

COMMODORE'S LETTER – NOVEMBER 2009

Time does fly. It seems only yesterday that I sat down to write my first letter as your Commodore and now as I enter the last few weeks of my term, I am writing the last 2009 edition

This has been a successful year due to the hard work of many individuals but one stands out. Bob Purrone not only contributed his usual talents as Vice-Commodore but handled increased responsibilities at the annual auction, leader of the picnic and finally by presiding over the crucial October Business meeting and annual election during my absence. I remain in his debt!

Congratulations to our 2010 officers:

Commodore - Steve Warner (Steve will serve until his departure for England at which time he will be succeeded by Russ Bell.)

Vice-Commodore – Bob Purrone (returning)

Secretary – Diane Jones (returning)

Treasurer – Russ Bell (We may require some help here when Russ moves up to Commodore.)

Subject to confirmation by Commodore Warner, Marty Ward has agreed to remain as Hospitality Chairperson (kitchen) and Arminda and Lutz Jesse have agreed to serve as 50/50 Chairpersons.

Also the membership responded well by filling the Hospitality and Greeting Committee slots for 2010. Thanks for volunteering.

DUES – Dues remain at \$ 22.00 per member and are due no later than January 15th (preferably in December!) After the 15th, there is an additional reinstatement fee of \$ 5.00. If you have not yet paid send your check to Pat or bring to the December Christmas Dinner.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009 at The ROYAL PALM YACHT CLUB (2360 West First Street in Fort Myers located next to Ford/Edison Estate). The schedule includes a Cash Bar (no credit cards) 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. with Dinner at 6:30p.m. Following dinner we will install our 2010 Officers. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENT, I NEED YOUR MONEY (\$26.00 per member and \$ 32.00 per guest) and ENTRÉE SELECTION (Chicken Marsala, Royal Palm Grouper or Roasted Prime Rib) no later than DECEMBER 1. AGAIN EARLIER IS BETTER. The balance of the menu includes crispy rolls and butter, coffee or iced tea, mixed garden salad, baked potato, buttered broccoli and a desert buffet.

Finally, thank you to everyone who made this year so enjoyable.
Commodore Philip Cartwright