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FROM THE BRIDGE

By Ray Nagele,
Commodore



It's been a great year for Jan and I which was capped off with a celebration at the Commodore's Ball last month. We plan to close out 2009 with the New Years Eve Party at the clubhouse. The new format this year will be no formal dinner, just munchies, drinks, dancing and celebration, all for the very reasonable price of ten bucks.

Bob McCormick, Sandy Atherton, Les Kelly, and numerous volunteers have been working on our winning Christmas Boat Parade entry. Thanks to Robin and Jean Clark for once again donating your boat, "FinTastic", for the Christmas boat parade.

The first ever 50's Martini & Potluck event was a great success, very well attended, good martini's thanks to our hosts Mary Shebell, Merle McCormick and Mike & Sharon Courtway.

We accomplished a lot this year. We had a very active board with most board meetings having a 100% quorum. The club now has a record 150 members including 28 new members. Our membership represents 24% of SeaGate residents. We had 16 well attended scheduled events this year, over 30 events if you count every get together. The club donated a big screen TV to the clubhouse and we plan on working with the Seagate HOA making the clubhouse even better. Seagate Yacht Club is the best value around providing more fun for your dollar.

I am looking forward to my Commodore retirement at the end of the year and seeing our new Commodore, John Humphreys put a new spin on running the club. John has an experienced incumbent board that is poised for further improvement. The goal is all about making our events more fun for all.

FROM THE VICE

By John Humphreys,
Vice Commodore



Well I can't believe it is nearly the end of the year already, it must be a sign of getting old. The Commodore's Ball was a great success thanks to Ray and Jan's sterling efforts, and it really is a wonderful occasion to get dressed up in all of our finery at least once a year. All of the ladies were absolutely beautiful and the guys weren't bad either.

As is customary this event is when the new Commodore gets sworn in, and I have the honor and privilege to take the helm next year. This has been a great year for our club, thanks to a terrific board under Ray's leadership, and I sincerely hope that I can continue the momentum. It would be remiss of me not to also thank all of the event hosts for their outstanding efforts throughout the year, and I shall certainly be counting on your support for next year.

We have put together a schedule of events for 2010, with just a couple of changes based on the feedback we got from our recent survey – thank-you to all of you who responded. Please take the time to mark the dates of these events on your calendar so that you don't miss out on any of these enjoyable events.

I feel very excited about next year as we have a great team already in place, which will be complemented with Les Kelly as Vice Commodore, and Dale Giali as Rear Commodore.

Unfortunately, Margaret and I will be unable to join you for the New Year's Eve bash as we shall be on the high seas somewhere coming back from Hawaii – no it's not on a sailboat !

I wish all of you a very happy, safe and festive Holiday season, as well as best wishes for the New Year,
Smooth Sailing, John

FROM THE REAR

By Les Kelly
Rear Commodore



This past year has been excellent for growth of the SeaGate Yacht Club in both membership and new events. As of the end of October, we now have 150 members which is the largest number in SGYC history!

And, our lineup of events for 2009 included two firsts, both well attended, a Casino Road Trip and a 50's Martini Party with a spectacular ice sculpture. With a strong member base (approx 1/4 of the SeaGate residents on board) and a great lineup of events, 2010 is shaping up to be another banner year for the SeaGate Yacht Club and its members

COMMODORES BALL 2009

By Ray Nagele, Commodore

The 2009 Commodore's Ball was yet another great Seagate Yacht Club event. The Eagles Nest Clubhouse at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress provided a beautiful setting. Everyone was in their formal attire, looking grand. Tom McKnew continued tradition by delivering the invocation. After a delicious steak and salmon dinner, the Program was started by Treasurer Josef Davydovits leading the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Vice Commodore John Humphreys leading God Bless America. Commodore Ray Nagele then thanked the 2009 Board with a gift of a framed flag and plaque of the office they held.

The Commodore's trophy was then presented to the 2010 Commodore, John Humphreys. Jr Staff Cleve Sproule took over as the Installing Officer. John then presented flags to his new board. Cleve swore in the board and officers, he then swore in our new Commodore.

Ray and Jan Nagele were presented with a beautiful gift of jackets, hats, and numerous towels monogrammed with "The White Rose", the name of their new boat. The band Hot Pocket then kicked in with excellent dance music. A great time was had by all.

EVENT HOSTS AND THEIR EVENTS, 2009

Jim & Lyn Senske ; New Members Brunch
John & Margaret Humphreys; Games night, Academy Awards Party, Flower Committee
Rick & Lari Thomas; SuperBowl Party, Academy Awards Party, Progressive Dinner
John & Maryann Boryszewski; SuperBowl Party, Academy Awards Party, Progressive Dinner, TV Committee
Jerry & Linda Cassidy; SuperBowl Party, Academy Awards Party, Progressive Dinner, TV Committee
Tom & Jean Worden; Academy Awards Party
Rob & Cindy Allen, Les & Cathy Kelly; Casino Road Trip, House Committee
Les & Cathy Kelly; Casino Road Trip, Boat Parade Committee, New Years Eve
Cleve Sproule & Mark Arizmendi; Opening Day, Newport Raft Up/Dock Up
Josef & Kim Davydovits; Avalon Cruise
Vaughn & Pat Jenkes , Marty & Susan Lipman; Night at the Races
Joel & Sherrill Lander, Cindy Shaw; Duffy Cruise
Mary Shebell & Merle McCormick, Mike & Sharon Courtway; 50's Martini Party and Potluck
Ray & Jan Nagele; Commodore's Ball
Bob & Jean McCormick , Jim & Sandy Atherton, ; Boat Parade committee

THANK YOU ALL



Mary Shebell & Merle McCormick

HOSTS


Mike & Sharon Courtway



50's MARTINI & POT-LUCK PARTY

Have you every seen a 4ft. tall martini glass? Well, 72 SeaGate Yacht Club partygoers have!!! The first thing they saw upon entering the clubhouse was a 300 pound ice luge sculpture in the shape of a Martini Glass with the Seagate Burgee etched in the ice. Everyone received a commemorative martini glass with the SGYC logo which they were promptly instructed to hold underneath the sculpture. House Chair Rob Allen popped a shot of vodka in the top of the ice martini class. It then slid down the luge and came out all nice and cold into the martini glass. What fun! We had cosmopolitans, appletinis, lemon drops and traditional 50's gin or vodka martinis with olives stuffed with lemon, garlic, onions or sun dried tomatoes. Rob and Cindy Allen went all out to make this a special treat for the club...and they succeeded! The martini line was a mile long! We just couldn't get enough of them.

Each member and guest brought their favorite comfort food or desert for the members to share. Joanne and Bob McCormick made name cards for each dish listing the persons name so anyone that wanted to have the receipt could contact the cook. Four tables were loaded with appetizers of meatballs, wieners, dips, chips and then there were all the casseroles...mac and cheese, beef stew, shepherd's pie, lasagna. The dessert table was piled high with cakes, pies and ice cream.

Never fear...we worked off all those calories dancing to DJ Tod. He played wonderful 50's music during dinner and then we went into full mode with line dancing and jitterbugging. So many members and guests came dressed in 50's blue jeans, leather jackets, pedal pushers and ... ponytails! It was just boss!!!! Our hosts Merle McCormick and Mary Shebell and Mike and Sharon Courtway would like to say thank you to all who attended and hope you had a "way cool" evening! 

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DESK.....

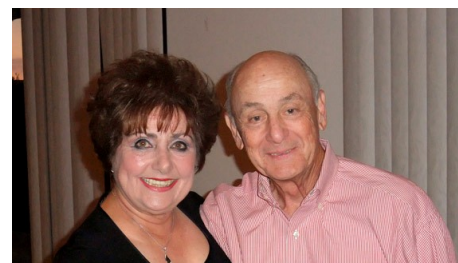
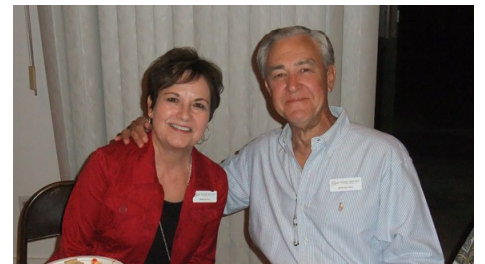
As 2009 comes to a close I would like thank those of you who have commented positively on the Burgee. You have provided encouragement and satisfaction for me.

When I compose our newsletter, especially the pictures, it strikes me how consistently everyone who belongs and participates in SGYC is so open, cordial and friendly and how everyone has so much fun. It's no wonder SGYC is growing in popularity and membership.

I look forward to another year as communications officer/editor and welcome any suggestions for features or articles. I enjoyed working with Cleve, and Ray and look forward to working with John.

50's MARTINI & POT-LUCK PARTY

Hosts: Merle McCormick & Mary Shebell and Mike & Sharon Courtney



New Members

Tom & Debbie Wood



Tom & Debbie have been around SGYC so much the last couple of years many of you probably thought they were members. They have been on the wait list for close to two years! And now, they are so happy.

Debbie & Tom have been married for 34 years and have raised two boys, Adam and Brian Huntington beach. They have lived in Surf City a long time and on Trinidad Island the past 10 years. Tom is a California native and works for the City of Anaheim. Debbie has lived here since age 7.

They have a 32' Grand Banks and a 13' Boston Whaler and enjoy Catalina and cruising our harbor.

Tom & Debbie love the people in SGYC and think we have a very "good system". They always have lots of fun at our events.

A hearty welcome from SGYC to the Woods.

Kip & Gayle Cyprus



Kip & Gayle have also spent more than two years on the wait list. As Gayle explained, after having attended so many of the events and met so many of the members, we felt like

members. "We genuinely like SeaGate Yacht Club and its' members."

Kip & Gayle met in the back seat of '60 Chevy. They were both in high school and were taking a drivers education class. They were married in 1965 and have two sons.

They have a beautiful home on Coral Cay and their sons live close by with their families.

Kip & Gayle have two boats - a 59' Michelson Nomad Long Range Yacht Cruiser named "Kismet" and a 35' Everglades center console for speed and fishing. They both love boating.

A warm welcome to Kip & Gayle Cyprus.

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Patricia Hoffman	12/6
Bill & Lucille Thornburg	12/12
Gene & JoAnn Busby	12/20
Jim & Lyn Senske	12/22
Donald & Jackie Sands	12/23
Bruce & Kathy Bayless	12/26
Donald & Jackie Sands	12/26
Conrad & Carolyn Platt	12/29
Les & Cathy Kelly	1/10
James & Sandra Atherton	1/23
Tom & Debbie Wood	1/24

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

Dean Knupp
 Gary Bartlett
 Bea Swanson
 Mona Jones
 Susan Duncan
 Pam Jackson
 Dennis Kreil
 Mary Kay Shelton
 Sherrie Ferns
 Lucille Mascoli
 Jack Hayden
 Georgette Davis
 Robert Pirillo
 Nancy Ehlen
 Pat Reed
 Nat Pendleton
 Jan Nagele
 Guy Fairon
 Lynne Sawka

JANUARY

1 Chris Morris 2
 5 Mary Ann Brinkert 6
 5 Keith Shelton 7
 7 Rick Thomas 8
 7 Patricia Hoffman 9
 11 Jamie DeWolfe 10
 12 Cliff Meier 10
 12 Georgie Bromley 12
 13 Keith Liddle 13
 13 Joanne Mc Cormick 14
 15 Linda Mitchell 15
 16 Rob Allen 16
 16 James Atherton 16
 21 Ronnie Fell 18
 23 Joe Siegel 18
 23 Tom Wood 18
 24 Lisa Shoemaker 24
 27 James Herbold 26
 30 Sherrill Lander 27
 Eugene Mascoli 29
 Alan Olschwang 30

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**ANNUAL HUNTINGTON
HARBOR BOAT
PARADE**

**Event Hosts Brunch
Sunday, January 17**

**Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 7th**

SeaGate Yacht Club
PO Box 1863
Huntington Beach CA 92647



**NEW MEMBERS
BRUNCH
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 28TH**



2009 CREW

- Ray Nagele, Commodore
- John Humphreys, Vice-Commodore
- Les Kelly, Rear-Commodore
- Cleve Sproule, Jr. Staff Commodore
- Cindy Allen, Secretary
- Josef Davydovits, Treasurer
- Cathy Kelly, Membership
- Rob Allen, House
- Jan Nagele, Ships Store
- Bob McCormick, Roster
- Tom Worden, Webmaster
- Joel Lander, Communications

Many thanks to those of you who contribute to the Burgee. Thanks to Mike Courtway for the biographies. Special recognition to our Webmaster Tom Worden, Secretary Cindy Allen for our excellent website photos & Bob McCormick for prompt Burgee distribution.
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