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Newsletter



**Commodore:
Robert Wilson**

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Membership Meeting Notice

The April membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, April 14th at 1:30 p.m.**

Commodore Robert Wilson will preside. The officers will be discussing plans to get the club ready for the

upcoming boating season including work parties and work needed on the club grounds.

Upcoming Events

April Member-ship Meeting April 14 1:30 p.m.

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting April 6 & May 18 12:30 p.m.

Work Parties May 11, 18, 25 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Happy Hour / Fry Party April 26 5:00 p.m. PIYC Clubhouse

75th Anniversary Celebration May 4 5:00 p.m. Lawrence Park Golf Club



Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to those members who have recently celebrated their anniversary as PIYC members:

40-Year: P/C Jim Campbell



Happy Birthday:

- Allan Belovarac
- Tricia Bryson
- Gerry Butts
- Bobbie Czerwinski
- Joslyn Dombroski
- Kathy Hollister
- Carl Holmes
- Nancy Kelley
- Jeff Kim
- Gary Koenig
- Gary Roesch
- Bill Salchak
- Paul Schroeck
- Kathy Jo Skolnik

75th Anniversary Celebration

The **75th Anniversary Celebration** will be held on **Saturday, May 4th** beginning at 5:00 p.m. This semi-formal event will be held at the Lawrence Park Golf Club located at 3700 East Lake Road and the Past Commodores will also be honored at this event. **All Past Commodores are encouraged to attend to be recognized.** Happy hour (cash bar) will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by a brief introduction of the Past Commodores and then the plated dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The program will begin after dinner with Past Commodores Tony DiNicola and Jim Howard serving as emcees. The program will be followed up with music for dancing by DJ Millennium Sound. Each member in attendance will receive a special PIYC 75th Anniversary commemorative

gift. The dinner choices are Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, or Boston Baked Cod and the cost is \$30 per person. **Please send your RSVP to P/C Anne Eisert at anne.k.eisert@gmail.com or at 814-218-2239** and please include your name and the name of your guest(s) along with dinner selections. There is no limit to the number of guests you may invite to attend the celebration. A slide show of photos throughout the years of PIYC will be shown during the evening and so please send any PIYC photos to P/C Mark Eisert at markeisert@gmail.com. Several local dignitaries have also been invited to attend the celebration as special guests of PIYC. A photo booth with the 75th Anniversary selfie banner will be available all evening.

Fry Party

Fleet Captain Mike Howard will be hosting a **Happy Hour / Fry Party on Friday, April 26th** beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. The menu will consist of chicken wings with a variety of dipping sauces, French fries, beer, water, and soda. Please bring a side dish or an appetizer to share with the other members if you'd like. Deep fryers will be available if your appetizer needs to be deep fried. The cost is only \$10 per person. There will also be a 50/50 drawing as well as tip boards for bottles of liquor. Please contact FC Mike at 814-460-8196 or at mphoward506@gmail.com with any questions.



Attention Lift Operators / Ground Crew

Just a reminder that an Equipment and Ground Operator Safety Meeting will be held on Saturday, **April 6th** and again on Saturday, **May 18th** at 12:30 pm or ASAP following that day's scheduled work party & lunch. **All current and prospective Lift Operators, Ground Operators and Fork Truck Operators must attend a safety meeting annually per PIYC Safety Rule #1.** A notice is posted in the clubhouse. If you are not currently an equipment or ground operator but wish to do so,

you are more than welcome and must first attend a required Safety Meeting. Training as necessary is then completed in a hands on manner under supervision of a previously qualified member(s). These will be the last scheduled safety meetings until fall of this year. If you attended the fall meeting held in October of last year, you are still qualified per the PIYC safety rule of attending a safety meeting annually and can renew in the fall of 2019 but are of course also welcome to attend one of

these meetings if desired. If anyone has any particular circumstances presenting difficulty in meeting this requirement, please contact me so that some other accommodation can be made. An updated safety meeting status list is posted in the PIYC clubhouse. If any questions, corrections or for additional information, please contact Safety Chairman, Jim Howard.

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Officers' Comments

I have been very impressed with the dedication and willingness of many of our members who are working diligently to better our Club over these past several months. Even in these dreary late winter weeks, much has been accomplished. Just last Friday, as I was inspecting the progress of the restroom renovations, I found our entire Bridge already present at the Club supervising a dozen other members in a work party. That work party had been announced just two days prior and the team assembled to do important work to ready the Club for two rentals that weekend. Some returned on the following Saturday to finish the job. Then on Sunday, I found another team working to pull wires for the A-Dock project. Of course, these are just specific examples and not intended to be reflective of the only members that serve the Club in ways that are visible, and sometimes less so. Great job everyone! Your contributions of time and talent is

what makes PIYC such a special place. There are always opportunities available on any day to get your work hours in and so please contact Vice Commodore Fesenmyer or Rear Commodore Mazza for assignments.

Please don't forget to submit your nominations by April 15th for the Harold Eisert Sr. Award which will be presented at the Opening Day Ceremony.

Commodore Robert Wilson

Work has resumed on A & B dock. Many items need completed including electrical and plumbing work and new wood installed on gangways. The mid-hinges on the C-dock fingers have been removed and sent out for repair and when they are completed, they will need to be reassembled so that C & D finger piers can be put back in the water. This should happen the first or second week of April. During an assessment of storm damage from February, we found

damage to many shore power boxes and the WiFi system. These will be addressed ASAP.

This is the last reminder that your second slip requests will be accepted until the call of order of the April 14th membership meeting.

Thanks everyone who has help with the ongoing project and looking forward for your continuing support.

VC Kurt Fesenmyer

It's been a busy month of March! The restroom renovations have started and the women's restroom is about 75% complete. The men's restroom has been demolished and is ready to be tiled which will happen once the tile is completed in the women's restroom. I would like to thank everyone that participated in the work party on Friday, March 22. We had a great turnout! Also, during the past month, the HVAC project has begun and should be completed within the next few weeks. The work parties have been

scheduled for May 11th, May 18th, and May 25th. With the spring boat maintenance season starting, please remember to unplug your boat when complete.

RC Jim Mazza

Hello All! Spring is right around the corner and things are starting to ramp up around the club. The Fry Party is scheduled for Friday April 26th beginning at 5:00pm. I have a few people signed up to assist with the cooking but I could still use a few more. I will also need help the day of the party with collecting the fees, selling 50/50 tickets, and selling tips later on. If you would be interested in being a fry cook or helping out in other ways please let me know! I will also be needing plenty of help with other events this year so if you're willing to lend a hand at any point please reach out to me.

FC Mike Howard



Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Jerry Skolnik Jr** and his wife **Kathy Jo** on the death of Kathy Jo's grandmother. Jean Flynn passed away on Saturday, February 9th at the age of 102.

Condolences to club member **Patty Munz** and her husband **Robert Schlaudecker** on the death of Patty's brother. Michael Sebald passed away on Wednesday, March 20 at the age of 61.

Condolences to **Past Commodore Tony DeAngelo** on the death of his brother. Joseph DeAngelo passed away on Monday, March 25th at the age of 74.

Logo Sales now has long sleeve t-shirts available for the cool spring evenings! Contact Supply Officer **Tony DiNicola** for more information.

Volunteers are needed for the Tall Ship's Festival, August 23-25. Please go to the Tall Ship's Erie website at <https://tallshipserie.org> to sign up. Ship liaisons are also needed. Liaisons provide logistical support to the participating ships while they are in Erie. Interested members should use the link for liaisons on the website.

Please do not put your used shrink wrap in the club dumpster. Once again, Engineered Plastics will accept clean and band-less shrink wrap material this year. Any marina or individual boaters that wish to participate in the program can drop off shrink wrap on Wednesdays between 12:00 - 3:00 PM directly at the Engineered Plastic facility located at 1367 West 12th Street.

Remember that the mandatory cold weather life jacket wear is in effect until April 30.

If you would like to be on the Ground Crew or a Lift Operator Trainee, please contact **Commodore Robert Wilson** for more information. It takes a tremendous amount of work to get the boats in and out of the water and help is always needed.

The clubhouse is rented on April 27th and so please be courteous and not utilize the clubhouse that day.

Remember that dock fees are due when you launch your boat or no later than May 15th.

Congratulations to **P/C Sam Best**, this month's money winner.

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Happy
Easter!

