



# The Griffon Log



**Members**

- 2 Italo Baldassarre
- 9 Mark Montazzoli
- 9 Lori Butera
- 14 Larry D. Downs
- 15 Chad Robertson
- 20 Thomas Cosentino
- 21 Daniel Reynolds
- 22 Sherrie Casale
- 27 William A. Greenman

**First Mates**

- 4 Jeannie Rodgers
- 6 Natalie Driscoll
- 6 Ann Agnello
- 8 Joyce Schuur
- 18 Harjinder Kang
- 22 Meghan Argona
- 23 Pat Capton
- 24 Barbara Butler
- 28 Eleanor Olszewski
- 29 Deborah Bouton



**Happy Anniversary**

- 17 Patrick & Natalie Driscoll
- 28 John & Eleanor Olszewski



Mistakenly, I thought last month was my last time to address everyone in the Griffon Log. As I've said many times before, it has been a pleasure serving as an Officer of LaSalle Yacht Club. On January 10th, 2009, we will be holding our annual Installation Dinner at which time Dan Reynolds will become your new Commodore. Dan is a great person and his commitment to LYC is genuine. Please make your reservations to attend in support of him and his new Bridge. Jim Swanson will be our new Fleet Captain and I applaud him for taking on this role. As you know, Steve Tisack will become our new Vice Commodore and Joe Ventura is moving up to Rear Commodore. These men are volunteering their precious time for the betterment of LYC so please try your best to support and encourage them.

As the New Year begins I would also like to acknowledge and commend several other people for their commitment to you and the LaSalle Yacht Club. Chris Bystrzak has served for years as your treasurer and has also held positions on the Bridge and Board in the past. Rob Downs is serving as your Secretary again and always does a great job. Our newest Board member is Pat Driscoll and returning members are Dave Ricigliano, P/C Tony Rodgers, P/C Rick Trimmer, Sal Moreno, and Captain Tom Richardson. Vicky Swanson will be taking over as our Director of social events and the lineup this year is looking great. The Griffon Log is now being created by our new Editor in Chief, Joy Johnson and really is an outstanding publication.

The upcoming year promises to be an exciting one, so plan ahead to prepare your ships early. There are many new members at the club and hopefully this year's annual Boat Show at the Summit Mall will attract even more. Remember to put your slip requests in early to assure yourself of your desired location. Lastly, thanks to everyone for all the support I've received over the last several years.

| CLUB OFFICERS                              | BOARD OF DIRECTORS  |
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**Commodore David Hojnacki, MD**



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  
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Dan the Man

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our members—I hope it was and is a good one. In the month of December we had a new floor installed behind the bar and it looks great. Just one more touch in our improvements to the club. The Christmas Dinner Party was a nice evening. I had a great time, all though I wish I could have seen more of our members there. What can I say, the Kid's Christmas Party was awesome! Thank you to all who donated and to everyone that helped make that great party a success. A special thank you to Sal Moreno who went above and beyond planning and making the party happen. Thank you Pat Driscoll for playing the role of Santa. I hope to see everyone at the Installation Dinner, it is one of our Club's special events.

I have tried some of the new dishes at the club and I must say Chef Dan did a great job. Come out and watch the Superbowl and have some fun. See you there!



### ***Vice Commodore Dan Reynolds***

Join us for the **Superbowl Party** at LYC! The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Chart Room. **Sunday February 1, 2009.**



I would like to welcome everyone to a new year! There is already a lot of energy and enthusiasm being generated about up and coming events and projects. I would like to thank everyone who signed up for the house committee. I will be contacting those people next week to let them know the day and time for our first meeting.

I would like everyone to be aware that inside the front door there is rock salt and a shovel. If you get to the club and there is some snow or ice in the entrance way, please help out and clear or put some salt down so no one slips or falls. Your help and consideration is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### ***Rear Commodore Steve Tisack***

Fleet Captain Joe signing on,  
I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and the festivities that went along with them. From the Dining Room you can see that the recent storms and wind have trapped a lot of debris and driftwood in our marina. Hopefully this won't cause a lot of problems, or our upcoming Fleet Captain, Jim Swanson will have his hands full come Springtime.

Until then, let's enjoy what LaSalle Yacht Club has to offer—good times with friends and family and great food from Chef Dan's new menu. I look forward to seeing everyone for Installation Dinner, an important and significant event for our club.

Signing off,



### ***Fleet Captain Joe Ventura***



The month of December was very exciting. The children's Christmas Party was a huge success. I would like to thank Sal Moreno for a job that was not just done well but he went above and beyond to ensure that each child that attended the party was well taken care of. With the help of many of the members, Meghan Argona, Rob Downs, Dawn Downs, Jim Swanson, Joy Johnson, Dave Ricigliano, Ingrid Kinney, Art Jacoy, Tim Phillips and of course Pat Driscoll (AKA Santa Claus) to name a few. For the members and friends that also helped make the party a success we could not have done it without you. I would also like to thank each member & sponsor for their generosity with all of their donations. All the sponsors are listed in the log. The adult Christmas party was also a very nice event. Thank you to Dr. Dave Hojnacki for organizing the event. This has been a great year of getting to know more of the members at the LYC. Thank you for everything everyone has done for me throughout the year by volunteering to chair an event or just helping me make sure all events were done correctly. As most of you have heard, this is my last time I will be writing in the LYC Log. Please help me welcome Vicky Swanson as your new social director of the LaSalle Yacht Club. Thank you for a great year!

### ***Social Director Natalie Driscoll***

- Schmidt's Collision & Glass  
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- Super 8 Motel  
Niagara Falls, NY  
Sukh Kang
- Richardson Auto Repair  
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- Days Inn  
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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                      |

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| Sunday                                    | Monday                       | Tuesday | Wednes-                                | Thursday                  | Friday                     | Saturday                            |
|---|------------------------------|---------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 28  | 29                           | 30      | 31 <b>New Year's Eve Dinner 5-9 PM</b> | 1 <b>A HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> | 2 Chicken Marsala          | 3                                   |
| 4 <b>De-decorate &amp; Fireside Party</b> | 5                            | 6       | 7 Calves' Liver                        | 8 Bridge                  | 9 Tuna Steak               | 10 <b>Installation Dinner—6 PM</b>  |
| 11  | 12                           | 13      | 14 Meatloaf                            | 15 Bridge                 | 16 Broiled Seafood Platter | 17                                  |
| 18  | 19 Board Meeting (M) 7:30 PM | 20      | 21 Boat Show Stuffed Peppers           | 22 Boat Show Bridge       | 23 Boat Show Sirloin Tips  | 24 Boat Show Chart Room Dining Only |
| 25 Boat Show                              | 26                           | 27      | 28 Chicken Cacciatore                  | 29 Bridge                 | 30 Jambalaya Shrimp        | 31                                  |
| 1 <b>Superbowl XLIII Party</b>            | 2                            | 3       | 4                                      | 5 Bridge                  | 6                          | 7                                   |

Don't miss our very own performance of Tony 'n Tina's Wedding being performed here in the Dining Room at LYC! This is an exciting theatrical performance that is sure to be a great evening. The show is Saturday



February 21, 2009. Tickets are \$40 a piece (including dinner) and are selling very quickly—buy yours today from Judy at the bar!

I would like to thank the LaSalle Yacht Club, members, directors and officers for a great 2008. The club is going in the right direction for 2009 and a big thank you goes out to all that were involved with the planning of social events, work parties, dinner parties and other special functions in the past year. I look forward to working with you again and continue our success for 2009.

Just a note, making advanced dinner reservations will help us service you and your guests better and would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please call or email me at the club. I'm available Wed.-Sun., 1pm-closing.

**Your Chef, Dan Gormady**