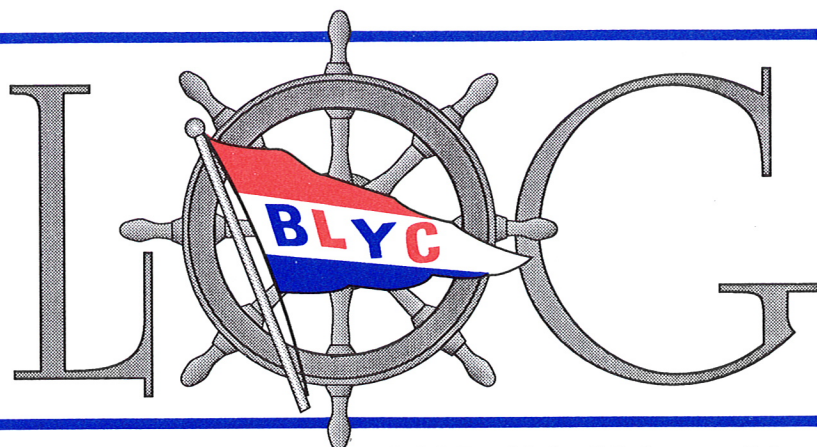


# Buckeye Lake Yacht Club



FROM THE BRIDGE ☆☆☆

December, 2003 - Vol. 13 Issue 11



**Commodore John Geiger**

**W**e've had a couple of months now to refocus upon bar and kitchen operations. Our General Manager Fritz Reterman and Chef Troy English have devoted themselves to instituting cost control measures that as of our October 03 financials appear to be on target. Two separate committees have been meeting weekly with Fritz and Troy as adjustments are being made that should enable us to hit our '04 budgetary projections. I want to thank Vice Commodore Steve Harris, Rear Commodore Mark Russell, Governor Terri Gatton, Commodore/Head Trustee Tim Maite, Commodore/Trustee Nick DeSantis, and our Secretary/Treasurer Keith Dotson for their efforts on these committees. Both committees will continue to meet to assist both Fritz and Troy as we work together to insure that our '04 budget, with respect to bar and kitchen cost centers (goods, labor, and miscellaneous

costs) are aligned according to our monthly projections. The benefit of this effort from a member's perspective is that we will be able to maintain a high level of personalized service, high quality product, and a pricing structure enabling us to realize a break-even margin throughout the year. As I hear on the radio each morning, "it's your money" and as I have stressed in each bar and kitchen committee meeting, it's your (members) Club. The Bar and Kitchen Survey form is still available, continued input (positive and negative) will help us meet our budgetary objectives. Please refer to Rear Commodore Mark Russell's article for further information. Mark has been doing a great job working directly with Fritz and Troy.

Speaking of our budget, the January Log and your monthly bill will include a summary of income adjustments for '04 that have been approved by the Board and Trustees. A thirty-five dollar increase in Active Member dues, a ten percent increase in dock fees, and an approximate three-hundred dollar increase in the initiation fee for new members should enable us to reach our goal of operationally breaking even, and functionally having funds for much needed house and grounds (capital) repairs and renovations. However, as per the last paragraph, it is imperative that we control bar and kitchen costs if our budgetary projections are to be realized. Consequently, efforts will continue to monitor and scrutinize all expenditures to insure budgetary integrity.

One huge factor that has contributed to our ability to keep income fees at a minimum as per our '04 budget has

been the addition of a new administrative accounting staff resource. Cathy Hull has returned to the BLYC. Her efforts, along with Secretary/ Treasurer Keith Dotson's direction and guidance, have given us an increased level of confidence to provide a high level of quality service and product, and concurrently operate our bar and kitchen within budgetary parameters. Welcome back, Cathy !!!

The Board has approved two House and Grounds projects. One will be the replacement of the Commodore's Lounge door, and the second is the renovation of the "pool room" which will now be referred to as the game room.

Governor Stone Parker has worked with the Jr. Sailing Committee and the Board to establish a game room use policy to insure (along with renovations,) that the game room will become a place all members will be able to use with pride. Use of the game room will be controlled by a manager's log and a key and control sheet will be available at the bar. The game room use policy will be posted throughout the Club. Governor Parker's work and leadership on this project represents the spirit of a working Board of Governors, a Club tradition.

Vice Commodore Steve Harris is also demonstrating strong leadership with respect to House and Grounds daily maintenance and repair/renovation projects. New standards are being established. Refer to Steve's article for an update on Porch Committee progress.

Governor Terri Gatton has also been working diligently to upgrade our entertainment schedule to provide more

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reasons for you to visit the Club. We commend Terri's initiative and management of this endeavor. A new annual calendar will be available soon at the Club or by mail upon your request.

Enough business... I want to encourage all members to use the Club and have fun. Bring your friends as guests and enjoy what the Club has to offer. Even though this article is being written prior to the OSU-Michigan game I am sure we will be able to offer a great BCS Bowl Party, regardless of the outcome on November 22, for those who can not travel to New Orleans (yes!) or possibly Florida in December or January. Recently during the OSU-Purdue game, Tim Thimmes and his party group took advantage of our new big screen TV to cheer the Buckeyes on to another hard fought, down to the wire victory. "A win is a win is a win!" Tim is used to winning by strokes, so what is wrong with a point or two. Go Bucks!

Mimi and I want to wish our BLYC family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all at the Christmas and New Year's Eve Parties.

See You at the Club,




## Entertainment

The lake has heard the last gasp of autumn. Docks sit empty, the snowbirds have gone south, and our pool is settled down for its long winter's nap and



Governor Terri Gatton

trap shooting now echoes over the water. Migratory birds have long since made the trek to their wintering areas,

the trees are shivering in the cold crisp nights and the scent of snow is in the air.

The Holiday Season arrives with many activities for a fun-filled December! Fritz has been working hard to gear up the Club and staff for the season and Chef Troy has outdone himself with holiday menus. The halls are decked and the wassail is warming, so please plan to attend at least one event this month! **Gayla Smith** is back on Friday 12/5 from 7 - 10. The **Children's Christmas Party** is Sunday 12/7 from 1 - 4pm. Santa arrives at 2:00. This is a great time for all the kids to tell Santa what they want for Christmas!

The **Adult Christmas Party** is Saturday 12/13 with music by the **Jack Gorham Band**. The cost is \$25.00 per person including tax and tip. The menu is Stuffed Roast Chicken w/Boursin Cream Sauce, wild rice, vegetable, lettuce wedge w/candied walnuts, tomatoes and peppered bacon w/bleu cheese dressing. White chocolate bread pudding w/Grand Marnier Crème rounds out the menu. Please plan to attend.

The Club will be closed for Christmas from 12/21 through 12/26.

New Year's Eve promises to be fun with **The Paul Clark Band** to ring in 2004. The New Year's Eve menu is Surf and Turf, Filet Mignon w/Bearnaise sauce, and Lobster Tail w/drawn butter. Spinach Greens w/warm Maple Vinaigrette, Toasted Pine Nuts and Pancetta, along with Twice Baked Potato and Asparagus. Chocolate Mousse tops it off and we will have champagne at midnight and Raid-the-Fridge snacks for a late night nosh! The cost is \$50.00 per person including tax and tip. Please make your reservations early!

In January, entertainment will continue on **Fridays** beginning Friday 1/09 with **Jimmy Harris** from 7 - 10. **Comedy Night** (6:30 - 10:30) returns on Saturday 1/17 so polish up those jokes! The menu will be Chef Troy's Choice! **Dave Bott** will entertain at the piano on Friday 1/23 from 7 - 10. **Top Cat Karaoke** returns to finish out the month on 1/30 from 7:30 - 10:30.

You will notice that a Flyer is included in this log. Please pull it out and stick it on your fridge so you will know what is happening at the Club and can come sit by the fire, warm your bones and enjoy the awesome winter view from the fireplace room!

Also, the entertainment schedule is now posted on our website; [www.buckeyelakeyc.com](http://www.buckeyelakeyc.com)

As always, if you have suggestions or know of some great entertainment please call me at 740-929-2446 or 740-819-0343.

Did you know the Blue Heron has a mating dance?

See you at the Club,



## Who took Brutus? Please return him to the Club!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join the BLYC Fix-Up Crew and help to maintain and improve our facilities.

We're looking for members to help with a number of projects around the Club and we need you!

Please contact Vice Commodore Steve Harris for more information:

[sg\\_harris@adelphia.net](mailto:sg_harris@adelphia.net)  
(740) 928-1763

### Snowbird Party

Feb. 18, 2004, 11:30 a.m.  
Diamond Head Beach Resort  
2000 Estero Blvd.  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
\$20 per person

Reservations a must. Send a check to Mick Schneider at 17761 Stevens Blvd., Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. 239-415-4857

Reservations for room at Diamond Head Beach Resort, call 239-765-7654



## Bar & Kitchen

To all my fellow BLYC members we just enjoyed Thanksgiving and December is here. I hope all of our members and their families have a happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year this season.



Rear Commodore  
Mark Russell

BLYC has some great holiday events planned and our staff is ready to make your dining and holiday parties an enjoyable time. As you see Martin our bartender, all of our dining room staff of Bethany, Bobbie, Andy, Vanessa and Shenna, plus the Kitchen staff of Chef Troy, Evan, Josh and Chris, take a moment and let them know how well they are doing and give them some holiday cheer.

Many monthly meetings with Fritz and Chef Troy, along with your Flag Officers, have had great results in all areas of the Bar and Kitchen.

Many small updates and upkeep are really helping us keep things in shape. In our last Board meeting we finished addressing the last piece of equipment, that uses water. A separate filter system is being added to the ice machine to give us the best quality ice and to save on iron build up and wear and tear.

Fritz has designed a new plan for our private parties and business events, with luncheons or dinners to make your needs and selections easier to lay out. Any requests for dates and costing are being addressed in a very timely fashion to meet your needs and dates better. Please call Fritz at 1-740-929-9941 if you have questions or bookings.

Your Holiday season at BLYC will be served even better with reservations called in ahead to help make your dining and entertainment needs the BEST.

Have a Happy Holiday Season and see everyone around the Club.

*Mark*

## Jr. Sailing

All the junior sailing boats and equipment have been stored for the winter, thanks to the efforts of these sailors: Steve and Fritz Schilling, Greg and Evan Miller, Dick and Austin Miller, Walter Grubb, Dan Knaul, Ilkka Aro, Chuck Bendig, Jim Owen, Bob Snow, Bret Pfahl, Bruce Pfahl, and Cameron Evans.



Governor Stone Parker

We have a new procedure in place for use of the BLYC Game Room — you must sign for a key. See below for the complete list of usage procedures.

We now have cable in the Game room, and we need for someone to donate a cable-ready color tv. Spread the word, and remember to tell people that this donation is tax deductible.

The spring flower sale will be May 7th and 8th, and the pre-order form will be in the next issue of the Log. Please consider obtaining your flowers from the juniors. It is convenient, and it supports all the junior activities at the Club, as well as their efforts to represent our Club at regattas.

God Bless You,

*Stone*

### Use Of BLYC Game Room

1. The game room will remain locked except when in use.
2. Smoking is not allowed in the game room.
3. The cabinets built into the wall in the game room are off limits.
4. Active members and their guests, and junior racing team members (age 12 or older) and their guests (age 12 or older) may use the game room.
5. Children under age 12 may only be in the game room when under the direct supervision of a member or a responsible adult of the member's designation who follows the procedures listed

herein. The member will assume all responsibility for the use of the game room.

6. To use the game room the member must see the Club Manager and sign for the key.
7. When finished using the room, it must be straightened up, with the pool table covered, and all trash taken downstairs. Before the key is returned to the club manager the member must secure the room and lock the doors.
8. Improper use of the game room will result in the loss of the member's privilege to use the room.

## Race & Regatta

Hopefully by now everyone has their boats out of the water and in storage for winter. I saw Jodi and Jim Fortuna in their Hunter, and



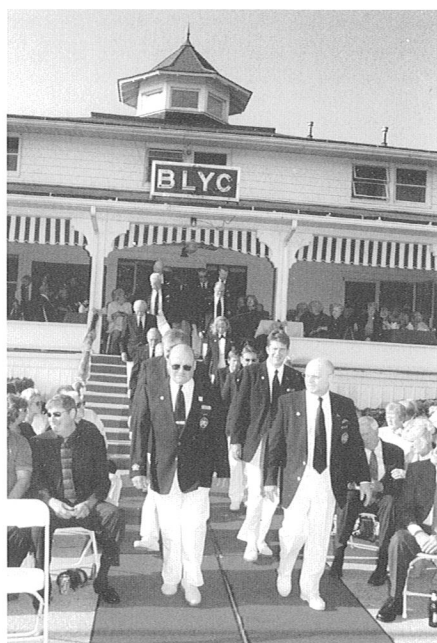
Governor  
Chuck Bendig

Don Harris in his Beneteau on the water Sunday, November 2, taking full advantage of that great, last sailing day. Now that the boats are stored, hopefully cold weather will bring some safe ice to sail the ice boats.

Don Harris deserves all of our thanks for working hard to solve the problem of unrated lift straps and an unrated lift pin on the BLYC hoist. As the owner of a heavier cruiser, I was always very worried about whether the straps or the pin would break while my boat was up in the air. Don went to great trouble to get new straps for the hoist, which are rated to 6,500 lbs. each, and a new pin for the hoist, which is rated to 13,000 lbs. This gives us all a good margin of safety, and much greater confidence when we lift our boats. I really appreciate Don going to all the trouble he did to make sure this problem was solved.

*Chuck Bendig*

Commodore Howard, and Rosa Clark of Fairfield Beach, Thornville Ohio celebrated by renewing their vows



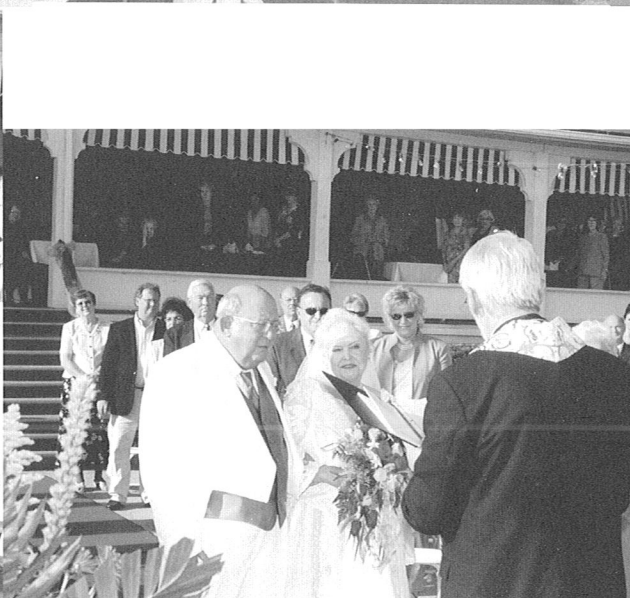
in a Golden Wedding on October 11, 2003 at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club overlooking Buckeye Lake on a beautiful autumn day with Fr. Mike Gribble officiating.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony with 350 family members and guests in attendance.

The BLYC Commodores and Governors in full dress marched down the

isle to begin the ceremony and stood at attention during the ceremony.

Congratulations, Rosa and Howard



## The Auxiliary

Secretary Gayle Scarrett

The last Auxiliary meeting was held Thursday, November, 13, 2003 at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. Speaker, Kelly Beimesderfer spoke to the Auxiliary regarding her Personal Training business (in the home) that she offers. It was a great program that reminded us of the importance of fitness and keeping healthy. Thank you to Kelly who visited with our group.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be held December 11, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Auxiliary meeting is always a fun event. This year we are having wine and appetizers during the cocktail hour with dinner starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Once again we will hold a silent auction. So please remember to bring your elegantly wrapped silent auction item with you. The bidding will begin after dinner with Auxiliary Vice President, Vicki Suhr, as our auctioneer. This evening is sure to be enjoyable so please plan on attending. As always, please contact the Club with reservations at 929-4466.

The December Auxiliary meeting will be the last Auxiliary event until April, 2004, as there will be no meetings during January, February, and March. Also, if you haven't already, please pay your 2004 dues to Roe Miller at the December meeting. Auxiliary dues are \$20.00 per member.

I look forward to seeing all Auxiliary members at the December event.

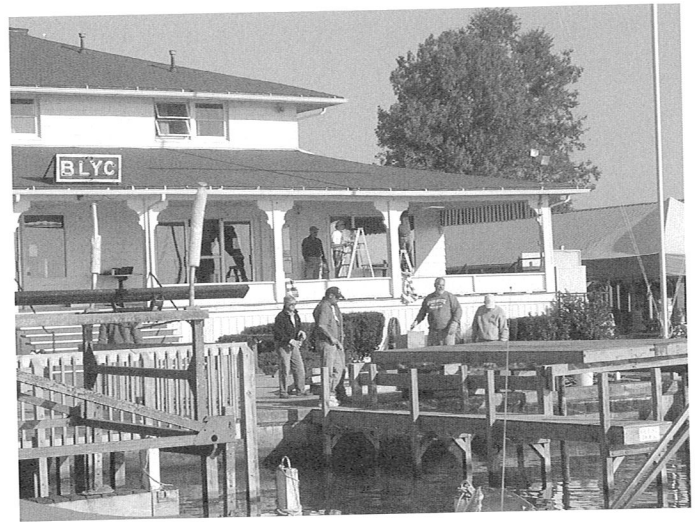
Happy Holidays to All!

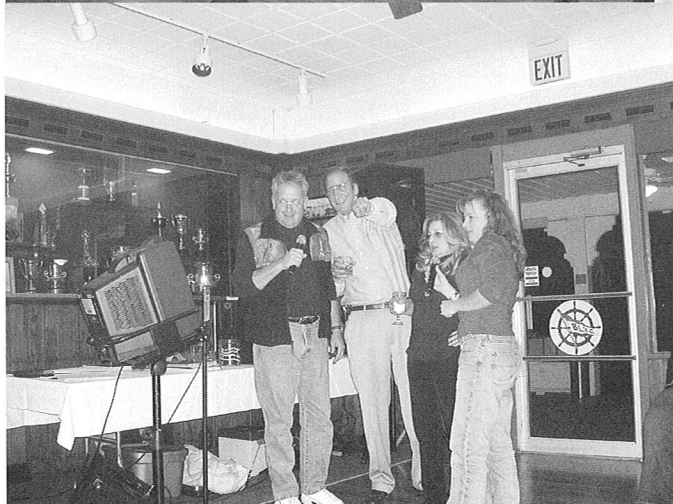
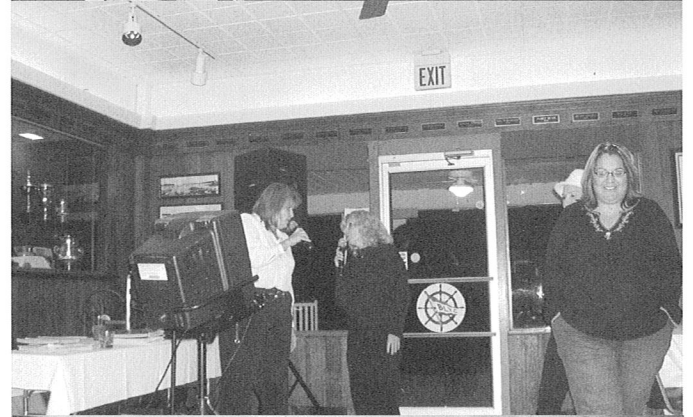
Respectfully submitted,

*Gayle Scarrett*



# WORKDAY



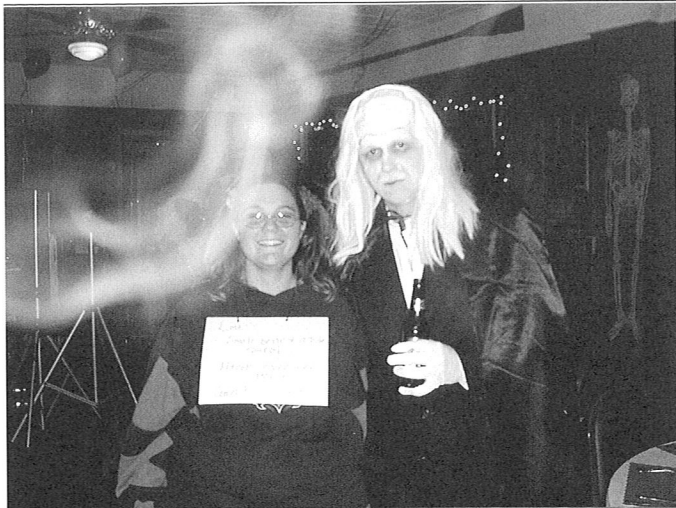


## Karaoke



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## House & Grounds

Fellow BLYC members, this time of year, we're all busy shopping and decorating for the upcoming holiday season. As we prepare to spend time with friends and family, it always seems like something around the house needs to be fixed, repaired, or replaced. It's the same with our "Old House" at the BLYC. There are a number of projects that we've recently started working on. First of all, the condition of the Clubhouse porch has become a significant issue over the past few years. Not only is the porch currently in need of cosmetic repairs, it is evident that there are areas of decay and, although currently safe, concerns about *long-term* structural stability exist. Investigation of porch repairs is a priority this year. We have assembled a blue-ribbon committee of myself, Commodore Geiger, Rear Commodore Russell, Governors Kent and Knaul, and Past Commodores Howard Clark, Frank Foster IV, and Fred Wright to investigate these issues. The committee has met and we are investigating the structural stability of the porch first. Once we better understand the problems which may be facing us, we will suggest needed repairs to the Board and look at the more "cosmetic" issues regarding the porch. As anyone who frequents the Club during the summer months knows, our porch is a vital part of our Club's atmosphere and activity. We hope to have a plan in place in time to begin any necessary construction in the early spring with the goal of completion by Memorial Day. Any suggestions and expertise you may have would be appreciated.

Other projects that are currently underway are the replacement of the Commodores' Lounge entry and renovation of the BLYC "Game Room" on the second floor. These projects will be completed through the combined efforts of our Maintenance Man, Chuck, and volunteer member labor. As everyone knows, recent economic slowdowns



Vice Commodore  
Steve Harris

have dramatically affected our Club. In order to control the cost of dues to members, we must carefully control our costs. We are making significant efforts to control costs in the Bar and Kitchen operation. We can also control costs in our maintenance and upkeep. I have always believed that the strength of the BLYC lies in its membership. Unlike many other organizations, our members have always been willing to give of their time and talents for the improvement of our Club. If you are interested in joining our new "BLYC Fix-Up Crew," please let me know. You will receive an official BLYC Fix-Up Crew ball cap and, at the completion of a project, the first round is on the house (House and Grounds, that is.) Please contact me at sg\_harris@adelphia.net or by phone at (740) 928-1763 (evenings) if you are interested in helping!

I hope that everyone has a great holiday season! Please don't forget to include the BLYC in your holiday plans!

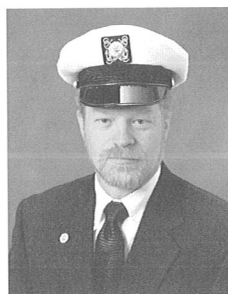
See you at the Club,

## Membership & Directory

Hello: Seems as though Mother Nature has had a difficult time deciding the type of weather we were to have, sunny and warm one week and winter cold the next. Well, as they say, this is Ohio, if you don't like the weather, stick around as it's bound to change.

Please join me in welcoming our newest BLYC Member, Donald Astoria and his First Mate, Kathleen, who along with their daughters, Kristen and Emily, will be enjoying all the great things the CLUB has to offer. Please make them feel as at home here as we all do.

The honorees this month for time devoted to the CLUB are: Past Commodore George V. Fisher, 56 years, Dewey E. Albright, 39 years; Bob V. Baughman, 36 years and Past Commo-



Governor Ray Kent

dore Carl L. Petersilge, 34 years. Give these gentlemen and their spouses a word of thanks when you see them. Without members such as these our CLUB would not be what it is today.

Take time to express your thanks to Governor Gatten for a great fall entertainment schedule. Along with great dining from Chef Troy, fall has been wonderful.

Get out and enjoy your CLUB.

## Rentals & Docks/Off Island

Greetings members and mates, We have nearly concluded another boating season. It's not official until the fat lady sings or the ODNR lowers the lake. I am presently conducting an exercise to ascertain that all boats/trailers are stored in their proper place in Eastport yard. I will coordinate this with the office manager to ensure all renters are billed accordingly. Those of you who are storing boats/trailers in the yard not yet notified the board of their intent to store will be contacted. I encourage anyone that falls into this category to contact me or any member of the board regarding your desire to lease a space. We need to enforce the rules equitably.

The board is also revisiting the potential to install an electronic swipe card access to the yard as we continue to have incidents of unlocked gates. We have been lucky thus far that no theft or damage has occurred, but we cannot rely on this. Please ensure that the yard is secured upon your departure.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. See you at the Club.



Governor Ed Kincaid





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**Commodore Jim Thompson**

The BLYC attempts to send get well cards and/or flowers to any member or member of his immediate family who is sick. Please let the Club Manager know if there is someone whom we need to wish well.

Also, in the event of a Member's death (or that of a member of his immediate family), please provide the Club Manager with whatever information you can as expediently as possible so we can respond accordingly.

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Governor Dan Knaul

## IMPORTANT DATES

### December

- 5 Gayla Smith
- 7 Children's Christmas Party
- 11 Board Meeting  
Auxiliary Meeting
- 13 Adult Christmas Party
- 21-26 Club Closed
- 31 New Years Eve Party

### January

- 8 Board Meeting
- 9 Jimmy Harris
- 17 Comedy Night
- 23 Dave Bott
- 30 Top Cat Karaoke

#### Change of Address

☐ For the winter ☐ For the summer

☐ For a short time ☐ For Good

The following is the address my mail should be sent to, effective: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, \_\_\_\_\_ State, \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail To:** BLYC, P.O. Box 867, Buckeye Lake, Ohio 43008 **or Fax To:** 740-929-2123

## 2003 Standing Committees

### Commodore's Association

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 Dr. Don Harris  
 Parliamentarian ..... Commodore Frank Foster III  
 Historian ..... Commodore Frank Foster III  
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 Audit ..... Fred Bair  
 Perpetual Fund ..... Commodore Howard Clark  
 Antique Boat Show ..... Commodore Tim Maite  
 Commodore Nick De Santis  
 Commodore Howard Clark  
 Snowball Regatta ..... John Watson  
 Emil Klein  
 Commodore's Cruises ..... Commodore Jim Shriner  
 Annual Golf Outing ..... Don Best  
 Bob Dye Memorial Poker Run .. Steve Romine  
 Gun Club ..... Ken Marshall  
 Dennis Mingyar

### Commodores' Steak Fry

Commodore Mike Jacobs

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