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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It seems like yesterday that I was sworn in as District Commander. It has been an interesting journey from my start with USPS forty four years ago. I had never considered that I would come this far in preserving the ideals of USPS. During the past year I have not only solidified friendships with old friends but have also made many new ones. It has not been easy taking the helm but it has been a fruitful one on my part and

hopefully on the part of the District 4 Squadrons and members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who had the confidence in me to elect me to the Bridge and eventually to my role as District Commander and also to those who have played a part in making this a successful year through their help, understanding and volunteerism. The Power Squadron is not a one person show. Its success depends on the input and assistance of all members. While I will relish the free time I will gain to complete projects which have fallen by the wayside, I will also miss the work and responsibility that came with the position.

Again, THANK YOU ALL for your help and your confidence in me.

D/C James Ulrich, SN

Meet Bruce

In case you see Joyce and me walking into Park Ridge Marriot at the D4 Conference with a 4 foot stuffed gorilla, be assured you are not seeing things or had too much to drink the night before. He will attend all D4 functions this year, as he represents my theme this year. "Don't monkey with safety - Take a boating course.". We all have bright yellow shirts with this theme painted on them. Expect to see banana muffins, banana bread, and bananas at every party!

I am excited, honored, and proud to serve as your D4 Commander this year. With the squadron and district members working alongside of me, I know it will be a productive, fun filled year. I am open to new ideas and suggestions. Contact me or my Flag, P/D/C Rich Zucchi.

Bob Barkalow
Bob is the Commander elect to be elected at the conference on 8 March, 2014 see page 4 for slate of officers to be elected.



AND HERE IS BRUCE

It Was a Grand Celebration.
The 100th Anniversary of the
Founding of USPS



The 100th anniversary USPS Conference, 27 January to 2 February 2014, in Jacksonville,

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Florida, was well attended by District 4. Led by D-4 Commander James Ulrich, SN, some of our members were joined by USPS outgoing Chief Commander, John Alter, for this photo. (Photo compliments of P/D/C Joe Balbo, how did he get in the picture?)



P/C Ted Wallace, Watchung, hard at work at USPS Expo



Joan and Tom Mullin (Northern NJ) get their Life Membership awards

Our district was also recognized thanks to the efforts of D/Lt Elaine

Pfaff and her work with the youth poster contest.



Boarman Youth Poster Contest

We had a winner at National this year. Christian Florio placed third in the 9 – 11 age category. He was an entry from Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron. This is the first time since I have been chairperson for the Poster Contest that we have had a winner at National. The more posters that are submitted by the squadrons, the better are our chances of have at least one winner. Take a look at the poster in the

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lobby along with information on the contest. Please take a form, make copies and pass them out in your squadron.

The youth poster contest is a USPS event that furthers youth appreciation of the water and how safe boating is fun boating. It is open to all children ages 6-14. National has asked all the Districts and Squadrons to participate. Each squadron runs their own contest and the winners in each of the three categories are then judged at the District Fall Conference. It is suggested that squadrons award a monetary prize to the winners. The winners at the District level will each receive \$25.00 and the winning posters are taken to the National Meeting in Florida for final judging. There the first place winners will each receive \$150.00, second place winners \$100.00 and third place winners \$75.00.

Last year we had three squadrons submit posters; North River Sail & Power Squadron, New York Sail & Power Squadron and Lackawanna Sail and Power Squadron. We are hoping that all the squadrons will submit posters for the 2014 contest. The theme for this year is "W's of Wear It!" (Who, When, Where or Why?) So -- everyone start thinking about boating clubs, youth

organizations, schools and recreation centers, and encourage your children, grandchildren, other family members and neighbors to participate. On the squadron level, they should be judged as a group and one winner in each category will then be judged at the District Fall Conference. Let's have every squadron participate in the Poster Contest this year, and hopefully we will have more National Winners. I wish you all good luck.

Cdr Elaine Pfaff, AP
Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron

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STILL TIME TO JOIN D-4 AT THE 2014 CONFERENCE FOR THE DAY ON MARCH 8, 2014. SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

Around the Squadrons Dave,



D/C Jim Ulrich hosted cocktail party with D/Lt/C Barkalow and D/Lt/C Pfaff in attendance Good time was had by all



Joyce Barkalow (Barnegat Bay) awarded life membership

I had a Christmas experience that I would like to relate.

Lackawanna Sail and Power Squadron recently held our annual Holiday Party at a restaurant with several private rooms. Our usual Santa (Artie Epstein, who loved playing Santa) sadly "crossed the bar" several years ago and somehow I wound up trying to fill his shoes (which is a tough job)!

So there I was, in full Santa garb, greeting our members. I suddenly realized that a line was forming outside of our room by many mothers from the other parties with their kids in tow. Someone pushed a chair my way and all of a sudden I was playing Santa "for real". The cutest, saucer-eyed little kids were suddenly gazing up at me with Christmas wonderment on their faces, telling me they had been good and what they would like when I visited their house.

It was an experience I will not soon forget.

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My point is-if anyone has the chance to play Santa (or Mrs. Claus) privately, for the family, or publicly, do it. The restoration and realization of the spirit of Christmas, as seen on the faces of little children, is priceless!

D/Lt/ c Richard Pfaff

Northern New Jersey Sail and Power Squadron has an extraordinary planned annual meeting open to all D-4 Members as outlined bellow.

The Annual Meeting of Northern NJ Sail Power Squadron will be held at the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commissions facility at DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst , NJ. on 15 March, 2014t

This is an amazing site; pristine meadowlands teaming with wildlife, water views from our meeting room, a presentation by Captain Bill Sheehan; the Hackensack Riverkeeper, and a catered lunch at a cost of \$25 .

Plan to come early or stay after the meeting to walk the trails. This is a great facility with miles of trails and a chance to see a part of New Jersey in a natural state - just outside of New York City! Bring Binoculars and you can spend hours at this site walking or just

sit on one of the benches and wait for the wildlife to go by you.

For reservations or further information contact Northern New Jersey Sail & Power Squadron Cdr Stevens L. Stallsmith, AP at stevens.stallsmith@gmail.com

2014 Slate of Distric 4 Officers to be Elected 8 March, 2014

District Commander
D/Lt/C Robert H. Barkalow, AP
(Barnegat Bay)

District Executive Officer ...
D/Lt/C Richard Pfaff, JN
(Lackawanna)

District Educational Officer
D/Lt/C Richard Woznicky, SN
(Raritan Bay)

District Administrative Officer
Cdr Elaine V. Pfaff, AP
(Lackawanna)

District Secretary.....
D/Lt/C Jay M. Lipper, AP
(Lackawanna)

District Treasurer
D/Lt/C S. Robert Phillips, JN
(Northern New Jersey)

