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FROM THE DESK OF THE REAR COMMANDER

I know it is Summer and most of our auxiliaries do not meet in the Summer, hopefully you are all out boating! However, it is a time to start thinking about the Fall schedule.

We had a wonderful meeting at the Annual Meeting in Dallas. I am just sorry so many of you missed it. The guest speaker was Stf/C Connie Beckman from the Membership Committee. Her comments left a real impression on those present. Notes that I took from her talk are enclosed.

Thank you to those of you who submitted your Annual Reports. I hate to keep harping, but all Annual Reports are due NOW! Some of the information on these reports are required for IRS reporting by Headquarters.

We also want your membership numbers in order to determine the Membership Enhancement Award.

Auxiliaries are a valuable part of the Squadron. I hear remarks frequently that indicate either, "We are so lucky to have an auxiliary, I

don't know what we would do without them." or "Since we don't have an auxiliary anymore, we need someone to do the calling, arrange socials, bring treats for after the meeting." etc. Auxiliaries are a good recruiting tool for the squadron also.

The Open Meeting at the Fall Governing Board in Detroit is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, 4 September at 1500-1700 in Richard A room. There will be a guest speaker. Please plan to join us.

Keep up the good work, just remember to have fun!

Notes from Stf/C Connie Beckman's presentation:

Toot your own horn! Announce your meetings at the squadron meetings. Become an integral part of the squadron--act as greeters at the meetings and boating classes; serve refreshments after meetings and at boating classes; offer to be the calling committee for your squadron.

Work with Membership Involvement--social functions, hospitality, fund raisers, make activities fun.

Ask new members to be on a committee, make sure to explain the purpose of the committee and what the duties will be, everyone should know what the job is. Asking for volunteers does not work.

Recognize your working members, give them roses, candy, etc. At least a certificate of appreciation.

Remember auxiliaries are for helping the squadron, not competing, we are here to help.

Volunteers are not paid, not because we are worthless but because we are priceless.

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***Detroit GB Meeting
2 - 7 September 2008
Auxiliary Advisory
Open Meeting
Thursday, 4 September
1500—1700
Richard A Room***



Auxiliary Activity Hi-Lights

BELLEVUE'S SEA BELLES STILL GOING AND GROWING

On 14 May, four days after Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron celebrated their 50th anniversary, their Auxiliary, the Sea Belles, celebrated their 50th year with a separate event. A number of Past Commanderettes/Presidents were present to remember "their" times in office and to reconnect with old and long time friends.

We were entertained by a group of our members singing an original "ditty" ("ditty" on next page) about what it means to be a member of the Sea Belles. Lovely background dinner music was provided by the grandson and daughter-in-law of one of our members and a slide/CD show of photos from way back in time to the present.

We were amazed at what a difference a day, strike that, a half century makes in one's looks.

The dinner, at the Seattle Yacht Club was wonderful, the decorations lovely and the program, led by our outgoing President, Willa Conrad was charming.

Awards were made for outstanding new members. Roses, a tradition, were given to those who had served actively this past year and all sorts of compliments were given around the room for all we had accomplished in 50 years. Four new members were sworn in, among them Past Chief, Lance Jensen.

It all came down to our reason for being - to support the squadron in whatever way is needed. This has all been done through social events, money raisers, proctoring and teaching at classes, and helping to spread the word to our community about USPS.

We have had some ups and downs through the 50 years but never because we weren't trying our best. We hit a milestone a couple of years ago when we elected our first male President. It was a definite plus and at our COW, we brought in our second male, John Worl, to lead us through next year. Whatever the next 50 years brings, we know that the most important outcome will still be what it always has been - TRUE AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS. *By Ruby Mahnken*

Annual Reports Due Now

YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE NOW. Mail reports to R/C Lois Neef, P, 502 South Florida Ave. #135, Tarpon Springs FL 34689-2627. Report forms are included in this newsletter. If your auxiliary hasn't yet submitted your report, please send in now!



P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN being sworn in as Sea Belle member at their 50th Anniversary event..



The "ditty" singers at Sea Belle's COW.



Sea Belle members at their COW at the Seattle Yacht Club.





Ballad of the Belles

By good old what's his name
(Tune--The Sea Wolf)

The Sea Belles, the Sea Belles
An auxiliary mighty grand
So gals and guys, both young and old
Come join our merry band

15 note Ditty

Just like our parent Squadron
Education's our milieu
We teach, we proctor, grade exams
And welcome in the new

We help our Bellevue Squadron
Be the best in boating skills
And when in need, we throw a feed
To help them pay the bills

Refrain-- The Sea Belles, the Sea Belles
An auxiliary mighty grand
So gals and guys, both young and old
Come join our merry band

15 note Ditty

Each year we host a party
It's a formal, posh affair
There's dining, dancing, singing
And even Santa's there

Then, if crab is what you savor
We put on quite a bash
And what makes it all the better is
It often raises cash

15 note Ditty

When it comes to perseverance folks
The Sea Belles have no peers
We've worked and played together now
For nigh-on fifty years

Through all the ups and downs you see
We've always kept together
When seas get rough, we do our stuff
In every kind of weather

Refrain-- The Sea Belles, the Sea Belles
An auxiliary mighty grand
So gals and guys, both young and old
Come join our merry band

15 note Ditty

Now, our tenure's far from over
There's a long, long way to go
And if fuel costs go much higher
We all may have to row

But tell your heirs and all of theirs
That May 18th's the date
They're invited to our change of watch
In Twenty Fifty Eight

12 note Ditty

The Sea Belles!!

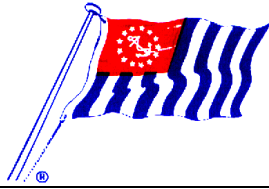
Note "ditty" by Karl Lang

Please send photos/articles of your auxiliary events to the Editor:
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Photo Below: Auxiliary Advisory Committee members, Dortha and Karl Lang.





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SQUADRON AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT

Date due: Immediately following auxiliary annual meeting.
 Complete and forward **two (2) copies** of this report to: Chairman, Auxiliary Advisory Committee.
 Name and address of Chairman may be found on the inside back cover of your current THE ENSIGN.

Squadron name: _____ District: _____

Auxiliary Name: _____

Number of current members: _____ Number last report: _____

Date Bylaws approved: _____ Date of charter: _____

President: _____ V. President: _____

Certificate # (if member): _____ Certificate # (if member): _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Area Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Area Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Secretary: _____ Treasurer: _____

Certificate # (if member): _____ Certificate # (if member): _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Area Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Area Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Squadron Commander: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Area Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ON BACK OF PAGE, PLEASE LIST ACTIVITIES AUXILIARY HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN. THANK YOU.

