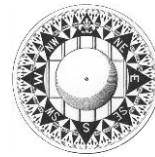


DYC Nautical News



DYC Board Members 2013

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The February meeting took place on the 12th at the Knights of Columbus Clubroom with the Commodore Cody Britton presiding.

Two new members were approved for probationary status.

A BIG DYC WELCOME TO: Jay Stoltenberg, sponsored by Jim Rizzo and George Heckman. He and first mate Sheri reside in Bethel Park, PA and spend their summers at Van Buren. They have a Maxim 2600 SE power boat. **Bill McClintic**, sponsored by Larry DeJonghe and George Heckman. Bill and first mate Anne, also summer in Van Buren, Their home is in Gillett, PA and they have an 18ft Boston Whaler Montauk named "Pete". In other membership news, Tom Kuwik and Einar Wheel were approved for Senior membership... 2 years goes quickly. One of our longtime members, Richard Wright, who had been inactive for some time, has resigned from DYC. We were sad to learn that we've lost another member, Life Member Gerhard Kurpiela, and as is the custom, DYC will be donating a book in his memory to the Dunkirk Library. There is one membership opening and the next person on the waiting list will be invited for interview to the March meeting.

Social chair- Kathy Peters is working on some good ideas for this season's social activities and will be getting the calendar all set in time for club opening.

It's going to really happen, VC Rizzo will have 10 new fire extinguishers this year. Commodore Britton proposed we consider having an Emergency Action Plan in place, it will be looked into further.

Other items under review included the Key Club which brought many different ideas to make it run more efficiently. Members, who are always welcome at the board meetings, might want to attend and give their views, as well. There is always an opportunity for members in attendance to speak.

Just wanted to remind members that the deadline for paying Dues & Slip Fees is February 28. It's getting closer! The \$50.00 late fee is being strictly enforced. Also included in this edition is the current Waiting List. If you have sponsored someone, this is an opportunity to see where they are now.

**Next DYC Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 7 PM
At Knights of Columbus Clubroom**

What's Happening

Colleen Wright has been in the news on a regular basis with the discussion of the Chautauqua County Home. To sell or not to sell!!! (A touchy issue for many) Colleen is the financial officer of the home.

This has been a difficult month for DYC. We have lost another member and many members have lost parents. Sincere condolences to: Mark Kutner on the loss of his father Bill, aged 92, Mark's brother Bill was also a member of DYC; to George Wheeler on the loss of his mother, Joan. You may remember Susan Wheeler recently lost her mother; and to Susan Boettcher on the loss of her father Clayton Smith, aged 73



Gerhard E. KURPIELA - Age 83, of Lawtons, NY, husband of 56 years to Helga "Annie" Kurpiela, father of Richard (Gail) and Robert (Dot) Kurpiela, brother of Marlies Reuer, the late Erwin Kurpiela and the late Helmut Kurpiela, died January 6, 2013 in his winter home in Venice, Fla. Gerhard grew up in Hildesheim, Germany and in 1956 moved to Buffalo, N.Y. to work as a tool and die maker at the Ford Motor Company, where he worked for 30 years. A skilled craftsman, Gerhard built a 30-foot steel sailboat, which he sailed for 20 years on Lake Erie. He was a charter member of Club Lorelei and a life member of the Dunkirk Yacht Club. He was an avid motorcyclist, fisherman and aviator. For 23 years he buzzed over Western New York in his two-seater Cessna. He was an animated storyteller, a devoted father, a loving husband and a beloved Opa to five granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. A private service was held in Florida.. Fly high Opa. Son Richard was a former member of DYC.

Cornie and Pam Benchley's cruised around Tortola, with Corney's younger son Andrew and his wife. Scott and Susan Mackay continued on to California after leaving Myrtle Beach. Ed and Joanie Will spent time in Tortolla.

In the News

Susan Boettcher, a Kindergarten teacher at Brocton, supporting the civics project for her Brocton School.



*Dear DYC,
Just a little note of thanks for the prayers and interest offered by club members concerning Jake and Adam, our son's at war. Maj. Adam has returned from his 2nd tour in Afghanistan, he had one year in Iraq sandwiched in between those. The first two tours were spent as a Combat Engineer and Sapper, the last was basically tying up the loose ends and locking the doors. After 11 years of this we were grateful it's finally over with only one purple heart but then Capt. Jake informed us he's volunteering for Afghanistan this year, the excitement just never ends. He had served as a Sniper and Reconnaissance Officer the last 3 tours in Iraq, now he'll be going under the guise of Intelligence; there's an oxymoron in there somewhere but we can't help being proud of the guy. Thank you again for your prayers and positive thoughts, obviously it's working very well.
Mike and Diane Czekanski*

FOR SALE

A 1990 GENERAL MARINE 26 FT. LOBSTER BOAT IS FOR SALE? (MANUFACTURED IN MAINE). IT HAS A 1999 260HP CUMMINS DIESEL, HAS BEEN FINE-TUNED AND WELL CARED FOR, AND IS READY TO LAUNCH IN THE SPRING. IT HAS AN ENCLOSED HEAD, SNAP ON CANVAS SIDE PANELS, BUILT IN BENCH ACROSS THE STERN, TWO LIKE NEW THICKLY CUSHIONED, FOLDABLE DECK CHAIRS, ETC. A 9.5FT. MONHEGAN SKIFF MADE IN MAINE WILL BE INCLUDED FOR THE RIGHT DEAL. ASKING PRICE: \$51,900.00. CALL JIM BETTS AT 207-633-3967 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.