



The Griffon Log



Members

- 12 Art Jocoy Jr
- 15 Dr. Jeffrey Radell
- 26 Daniel Cronk
- 28 Kenneth Argona
- 29 Steve Butski III

First Mates

- 1 Mary Lee Kendzia
- 11 Anastassia Radell
- 12 Rebecca Moreno
- 15 Shirley Millette
- 17 Frantz
- 21 Margarita Ventura
- 23 Linda Butski III
- 25 Charlene Musolino
- 30 Catherine Brown

Happy Anniversary



- 4 Anthony & Jeannie Rodgers
- 6 Robert & Dawn Downs
- 19 Larry & Beverly Weatherston
- 26 William A. & Wesley Greenman

At this time, my wife and I would like to thank everyone for the last few years that "we've" spent on the Bridge. LaSalle Yacht Club has a great variety of people that we've come to know and enjoy the company of. We've made a lot of new friends and had the opportunity to see more of friends from our past. It's been nothing but a great experience and an honor to be part of the tradition.



The Commodore's Ball was a classic event and we really want to thank everyone for the hard work they put into it. Events like that really show the western New York community what

this club has to offer both in terms of its membership and facilities. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. The food was spectacular and the service couldn't have been better.

Our next events are the children's and Adult's Christmas parties which are really both great times to get together around the holiday season. The Children's Christmas party is Sunday December 7th with a special new Board member (Pat Driscoll) playing the role of Santa for the kids. The Adults will gather on Saturday December 13th for great food, drinks, and socializing.

In closing, I would like to again thank everyone at LYC for everything they do to keep this club what it is today. Without this type of membership dedication over these past seven decades the club would not be where it is. Remember, in Niagara Falls, this is the only waterfront club and we need each other's support for it to stay such a prominent part of history for many decades to come. Please support the upcoming Bridge, Board, and events in any way you can.

Commodore David Hojnacki, MD

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A special thank you goes out to the following local area businesses that graciously sponsored LYC's 2008 Christmas Party for our children:

- Western New York Marine Trades Assoc (WNYMTA)
- Niagara Falls Boat Show—Summit Mall Jan 21-25, 2009
- Hamburg Boat Show—Erie County Fair Grounds April 2-6, 1009
- Tim Phillips Garage, Inc.
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- Dan the Man
Niagara Falls, NY
Dan the Man

The Commodore's Ball was a wonderful evening. Everything went well—the food was great, the band was amazing and we all had a great evening. I hope that everyone will be attending the Christmas Party on December 13th. Make your reservations soon please. A reminder to all of you, please attend the Installation Dinner on January 10th—it is a great night for our club. The officers move up into their new positions and we welcome the new commodore—me! We are also having a Kid's Christmas Party on Dec 7th; please donate to the kids for this event. Also remember our staff, we have a Christmas donation fund for them as well.

Congratulations to our recently elected Board of Director members; Pat Driscoll, Dave Ricigliano and Tony Rodgers. Welcome to our new Fleet Captain, Jimmy Swanson and our new social director Vicky Swanson.

I would like to remind all members that the kid's playroom is a nice addition to our club. Many people devoted time & energy to the creation of this room. We need for everyone to look after your children and guests to assure the room is neat and clean after the kids are done. The carpets have been cleaned throughout the club, the floors stripped and waxed and the whole club cleaned, dusted and windows washed. The club looks great.

Starting December 1st there will be numerous new items on our menu. Come on out and try the new items. Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and enjoy the Holiday Season this year.

Vice Commodore Dan Reynolds



It's hard to believe that this is the last log of the year already. I hope everyone was pleased with the way the club looked this year. There was a lot of effort put into it by all that helped out. I would like to thank everyone that showed up at the work parties this year. I appreciate your time and effort. I would especially like to thank my first mate Marie for all of her support and help. To get ready for a new year I would encourage you to get involved with some of the committees that will be looking for members. By being active with these committees you can help the club expand and grow. I will be posting a sign up sheet for the House committee as will the other officers for their committees in the Chart Room.

Rear Commodore Steve Tisack



Fleet Captain Joe signing on,

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow, or so the song goes. If I had my way (and I don't), the song would go "Let us boat, let us boat, let us boat!". No question about it, winter is here. Let's enjoy what we can — good times, good friends and family—especially at LaSalle Yacht Club. Just a word on the Commodore's Ball—what a great time celebrating Commodore Dr. David's party.

Great set-up arrangements by the committee, excellent food by our great Chef Dan, good music, drinks served by our very own super bar maid Judy and her daughter and most of all, great people. If you missed the ball, you missed the best event of the year.

It was a good year as Fleet Captain and I'm looking forward to next year.

Signing off,



Fleet Captain Joe Ventura

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**



With the Holiday Season here, I would like to wish everyone a healthy and safe holiday season. Please remember the Kid's Christmas party is Sunday December 7, 2008 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. There will be crafts, food and fun. Come have your child's picture taken with Santa. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board, please put how many children and their ages for an accurate count so no child misses out on any of the fun. If you would like to bake an item to donate for the party the sign up for that is on the same form. As of right now there is a cost of \$5.00 per child and we are looking to get donations to alleviate that cost. If you would like to donate please contact Sal Moreno or myself for details. I hope to see all of the children have a great party. We have received word from the North Pole that Santa's sleigh is not ready to fly, so he will be arriving by boat! The next event is the adult Christmas party on Saturday December 13, 2008. Please contact the LaSalle Yacht Club for details on the adult Christmas party. Happy Holidays!

Social Director Natalie Driscoll

- Schmidt's Collision & Glass
Niagara Falls, NY
Rick Greenawalt
- Super 8 Motel
Niagara Falls, NY
Sukh Kang
- Richardson Auto Repair
Niagara Falls, NY
Kent Richardson
- Days Inn
Wheatfield, NY
Aron Patel
- Wavelengths Hair Design
Grand Island, NY
Ingrid Kinney
- Gross Plumbing
Niagara Falls, NY
- Woodward Industries
Tonawanda, NY
Dan Woodward
- A special thanks to all members of LYC who donated to the general fund at the bar!

Thank you to the LYC vendors who donated food / drink for the party:

- Latina's Food, Inc.
Chuck Marrazzo
- Tri-it Distributing
Paul Bishop
- Southern Wine & Spirits
Tim Schmit
- Wal-Mart
Lori in accounting
- Costa Verde Restaurant
Sal & Kim Scafani
- Pepsi Bottling Corp
Joe Kasbaum
- Curtze Food Services
Tom Geiger
- Willowbrook Farms
Dick Surbone



For reservations, to book an event or other information call LYC: 283-3080



Restaurant Hours

Chart Room Bar Hours

Monday & Tuesday.....Closed Mon—Sat 4 pm till Closed
 Wed & Thursday..... 5:00—9:00 Sunday 12 pm till Closed
 Friday & Saturday ... 5:00—10:00 Happy Hour — Everyday
 Sunday..... 12:00—9:00 4 pm—6 pm

December 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|---|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 Open Prime Rib Sandwich | 4 | 5 Orange Roughy | 6 |
| 7 Kid's X-mas Party 1-4 PM Bills vs Dolphins | 8 | 9 | 10 Spaghetti | 11 Bridge | 12 Crab Cakes | 13 Christmas Dinner Dance |
| 14 Bills @ Jets 1 PM | 15 Board Meeting (M) 7:30 PM | 16 | 17 Veal Parmesan | 18 Bridge | 19 Seafood Newburg | 20 |
| 21 Bills @ Broncos 4:05 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Cracker | 25 (Club Closed)  | 26 Yellow Pike | 27 |
| 28 Bills v Patriots Commodore's Punch Party | 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve Dinner 5-9 PM | 1 New Year's Day  | 2 | 3 |
| 4 De-decorate & Fireside Party | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Bridge | 9 | 10 Installation Dinner |

New Year's Eve Menu

*Roasted Red Pepper & Chicken Soup OR
 Whole Mozzarella-Tomato Salad
 6 oz. Lobster Tails...Double \$49.95 Single \$26.95
 Surf n Turf (8 oz Prime Rib or NY Strip Steak) \$38.95
 16oz "USDA Choice" New York Strip Steak.....\$20.95
 12 oz Prime Rib.....\$19.95
 "Artichoke-Spinach" Stuffed Chicken\$16.95
 Fettuccine Alfredo.....\$12.95
 King Crab Legs.....\$17.95
 Rack Of Lamb with Vodka-Mint Sauce.....\$22.95
 Almond-Crusted Sea Bass.....\$19.95
 Au Gratin Potato * Fresh Asparagus
 Strawberry Shortcake
 Dinner includes soup or salad/rolls and dessert.
 Please make reservations by Wednesday, December 24, 2008*

Our new dining room menu is now available. Please come in and check it out! Don't forget about New Year's! The menu is to the left and posted on the board in the Chart Room. Please make your reservations early. Seating will be limited.

Just a note—making advanced dinner reservations will help us service you and your guests better and would be greatly appreciated. Dining will be limited to the Chart Room on these dates: 3rd, 4th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 18th & 20th. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please call or email me at the club. I am available Wednesday thru Sunday, 1 PM to closing. On behalf of the LYC staff, have a very happy and safe holiday!

Your Chef, Dan Gormady