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Commodores Corner

We've had an unusual long cold snap with us during February and had to change a couple of our events to driving only. It was great to see everyone still join in for some great times of fellowship at the events. The next two months should be great weather for boating. Bob Purrone has locked in a place for our annual picnic and further details will be presented at the potluck dinner. At our last board meeting on March 13th, the board voted on changing the fee for not wearing a nametag back to \$.25. I would still like to request that you please wear your nametag so we can all get to know each other's name.

In February, my mother who is 94 had to go down to the driver's license bureau to renew her license. She failed the driving test and vision test. She was disappointed but determined to get her license and went to the eye doctor. The doctor gave her new glasses but she still couldn't pass the vision test. I could see the tears in her eyes as we were driving home and she realized she had lost some of her independence. She still wants to live at home and we had a nice talk on her options such as food delivery and Uber plus my sister and I would be able to take her places.

My point is to live, love and enjoy life as much as you can as you never know when something may happen that sets you back. I challenge you to find someone at the next event that you didn't know and find out something about their life.

Have a Blessed week and I'll see you either at Pinchers on March 23rd or at the potluck on April 7th

Happy boating!

Tim Podley

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be on April 7th at the Power Squadron. 5:00 'happy hour', 5:30 meeting starts, 6:00 dinner

Wear your name badges!!!

The Board voted to raise the fines for not wearing a name badge to \$1.00 in December but voted again on March 13th to put it back to .25. It is important that all members wear their badges. Not too many know every member in the Club and it's especially important for new members who definitely don't know everyone. The Club issued badge or your name embroidered on a Merry Mariners Shirt are both acceptable. Badges need to be worn at General Meetings and Boat Trips. If you need a new one, contact Judy Hartig. The cost is \$10.00

Upcoming Boat Trips Rear Commodore Bob Purrone (Sanibelbob1@comcast.net)

We had a wonderful trip to Green Flash on the 11th with 36 people and 5 boats. Usually at this time of year, we have more crew and we would like to see more members attend the boat trips. The next trip is on March 23rd to Pinchers at Edison Ford. Please contact Bob if you'd like to go!!! Guests are always welcome, but members have priority for trips.

This year's picnic will be at the Bocce courts on Coronado on Thursday April 9th at 11am. There is a covered Pavillion with picnic tables so we will picnic rain or shine, no animals or exposed alcohol allowed. The club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. A notice with all the details will be going out soon. Please respond quickly so we know we have enough food for everyone. We are reserving a couple of courts so anyone who wants to play, or learn Bocce can do so after lunch. If you have a set of Bocce balls, please bring them or other lawn games you have.

Bob is also considering adding an afternoon trip- leaving around 3 and getting back before dark. He'll talk more about this at the April meeting to see if there's any interest in adding this kind of trip.

. Remember that if a trip becomes a drive, members who have signed up for the boat trip must still attend as the restaurants often provide extra help for our usually large group. Bob will have sign-up sheets of the upcoming trips at the General Meetings. Notices are emailed about 10 days prior to the trip. It is essential that members respond to the notices immediately, confirming attendance and it is mandatory that you include your phone number when responding.

Land Activities Ann Banash (ahbanash@gmail.com)

Two activities have been planned for this year. The first is a trip to the Punta Gorda Botanical Gardens and Lunch at Laishley Crab House on March 19th. The next outing will be to Broadway Palm on Wednesday May 6, for the Elvis inspired musical "All Shook Up". Reservations need to be made in advance and payment will be due by April 12th. \$78. per person includes the Buffet dinner, show, non-alcoholic drinks, tax and tip. If you haven't already reserved, and want to go, contact Ann ASAP to be added to the list. Ideas for new activities are always welcome!

Membership Update Judy Hartig (judyhartig01@yahoo.com)

Our roster is about 100 members now. If you know someone who would be interested in joining the Club, please bring them as guests to a meeting or boat trip and contact Judy for the application.

Potluck: Kate Rouse(k.rouse54@gmail.com)

Kate will contact everyone in the Club for the General Meetings and will let you know what to bring to the Potluck. You MUST respond to her!!!! We will also be looking for volunteers to sit at the check-in table. Carolyn Clark has volunteered for every meeting and will be looking for helpers for the next meeting. Please volunteer – it's a great way to get to know our members. . Also remember to sit at the table you are assigned to at check in.

Galley Margaret Dorin (margaretdorin@comcast.net)

Margaret has asked that members **do not** bring crockpots as there aren't enough outlets to accommodate all of them and not enough room on the serving tables Please try to bring the aluminum pans that fit into the chafing pans that we have that will keep food hot. (they are called half-sheets and can be purchased at the Dollar Store) Also, when the meeting is done, please pick up any of your food that is left, please don't leave it for the Galley crew to throw away!!!

Clothing Sales Peggy Talbot (PTPEG@aol.com) and Fran Hoden (jfhodes13@gmail.com) co-chairs

Any shirts that were ordered at the February meeting will be delivered at the April meeting. The new iron on decals that can be put on any shirt that you own will be available at General Meetings or by contacting Peg or Fran. Cost is \$8.00 for the logo for dark or light shirts. \$3 for the flag or \$10 for both.

Compassionate Care Pat Zeidman (patriciazeidman@gmail.com)

If you know any members who are ill, having surgery or have suffered the loss of a loved one, please send an email to Pat as soon as you have information.

Calendar

Destination Chairperson: Bob Purrone (239) 691-5850. sanibelbob1@comcast.net or Ed Wallach (954) 649-6791 edwfla127@comcast.net **AS ALWAYS, DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Please remember to respond promptly when you receive the notice and include your phone number!

March

Monday March 23: Pincers @ Edison

April

Tuesday April 3: General Meeting ...Thursday April 9: Picnic ...Monday April 20: Mystery Cruise

May

Wednesday May 6th Broadway Palm

Friday May 8: Nervous Nellies ... Monday May 18: Boathouse Rte 31

June

Tuesday June 2:General Meeting ... Thursday June 11:Barnacles/Mainstay ... Monday June 22: Parrot Key

July

Thursday July 9: Lighthouse ... Wednesday July 22: Matanzas/Petey's

August

Tuesday August 4:General Meeting(Pizza)... Friday August 7:Breakfast(drive) ...Thursday August 20: Phuzzy's

September

Friday September 11:Doc Fords ... Wednesday September 23: Pinchers @ Edison

October

Tuesday October 6: General Meeting... Friday October 9: Parrot Key ... Monday October 19: Junkanoo

November

Thursday November 5: Green Flash

December:

Tuesday December 8th:Holiday Party ... Thursday December 10 Barnacles at Mainstay