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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST YEAR

My birthday was a few days before Christmas, so I am now officially another year older and deeper in debt. Actually, I am not deeper in debt financially, but I am deeper in the debt of gratitude that I owe to my fellow members of the Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron, particularly to Executive Officer Tom Garverick, Education Officer Molly Cox, her Assistant Ed Ford, current Administrative Officer Lloyd Cox, Secretary Sandy Schoonmaker, current Treasurer Rick Schoonmaker, Membership Chairperson and Directory Editor Lorraine Ford and Newsletter Editor Linda Grotjan, for their many invaluable contributions to the success of the squadron during the past year. I am also deeply grateful to Executive Committee Members Herman Green, Don Grotjan and Norm Oien, whose wise counsel helped me immensely at many times throughout the year, as well as to many others too numerous to mention here.

The job titles mentioned above really do not do justice to what these squadron members have done. They have also pitched in at squadron meetings, district conferences and community events, planning menus, preparing food, tending bar, cleaning up and even herding exhausted crews at big-time rowing events. What more can I say, they're the greatest.

And how about those meetings we had? From such spectacular sites as the home of Pete and Jane Duvoisin, down on the south shore of the Tennessee River, and the home of Lloyd and Molly Cox, way up on the brow of Walden's Ridge, to the nice piece of property on the shore of the Hiwassee River belonging to Jack and Rachel Vincent, the venerable Privateer Yacht Club, a couple of pretty good marina restaurants and the floating picnic shelter known as the Island Cove Boat Club, we really got around and we had a great time doing it!

We were truly blessed

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

A large number of members and guests attended the annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14th, at the attractive and spacious home of Molly and Lloyd Cox on the brow of Walden's Ridge. The delicious food, the warm fellowship and the spectacular view of the valley below were enjoyed by all.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Assistant Secretary Martha Williamson and typed up by Carole Blass for inclusion in this issue of the C-Way.



The next meeting will be the annual Change of Watch.

Saturday, January 10th, at Valleybrook Country Club, on Valleybrook Drive off Hixson Pike.

Social hour with cash bar will start at 6:00 pm and a buffet supper with prime rib, grilled chicken, salad, veggies, beverages and desserts will be served at 7:00 pm.

The cost will be \$25 per person.

Reservations will be necessary and the squadron will be charged for the number of reservations made.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron
Membership Meeting
Sunday, December 14, 2008

A large number of members and guests attended the annual Christmas Party at the home of Molly and Lloyd Cox.

When Commander Joe Blass called the meeting to order, he reminded everyone of the Change of Watch on Saturday, January 10, 2009, at the Valley Brook Country Club. The dinner buffet this year will include prime rib and the cost will be the same as last year: \$25 per person.

Cdr. Blass asked Past Commander John DiPrima, representing the Nominating Committee, to conduct the election of officers and members of elective committees for 2009. P/C DiPrima read the names of the nominees from the committee report presented to the membership on October 17, 2008, and asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he asked for a motion. A motion was made and seconded to elect the nominees by acclamation. The motion passed resoundingly.

As P/C DiPrima expressed his appreciation to the 2008 Bridge and to others who had made significant contributions during the past year, there was a spontaneous round of applause from the membership. Cdr. Blass then added his own thanks to the Bridge and to all who had contributed to a successful year for the squadron.

Executive Officer Tom Garverick reminded members of the Chattanooga Boat Show scheduled for Thursday, January 29, through Sunday February 1, 2009, and asked members to sign up for work at the show.

Lynda DiPrima thanked everyone for bringing gifts to be given to needy children. She said that she and John would deliver the gifts the following day to the Samaritan Center and described how grateful parents and children would be to receive them.

P/C Herman Green announced that volunteers were needed to serve on several national committees and asked anyone interested in doing so to meet with him after the meeting.

Cdr. Blass closed the meeting by thanking hosts Molly and Lloyd Cox for their warm hospitality and generosity in sharing their beautiful home and its spectacular view with the membership.