band.

At the annual meeting it was voted to increase the International dues by \$10 to cover expenses. This is the first increase in seven years to cover operating expenses. I am hoping that our membership will see that this is a reasonable cost in maintaining this fine organization.



District 6  
Richard Denton, District Director

BBQ and Election - Wednesday, October 1, 2014

We had a relaxing evening at the election BBQ at the Kaneohe Yacht Club. Some of our regulars were unable to make it due to some severe weather and traffic on the leeward side, but the setting at the gazebo was beautiful and clear.

Our newest board member, Vice President Ellis Abram, was elected and agreed to serve this coming year along with President Bill DeRego and District Director Richard Denton. Thank you to Sterling Lau who has served District 6 for the last three years.

Dues renewal letters

Secretary Donna Salisbury has sent out letters for 2015 renewal along with enclosures referencing information for the November and December events.

Installation and Induction dinner - Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Installation of 2015 Officers and Induction of new members was at the Hawaii Yacht Club - Wednesday, November 5th, 6:00 p.m.

HCA/IOBG Christmas Party - Thursday, December 4, 2014

Our IOBG/HCA Christmas Party also take place at Hawaii Yacht Club, Thursday, December 4th, 6:00 p.m. There was a Christmas buffet and also our traditional IOBG gift exchange. There was no charge for the meal.



District 10  
LaVon Plumlee, District Director

2014 continues to be a busy and very enjoyable year for our District 10 members. Our membership continues to expand and we presently have 87 members. We have encouraged our new members to become active on the board for next year, and we are looking forward to their active participation.

Humanitarian Foundation: Last year we hosted a very successful Fashion Show in support of the Humanitarian Foundation, and we hosted an even bigger event this year at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club on November 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the fashion show and luncheon, the event featured vendor tables for holiday shopping, entertainment, plus a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Humanitarian Foundation.

Communication: District 10 continues to stress communications as is a vital factor to our success. Our Newsletter Editor, Jon Fults, publishes our monthly newsletter and we also have a website (<http://www.iobg-district10.org>).

District 11  
Sherry Barone, District Director



We finished the summer windy q BBQ with various guest speakers on 16 September 2014 as well as the Sundown Friday night sailboat races on 14 September 2014 while we enjoyed racing.

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 featured special speakers and 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.

Our change of watch and installation was on 7 December 2014 at Del Rey Yacht Club. Steve Martinoff The Voice senior cameraman and boater was our guest speaker.

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District 14  
Marge Bottari, District Director

After recent 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 and raised \$300 for 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 have wine tastings and will have additional fund raising events to raise money for these sail training applicants.

District 14 has done a Memorial Day cruise on the SS Jeremiah O'Brian, a WWII Liberty Ship. We also participated with PICYA on the Hornblower Yacht the California, in the Opening Day Festivities on the SF Bay in April as well as joined District 19 on their annual "Cruise Out" to Rio Vista. We also had our Annual General Meeting in July at the Oyster Point Yacht Club with a wine tasting, prizes, lunch and much discussion about growing D14.

A new District 14 IOBG Blue Gavel Chapter Club, the Barbary Coast Boat Club, has inducted several IOBG members this year. The Executive Committee attended their August 7th meeting inducted 3 new members and talked to the membership and officers.

We will be surveying our membership to see what they would like to see in the way of District 14 activities for 2015.

**2015 Installation of Officers and Directors was November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Encinal YC**

Marge Bottari, Director

Susie West, President

Susan Jacquelin, Vice President

Mike West, Secretary (tentative)

Vern Benson, Treasurer





District 15  
Kathy Smith, District Director

District 15's new officers are looking forward to the New Year.

Our goal is to have some fun, and do some good. We accomplished these goals last year, as we had three parties, raised funds for 3 charities, and presented our annual Yacht Club Management Seminar. It is a formula that works for us.

At our Change of Watch Dinner and Ceremony, October 11, our new officers were installed by Past President Jeanne Irwin: District Director: Kathy Smith, President: Jim Jenkins, Vice President: Bill Edwards, Secretary: Ned Knight, and Treasurer and Supply Officer: Marshall Nemoj.

Our first major event in 2015, will be our annual Yacht Club Management Seminar. It is designed to provide basic information for the leaders, future leaders, and those just want to know more about their clubs. The seminar addresses areas of Yacht Club management such as Finance, Legal, Alcohol and Beverage Control, Protocol, and Yachting Organizations. President Jim Jenkins will be visiting the Board of Directors for the Yacht Clubs in our District, offering a challenge: What questions would you like to see answered at the seminar? And who do you think should attend? There will also be a new perpetual trophy for the club each year with the most participants.

Our members look forward to our Annual Members Thank You Party, usually in Spring, when New Members are welcomed and honored.

Our new Website should be up and running, soon. This will allow our members and other interested parties, a chance to keep abreast of our activities and opportunities for involvement. Thanks to President Jim Jenkins for taking on this task.



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North Central V.P.  
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Districts  
7, 9, 23 & 25

Submitted by:  
Past NCVP Tony Durieux



Thankfully, the great lakes districts withstood a very harsh winter and a late spring (ice on the lakes lasting through May).

2014 has turned out to be a very positive year. This has to do with the hard work and dedication shown by the e-boards in all the districts that make up the North Central Region. All districts have shown sustained or positive growth in membership.

The why behind their success has to do with the leadership of the e-boards. Their planning of district wide activities and continued close contact with their chapters resulted in high membership retention. Finally, the districts recognized the opportunity to increase their base by adding new chapters.

I take my hat off to all of North Central districts and say Well Done.

District 7  
Pat McIlwee, District Director

District 7 has had a very eventful fun filled year culminating with the IOBG International meeting here in Cleveland Ohio. I am sure that everyone enjoyed the fall colors and the beautiful weather that this time of the year presents.

District 7 has gained some momentum due to the efforts of the 2014 Bridge. We currently have 256 members strong. President Gene McKeown, President Elect Warren Dempster and First Vice President Rich McKee have worked diligently to engage with our members and create value in our fraternity

In June IOBG District 7 hosted a cocktail party for the Greater Cleveland Boating Association which is held at the Huron Boat Basin. The event is very well attended and our GCBA friends are very grateful that we support this important function.

In August we had a cocktail party for Commodore Steve Harris in conjunction with District 9 and District 25 at the Put-In Bay Yacht Club for Interlake Yachting Association Regatta. This is also a very well attended event and all three of our districts gain wonderful exposure.

In September we had a wine tour in Geneva Ohio. Ohio wines are some of the finest in the world as the growing conditions in our area our superb. This season's mild weather has produced a fabulous crop that will be the envy of many wine enthusiasts.

Our change of watch was held at Forest City Yacht Club on October 11.

District 9  
Stephen Barry, District Director

The officers and members of District 9 have always been active and supportive of the gavel as well as other organizations and events. This upcoming year we see the focus coming back to more participation in district wide events. While activity will continue at the club chapters, there will be more activities at the district level for participation.

We are in the midst of a fundraiser built around the Big 10, and specifically Ohio State and Michigan. It runs for 14 weeks and provides for lots of communication and interaction between Blue Gavel members as well as other members at the clubs.

We held our annual meeting on Sunday October 12 with new officers elected who started their new duties on November 1. The new officers have a lot of enthusiasm for the district and are already making plans to move the district forward.

The district is working closely with the IOBGA on events and support of each other. As activities and involvement in one organization grows, so does the other.

Local chapters at the clubs are active in supporting their clubs activities. Many have held dinners, car rallies, and other events at the clubs. In addition to promoting participation at the clubs, they have raised funds which can be then channeled into charities or back into the clubs.

The new president has some goals for the upcoming year. He is working on increasing communication within the district as well as between clubs. His other main goal is to increase social events. He is planning on having at least 4 events this year to increase participation and strengthen our district.

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 has not been 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 above 100 this year. I would also like to thank Secretary Shawn O'Neil who is resigning as District 25 secretary after performing this function for many years. Shawn services surely will be missed.

District 25 for the second year in a row supported District 7 and marched with them in Cleveland's St Patrick's Day parade. Also along with district 7 and district 9 we helped put on our annual IOBG cocktail party at the power boat regatta at Put in Bay for ILYA.

Two District 25 chapters, Great Lakes Steel Boat Club and Sun Parlour Boat Club held events and once again extended an invitation for the district to assist. GLSBC held their annual Zukin's Ribs Dinner, while SPBC hosted a Chicken dinner. In return for the district participation in these events, the two chapters are donating a percentage of their profits to District 25.

It has been my pleasure serving as District Director for this past year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish 2015 President, Harold Weaver and his Board the best of luck as they lead the district forward in the coming year.



*Northeastern V.P.*  
*Ernie Odierna*



*Districts*  
3, 12, 20,  
26 & 27



*Southeastern V.P.*  
*Bud Higginson*



*Districts*  
8 & 18

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 application for a Blue Gavel Chapter with 952 members of which 26 are Past Commodores has been approved. District 8 Annual Membership meeting was hosted by the Pelican Isle Yacht Club in Naples, FL on October 11, 2014. PC Bill Pittman became the District 8 President and all positions were filled including that of the District Director for which I was re-elected to serve in that position.

International chose District 18 for its Summer Regional meeting held August 14-16, 2014 in Charleston SC hosted by the Charleston Yacht Club in order to promote IOBG's renewed efforts to boost membership in the District. With a good turnout, the exposure to the Executive Committee and others of those in attendance, I felt the meeting was very successful and hopeful we will see results of that in the near future.

Buzz Bisanz, who held the positions of District Director and that of the President, stepped down as President and will continue to serve as the District Director. Dave Kowert who was 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President was named President. As the membership grows, a Secretary/Treasurer will be named and other officers as needed. Mailings will be made to inactive members encouraging them to renew their membership and yacht clubs in the Charleston area will be targeted in the beginning, expanding out over the entire District over the long term.



District 8  
Bud Higginson, District Director

District 8 is please to announce that it has added two new chapters this year. They are the Dunedin Boat Club in Dunedin, FL with seven members. District 8 President and I swore in the members and officers at a ceremony on November 22, 2014 in Dunedin. The second chapter is Lauderdale Yacht Club in Fort Lauderdale, FL. P/C Fred Welker, who was the primary organizer, will be their President with Sec/Treas being elected at a later date. The Lauderdale Yacht Club has 952 members of which 26 are Past Commodores. The LYC Board of Directors approved the establishment of an IOBG Chapter at its meeting two months ago.



At our October 11, 2014 Annual Meeting, the following were elected to our Executive Committee: International Director B.E. "Bud" Higginson, President William Pittman, President Elect Shaun Graser, 1st Vice President Peter Franck, 2nd Vice President Leonard Tower , Secretary Heather Wood, and Treasurer Robert Pease. Chuck Ranson, Past President automatically remained a member of the Executive Committee.

Other appointed members are: Douglas Case, Legal Officer; Mary Nye Meyers, Gulf Stream Editor/Web Site. International President-Elect Joe Dowdell did the honors of swearing in the Elected Officers at the Evening Dinner Event.

Also at the Annual Meeting Bob Pease, Treasurer reported that District 8 has 214 paid up members with 23 active chapters. He also reported that we had a balance as of November 1, 2013 was \$6220.89. Income totaled \$3390.50 and expenses totaled \$2312.63 resulting in a new balance as of Oct 1, 2014 of \$7298.76. When the proposed budget was reviewed, a member question the setting aside of funds to help defray the cost of Marathon Yacht Club in their hosting of 2015 Annual IOBG meeting. After lengthy discussions, President Elect Shaun Graser suggested that we need to do a better job in informing our membership and he volunteered to work with the new President on this challenge.

In a poll of the membership, the majority voted in favor of the proposed increase in the IOBG annual dues. Many expressed concern that we may lose some members while one to two chapters stated they may drop out of IOBG as a result of this increase.

District 18  
Robert 'Buzz' Bisanz, District Director

District 18 successfully hosted the IOBG Regional Meeting in Charleston, SC at the Charleston Yacht Club (CYC) in August 2014. Our hosts at CYC and at the Hobcaw Yacht Club were very hospitable and welcomed our Officers with open arms.

On the final day of the Charleston IOBG meeting, District 18 President 'Buzz' Bisanz resigned the position of District 18 President and called for an election to name a new District President. The then current District 18 Vice President, Dave Kowert was nominated and elected as District 18 President. In addition, Buzz Bisanz, was re-elected as District 18 Director.

The next step in rebuilding District 18 is to name a District Treasurer. Both President Kowert and District Director Bisanz are searching for the individual to serve the District in this position. Our efforts are a priority as we are anxious to transfer our District funds currently being held by the International office back into District 18.

Based on our Blue Gavel Charleston, SC meeting in August we have sparked enthusiasm in the Charleston area where we have multiple yacht clubs. Effort will continue to plan events in the near future to build and recruit Blue Gavel members from this area. Once we attain this success we will expand into other geographical areas in District 18. The District consists of the states of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.



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# 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

IOBG, IOBGA and IOBG-HF meetings, dinners and dances are over and we are in the new year. On behalf of the International Order of the Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation, I believe that we are mostly over the past few years of problems.

Now we have a new but experienced Board and a new Legal Officer, Joel Newman, from District 7.

Individual Directors are now in charge of functions i.e. the Vice President is in charge of Advertising of which there has been none in the past. Many members know very little about HF and we will change that. Supplies will be inventoried and under one Director for distribution when requested.

HF financial status is almost the same as last year and there are no outstanding LAPs. We need more Local Area Projects (LAPs). You can assist by observing programs/projects that need our help and then let us know. We need more contributions/donations. HF is a 501c(3) which makes your donation tax deductible. If you donate to HF, ask them to distribute according to your list of other organizations and you will save time and not miss any tax deductions.

We have 7 Directors and trying to visit all IOBG members is quite limited but the answer is Ambassadors. We were fortunate in appointing P/Cs Harold Weaver and David Wells as Ambassadors for HF.

## 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.



Make a minimum donation to the Humanitarian Foundation of \$100. 00 and receive a one-of-a-kind "Action For Life" pin that you can wear proudly.

Now available we have \$500 and \$1000 award pins. \$500 has a silver wreath and \$1000 has a gold wreath.

Until March 1st you can trade in your \$100 pins 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.

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