



March 2025

Flag Officers 2025

Past Commodore: Jay Bishop
Commodore: Tom Safford
Vice Commodore: Joe Gugino
Rear Commodore: George Burns
Secretary: Chris Piede
Treasurer: Carl Waclawski

Committee Chairs

Facilities: Fred Smith-Dengler
House: Lydia Evans
Membership: Tracy Smith-Dengler
Social: Mike Dinoto
Education: Alan Freville
Race and Recreation: John Ludwig

Appointed

Dockmaster: Brett Christy
Newsletter: Sarah Nash Wallace
Website: Larry Van Deusen

News from the Editor

Although the weather may not agree, spring is coming soon! Many of our members are enjoying the last bits of winter by participating in winter sports and traveling to warmer climates. Meanwhile, our board is busy making plans for repairing ice damage and renovations to our clubhouse bathrooms, improving our North dock, and building a new main walkway. If you have news to share, please forward to me by email at sarahbnash@msn.com.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting takes place at the Dunkirk Knights of Columbus at 7 pm, April 8th.

Also available on Zoom!

Notes from the March 11 2025 DYC Meeting:

Membership – Tracy Smith-Dengler

Waiting List To Probationary: Morris, Raczke, Zacharius, Hunt, Mahany
Stone elected first deferral to bottom of wait list
Nichols elected third deferral to bottom of wait list

Probationary to Senior: Clark, DeGolier, Wick, Sasse Dinoto (also approved to Social Chair position)

New Member Orientation: Anticipated June 2025, dates TBD

Message From the Commodore – Tom Safford

Sadly, we need to inform you of the passing of Jim Priest, a well-known and respected senior member of DYC. In accordance with his family's wishes, we will be making a donation to the Cancer Society in his name. We will plan a DYC celebration of life for him in the coming season.

In happier news, we welcomed 5 new probationary members to the club, with more to come, and 5 probationary to senior members this month ... welcome to all! (See Tracy Smith-Dengler's Membership Report for more.)

Kirk Frey, Social Chair, requested to leave the Board for personal reasons, but will continue to run the Restroom Remodel project and has researched some exciting new designs for us! The Board appointed Mike Dinoto to Social Chair, who has been attending all board and social meetings this season ... welcome aboard Mike!

Don't forget the Commodore's Party will be July 26th this year. I will be forming a Commodore Party Committee this May to plan the event, and another opportunity to get member hours for a truly fun event!

Fred Smith-Dengler has been monitoring our docks and reported that the bubblers are doing their job keeping the ice thin around our pilings. We still will look at a bubbler redesign this season as we still had significant damage this winter.

Fred Smith-Dengler, John Ludwig and Charlie Kuell have been working with 6 contractors to get bids with options for building our new main walkway. Next steps will be to review their bids with the LRP committee.

The Dock Improvement project is still being planned for continued expansion to the North dock ... more to come. We are looking at a busy season this year with plenty of opportunities for member work hours, so be thinking of where you can help your fellow members!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the club ... Tom Safford

Member News:



Lanford Presidential Prize recipient Mia Piele with President Stephen H. Kolison Jr.

Mia Piele is this year's recipient of the prestigious Presidential Lanford Prize. The Prize is the highest distinction awarded to a graduating SUNY Fredonia senior who attains balanced achievement and the university's ideals. President Stephen H. Kolison, Jr. noted that "the requirements for selection are rigorous and the recipient exemplifies excellence in and out of the classroom." Recipients display an "enduring intent on giving back to the community. Mia is the daughter of DYC members Chris and Tonia Piele. She is majoring in pre-med and is a candidate for a B.S. in Biology with a second major in Psychology, and a minor in Chemistry. Mia carries an impressive 3.96 GPA!! Congratulations!!



Members Sue and Steve Peacock visited Winter Park, Colorado for Spring Fling celebrations. Sue also celebrated a major (not to be named!) birthday during the trip.



Mike and Sarah Wallace skied in Val D'Isere France for a week in March.

