



Presque Isle Yacht Club



Newsletter



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Commodore:
Kurt Fesenmyer

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Installation of 2021 Officers—January Membership Meeting

Although the December membership meeting was canceled due to the Governor's orders, the officers did a great job organizing the election of officers to ensure everyone was safe and yet still hold the elections.

Congratulations to the following officers who were elected into office for the 2021 season:

Commodore—**Jim Mazza**
VC—**Mike Howard**
RC—**Adam DiNicola**

FC—**Jennifer Skolnik**
Secretary—**Bob Green**
Treasurer—**Charlie Longua**

The board members also elected were: **Brian Logan** and **Bill Verdecchia**—they will serve on the board for two years, and **PC Kurt Fesenmyer** will serve for one. The carry-overs from the 2020 season were **PC Gene Krahe** and **Paul Sauer**. Following a brief membership meeting at the **Polish Falcon's Club** located at **431 E. 3rd St.**, on

Sunday, January 17th at 1:30 p.m., the newly elected 2021 officers will be installed. Family members are invited to the membership meeting to watch the installation. Following the installation, **a BUFFET DINNER will be served at 3:00 p.m.** There is no cost for the dinner. Please remember to wear a mask and social distance as best you can.

Upcoming Events

January Membership Meeting—*Installation of Officers Polish Falcon's Club*
431 E 3rd St
Jan 17 1:30 p.m.



Buffet Dinner Polish Falcon's Club
Jan 17 3:00 p.m.

February Membership Meeting
Feb 14 1:30 p.m.

Ramblin's

Condolences to **PC Jim Howard** and his wife **Patti Howard** on the death of Patti's mother and Mike's grandmother. **Divie Youngberg** passed away on Tuesday, December 1st at the age of 82.

Condolences to club member **Ken Worley** and his wife **Marge** on the death of Ken's sister. **Janet White** passed away on Tuesday, December 22nd at the age of 78.

Condolences to the family of club member **Winnie Ramey** who passed away on Thursday, December 31 at the age of 80.

Congratulations to **PC Herb Torrance III** on receiving the 2020 Harold Eisert Award. Herb received this prestigious award at the Commodore Dinner held in November.

Congratulations to club member **Gary Larson** for publishing his second book *Peeling Back the Layers*. It's a short book of just a few pages in each of the 38

chapters. He tells stories and muse over many topics. One person who read it described him as a "backyard philosopher." Two years ago he wrote *Harbor Yarns*, which is another short book about an imaginary fishing village named Little Cove. Both books are easy, fun reads. You can order them on Amazon or from any bookstore. Contact Gary Larson at 716-307-5815 for more information.

If you never heard of Ensign Magazine, it has great information regarding boating, weather, boating education and fun and it's available free online at theensign.org. You can subscribe to the monthly newsletter or download the magazine for free. Thanks to **Gary Lozowski** for passing this information along.

Please remember to keep the doors of the clubhouse clear of snow if you happen to be at the club. Shovels are located at each of the doors for your convenience. This will help to avoid

accidents.

As soon as the new officers and board members are installed, watch for the 2021 Club Calendar which will have all the upcoming events listed on it. Please be sure to attend these events which help support the club.

Everyone have a very safe and Happy New Year and may the wind always be at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.

Happy Anniversary!

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

- 5-Year:**
PC Kurt Fesenmyer
Paul Sauer
- 10-Year:**
Chuck Dombrowski
- 65-Year:**
PC John Wolf



Happy Birthday:

- Ashleigh Baker
- Jared Ciferno
- Charles Dombroski
- John Downey
- Kathy Eisert
- Robert Fazzolare
- Dan Galvin
- Nancy Gangle
- Tracy & Amiee Gustafson
- George Hooker
- Emily Janes
- Chuck Kahn
- Janet Kuneman
- Sarah Larson
- John Mahoney
- Tami McClimans
- Kim Sauer
- Earle Smith
- Msgr Tom Snyderwine
- Herb Torrance IV
- Gladys Turner

Officers' Comment

As I sit here to write my last segment for the newsletter I can't stop thinking of all the positive things that have happened over the past four years. There have been many improvements to the clubhouse, docks and equipment including new tires for the travel lift and the ordering of a new fork truck. I have great confidence that the 2021 Bridge will continue to keep PIYC moving forward. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it made the 2020 season very different than normal with social distancing and limited gatherings; it affected every event of 2020. The one thing it did not affect was the weather. We had a fantastic summer thanks to Fleet Captain Adam DiNicola. As we move into the 2021 season, I hope things can get back to some normalcy. Now I would like to thank my Bridge, Board, Secretary, Treasurer, committee members and the membership for all the help and hard work that keeps PIYC among the nicest clubs on lake Erie.

Commodore Kurt Fesenmyer

We're one month closer to boating season! I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas! Due to the current pandemic restrictions that expired on January 4th the January membership meeting and installation of officers have been moved to Sunday January 17th at 1:30 PM. Also due to social distancing requirements and the size of our facility the location has also been changed to Polish Falcon's Club 431 E. 3rd St. following the meeting there will be a buffet dinner

served at 3:00PM. If the current restrictions do not get lifted by January 17th, the membership meeting will be cancelled. I will have more information shortly after January 4th. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and socially distanced Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone in 2021! **Go Steelers!**

VC Jim Mazza

Hello Everyone. I'm hoping that all of you had a great Christmas holiday and I wish everyone a Happy New Year! I'd just like to take a final moment to say thank you to each and every one of you who helped make 2020 a great year for PIYC. The many hands who helped me out this year made light work out of being the Rear Commodore. I'm honored to have gotten to work beside so many of you and I'm thankful for the opportunity to have gotten to know many of the newer members. Going forward into 2021 I know that the club will continue to prosper with the help of each and every one of you hard working members acting as stewards. As always please remember to check on your boats periodically throughout the winter season. Also if you plug your boat in please remember to unplug it before you leave the grounds. If you notice anything wrong or unusual on the grounds please let either myself or one of the other officers know immediately so that any issues can be addressed. Snow shovels and salt are located at the entrance doors. Please consider doing your part in keeping the entrances cleared and

the side walk areas safe for the other members. Once again, thank you for a great year!

RC Mike Howard

Hello all. I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. There is not much to report this month as we had to cancel the Christmas party. I would just like to say thank you very much to everyone who helped me with the parties that I was able to have this year and make the best of it. I am looking forward to next year and hoping we can get back to normal. Thank you all.

FC Adam DiNicola

Happy New Year to all of our PIYC members and families. Here's hoping 2021 is a better year than 2020 and we can put this pandemic behind us.

The January Board of Directors meeting was held on Monday, December 14th. We welcomed the Board Members-elect, Brian Logan, Bill Verdecchia and Kurt Fesenmyer as well as Fleet Captain-elect Jennifer Skolnik. We also thanked outgoing Board Members PC Herb Torrance, PC Mike Galbreath, and Gene Krahe Jr. The usual reports were received from the Treasurer and Secretary as well as all of the Bridge Officers. The only new business conducted was to grant a request for forgiveness of six work hours for a member due to a health issue. The complete Board report is posted in the clubhouse as well as available on the piyc.com website.

PC Gene Krahe Sr.
Board Chairman

I will be sending the invoices for annual dues (\$40), annual taxes and lease fees (\$440), work hours owed (\$35 per hour not worked), and extra gate cards requested at \$2 per card. For new members making initiation fee installment payments, this invoice will include one year installment fee due. The invoices will be distributed at the January membership meeting and will be mailed out for those members not present. Payment will be due by February 15, 2021. Your timely payment will be appreciated.

Treasurer Charlie Longua



"When you said we were taking your 'boat' down the coast, I assumed the boat would be doing all the work."

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