



Greetings Corsairs,

It is with great pleasure that I get to write my first Commodore Letter. I surely have big shoes to fill with such great examples of the Commodores of the past, especially our latest and greatest Dude of all, John and his beautiful wife, Judy. They did such an amazing job last year and in their entire flight up the chairs.

I believe 2020 has started out on a fantastic note. The January 2020 Installation Dinner Meeting was greatly received with an astounding 104 attendees. We had a spectacular roof top view with cold but pleasant weather. John & Judy graciously handed over the helm with some wonderful words and some very special presents for the Flag Officers and Board of Directors (a perk for those of you thinking to run for an officer or Board member in the future). As always, they were classy and amazing, setting such a great example.

Once our Installing Officer, Mark Israel took the mic he had the club in tears of laughter. I am still shocked how he got all the information on me. We are very lucky to have the talented Mark Israel as a club member. Joe and Kelly were so helpful by bringing the extra heaters and all the candles for the tables. Evert was amazing for stepping up as the new 2020 Photographer and taking the pictures even when he was under the weather with food poisoning. Brooke, Todd and Bob did a great job checking everyone in. And thank you to Steve Dewitt & Annette Shaver for creating the Football Pools and Karafaye Buffa for creating the always creative January flyer.

We had our first Board Meeting on January 18th at the home of Joe Churilla and Kelly Manning. As always, the food was outstanding and the atmosphere perfect! Thank you, Joe and Kelly. It was a very productive meeting and I thank all of you who came. The Club is in good hands.

Then on January 19th, our New Fish Mentor, Patty Civalleri and Roger opened their beautiful home to the New Fish to go over Q&A's on the club and help them plan the 2020 New Fish Cruise. Its going to be an amazing night with some great food and a night of fun. The afternoon ended with a duffy ride in Alamitos Bay. What a delightful afternoon.

I also want to pay extra thanks to Karla Zimmerman who has been working around the clock on finalizing the 2020 Directory. Her goal is to have it ready for February Valentines Brunch meeting.

Kelly & I want to remind everyone to please remember to register for the February Brunch meeting on Sunday, February 9th at the Reef. Our Vice Commodore has been working on some great awards to give out. Hope to see you there.

In closing, I want to say once again both Kelly and I are very excited for 2020. We are so proud of this club and love you all!

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S/V Stone-n-Love

