

International Order of the Blue Gavel

District 25



President's Report

It has definitely been a busy quarter. Thank you to Elba Mar Boat Club for hosting their usually excellent Champagne Brunch, and contributing \$400+ to the District! We really need this additional income, with the expenses coming in this year.

Speaking of expenses, the funds from EMBC were put to good use in the setup of our District website. You can now find us at: <http://www.iobg25.org> Please check it out, and let me know if you no longer need to receive the log by snail mail. The elimination of print costs, as well as postage, especially now with the postage increase being implemented, will save money, and allow us to keep dues at the current rate. NOTE: This means more benefit for less cost to each of us! Isn't that a concept, still getting all the info without any additional costs! The Spring Meeting is being set for Sunday, May 5, at Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Please try to attend, as we have much District 25 business to discuss. I am keeping this short, look for updates on the

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

website as they occur.
Thank you,

Ed Payne
President, District 25



President-Elect's Report

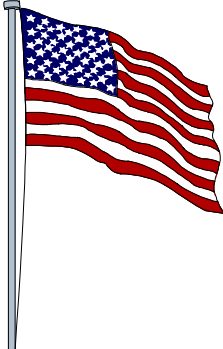
I would imagine everybody is getting anxious with the warmer weather and the official launch day coming up soon. Last weekend (March 9th & 10th) we went to Buffalo, N.Y. for the Sunday Red Wing Hockey Game. On Saturday, P/C Dennis Hawkins from Mariners, Joe Faucher, Rich Conte & myself visited the Buffalo Yacht Club, which was established in 1860. They are members of District 3 of I. O.B.G. This is where we met P/C Richard Brown and his lady. I must admit that P/C Brown and the members of the club that we met treated us like royalty. The hospitality was overwhelming. I hope to return in the future, by boat

next time of course. Hats off to B.Y.C. Spring rendezvous this year is at the Ford Yacht

...Summer Rendezvous at Ford Yacht Club, June 22, 2002...

Club in June. I am looking forward to seeing you there. Don't forget District 25 has a raffle going on. Get your tickets early. Only 200 tickets will be sold @ \$10.00 each. First place will receive \$500.00 and there will be 5 additional \$100.00 winners. The drawing will be held when all the tickets are sold.

P/C Joe Kerszykowski
President Elect
District 25



**District 25 Spring General Membership Meeting
Sunday, May 5, 2002
Grosse Ile Yacht Club
2:00pm**

Humanitarian Director's Report

Several Chapters have notified me they are not only on track to continue their annual contributions to the HF, but are going to exceed the previous years. Great news, but that is no surprise to me, as we have the best District in the entire IOBG, at least from my viewpoint! Any Chapters needing, or wishing, further clarification of the Humanitarian Foundation can read about it on our District website, link to the International website, and or call me. I will speak to any group about the Humanitarian Foundation, its work, and its function. If your Chapter has not participated in

the past, you have to ask yourself what you are waiting for? Let's get busy! We have already made a name for the District with our HF involvement, and it is continuing. Let us be the benchmark others can only try to match! Besides, there isn't much better feeling than the feeling you get helping people less fortunate than yourself! See, you can't lose. Give of your time, have some fun, do a fundraiser and contribute to the HF!
Ed Payne
HF Director 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 New Member

Name: _____ 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

Your District 25 IOBGA is currently working on a couple of fund raisers. The first is a Casino trip to Windsor on 3/24/02.

We are hopeful of a full bus load of prospective gamblers with winning in mind. The second fund raiser is for the Humanitarian Foundation and Bear Lake which is a charity for Blind Children. We are selling raffle tickets to win a 5 foot lighthouse. The tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Please help us by calling one of the officers listed below. We would appreciate it if you would donate by purchasing, or even helping sell tickets if you would like. Lets make this the best year ever for donations to the Humanitarian Foundation and our choice for charity, Bear Lake. The drawing will be held during our Fall Membership Meeting, (date, time & place to be announced at a later date).

If you haven't sent in your membership dues for 2002 please do so as soon as possible. You can send your \$10.00 to Sue Brooks, 29317 Seaway Ct, Harrison Twp, MI 48045.

If you would like to join our District 25 Auxiliary you can contact anyone of the following people. We would love to see all of you at our next meeting which is Sunday, May 5, 2002 at Windsor Yacht Club, 2:00pm.

President Sandy Olejniczak 586-254-3261

Pres Elect Chris Rodgers 586-725-2932

Treasurer Sue Brooks 586-468-6641

Secretary Nancy Goethals 586-463-7937

Past Pres Cheryl Hepp 586-716-4155

Call any one of us for info on raffle tickets or becoming a member.

Thanks, ,

Cheryl A. Hepp

Past President District 25 Auxiliary

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
No Report

Anchor Bay:

Vice President P/C Jim Wogan
With 2002 just underway, Y-Knot Boat Club is off to a good start for reaching our goal for the Humanitarian Fund. As a group we received benefits from two superbowl pools. We had a bus trip to Windsor Casino. We are planning to have a 50/50 raffle on the July 4th and Labor Day weekends.
At end of the year we are planning a get together to reward everyone for their hard work for a good

Belvidere Boat Club

Submitted By P/C Joe Kerszykowski
Official Launch Day is almost upon us, bringing with it warmer weather and the JOY of BOATING, which we all LOVE. This summer Belvidere Boat Club's chapter of the I.O.B.G. plan to have a raffle and a pasta dinner to help raise money for the Humanitarian Fund. As in the past, I am confident that we will surpass the previous years contribution.

Anchor Bay North:

Vice President P/C Walter Breske
No Report

Lake St. Clair:

Vice President P/C Ed Goethals
I hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday season and are anxiously waiting for launch to get here. If you were not able to attend the President's Ball, you missed out on a really fun evening. The food was absolutely great and the enter-

tainment was the same person as last year and we all know he was really a good entertainer.

Its time to start marking your calendar for this years events. Make sure you try and attend the summer rendezvous in June at Ford Yacht Club and the International Ball in October. More information will be available as we move into the year. Make sure to watch for further details.

It's also that time of the year for all the clubs to be working on their fundraisers for the Humanitarian Foundation. I know some of the clubs have already started and are well on their way to or have surpassed their minimum of \$200.00. I am asking all of my clubs to please participate this year and make it 100% participation. Every club should be able to come up with a way to achieve the minimum. A couple of 50/50 drawings would achieve at least that amount.
Looking forward to seeing all of you soon at our upcoming events.

Detroit River North:

Vice President P/C John Taylor
No report.

Detroit River:

Vice President P/C Don Miller
No Report

Detroit River South:

Vice President P/C Jack Gracia
No Report.

Grosse Ile:

Vice President P/C John Derfiny
No Report

Newsletter Editor Comments

It is our presentation that we need to save money. To save costs, we need to minimize the number of newsletters we print and mail.

Before I raise the temperature of all our members, please know this doesn't say "eliminate" the newsletter. What it does say is that we need everyone who can get the newsletter information from the

website to tell us that, so we don't have to send them the newsletter. We will continue to send a paper copy to anyone in our membership list until we get that information. But, please, use the web if at all possible.

Ed Payne
Newsletter Editor District 25

**Our Website is <http://www.iobg25.org>
Let us know if you have access to it!**

North Central Vice President Ken McLeod

Greeting's to all of the P/C's of District 25, you are all to be congratulated for your new web-page! I'm sure that it required the hard work of a few, but also the input of many, end result - a web page to be very proud of. Each of you should realize that of all the District's that comprise the "INTERNATIONAL" order of the Blue Gavel, only a few have taken the initiative to create a web-page for the betterment of their District and to improve the level of communication with-in their District. I'm sure that this represents only the 1st step of where the District will take this site.

I know that many of your District cruise to the Islands each year, therefore you need to be aware that an " UNDER-WATER PRESERVE " is in the process of being created around Kelleys Island. This will be the 1st designated underwater ship wreck preserve in the State of Ohio!!! Within the area are 8 confirmed shipwrecks and 21 unconfirmed archaeological wrecks, (meaning they are there, just not con-

firmed by survey!), These wrecks range from 1837 to 1922. The underwater preserve " UNEQUIVOCALLY " will not effect our use of Lake Erie! There will be no new policies or regulations that will effect our boating. all existing uses within the preserve will continue unaffected, at least for the present!!!

However, realistically, there will be an addition that many of us may not be accustomed to dealing with, anchored boats flying flags some of us may not have seen before. There will also be mooring buoy systems in place that have never been there in the past (minimum 3 wreck sites). Dive slates, shipwreck publications, brochures, and other materials "ARE " in publication. There " WILL " be scuba and snorkel divers in the water! Never-the-less we have all dealt with anchored and drifting fishermen for years, particularly in this area. I'll have more information in your next newsletter.

P/C Ken McLeod
North Central Vice President IOBG

**Spring General Membership Meeting
May 5, 2002**

Where: Grosse Ile Yacht Club
29677 East River Rd
Grosse Ile, MI. 48138
734-676-0211

Time: 2:00PM



Topics of Discussion:

- 1) State of the District
- 2) International Convention(s)
 - a) 2001 in Pascoe, Washington
 - b) 2002 in Dearborn, Michigan
- 3) Humanitarian Foundation
- 4) Fundraising efforts — District and Chapters
- 5) Summer Rendezvous
- 6) Blue Gavel Reception at I-LYA

NOTE: Bylaws Meeting to follow General Meeting
Special meeting to set the Spring and Fall General
Membership Meeting dates on ongoing basis, through
Bylaw changes.

Grosse Ile Yacht Club, located at the Southeast corner of Grosse Ile, has an excellent view of Lake Erie.

There will be a selection of food available through their restaurant following the meeting, so please plan on staying for conversation and food after the meeting.

Our General Membership Meetings are to keep you, our members, involved and informed. They should also be considered social events. A great way to meet Commodore's from other Chapters, as well as to just relax with officers from your own.

Call a fellow Commodore, get a group together, come to the meeting together!

Again, a chance for you to get something from your membership, but only if you so choose!

Pig Roast

When: — Sunday May 19, 2002

**Where: — Swan Boat Club
6332 Brancheau Rd.
Newport, MI 48166
734-586-2002**

Time: — 3:00 p.m. - - ?

**Cost: — \$8 per person (advance)
\$9 per person at the door**

Host: — District 9 Blue Gavel

Music

Food

Fun

Drinks

Chef ——— Mike Myers

**For tickets, see any Blue Gavel Member or any Blue Gavel
Auxiliary Member**

For any further information: P/C Jim Dupre or Lady Betty Dupre — 419-726-5999