

Hi to you all,

September 18, 2016

Julie has asked me to do one more Commodore's Message, so here goes!

We had a little over 30 families attending the DLYC Annual Meeting on Labor Day, 9/5. After the waiving of the minutes from the Annual Meeting in 2015, 6 names were drawn for bond repayments. These were awarded to Joe and Janice Goosens, Nancy Smith and Mike Mahoney, Karen Miller, Phillip and Julie Hollyer, Todd and Ginny Tyler and Jan Petty! Thanks to all of these wonderful supporters of the DLYC Renovation Project!



Then there were presentations by Sue Dunlap for 2016 Social Events and, Sharon Block for upcoming 2017 Social Events. Sue is taking a well-deserved break from chairing the Social Committee, and Sharon and Phyllis Clark will be co-chairing in 2017, with Laura Ferris and Nancy Gerber helping. In 2018, they will switch places, and Laura and Nancy will Chair with Sharon and Phyllis helping. They already have a fun calendar of events slated for 2017, so stay tuned as more details are presented! Following these presentations, Tina Drewno recapped the youth events in 2016 and Austin Francis related the various 2016 Sailing Events. There was definitely something for everyone going on in 2016!

The report from the Nominating Committee thanked Joe Blazek, Jerry Van Dyke and Victoria Maione for their service to the Club, as they all resigned from the Board of Governors. The new slate of Board Members for the newly formed Class of 2019 were approved by the Membership in attendance. This includes; Dave Dunlap, Austin Francis, Marilyn Gardner, Sue Heinrich, Julie Conboy Hesse, Marilyn Quackenbush, and Bonnie Shaffer.



Diamond Lake Yacht Club

Flag Officers for the 2017 Season were approved at the Board of Governors Meeting after the Annual Meeting. These will be; Julie Conboy-Hesse, Commodore, Mike Malone, Vice Commodore, Austin Francis, Rear Commodore, Marilyn Gardner, Treasurer, and Leslie Paul,

Secretary. We wish all of them the best as they begin to serve all of us!



The Strategic Planning Committee also gave a summary of the information they have gathered over the past 12 months. Much was done over the winter, and the summer was jam-packed with meetings held to discuss the data and determine next steps. The team has committed to posting the results of the survey on the DLYC Website at some point, so if you missed the meeting, you will still be able to see all of the data they collected. It was really very interesting!

I got to do the most fun part of the meeting, which is to present the various awards for exceptional service by members to the club. Sue Dunlap won the Star Award for her 7 years of service in the Social arena. The survey data showed that the majority of our members think the Social Activities at the DLYC are great, and Sue is a major contributor to that score!

The second Star Award went to Laura Ferris for her 7 years as the DLYC Secretary! She has done a great job keeping the club's records, and I'm sure you will all agree that 7 years is above and beyond the call of duty!





I had the privilege of also presenting the Yachtsman and Sportsmanship Trophies. I chose Tommy Block and Louie Csokasy for the Yachtsman award for their driving role in the Strategic Planning effort. The team also included Mike Malone, Julie Conboy-Hesse, Bonnie Shaffer and Austin Francis, but Tommy and Louie are the two who came originally to the Board for approval, chose the remaining committee members, and drove the project to this point. We all owe them a debt of gratitude.

The Sportsman Award is given each year to someone involved with sailing. This year, I chose someone who doesn't even sail – Georgy Ann Peluchiwski! If you want help with most anything, sailing or otherwise, she is at the ready to help! So, she is a deserving DLYC member who is behind many of the scenes, and deserves to be recognized as well!

It was a great meeting, and I hope more of you will plan to attend next year. We have 185 members now, and we almost couldn't have the meeting until 30 members showed up! So, please plan to come next year and hear the news first-hand!

After the Annual Meeting, the sailing awards were presented by Austin Francis. Hopefully the winners will be posted on the Website soon, but as a preview, here are the 1st place winners in every category; 4th of July Youth Race, Nick Peluchiwski, Sunfish Season, Leah Peluchiwski, 4th of July Regatta, Jim Hayden, Labor Day MC Fleet, Michael Schrager, and Season Series, Jim Engels. Congrats to all of these fine sailors, and all of the others who participated over the summer!

There are still some fun times planned at the club, so mark your calendars for these events! If you signed up for the Wine Appreciation Dinner, it will start at 6 PM on Thursday, 9/22.

The Annual Chili Bake Off is set for 10/1, starting at 6 PM, so get out your favorite recipes and plan to attend! Last year there were many delicious dishes, so let's do it again this year! If you bring a chili, there's no admission charged. If you come 'chililess', there will be a \$10 charge at the door.



A new event is planned for 10/8, which will be burgers and chips. The survey from the Strategic Planning Committee showed that more of you would like activities planned for the Fall. So, this will be one of those new offerings. Finally, a Christmas Season Kick-off is planned for 12/1. Keep watching for more details from the new Social Committee Chairs!

I have been remiss in not thanking the Website Project Team for all of the work they did in 2016. I am so proud of our website, and hope that more of you will become active users going forward. Sue Heinrich and David Gardner spent many hours of their time gathering requirements in the summer of 2015, and the website went live in September of 2015. Over the winter and well into 2016, the Project Team, which consisted of Sue and David, plus Bonnie Shaffer, Sue Dunlap, Austin Francis and Andy Jones, met many times with the help of Sue Heinrich's 'Go To Meeting' software. Memberships were allowed to be renewed and paid on the website in the Fall of 2015, and Sue Heinrich made it possible to sign up for parties over the summer in 2016, and even pay online! This was such a great achievement, and we need to thank these members for their service!

Thanks also for the opportunity to serve all of you. I have enjoyed my time as Commodore, and have also enjoyed meeting many of you I didn't know before. Thanks for the memories!

Sincerely, Marilyn

Now Past Commodore