

# International Order of the Blue Gavel

## District 25

### President's Report



Keeping with an idea we need to keep this a "small" newsletter, I would like to offer holiday wishes from the entire Executive Board of District 25.

While it is our privilege to represent your interests, we need to encourage more participation from you, both for this year in particular, and for the District as a whole.

October 2002 has District 25 as the base for the International Convention, and we need to raise money in support of that event, as well as our continued Humanitarian support and fundraising for the District itself.

Please get involved, we do need your help!

**...help us keep your dues as low as possible by supplying your internet capability....**

In the meantime, we need to address who among us has internet capability, as we are starting our website. What we are asking is for you to send me your email address. If you don't wish to do that, drop me a card stating you are able to access

the internet. We are trying to save money in our communications, which we will do by hosting our own website, but only if enough of us participate.

Anyone with access will receive a post card stating the site has been updated. This will allow us to continue with good communication with no dues increase. Please help us keep our costs down, and keep our

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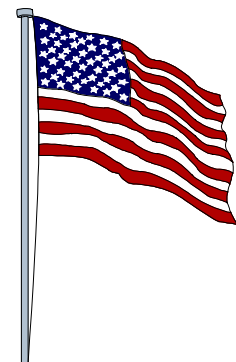
We will be having a President's Ball on Friday, January 18, 2002, by advance reservation. This reservation must be in by January 8,

for processing. Ticket prices are \$35 per person, and include an open bar. See the enclosed flyer for more information. We

hope to see you at this event, as we will be acknowledging the contributions to the Humanitarian Foundation for 2001.

Thank you, and Happy Holidays!

P/C Ed Payne  
President  
District 25



## President-Elect's Report

Help!!!! I've just jumped in with all four feet. Even though I've been a member of District 25 for a few short years, I decided to take the Plunge. There's nothing better than starting at the Top.

Dues time is here again. We need all your support. Let's continue to be the Largest District in the World (we already are the best). Let's all try to get the New P/C's to join the I.O.B.G.. We would like our membership to grow every year.

Our District's Presidents Ball is coming up on Friday the 18th of January 2002, at the Downriver Italian American Club in Wyandotte. This will be my very first. Hope to see everyone there.

I would like to Wish everyone a Safe & Joyous Holiday Season.

P/C Joe Kerszykowski  
President Elect  
District 25

## Treasurers Cents

Below is a renewal form. Please use it to update our records of any changes in your address status. If you know of someone not receiving their newsletters, or someone who has not yet received their membership cards, please call or write me with that information.

Thank you,

**District 25 Treasurer**  
**P/C Jerry Fillip**

### I.O.B.G. - District 25 Membership Form

Renewal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I.O.B.G. Chapter Officer/Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Submitted (U.S. Funds) \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary funds submitted: Yes  No

NOTE: Dues are U.S. \$40 for I.O.B.G. membership, U.S. \$10 for Auxiliary membership.

Send completed form to:  
District Treasurer P/C Jerry Fillup  
1760 Evergreen Drive  
Trenton, Mich. 48183

## IOBGA Report

We would like to thank all the members of District 25 that made it to our annual fall general membership meeting in October at the Ford Yacht Club.

You came prepared with new ideas and we really appreciate that. Your new elected officials for the year 2002 are Sandy Olejniczak - President, Chris Rodgers - President Elect, Sue Brooks - Treasurer, Nancy Goethals - Secretary and Cheryl Hepp - Past President.

It is time for the 2002 Membership dues to be paid, please forward your checks to Sue Brooks 2937 Seaway Ct, Harrison Twp, MI 48045.

The Auxiliary will be doing a 100 ticket Club drawing at the 2002 IOBG Presidents Ball on January 18th, 2002. This drawing is one of the ways we raise money for the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation. We will be doing a second drawing later this year.

***...we are doing several fundraisers, but can use your help, both in participation and for new ideas...***

Don't forget to send in your recipes to our Secretary Nancy Goethals. You can reach her at 810-463-7937 to find out how to

send them to her.

We look forward to seeing you a little more active in our plans this year.

We really need your help if we are to continue to grow and function. We are striving for better communication. Please email me at heppkatz@aol.com with any ideas. Make sure you put IOBGA as the subject so I will be sure to open it.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl A. Hepp  
Past President

## The International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary

invites

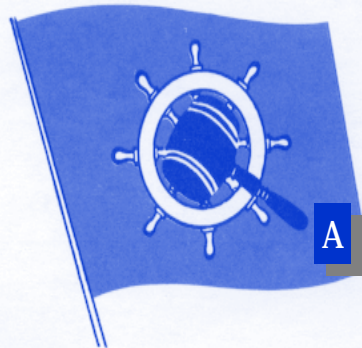
All International Order  
Of the Blue Gavel Officers

to inform their spouses, as well as  
any Past Commodores spouse  
they know, to join the

### Auxiliary

For information, please contact:

**IOBGA Treasurer Sue Brooks**  
29317 S. Seaway Ct.  
Harrison Twp, Michigan 48045  
**(810) 468-6641**



### Footnote for the IOBGA:

The IOBGA accepts spouses of Past Commodores as members. If you know of a spouse of a Past Commodore who is out of touch, please contact them and ask if they are interested. This is an organization for any and all spouses of Past Commodores, whether the P/C's are in the IOBG or not!

Ed

## Vice Presidents Reports

### **Clinton River:**

Vice President P/C Art Brooks

### **Goals 2001**

Huron Pointe Yacht Club Blue Gavel Chapter held a spaghetti dinner raising \$400. The Humanitarian Fund and the United States Naval Sea Cadet - Great Lakes Division will share these funds. The "Pride of Michigan" is the ship berthed on the Clinton River and is used by the cadets in this program. The funds will be used towards the operation of the ship and the Sea Cadet program. Moslem Shrine Yacht Club and Mariners Boat Club Blue Gavel Chapters jointly held a "Tiki Bar Party" in August of this year. They were successful in raising \$430. The funds have been earmarked for the IOBG Humanitarian Fund and Moslem Shrine Transportation Fund which supports the purchase and maintenance of vehicles used in transporting the "Shriner's Kids" back and forth to their appointments at the hospitals in Erie, PA and Chicago IL.

### **Anchor Bay:**

Vice President P/C Jim Wogan

As area VP for Anchor Bay, it is my pleasure to wish each and everyone Happy Holidays. May we also stop for a few minutes on Thanksgiving and Christmas to say a prayer for those who perished in our countries recent dilemma. Also for the families and friends who died in the recent tragedies. I am pleased to represent four of the finest clubs in District 25 and four of the

most generous clubs in the area. All four of the clubs exceeded their goal for 2001. (For the second straight year) My thanks and I know the charities that are designated thank you.

### **Y-Knot Boat Club**

Submitted By Sam Biletti

We are very pleased that Y-Knot Boat Club exceeded our goal and was able to contribute \$600.00 to the IOBG Humanitarian Fund. This was achieved by sponsoring a bus trip to the Windsor Casino. For 2002 we are again sponsoring a bus trip to the Windsor Casino as well as raffles for the "Super Bowl," "Rose Bowl" and for a hand held VHF Radio.

I am confident that we are going to surpass our contribution for 2001 and also increase our membership.

Wishing all IOBG members a Happy Holiday Season.

### **Belvidere Boat Club**

Submitted By Joe Kerszykowski

Just a brief note from Belvidere Boat Club. Last summer we had two events, one was a raffle, which consisted of an electric cooler filled with Summer Time Cheer ( or any other time) Refreshments. We also had a Friday night pasta dinner which went over very well.

Again, this year we are proud to present to the IOBG Humanitarian Fund a check for \$300.00.

We would also like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

### **Windmill Pointe Yacht Club**

Submitted By Judy Wolf

On September 15, 2001 the Blue Gavel members from Windmill Pointe Yacht Club held a dinner and a raffle to help

raise money to donate to the humanitarian causes of the Blue Gavel. We raffled off 1. A fire pit, which was won by a visitor from Bouvier Bay Yacht Club, 2. A medium George Foreman Grill which was won by a member of Windmill Pointe Yacht Club and 3. A set of Coleman folding chairs, which was won by a member of Bouvier Bay. We were able to raise \$400.00 through these donations.

I would also like to thank all who donated to this wonderful cause.

The Blue Gavel members of Windmill Pointe would like to use the funds to help the Shriner's refurbish their bus for the necessities that they will require on trips.

#### **Bouvier Bay Yacht Club**

Bouvier Bay Yacht Club over the summer had a Mexican Fiesta and is pleased to donate to the IOBG Humanitarian Fund \$500.00.

We would also like to wish all members of the Blue Gavel a safe and Happy Holiday.

AS YOU CAN SEE THE ANCHOR BAY CLUBS DONATED A WHOPPING \$1800.00 AND ALMOST AS IMPORTANT IS 100% PARTICIPATION. A JOB WELL DONE BY ALL CLUBS. THANK YOU!!

#### **Anchor Bay North:**

Vice President P/C Walter Breske  
No Report

#### **Lake St. Clair:**

Vice President P/C Ed Goethals

I would like to start by wishing every member of District 25 and their families the happiest of Holiday Seasons. It should be evident this year more than ever the blessings we have living in

America where we can worship as we please and live a life style unsurpassed throughout the world. We need to especially reflect this year on the importance of family and how quickly, in our lives, things can change.

Well now with my sentimental side out of the way, I would like to congratulate Shores Boat Club for donating \$1,000.00 and North Channel Yacht Club for their donation of \$1,176.00 to the Humanitarian Foundation for "Goals 2001". I would like to challenge the rest of my clubs to come forward next year and help surpass this years presentation of \$8,300.00+. We had asked all of our clubs to come up with at least a \$200.00 fundraiser. I don't understand how the rest of the clubs could not have done at least that much. Let's all try and make next year our best ever.

You will probably see in everyone's article something about the President's Ball, so I will tell you one more time. It's January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Downriver Italian American Club in Wyandotte. So mark it on your calendar now and be there to help us pay honor to our President. The people that made it last year can tell you that it was a great party and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Again, I would like to wish all of you and your families the very best Holiday Season.

#### **Detroit River North:**

Vice President P/C John Taylor  
No report.

#### **Detroit River:**

No Vice President Currently seated, but we are looking for a volunteer.

#### **Detroit River South:**

Vice President P/C Jack Gracia  
No Report.

## Humanitarian Director's Report

### Grosse Ile:

Vice President P/C John Derfiny Elba Mar Boat Club will be hosting a Blue Gavel Champaign Brunch on February 10, 2002. Ford Yacht Club representatives are currently in the process of developing further fund raisers. Grosse Ile Yacht Club has graciously volunteered to host a IOBG meeting in the year 2002.

I'd like to thank the District for the support of the Foundation for 2001. In the interest of space, I will say that several of the Vice President's have included HF information in their reports. Other information will be presented at the President's Ball on January 18.

We are limited to reservations for this event, and the count will be held at 175. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible, as the cutoff date is January 8. See you there!  
P/C Ed Payne  
Humanitarian Director  
District 25



## Website Development Information

We are currently at work developing our District website. As such, we need your help.

Please get to us, either me directly, or to one of the Area Vice President's, with your internet access capability. You can send in your email address, by email or letter. You can send a letter with a "yes, I have internet access" notation. You can call and tell us you have access.

In any case, we are not looking for your email address to sell it for advertising,.

All we are trying to do is determine who has that ability as we can decrease the number of printed newsletters.

We can do the website for the year for less than one newsletters expense, not even counting postage. The more people available to read it online, the more money we can save. That makes the website more attractive. It also allows us to keep the dues as low as possible.

Thank you for your assistance  
P/C Ed Payne