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It's time to get down to 2015 IOBG business. Congratulations to all the members who have come on board with paying their 2015 dues - \$10.00 more than the past five years. It may be a little early to tell but it seems that the dues increase is not having a negative impact on membership. I am more than willing to talk to any member who may feel uncomfortable with the dues increase.

The folks in the San Diego area prepared a weekend of great events for our Winter Regional meeting. We had the usual meetings on Friday and Saturday - Executive Board meeting and Regional meeting. This was the first time that Area Vice Presidents received a stipend to help defray their costs of attending regional meetings. The funds covering these costs came from the dues increase. The goal is to get more members interested in the International Operations and become members of the Executive Committee. The best way to do this is have them come to the meetings and learn the ins and outs of how the organization is run.

Nancy and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Portland, Oregon.



IOBG Spring Regional Meeting

Thursday, June 4 - Sunday, June 7, 2015

Hosted by District 5 - Portland, Oregon

District 5 welcomes you to participate in an IOBG tradition over 40 years in the making—the IOBG Spring Regional Meeting held in Portland, Oregon, in conjunction with the famous Portland Rose Festival. Thursday’s IOBG business meeting and lunch will be at the historic Portland Yacht Club located on the Columbia River, “Mighty River of the West.” On Friday afternoon and evening attendees will relax at Columbia River Yacht Club, enjoying boat rides, social hour, and dinner.



Portland Yacht Club



Columbia River Yacht Club



Amid your IOBG activities you will delight in a festival that is over 100 years old, the Portland Rose Festival. There are events to please everyone from a huge carnival on the waterfront to one of the best rose shows in the country. As is the tradition, IOBG’s incoming president will be knighted on Friday by the Queen of Rosaria in Portland’s Oregon Square Courtyard. Saturday is a spectacular parade of floats, topped off by the Grand Floral Ball.

The Rose Festival and IOBG headquarters hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232. Phone: 844-841-8376

There are a host of activities found on the Rose Festival at www.rosefestival.org/programs.

Note: The Spring Meeting registration form for the District 5 hosted events and meetings is mailed to District 5. The address is found at the bottom of the registration form.

We look forward to making your visit to Portland productive and truly enjoyable.

See you in Portland this June!

IOBG District 5



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

IOBG Spring Regional Meeting

June 4 – 6, 2015

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Dress for the Day: Summer Uniform
Transportation on your own

Portland Yacht Club

1241 NE Marine Drive Portland, OR 97211
503 285 1922

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|---------------------|--|----------------|
| 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | IOBG Executive Committee / IOBGA Executive Committee | |
| 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | IOBG General Meeting | |
| 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | IOBG Auxiliary Meeting | |
| 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | IOBG Humanitarian Foundation Meeting | |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Lunch _____ @ \$25.00 per person | Total \$ _____ |
| 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | IOBG & IOBGA General Meetings (Continued) | |

Friday, June 5, 2015

10:00 AM Royal Rosarians Knighting Ceremony – Oregon Square Courtyard
Dress for the Event: Summer Uniform
Transportation on your own

Columbia River Yacht Club

37 N Tomahawk Island Dr. Portland, OR 97217
503 289 6561

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| 5:00 | Cocktails: No Host Bar | |
| 6:00 | Dinner _____ \$40.00 per person | Total \$ _____ |
| | Menu: Prime Rib, baked potatoes, vegetables, dinner roll, green salad, dessert | |
| | Preference: _____ Beef _____ Chicken | |
| | Dress for the event: Casual | |
| | <i>Transportation on your own</i> | |

Saturday June 6, 2015 *Please refer to Royal Rosarians Activities Schedule*
Transportation on your own.

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **“IOBG District 5”**
MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO: Blue Gavel District 5, 1521 N Jantzen Ave. #334, Portland, OR 97217

Deadline: May 26, 2015

Event Contacts: District - Mike Kondrat, President, 503 819 2775 Email: mike@kondrats.com
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HOSPITALITY WEEKEND EVENT REGISTRATION

The 2015 Royal Rosarian Rose Festival Hospitality Weekend

June 4th - 7th DoubleTree By Hilton Portland, Oregon



Full Registration discount is available through Friday, May 15, 2015.
Registration deadline is May 22, 2015.

ONLINE Registration and Payment is available at:
www.RoyalRosarians.com, Hospitality

Or complete this registration sheet and mail with payment to: Royal Rosarians 2015 Hospitality
8410 NW Copeland St.
Portland, OR 97229
Phone: 503-297-7829 (Marjie Dreiseszun)

**(1) SELECT
FULL REGISTRATION**

This option includes the Hospitality Suite (Thurs-Fri-Sat), Fun Night - "Roses, Rods and Rock n' Roll", Grand Floral Ball* - "A Simply Elegant Affair," and Farewell Breakfast. (Note: The Queens' Garden Party, Queen's Coronation & Parade Tickets are not included in the full registration).

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| Couple..... | \$300 per couple | x ___ couple/s | = \$ _____ |
| Couple (after May 15)..... | \$320 per couple | x ___ couple/s | = \$ _____ |
| Single..... | \$150 per person | | = \$ _____ |
| Single (after May 15)..... | \$160 per person | | = \$ _____ |

ALA CARTE EVENT REGISTRATION

Individual event tickets can also be purchased:

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| Queens' Garden Party (Friday)..... | \$30 per person | x ___ tickets | = \$ _____ |
| Indicate meal choice: # ___ meat # ___ vegetarian | | | |
| Coronation/Grand Floral Parade Preferred Seating (Saturday) **..... | \$30 per person | x ___ tickets | = \$ _____ |

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: (US \$) = \$ _____

*Indicate meal choice for the Grand Floral Ball on the back of this registration sheet.

** Coronation/Grand Floral Parade Preferred Seating tickets are available until May 22, 2015. Parade tickets can be purchased directly from the Rose Festival Foundation after May 22, 2015 by calling 877-789-7673, subject to availability and handling charges. Coronation/Grand Floral Parade Preferred Seating tickets are non-refundable.

(2) PAYMENT

My Check for \$ _____ is enclosed made payable to Royal Rosarians or Please bill my: ___VISA___Mastercard

Amount Authorized: \$ _____ Account #: _____ Expiration: _____/_____/_____

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email:(for confirmation): _____

Organization (if any): _____ Title: _____



HOSPITALITY WEEKEND EVENT REGISTRATION

The 2015 Royal Rosarian Rose Festival Hospitality Weekend

June 4th - 7th DoubleTree By Hilton Portland, Oregon



Grand Floral Ball meal selection -- please indicate each attendee's selection:

NAME: _____ ___ Steak ___ Salmon ___ Vegetarian

NAME: _____ ___ Steak ___ Salmon ___ Vegetarian

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NAME: _____ ___ Steak ___ Salmon ___ Vegetarian

Please contact the hotel for any special needs due to physical limitations or dietary restrictions.

Hospitality Weekend Silent Auction - Items available for bidding are on display, 15th floor. Raffle tickets on sale; raffle drawing on evening of Grand Floral Ball (need not be present to win). To Contribute Items - Contact: Roz Vanzil at 503-799-0664 or rozvancil@gmail.com.

Hospitality Suite Food or Cash Donations - contact Pat Maberry at 503-649-2739 or patmaberry@comcast.net.

Event Registration Assistance - if you need ANY assistance with online or mailed registration and payment, please contact Marjie Dreiseszun at 503-297-7829 or marjie@dreiseszun.com.

Hospitality 2015 Questions - please contact:
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Robert Cyrus, Council liaison for Knighting and Queens' Garden Party at 503-622-1907 or robert.cyrus@frontier.com

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The DoubleTree by Hilton Portland is the host hotel.
1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR 97232

The room discount code is **RH3** for a special room rate of \$132 & \$142 plus tax per night through May 7th. On-site covered parking is included with reservations made using this discount code. Book accommodations online using a link at www.RoyalRosarians.com or call the hotel directly at 503-281-6111 or 800-996-0510.

Hotel discount cutoff is May 7, 2015

2015 HOSPITALITY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

THURSDAY JUNE 4

3 – 8 pm Registration - Lobby

3 – 8 pm Hospitality Suite - 15th Floor Presidential Suite

FRIDAY JUNE 5

8 am - 5 pm Registration - Lobby

10 - 11:30 am Royal Rosarian Knighting Ceremony -
Oregon Square Courtyard

12:30 - 2:30 pm Queens' Garden Party - Ballroom
(Tickets are ala carte, includes luncheon)

1 - 4 pm Hospitality Suite - 15th Floor Presidential Suite

5:30 - 10 pm Fun Night - "Roses, Rods, and Rock n' Roll" -
Ballroom

SATURDAY JUNE 7

8 am Tri-Met MAX Light Rail from the hotel to Memorial
Coliseum for Float Viewing, Queen's Coronation,
and Grand Floral Parade

8:30 am Coronation of the 2015 Rose Festival Queen
(Preferred seating available with an ala carte
ticket)

10 am Grand Floral Parade
(Preferred seating available with an ala carte ticket
or view the parade from any vantage point along
its route)

1 - 4 pm Hospitality Suite - 15th Floor Presidential Suite

6 pm Grand Floral Ball - "A Simply Elegant Affair" -
Ballroom

SUNDAY JUNE 8

8:30 am Farewell Breakfast - Ballroom

11 am Placement of the Queen's Plaque - Washington
Park International Rose Test Garden

Attire Guidelines:

Knighting Ceremony – RR Dress Whites (women wear pants), or Business attire
Queens' Garden Party – RR Dress Whites (women wear day skirts), or
Business attire

Fun Night – Casual, 50's or 60's style, or jeans

Coronation/Grand Floral Parade – RR Dress Whites (women wear pants), or
Casual

Grand Floral Ball – RR Dress Whites (women wear long skirts), or Evening
Gowns, Tux or Dinner Jackets

Farewell Breakfast/Queen's Plaque Ceremony – RR Dress Whites (women wear
pants), RR Greens if not attending Queen's Plaque Laying, or Casual



President - Elect Joe Dowdell



The Annual meeting in 2015 will be held in Marathon Florida on October 22, 23 and 24. Activities will be centered at my home club, Marathon Yacht Club. Marathon is located in the Florida Keys, a string of islands stretching from Florida's southern mainland tip 165 miles into the Florida Straits and Gulf of Mexico. Marathon is the Heart of the Florida Keys, 110 miles from Miami and 50 miles north of Key West. Air Transportation into Miami or Ft Lauderdale is best, although there is an airport in Key West,

For hundreds of years, the island chain was left mostly to the pirates. Eventually, the pirates were chased away by a fledgling U.S. Navy pirate fleet established in Key West in 1822. Settlers followed. The early settlers raised Key limes and Pineapple. But the Islands would still be sparsely populated today except for the vision of one man - Henry Flagler - a name synonymous with growth and development for the State of Florida.

Originally an oil man, Flagler, with his partner John D. Rockefeller, had formed Standard Oil, which later became the biggest and wealthiest industrial company in the world. Giving up his New York Standard Oil job in 1885, he went on to create the Florida East Coast Railway, which by 1895, had founded the cities of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach and, in 1896, Miami. He wanted to extend his railroad from Miami to Key West. The work began in 1905. The railroad's track ultimately stretched more than 100 miles out into open water. It's bridges and viaducts linked the islands of the Keys. It was regarded as an engineering marvel.

Florida Keys Conchs and the Conch Republic. Persons born in Key West and the Florida Keys were called "Conchs", after the locally abundant Queen Conch, a large snail-like creature used as a major food source throughout the Carribean islands.

The name "Conch Republic" refers to the community of islands comprising Florida Keys. In 1982 the United States Border Patrol blockaded Highway U.S.1 at Florida City just to the north of the Florida Keys in hopes of finding illegal drugs or illegal immigrants. This created a major inconvenience and aggravation for people traveling from the Keys, and hurt the Keys' important tourism industry. This effectively isolated Keys citizens from the U.S. mainland since the blockade was the only land artery to and from the mainland. This roadblock portrayed Keys residents as non-U.S. citizens who had to prove their citizenship in order to drive onto the Florida mainland! After various complaints were unanswered by the Federal Government, and attempts to get a legal injunction against the "blockade" failed in court, the Conch Republic was established by a tongue-in-cheek secession of the Florida Keys from the United States of America This move succeeded in generating great publicity for the Keys' plight, and the road-block/inspection station was removed. However, The Conch Republic flag (showing a queen conch shell in a sun burst on a field of blue) is still commonly seen throughout the Florida Keys.

The Queen Conch Shell has been selected as the symbol of this year's annual meeting. A replica of the Queen Conch is the centerpiece of this years annual meeting pin that all attendees will receive.



Just past Marathon is the Seven Mile Bridge. Nestled beneath what is now called the Old Seven Mile Bridge, lies the historical treasure known as Pigeon Key, which, despite its tiny size, played an enormous role in Keys history. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, today it houses century-old buildings and a museum chronicling the construction of the Key West Extension, commonly called the Oversea Railway. It served as a base camp for workers during construction of the original Seven Mile Bridge, the awe-inspiring centerpiece of Henry Flagler's Key West Extension of the Florida East Coast Railroad. We are planning a boat trip out to historic little Pigeon Key island and museum as part of our events.



Also planned is a trip to the world renowned Dolphin Research Center where you can get up close and personal (even swim with) Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins!



Another attraction we will be visiting is The Aquarium Encounter an attraction that just opened this year. It has already become one of the areas highest rated attractions. Open air ponds and exhibits feature local sea animals in their native habitat, and some of our more adventurous members will swim with and feed sharks, rays and goliath grouper.

The Group will be staying at the newest and finest facility in the Florida Keys, the Hyatt Place at Faro Blanco Resort and Yacht Club. Faro Blanco means "white lighthouse" and there is a working navigational lighthouse dating to 1950 on the site.

The rate of \$163 plus \$12.5% tax includes free breakfast, free wifi, pool and 24 hour fitness center. To get this preferred rate you must call 1-855-546-0338 before September 21. Reservation requests after the cut-off date will be based on availability at prevailing rates.

The history of Marathon is firmly anchored to its fishing heritage, and the waters surrounding Marathon offer sport fishing of all kinds. There is no end to the list of other things to do in Marathon and the Middle Florida Keys. You'll find activities here in the Heart of the Florida Keys for all ages and energy levels!

There is the Sea Turtle Hospital and Crane Point Hammock, a Nature Preserve and History Museum.

Excursions before and after the meeting will also be available.. There is a fast passenger ferry from Key West to Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas. Also the Fantasy Fest and Parade in Key West.

I will have complete details at the Portland Regional Meeting on June 4-7.

So Mark your Calendars for October 22, 23 and 24 in Marathon, Florida...



**International Order of the Blue Gavel
ANNUAL MEETING**

October 22 - 24, 2015



Florida Keys

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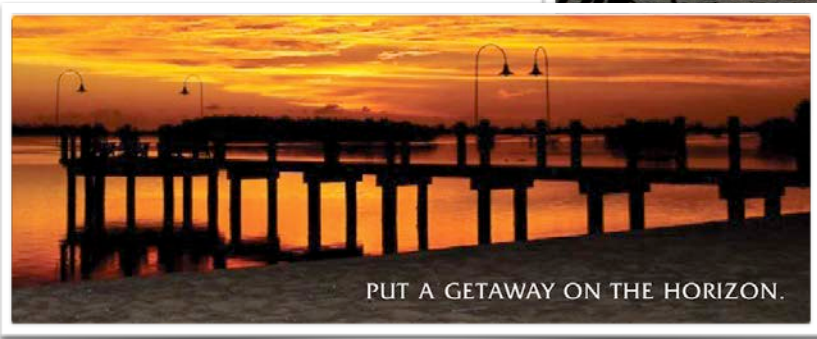
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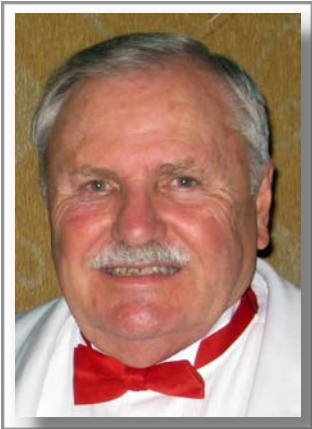
I am pleased and honored to be the 1st Vice President. The 1st Vice President is responsible for the districts east of the Mississippi and District 50. I am learning more about how Blue Gavel functions in the eastern part of the US and Canada.

We have a number of challenges with regard to membership recruitment and retention. Each member can help make IOBG relevant and an attraction for new past commodores. What is the district/chapter doing to engage the members? What social, philanthropic, educational and service activities are planned that members can participate in? Members, you take the initiative to suggest an activity. Ask how you can help. A strong organization is the result of all of our efforts.

The Area Vice Presidents are working with the districts to support and encourage the district's activities. They are also reaching out to the districts that are struggling to stay afloat or are not afloat at the present.

I was recently asked by a District Past President what is IOBG doing to promote IOBG internationally. At present we don't have a program in place. We have an information sheet telling past commodores about Blue Gavel. We don't have a brochure to distribute discussing the virtues of Blue Gavel. After talking with some of the Past International Presidents, I discovered there have been major challenges developing chapters and districts internationally. With the Executive Board's approval, I have tasked myself and a committee to identify the issues, identify possible solutions to the obstacles and report back to the Executive Board with a proposal for proceeding. The committee consists of Past Presidents Steve Willing and Vern Bendsen and North Central AVP Mark Vadja. We can use someone on our team with a public relations or marketing expertise. If you have that or know of someone please contact me.





Second Vice President Tony Durieux

My report will begin with a big “thank you”. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Blue Gavel.

I remember, my last days as a sitting commodore when I began to think about what was next. I was lucky to have a friend by the name of Ken McCloud. He was a past commodore of my yacht club and a Past International V.P, of the Blue Gavel. He sat down with me and suggested that I not only join the Blue Gavel, I should get involved.

Becoming a member of this prestigious organization was my first thought. I did not ask what the gavel could do for me. Then, I remembered what Ken had asked of me, "Get involved".

I made an inquiry on how I could help at the district level and that is where I met Joel Kay. He became and continues to be a close friend and mentor.

I found that the suggestion made to me by Ken McCloud was something I really wanted to pursue and Joel pointed me in the right direction.

For all of us here, the gavel became a calling. It was something we aspired to become after our commodore year. The status associated with belonging to the Blue Gavel is the result of the many commodores who came before us and through their leadership and good will, made the Blue Gavel this special fraternity made up of our peers. We looked forward to the time when we could wear that Blue Gavel patch and fly the Blue Gavel Burgee.



Once a commodore, always a commodore and being a member of the Blue Gavel is like the finale to a long and sometimes storied journey to the becoming a past commodore. As I tell all new commodores, your club elected you commodore and gave you gold bars to prove it. I follow up by saying Sir; you will earn the silver bars.

Again, I thank you for your confidence and trust. I will do my best to respect those commodores who came before me and I will preserve the honor and integrity of the Blue Gavel.

Now, I have a request of you. We as Blue Gavel members give praiseworthy ideas and help to our yacht clubs and our community every day. What we do not do is promote our generosity and hard work beyond the moment. We need to let the world know who we are and what we stand for.

Please! Get the word out. Let everyone know what we stand for. If you will indulge me, we are community leaders and very good neighbors.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



Treasurer Marshall Nemoy

This report was prepared for distribution and discussion at the Regional Meeting to be held February 6, 2015 in San Diego, California. The report was presented to the Executive Committee and members in attendance.

The financial statements in this report are as of December 31, 2014 and for the year then ended. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial statements constitute the annual report of the organization and, accordingly, will be submitted to the Audit Committee for review. IOBG is organized into five operating activities. They are the International Operations Center (IOC), the Executive committee, the Annual Meeting, Area Vice Presidents and the Communications Group, formerly referred to the Blue Gavel Log, the Lighthouse and the organization's web site. All statements except for the Balance Sheet are presented in the budget comparison format. The financial results for each activity are discussed in this report.

Summary: For the year ended December 31, 2014 IOBG had a net income of \$5,548 which was \$14,417 less than last year. The notable increases were in travel (\$8,420), clerical services (\$810), insurance (\$893) and postage (\$952). Increases in travel were for the executive committee (\$5,443), area vice presidents (\$2,477) and the annual meeting (\$500).

Out total assets increased by \$12,255 primarily because of the increase in cash of \$12,688. The cash increased because of the increase of \$7,370 in deferred income - 2015 dues collected in 2014 - and cash generated from the net income of \$5,548. With 98.35% of our total assets in the form of cash and our net worth is 80.84% of our assets, one can safely say IOBG is financially healthy.

While IOBG is financially strong it must also be noted that dues revenue was \$3,900 less than budget and \$1,580 lower than last year. At the same time our expenses were \$8,534 lower than budgeted but \$12,983 higher than last year. The combination of these factors yielded a net income that was \$4,328 higher than budgeted and \$14,417 lower than last year.

International Operations Center: The expenses in this activity were \$670 higher than budget, they were \$4,605 greater than last year. Directors and Officers liability insurance was added during the year. The premium was \$893. We also had increased costs in web site maintenance when we changed the host for our web site. It is not expected that the increased cost will continue in 2015.

Executive Committee: The executive committee group, which includes the recording secretary, legal officer and Log editor, was \$841 lower than budget but \$5,444 higher than last year. The year-to-year difference was due to higher attendance at meetings of the authorized individuals.



Annual Meeting: The event was \$3,987 less than budget. The variance is due to less travel allowance expense because the budget is required to make a provision for all district directors that may attend the meeting. Expenses were \$1,316 higher than the previous year and were attributed to gifts and awards and travel.

Area Vice Presidents: The expenses for this group was \$2,486 higher than last year primarily in the travel expense category. The activity was, however, \$2,862 less than was budgeted. Each area vice president is authorized \$1,360 to conduct business in their area.

Communications Group: The activity now includes The Blue Gavel Log, the Lighthouse and our web site www.iobg.org. Some of the accounts were formerly charged to the IOC budget however the accounts for the new location were not created. Hence \$1,091 of expenses are shown in the IOC statement. If the reclassifications had been made the activity would be \$423 under budget and \$223 greater than last year.

Membership Statistics

A report as of February 1, 2015 shows 847 members have paid 2015 dues. Payments arrive daily and are processed within two to three days of receipt. As of March 1, 2015 we have 1,239 paid members. A year earlier on March 1, 2014 we had 1,240 paid members. It appears the dues increase has not had the impact that was predicted last October. The support from our members is always appreciated.

Treasurer's Comments

Processing Dues Payments: We accept dues payments in many forms, however, we ask the method be readable and clearly indicate new addresses or other important information. Membership cards are mailed directly to the member's mailing address. We do not keep track of temporary mailing addresses unless notified. We will change our database record any time a member notifies us of the change. This applies to your email address too.

What is the Sailing Ship on the Membership Card?: We have had some questions about the sailing ship on the membership card. It is the Star of India, a museum ship in San Diego. It was built in 1863 and sails each year in November on its birthday. It is the oldest regularly sailed ship. Those members attending the Regional Meeting in San Diego received a close-up view of the ship on the Saturday boat tour of San Diego Bay.

Duplicate Dues Payments: We have received more duplicate payments this year than in the past years. District treasurers should take care in producing their dues transmittals. We will eventually refund the duplicate payments. We will not hold the overpayment for a future transmittal.

I wish to thank all the district treasurers for their assistance with this year's dues transmittal season. Please keep up the good work. Remember, the IOC is here to serve the membership. We can answer many questions so please feel to contact us.









US Sailing Representative Bill Thayer



Some US Sailing Centers have started a new program called "Try It Out" clinics which are a series of invitational/open regional events around the country intended to introduce and familiarize sailors with a number of high performance boats.

The Gowrie Group Burgee Insurance Program has customized a plan to cover the non-profit public sailing program's needs, with broad protection that span across all aspects of the programs activities.

Ingham earns second career Championship of Champions. A 16 year old upstart and a former champion each entered Sunday's racing with a chance to win the Jack Brown trophy at the Championship of Champions, hosted by the Edgewater Yacht Club. The winner was team Mike Ingham, Delia Ingham and Dan Fien.

Meet Sara Hastreiter, Team SCA - Volvo Ocean Race. She has only been sailing for 4 years and now is an important player for team SCA at the Volvo Ocean Race.

US Sailing MVP (Member Value Program) had its first anniversary. Since January of 2014, nearly 300 yacht clubs and sailing centers have become MVP Partners. When a club member joins the MVP Program the member gets a discount and a portion of their dues goes back to the club to help defray expenses for training programs.

Terry Hutchinson and Stephanie Roble are US Sailing's 2014 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year.

Miami welcomed world class sailors in ten Olympic and three Paralympic events for the second regatta of the 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup series last month.

The National Sailing Programs Symposium 2015 was held in New Orleans last month.

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Northwestern V.P.
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Districts
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District 1
Lani Lightle, District Director

Our Spring meeting was hosted by the Spokane Yacht Club which is located in Post Falls near beautiful Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It was a very scenic 600 mile round trip drive but the beautiful weather and prospect of seeing our fellow District 1 members made the traveling worthwhile.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served as District 1 President for the past year. I will now assume the responsibilities of District Director. As such, one of the things I look forward to is working with the board and trustees on a plan to maintain and build our membership. Our district's membership has dropped dramatically. A new strategy needs to be established to change this. I will be working with our District board to initiate a new plan to accomplish this. There are opportunities to reintroduce dormant Chapters and bring in new Chapters.

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

Our executive team has been focused on membership these past few months, communicating with our members via email and in getting planned 2015 activities identified and started. As of this date we have seen a 50% increase in new members over 2014 and a 10% increase in renewals. We believe the renewal rate will actually be slightly higher as we see members finally sending in their dues payments.



District 5 Report Continued...

Our District is continuing its efforts in promoting water safety by donating life jackets to local areas. Several projects have been identified for 2015 and we are excited to be a part of local efforts in saving lives on the water. To support this effort we modified our renewal form to include a donation line for life jackets from our members.

IOBG members are leaders in the boating community and as such we have a responsibility to support our community where we see a need. In Portland we have a major issue with vagrant boats tying to docks for very extended times. This includes Riverplace which is in the heart of our downtown area. On behalf of our District, we wrote a letter in support of our Yachting Association to our mayor and the council members identifying this as an issue and asking them to resolve it. The city and county focused on this issue to successfully clear the dock.



On Saturday March 28th, 10 members of the District 5 cruised by land and water to Hadley's Landing for their annual cruise and clean-up. Roughly two hours were spent on cleaning up the picnic area by the dock by spreading gravel, bark dust and cutting and trimming weeds, bushes and trees. The rest of the day was spent on the dock visiting and snacking in the surprisingly warm sunshine.

Making IOBG fun, exciting and vibrant is a challenge we are meeting.

District 5 is looking forward to hosting the Spring Conference in Portland this year. We invite everyone to attend and join in the festivities.



Southwestern V.P.

Sherry Barone



Districts

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

I started the year visiting District 6 in Guam and Hawaii. After traveling 17 hours to Guam, an organized, unincorporated territory of the United States in the western Pacific Ocean, I saw stunning beaches, great diving and friendly people. If you have not been to Guam it is one of those places not frequented by many US visitors but worth a stop.

Next stop was Hawaii to meet District 6 Director Richard Denton and District 6 President William L. DeRego at Hawaii Yacht Club. Discussions consisted of events and membership. District 6 meets monthly with the staff commodore organization which is connected with harbors, community, coast guard and other local boating organizations. District 6 has a boat that greets Transpac sailors as they cross the finish line for specific times allocated by Transpac. We are planning a Southwestern visit to Hawaii. I am working on a visit to Hawaii from July 25 - August 1, 2015. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

A Southern California district director meeting was held on 24 January 2015 for directors to meet each other, talk about membership ideas, events, humanitarian fund and upcoming meetings. We will meet quarterly.

On 31 January 2015 I attended District 14 meeting at Encinal Yacht Club. Topics included opening days, events and membership. On 25 April 2015 District 14 held a charity event with Commodore Norbert Bajurin from Golden Gate Yacht Club discussing the America's Cup won by its racing team Oracle Team USA, his book and upcoming America's Cup in Bermuda. The event raised money for a scholarship in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Opening days have begun and I plan to attend opening days in Southern and Northern California.



District 6
Richard Denton, District Director

Current membership level is at 56. Dues at the International level were raised \$10.00 to \$50.00 for the 2015 year. We absorbed the \$10 per member dues increase. Currently our dues are \$60.00 per year and we are going to be rising our dues for the year 2016.

We had our 2015 Officers and Induction of three new members at the Hawaii Yacht Club, Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00 PM. Vice President Ellis Abram, President Bill Derek, District Director Richard Denton and Treasurer/Secretary Donna Salisbury were the officers inducted.



Our IOBG/HCA Christmas Party at Hawaii Yacht Club, Thursday, December 4th, was well attended with approximately 40 members participating. We served our traditional Christmas buffet and had our IOBG gift exchange. There was no charge for the meal.

Officers met in the month of February to determine the upcoming year's events. One possible event under consideration is a summer IOBG regional meeting to coincide with the Transpac 2015 events happening in Honolulu.

District 10
LaVon Plumlee, District Director

Last year District 10 ended the year with 87 members, and I am sure we will again reach that figure. So far 50 members renewed their membership. Renewal forms are sent by email to conserve on funds so renewals are often slow to arrive. Invitations to become a member of IOBG have been sent to the 2014 Commodores in the District inviting them to become members, and we look forward to inducting them at their Opening Day ceremony.

Our 2015 board meets monthly, and we have two new board members anxious to contribute. We are presently in the process of planning our schedule for the year, and it will be a busy and exciting year. So far we have held a fundraiser at the Seal Beach Yacht Club raising \$750 for St. Judes Childrens' Research Hospital.

Our planned activities for 2015 include:

Fundraisers in support of the 2016 IOBG Annual conference Boat Safety Training

Brunch with C.O. of Naval Weapons Station as our guest speaker

Charity Regatta activities in support of the Children's clinic of Long Beach Activities in support of District 10 yacht clubs

Juniors' Sailing (co-sponsor youth sailing with HHYC)

Land cruise by bus to Temecula for wine tasting and many more activities

Humanitarian Foundation: District 10 again plans to host a fashion show this year in support of the Humanitarian Foundation. In addition to the fashion show and luncheon, the event will feature vendor tables, entertainment, plus a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the Humanitarian Foundation.

Communication: District 10 continues to stress communications as a vital factor to our success. Our long time newsletter editor has asked to retire and I have agreed to try my hand at the task. The newsletter has been revamped to attract more readers. It is published monthly and we also have a website (<http://www.iobg-district10.org>)

District 11
Susana Hernandez Araico, District Director

District 11 had its installation brunch at Del Rey YC at Marina del Rey on Sunday, December 7 for the following officers for 2015:

District Director /President: Susana Hernández Araico; Alt Director/Supply Officer: Allan Bertik ; Alt Assoc Director: Mark Register; 1st Vice Pres: Sheila Anderson; Secretary: Lisa Falk; Treasurer: Harlan Holmes; Newsletter Editor: Irving Bied; WebMaster: Otto Cenzano; Director-Humanitarian Foundation: Julie Albright



Harlan Holmes resigned at our first board meeting, January 17, due to personal reasons. Allan Bertik graciously accepted to resume his previous duties as Treasurer.

Membership renewal tracking, hampered by postal delays or losses December through January and the replacement treasurer's illness, should be resolved expeditiously and indicate that our 2015 roster equals or exceeds that of 2014. Our renewal and new membership forms now include a slot for donating to the Humanitarian Foundation; so we look forward to increasing District 11's HF contributions.

District 11 is looking forward to the 2016 national conference to be held at Marina del Rey, under Rosalie Green as President. Fundraising efforts are already underway.

District 16
Clark Owens, District Director

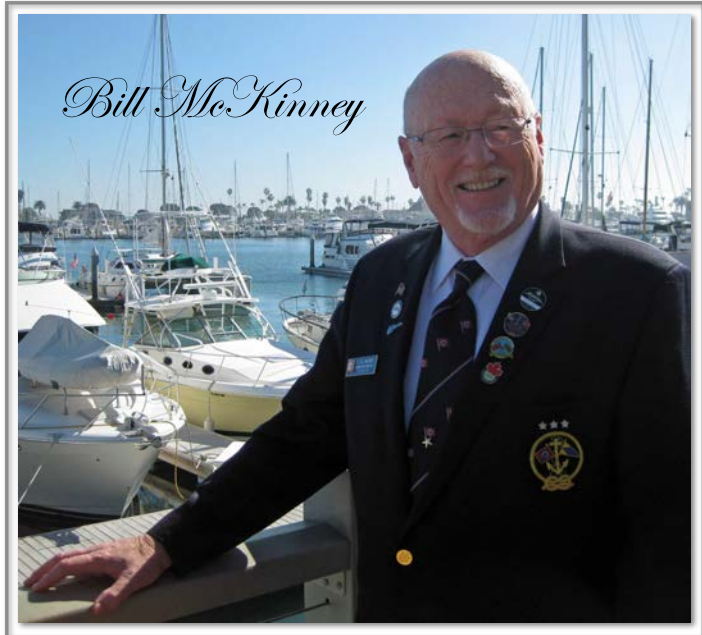
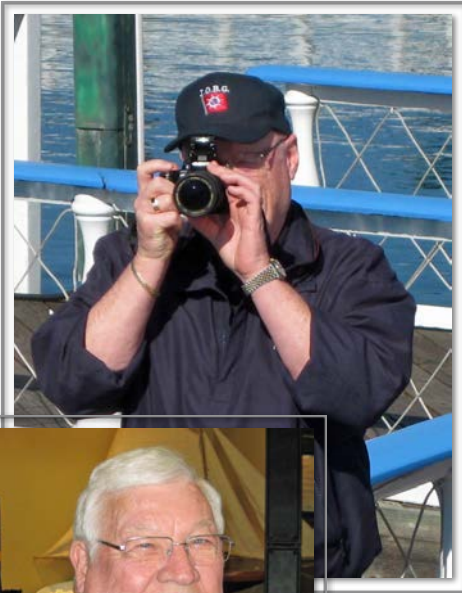
District 16 is getting off to a great start in 2015 with the election of our new board at our Christmas party held at the Wedgewood in Ventura. Our Change of Watch Champaign Brunch in January was well attended by our member clubs. Everyone is looking forward to our new year.

Our president, Shelly Berger, has some great ideas to make our meetings more interesting and thoughts to increase our membership. We have found having speakers at our meetings has stimulated attendance and interest. We are in the process of planning our year and activities, it will be a good year.

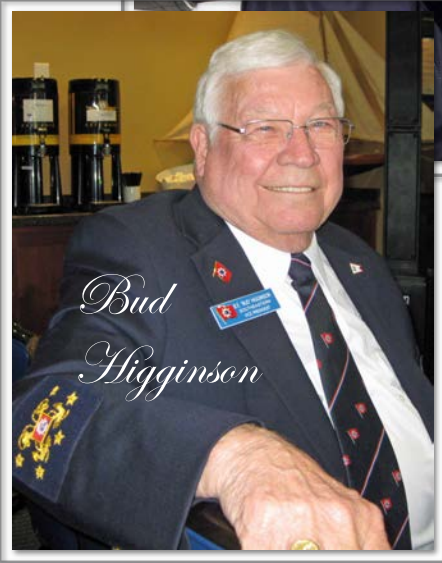


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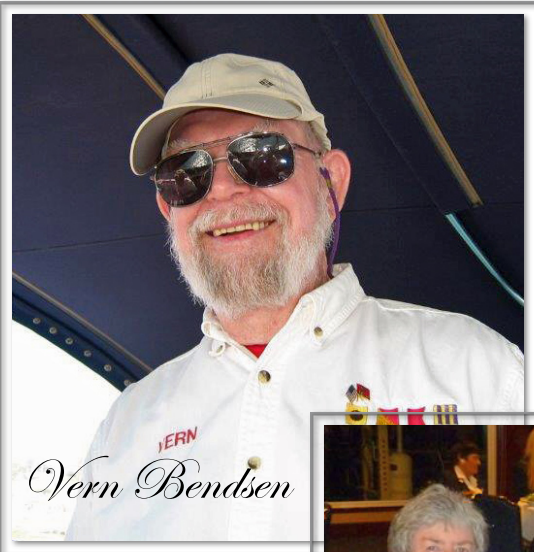


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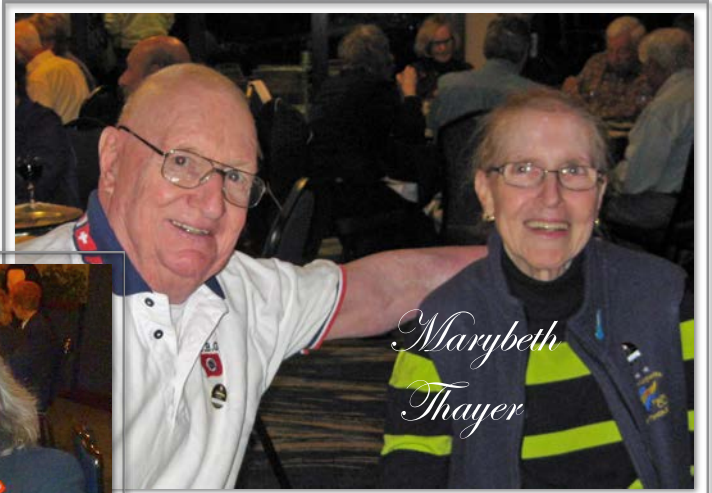
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North Central V.P.
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Districts
7, 9, 23 & 25

2015 brings many challenges as well as many opportunities. The future for The IOBG has never looked brighter. As the North Central Vice President, I welcome and value your Membership and Commitment to "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity" The International Order Of The Blue Gavel. I can certainly attest to the fact that the IOBG is always looking for methods to enhance your Membership. With that said, I hope to hear from each and every Member within the North Central Area or any area. Do not be surprised if you receive a phone call, email, or written letter from me asking for your input, opinion or assistance. You have a voice and your opinion matters. I also will attempt to visit as many Chapters and Clubs in person as possible. Please help me spread this message. What will really help is for all Members to update their contact information which includes current address, phone number and email address. Regular and accurate communication is just one of the necessary elements to continue our success and ensure our Members are informed. Please assist us to ensure correct information. If you require assistance, please call or email me directly, I will gladly assist you.

Within District 23, I am currently engaging with all current as well as previous members to actively encourage Membership participation. Our efforts include District Leadership as well as Active Membership participation and communication at all levels. I am asking that all active Members reach out to other Members to encourage participation. In addition I request that all Current Members of District 23 reach out to all previous or inactive Members to rejoin the ranks of The International Order Of The Blue Gavel. I am hopeful that a District Meeting and or Event can be scheduled during 2015. In the interim time, I welcome any and all suggestions.

Within District 7, We have a great number of events, activities and successes to share for 2015. Most recently was the International Convention in October. I hope that all of our Members, Guest and Dignitaries enjoyed the event and meeting. A Special Salute to the Members of District 7 for the Contributions and Efforts to make the Annual Convention and Ball an overwhelming success and a most Sincere Thank You to our Neighboring Districts of District 9, and District 25 for the generosity, participation and contributions. Please see the report from District Director Gene McKeown for additional details on District 7.

Within District 25, We look for additional success in 2015 within the District itself as well as the continuation of the relationships that have been established between the local, complimentary yachting organizations and IOBG. Once again I hope to support you in every manner possible. Please see the additional report from District 25 Director Harold Weaver.

Within District 9, There is a very active calendar for 2015. From the efforts of supporting the ILYA Friday Pizza Party along with Districts 7 and 25 to the participation in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Party with District 7, to the I-LYA Cocktail and Appetizer Reception along with Districts 7 and 25 at Put In Bay Ohio. Please see additional report from District Director Steven Barry.

As you can see, success breeds success. And one means of ensuring success of your District is to cooperatively support, assist, and participate in complimentary yachting organizations as well as the efforts and events of neighboring Districts. Extend the invitation to others to join your District events and efforts and they will reciprocate. Being a Member of IOBG and IOBGA is more than carrying a Membership Card it can offer so much more if you the Member applies the privileges and benefits of which may be offered to you. Such as Guest Club Dockage, Guest Club Dinning, Group Social Activities, Leadership Support, Ceremonial Presence, Camaraderie, and some of the Best Friendships of your Life. I can attest to this with my travels from San Diego, to New York City, to Florida and everywhere in between. You have earned it, now enjoy it.

If I do not see you while boating or traveling, Thank You Once Again, For Your Continued Support Of "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity" The International Order Of The Blue Gavel.

District 7
Gene McKeown, District Director

The Change of Watch for District 7 occurred on October 11, 2014 at the Forest City Yacht Club in Cleveland. The President's Blue Gavel was passed to the in-coming president, Warren Dempster. Warren, along with his e-board, has put together a very full calendar for 2015.

The following week, the District hosted the IOBG annual convention at the Doubletree Hotel in Beachwood Ohio. Joel Kay was installed as the International President. He, along with Lady Nancy, spent the better part of two years, planning the meeting. Congratulation to both of them for a "job well done".

The I-LYA, Inter-Lake Yachting Association Change of Watch was held the weekend of December 5th in Westlake Ohio. District 7, along with District 9 and District 25 hosted a pizza party Friday evening. The event is always well attended and a great place to promote the value of IOBG.

During the winter and early spring months of 2015 several District 7 events have been planned. Members of the District gathered for a Sunday Brunch at the Cleveland Yacht Club in early March. Following that we marched in Cleveland's St Patricks' Day Parade. Members from District 9 and 25 will join us for the day. Our annual Blue Blazer was on March 26th. Commodores and Immediate Past Commodores, from clubs within the District, were invited to this reception, in order to become more familiar with District 7. This is a significant recruiting tool, used by the District. Finally, we meet for another Sunday Brunch, held on board the Nautica Queen. We'll cruise within the Cleveland Harbor and, weather permitting, out on Lake Erie. This event is hosted by the District 7 Auxiliary. We all appreciate their hard work at putting on this event.

District 9
Stephen Barry, District Director

The year started with the I-LYA Fall meeting held October 12 & 13 at the Holiday Inn Westlake, Ohio. The Blue Gavel Districts 7, 9 and 25 join together to provide pizza on Friday evening to those in attendance of the weekend event. It is a way for our districts to talk to club members and encourage support for the Blue Gavel at their respective clubs.

Our main fundraiser is a football pool, which lasts all season and is based on the scores of the Ohio State University and the University of Michigan. Now that the season is over, the district netted a profit of \$625 to be used in part for its Humanitarian efforts.

The district holds its Executive Board meetings at various clubs in the area. This has proven beneficial in our efforts to show support for clubs in our district. 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.

Some of our District 9 members once again headed over to Cleveland on St. Patrick's Day to join District 7 to socialize and walk in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Last year it was a great time and those who went had a great time with our friends in the Cleveland area. Of course that hospitality included a few Irish coffee's to go along with the great corned beef sandwiches.

District 9 will be the host district at this year's I-LYA cocktail and appetizer reception. This is an annual event held at the Power Boat Regatta on August 9, 2015 and is sponsored by District 7, 9 and 25. The event is normally held at Put In Bay Yacht Club to honor the I-LYA Commodore. The Commodore this year is Duane Burgoyne from District 9. If you haven't attended in the past, this event is open to all P/C's and officers of the clubs in attendance.

District 25
Greg Lowe, District Director

District 25 has enjoyed a very successful year in 2014 and is anticipating an even more successful 2015. District 25 along with District 7 and District 9, cooperatively worked together to host the Friday Evening, ILYA Pizza Party during the 2014 fall meeting. This was a very successful event in raising much needed funds for the future programs and efforts of the IOBG.

Cooperative efforts with other organizations such as the Great Lakes Steel Boat Club were also successful. Together a Zukin's Chicken Dinner was held with the contributions and proceeds donated to District 25. In addition to this effort, another Cooperative Event was hosted by the Sun Parlor Boat Club. This was a dinner with the contributions and proceeds also donated to District 25. Their generosity, efforts and contribution are greatly appreciated.

Many Members of District 25 as well as our supporting organizations are either hibernating or enjoying a break from the climate in more seasonable locations, Additional details and events for the 2015 season will be published shortly. Thank you all for the continued success of IOBG and District 25.

A Letter to My Districts...
Mark Vadaj, NCVP

It has been an absolute pleasure to speak with so many of you on the telephone or at least chat through email these past few months. As you may have noticed you are now receiving regular communication from I.O.B.G. directly, or from myself and possibly both. If not, please call or email me promptly. It is my intention to ensure that all members are informed of the issues and events that have passed, as well as the issues and events of Today and Tomorrow. Each Member has a voice and a vote. This is why I may have appeared to be bothersome but I felt it was necessary to communicate with each and every member to ensure your voice was heard and know that your opinion mattered.

Regarding urgent matters such as Dues or Bylaw Changes I will make several attempts to reach you. There are only 2 members in these districts that have changed their email and or Phone Number. If you have done so or planning to do so, please advise me so that we can ensure uninterrupted communication, support and assistance with our members.

Previously I engaged with P/C David Welles of District 20 who is actively planning a District Event which may be eligible for The Humanitarian Foundation Grant. I was happy to assist and possibly facilitate this request for support. I cannot think of a better way to pull IOBG Members together than an Effort involving the Humanitarian Foundation. If you have a program that you wish to explore an effort that can involve H/F support, although I am not on the H/F Board, I will gladly guide you and assist you through the process as a District Director.

I whole heartedly suggest that you contact me by phone or email or letter if you have any suggestions on how I can better support your efforts and or improve the value of your membership. In addition, one of my goals for 2015 is for many of our members of D50, D20, D22, and D23 to attend one of our Regional Meetings if not the 2015 Annual Convention and Presidents Ball in Florida.

Thank You Once Again for your renewal in "[Yachting Most Prestigious Fraternity](#)"

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Districts
3, 12, 20,
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District 3
Lewis W. Smith, District Director

Margot and I and Bill and Gerry Pilkington (IOBGA District 3 President) attended the International meeting in Cleveland in October. As I am sure you all know, the main topic of the meeting was an increase in yearly dues. Marshall Nemoy presented a convincing and very lengthy presentation in favor of the increase. After a close vote, the assemblage approved the increase.

Joe Dowdell, International 1st Vice President, asked if District 3 might consider hosting the summer meeting in 2016. The request was presented at our District meeting. All agreed that this would not be a problem. A dues increase was also approved.

The District holiday party was hosted by La Salle Yacht Club. The Auxiliary provided funds for the entertainment which was "magical". The "Boater of the Year" award to Dr. Gregory Flynn, an avid Lightening sailor from Toronto, Canada, was handled by P/C Thomas Hauser. Dr. Flynn joined the Buffalo Canoe Club in 1998. His enthusiasm for the Bluenose has led to an Inland Bluenose Invitational Regatta at the club for the last two years.

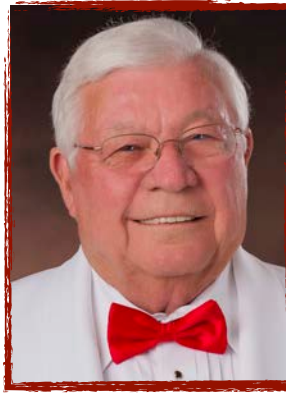
Districts 51
Walt Kadyk, District Director

District 51 had one paid member for 2014. I keep looking for more members at every opportunity. I appreciate the correspondence I get during the year asking for assistance in steering members to the correct District when they think they are unassigned.

I had mentioned in a couple reports back that members tend to remain with the original District they belonged to even once they move away. As I said then, the important thing is to keep them as members and remind them that District 51 or 50 is an alternative for them if they wish.

I still notice that some yacht clubs have their own organizations for Past Commodores such as the "Silver Stars" which defeats the fine efforts of the IOBG and detracts from membership in IOBG. Not an issue to easily address.

Southeastern V.P.
Bud Higginson



Districts
8 & 18

District 8 continues with its efforts to establish new chapters and to reactivate others. District 8 closed out the year with two new chapters, Dunedin Boat Club with 9 members and Lauderdale Yacht Club with 11 members. There are two other yacht clubs that are targeted for new chapters and one to have their charter reactivated. Not including the targeted chapters, District 8 ends up the year with their total membership greater than last year. There was one chapter that became inactive at the end of 2014 but with only two members.

District 8 has put together a plan to revitalize all their chapters by visitation to each chapter during this calendar year. Their winter meeting was held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club with 19 members present at the meeting and approximately 50 attended the evening festivities.

District 18 is beginning to ramp up with several new members added including a Secretary/Treasurer who came on board recently. President Kowert is addressing some issues with one of the chapters.

District 8
Bud Higginson, District Director

On November 1, 2014 District 8 President Bill Pittman and I inducted the members of the newly established Dunedin Boat Club Chapter and presented them with their IOBG Charter. There were approximately 40 Club members in attendance. Dunedin now has 9 members. On January 31, 2015, President Bill Pittman and I inducted the members of the newly establish Lauderdale Yacht Club Chapter and presented them with their IOBG Charter. There were approximately 50 members in attendance. LYC Chapter now has 11 members with others in the wings to join.

A Past Commodore of the Key Biscayne Yacht Club has approached me expressing an interest in reactivating their Blue Gavel Chapter. We are in the process of putting their package together. St Charles Yacht Club has expressed an interest in becoming a Blue Gavel Chapter.

The Bird Key Yacht Club Chapter has had its membership reduced down to two members and has asked that their Chapter be placed on the inactive list. When ask what their reason for this action was and what if anything we could do to help them build back their membership and the response was not at this time. They previously had over 15 members and had an issue with IOBG several years ago and when they expressed this in a letter and never got a response from IOBG, their membership began to decline. P/C Taylor said that in a couple of years with new Commodores on board that they might reactivate their Chapter. I told him that I would like to keep him on the mailing list so that he can see what is happening in District 8 for which he thanked me.

District 8 Winter Regional meeting was held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on January 31, 2015 with 19 members present. Treasurer Bob Pease announced that most of our Chapters have paid their dues and that we lost a few members during the year but with the addition of the Dunedin Boat Club and Lauderdale Yacht Club we will be ahead of last year.

We currently have 24 active Chapters. President Bill Pittman outlined the 2015 District goals which are: A) INVIGORATE EXISTING CHAPTERS by having an Executive Committee member attend a meeting of each Chapter during this year to Discuss Mission, Role of Chapter, Role of District and Role of International. B) INITIATE NEW CHAPTERS OF IOBG by analyzing data on former Chapters and solicit leads on potential Chapters from existing members and publications. The next District 8 meeting will be held at the Dunedin Boat Club on May 29-30, 2015.

District 18
Robert 'Buzz' Bisanz, District Director

In the last few weeks we have submitted two new membership applications. Both are from The Yacht Club of Hilton Head.

On Jan 30th – Feb 1st the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association held its meeting in Hilton Head. That meeting was attended by numerous Past and Current Commodores throughout the District 18 region. The Commodore of SAYRA allowed District 18 President Dave Kowert to be one of the featured speakers at the Saturday afternoon Roundtable and he made a brief presentation on IOBG. Dave also was a member of the "solution panel" so IOBG had some great exposure.

Right after the Roundtable, IOBG District 18 hosted a "blind bourbon tasting" in the Hospitality Suite for all past and Current Commodores. SAYRA allowed Dave to place a personal invitation to that social function in the welcome packet for the event. Richard Boyd, our new District 18 Treasurer, District 18 President Dave Kowert and the two new members from Hilton Head hosted that social function and we are in line to secure at 4-8 additional members from this effort.

During the month of January we received the application and check for PC Richard Boyd. He has agreed to be our District 18 Treasurer. He brings a wealth of experience with him serving as Commodore of his Yacht Club for multiple years. He has recently relocated to Charleston where he is now a member at The Charleston Yacht Club.

In mid-January we opened a bank Organizational Account for District 18 at Heritage Trust Bank located in Charleston, SC. We don't get assessed any fees but we also don't get any debit cards which is just fine with us.

We sent Marshall Nemoy the account number and the bank routing number so we could have our District 18 funds currently being held by the International office deposited into our account. Once the funds are deposited we will sign up for online access to the account and this will be for Marshall Nemoy, Buzz Bisanz, Dave Kowert and Richard Boyd. That way all our District 18 financial activity will be fully transparent to the District management team.






Per Marshall's consultation.... In order to open the account we needed a TIN from the IRS. The number was obtained and the paperwork is being held by our District 18 Treasurer Richard Boyd.

We have a candidate for the position of Vice President of District 18. PC Gary McManus from the Charleston Yacht Club was Vice Commodore when Dave Kowert led the club and he is a very strong leader and a great recruiter. Gary is also a professional Business Consultant which fits into some of our plans to get additional new and younger members engaged in IOBG District 18.

Finally, Charleston Race Week (April 16-20) is the nation's largest sailing regatta. It's a huge event and attended by competitive sailors from all around the world. Dave Kowert is a member of the executive committee of that event. The Race Director of the event agreed to provide an opportunity for IOBG members to serve the event as a team if we are so inclined. We are proposing to offer IOBG members the opportunity to volunteer their time to act as registration officials or as guards for the trophy table in exchange for full event tickets. These volunteer positions are highly sought for in this area as the total event tickets are worth about \$90. This could be a win-win for IOBG. We get positive exposure as event volunteers (it actually only takes a few hours on one day of the event) members can get a \$90 free ticket to all four days events (more than justifying their membership dues) and we get a pretty nice social function at the same time. We think that is the kind of organization that will attract new members especially in the greater Charleston Area.

District 18 includes membership in the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. If anyone knows of a Past Commodore living within the District 18 area, please let me know so we can follow-up with an invitation to join us in the District.

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International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary

District 1
Janice Kutz, Auxiliary President

Hello! My name is Janice Kutz and I am the current President of IOBGA District 1. My home yacht club is Kingston Cove Yacht Club in Kingston, WA and my husband David is Past President of IOBG District 1.

I would like to introduce you to our Board for 2015:
Regional Director - Mike Meyers - Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma
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Over the last few years, our Auxiliary has been working diligently, hand in hand with our District 1 IOBG to bring a new light to our organization's donation foundations. With the support of both the IOBG and IOBGA District 1, on a yearly basis we have been able to provide substantial cash contributions to each group. They are, MAKE A WISH, WISHING STAR, C.A.S.T. for KIDS and the Humanitarian Fund.

Items and gift baskets are donated by each yacht club represented at each meeting. We also encourage our members to go to their individual yacht club and promote IOBG/IOBGA and our fundraising goal for all those children. We know how every little bit helps and our Auxiliary is proud to be able to encourage this fundraising and help as much as we can. It gives our Past Commodores and spouses a chance to "pay it forward".

IOBG/IOBGA District 1 continues to support all IOBG Districts and International. We are a dedicated bunch getting together for a Spring Meeting, a Summer Picnic, and a Fall Change of Watch Meeting. Our organization helps our members good will, our own challenges in life and most of all the need to help others. I am happy we are a part of it!

From IOBGA District 1, we wish you all the best for 2015-2016 Cruising Season!

Greetings from District 1 IOBGA



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Reflects Updates Received as of April 4, 2015

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