

Merry Mariners' Newsletter

April 2008

Fellow Merry Mariners:

As those of you who attended our April 1 planning/business meeting know, we have made the Merry Mariners' website a bit more secure. Although you can still access the website easily, you must now use two different codes to access our membership roster. First, you must enter "User Name" which is _____*. Then, you must enter the current "Password" which is _____*. Please do not share this information with others not in our boating club, such as junk-mail senders or terrorists!

*(Note: *Removed from online newsletter - For ID and password, contact Al Phelps)*

During our April 1 meeting we feasted on delicious pizza from Little Caesar's, salad, and dessert—all compliments of the Merry Mariners Boating Club. At the meeting we listened to an interesting and informative presentation by Jan Rutledge from C.R.O.W., the Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife group located in Sanibel. We also conducted our first silent auction. And, what a success it was! Nearly half of the items put up for bid were purchased for a total of over \$220.00!! The money will be used toward future club activities such as the Cayo Costa picnic and the up-coming Cardboard Boat Regatta.

Speaking of the Cardboard Boat Regatta, a dedicated group of club members—8-10 strong, meeting for three hours, three days a week—have been constructing a rescue helicopter to be used by our "M.A.S.H. 4077 Unit." We plan to have it completed by the end of April so that Steve Warner, our construction chairman, can use it to fly him and his wife Sue back across the "pond" to England. (Just kidding!)

We also hope to have as many of our club members (including those who recently joined us) participate in and attend this awesome event at Seahawks Park. To that end, we still need volunteers to portray various *MASH* characters such as, Hawkeye, B.J., Frank, nurses, etc. Contact Judy "Hot Lips" Thompson at 542-1780 for more details. There is also the need for medical-type prop items and members to help with a variety of other jobs prior to and on the day of the Regatta, May 17th. We will need help setting up the booth and cleaning up afterwards as well.

Also, we are still in need of a cool, indoor place to hold our "Celebration Party" after the Regatta. Unfortunately, the condo clubroom we used last year and the Sportsman's Club are unavailable. Let me know ASAP if anyone has or know of a free or inexpensive place where we can use to hold our celebration.

And, finally, a special thank you to our Vice-Commodore Bob Purrone and our Destinations Chair Tom Satala for planning our wonderful boat outings. Also, thanks to our Activity Co-Chairs Joan Church and Sandy Thompson for our up-coming trip to MOTE Marine in Tampa. This type of dedication and effort is what helps make the Merry Mariners "the best boating club in Cape Coral"!!

Al Phelps, Commodore