

# Singapore Yacht Club

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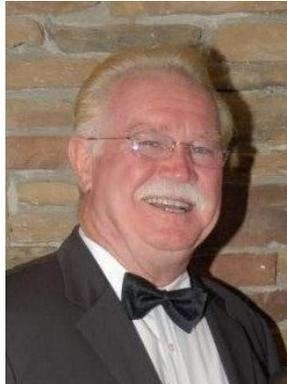
## Commodore's Comments by Jim Gorman

As we were closing out the 2013 boating season there was still a lot of fun to be had. The cruise and rendezvous was such a great success it left people talking about it in October. The Commodore's party was so much fun. The Change of Watch was a great time. I want to thank all the Committee Chairmen for all the work that was put forward to make 2013 a good season.

I know that I left the new Commodore with the club in a good position. The dredging permits are in place. He has a budget for 2014. The membership was back to the same number of members as it was at the end of 2012. Thank you Jack Query for all of your time and commitment to the Membership Committee.

Most of the boats are out of the water by this weekend. I hope everyone will enjoy the CD which was made by Phyllis Hanna which documents all the events and activities at Singapore Yacht Club during the 2013 season.

Myself and Cathy look forward to seeing everyone in Florida at the Party in Paradise.



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## Vice Commodore's Report by Doug Peet

### Projects completed this year:

Lawn repair from the pump out repairs in the park.

New gravel and soil in the new pots and watering of the flowers, with new soil and edging around the sign defining the flower area.

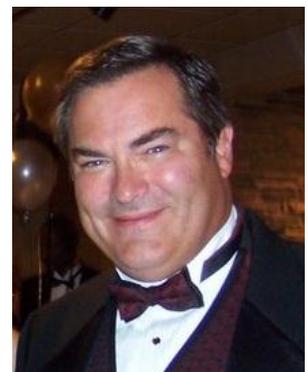
Repairs to the pool heater, and internet repairs.

New fencing and new gates for the trash area, and new doors and trim on maintenance shed.

Painting of fence, gates, doors, concrete next to entrance, and sign posts; color as per board wishes.

Sprinkler system repairs, and work on some electric breakers.

Many thanks to the Bridge and Board and to all those who have served as Committee members and chairs. Our Club grounds look great thanks to all the efforts of John Geier and the dock crew.



## Secretary's Report by Mike Applegate

Sadly, the 2013 boating season has come to an end, which can mean only one thing – it's time to prepare for **2014!!**

It's sad to see some of our friends move on and give up their slips, but it's also exciting to welcome new members to the SYC slip holder community.

Slips that have been vacated are now being assigned consistent with the current **MOVE** and **WAIT** lists. If you are on either of these lists, please go frequently to the SYC website and review your information/request for accuracy.

The **2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE / ROSTER & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM** will be mailed in mid- December. Please take the time to complete the form in its entirety and return it no later than January 1, 2014. Dues and Fees may be paid online or sent in with the ROSTER & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM.

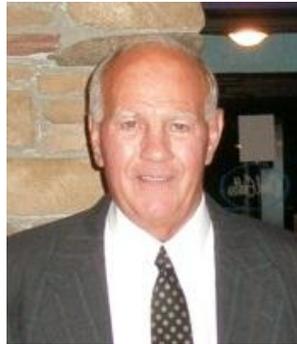


**As we approach the winter months** ----

*"Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you". -Walt Whitman*

## Club Manager's Report by John Geier

Another season has come to a close and we look forward to assisting you again in 2014. Tom and I have been busy closing the grounds and club and helping departing boats. Thank you again and have a safe and healthy holiday season.



SYC 2013 CLOSING	
• Agitators pulled, cleaned, and stored	9/18/13
• POOL	10/2/13
Winter Chemical added	
Drained	
Lines blown	
Cover	
• Pool Furniture Stored	9/30/13
• Sprinkling System Decommissioned	9/30/13
• Lift Station Cleaned and Pumped	10/9/13
• Grills Stored	10/8/13
• 4-50 amp chords from slip 1 & 2 stored	10/9/13
• Picnic Tables Stored	10/7/13
• Fire Extinguishers Removed and Stored	10/14/13
• Pump Out System Winterized	10/14/13
• Bathroom Code Changed	10/16/13
• Pedestals and Dockboxes Secured	10/15/13
• Final Mowing	10/10/13
• Decommission Bathroom a/c and heat	10/15/13
• Club House Cleaned and Locked	10/15/13
• Office Cleaned and Secured	10/15/13
• Water Shut Off	10/16/13
• Directv Notified	10/15/13
• Phone and Internet Notified	10/15/13
• Waste (Chef) Notified	10/18/13
• Winterize Bathrooms and Pedestals	10/16/13
• Parking Lot Gates Removed and Stored	10/15/13

## Auxiliary Report by Bobbie Applegate

It has been my honor to serve on the Board of the Auxiliary for the past four years. It has been a very rewarding experience.

We started the year replacing the large flower pots for the board walk.

We had a tremendous turn out for flower planting on Memorial Day weekend.

Our opening "free" Italian Dinner was a huge success, and I think it will set a precedent for years to come.

Dock-tails in July was just another new way for us to socialize, eat and drink, with a theme.

The Auxiliary Change of Watch was terrific! The Club room was beautiful, the food and camaraderie was very enjoyable.

We ordered some new items for sale in the dock shed, and the Dock Manager and his crew worked very hard selling the clothes and hats which amounted to a very nice donation for the Auxiliary.

In closing, I would like to thank the Auxiliary Board, Diane, Phyllis & Sue, the volunteers from the membership, the Dock Crew, Becki, and the Butler for helping to make this year so easy for me.



## Harbor Committee Report by George Supp

The Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority met tonight Oct. 15th, 2013. At this time they still do not have a permit to dredge. The commit period ended on their application without any objections, but now the Water Resource Div. of the DNR is requiring a permit on how the water gets back to the river from the disposal site at Kal. Lake Sewer and Water property. They expect another 30 day delay.

Bottom line: they still need to address a plan to raise the 2 million for the phase 1 dredging. No question, without intervention and maintenance our lake will become wetlands like you see on the south side of Blue Star bridge. Lake Michigan water levels as of Oct.11 are down 2 inches from Sept. 11 but are up 13 inches from Oct. 11, 2012. The Lake is expected to drop only 2 inches by Nov. 11.

## Membership Committee Report by Jack Query

The Membership Committee would like to report that we ended the year on a positive note.

We recently accepted into SYC two new members. Mark & Jennifer Schuiteman and Tony & Kristi Chvala and both are on the wait list for a slip.

This makes a total of ten new members for the year. Sean & Jenni Steel, Ann

Marie Uetz, Brittany Soeder, Nate Scherpenisse, Randy DeWeerd, Lance Winchester, Carol Hoyt, and Bill & Arlene Sowle.

Please welcome all of them into our club!



Tony & Kristi Chvala –  
Wilmette, IL

## Commodore's Roast by Jack Query

We gathered on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Coral Gables to Honor and "Roast" our Commodore Jim Gorman. As usual the meal prepared by Coral Gables was fantastic. After honoring our Commodore, an inquiry conducted by the "Less Than Honorable" Judge Karl Thoma was held.

It seems that our Commodore Jim Gorman has been accused of "Impersonating" several different people, ie. Hit Man from the East Coast, Double Dipping Mortician, Dial it Up Man, & Cross Dresser. Needless to say Jim was found "Guilty" of all impersonations. He was sentenced to parking lot security and another year as "Social Chairman".

The roast was all meant to be "In Fun" because we all know that Jim is a very caring Commodore and was always there to help or assists anyone in need.

Linda and I would like to thank our committee: Jim & Joanie Curtis, Kim & Nancy Hall, Karl Thoma, Ken & Joni La Grand, Doug & Robin Peet, & Ward & Monica Zeipen for all their hard work to make this party a success.



## Commodore's Wife Cocktail Party by Cathy Gorman

The skies cleared at the last minute and we were able to have the Commodore's Wife Cocktail party around the pool.

As always, an incredible variety of food was enjoyed by all attending. I thank each of you for your contribution, it was delicious.

Thanks also to those bartenders for ensuring everyone had liquid libation to enjoy. All in all, a good time was had by all.



## Change of Watch by Karl Thoma

Our October 5th change of watch was attended by 125 well-dressed ladies and gentlemen. Our greeters met the guests with their dinner envelopes, evening agenda, and a DVD of the past year's events. Coral Gables outdid themselves with the room looking the best it ever has. Many thanks to Theresa Lee, VS flowers, and the entire staff for a great job. Formerly Hip provided the musical entertainment as we danced the night away.

We said goodbye to this year's Commodore Jim Gorman, and welcomed incoming Commodore Doug Peet, who also won this year's broken hammer award! (Doug unplugged) Brittany Soeder was presented with the rubber ducky! (Dingy Dinghy)



## Upcoming Events

**Winter Party** – Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Bridge & Board meeting** - Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Party in Paradise** – March 2014

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