

**2010 BRIDGE**

**COMMODORE**

Peter Toenjes

**VICE-COMMODORE**

Gene Carswell

**REAR-COMMODORE**

Gregg Peabody

**TREASURER**

Sandy MacKenzie

**SECRETARY**

Susan Boehmer

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Tanya Bartoszewicz P/C

Nadine Pendolino

Greg Nehra

Kate Dennis

John Shea

Geoff Brieden

Kate Kamman

**COMMODORES BALL  
SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

Save the Date!!! Please join the GPFBC in welcoming Peter Toenjes as the 2010 GPFBC Commodore. The annual Commodore's Ball is scheduled for March 13 from 6:30-11:30 p.m. in the Community Building at the Pier. Tickets are \$40 per person and you will have a choice of entrees - Filet of Beef marinated and char grilled with a Merlot Sauce, or a garlic herb shrimp roulade with Chicken. Look for your invitations in the next couple of weeks. Hope to see you there!

**EASTER EGG HUNT  
SATURDAY, MARCH 27**



The City of Grosse Pointe Farms will be holding their annual Easter egg hunt on March 27th, 2010 at 9:00 am. This is a not-to-miss event if you have young children. Bring a Camera for pictures with the Easter bunny and come early for a good starting spot. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket to collect the eggs. As always there will be several golden eggs to find. Find one of those eggs and win a special prize. Last year as Vice-Commodore I had the honor of helping the city spread out eggs and I even got to hide one of the golden eggs. It was a lot of fun watching a child find the golden egg and light up with joy. See you there!



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# The Dock Box

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Peter Toenjes

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

As your new commodore for 2010, I want to welcome all members to another year of fun with the Boat Club. It's been a great year so far with Winterfest and Wine Tasting already under our belts. Of course, there are many fun events still on the way. Take a look at our list of upcoming events in this edition of the Dockbox.

It's a great honor to be voted in as the commodore of the Boat Club. It means that the members of the Boat Club entrust me with the well being of the club. I will make every effort to keep the club going strong. This year we have a great bridge and board with lots of enthusiasm. It's going to be hard to keep up with all the good ideas these guys come up with.

Four years ago I joined the Boat Club as a board member at the persuasion of Mike Proffitt. Mike is such a smooth talker...LOL. I progressed to Rear-Commodore, then Vice-Commodore and now Commodore. After going through such a progression I now have a very good understanding of how the club operates. I feel very comfortable as new commodore due to this progression.

Since I joined, I have seen many good changes to the club. I think the best change I've seen is the efficient improvement in communication. The newer callout system saves the bridge and board a lot of time and helps to keep members informed. All we have to do now is load the telephone numbers, record a message and hit send. The automatic

dialer does the rest. Before, we had to individually make calls or send snail mail. Of course, we still use regular mail as the club still recognizes the benefit of having a written document in front of you. Email was another communication improvement to help spread the word.

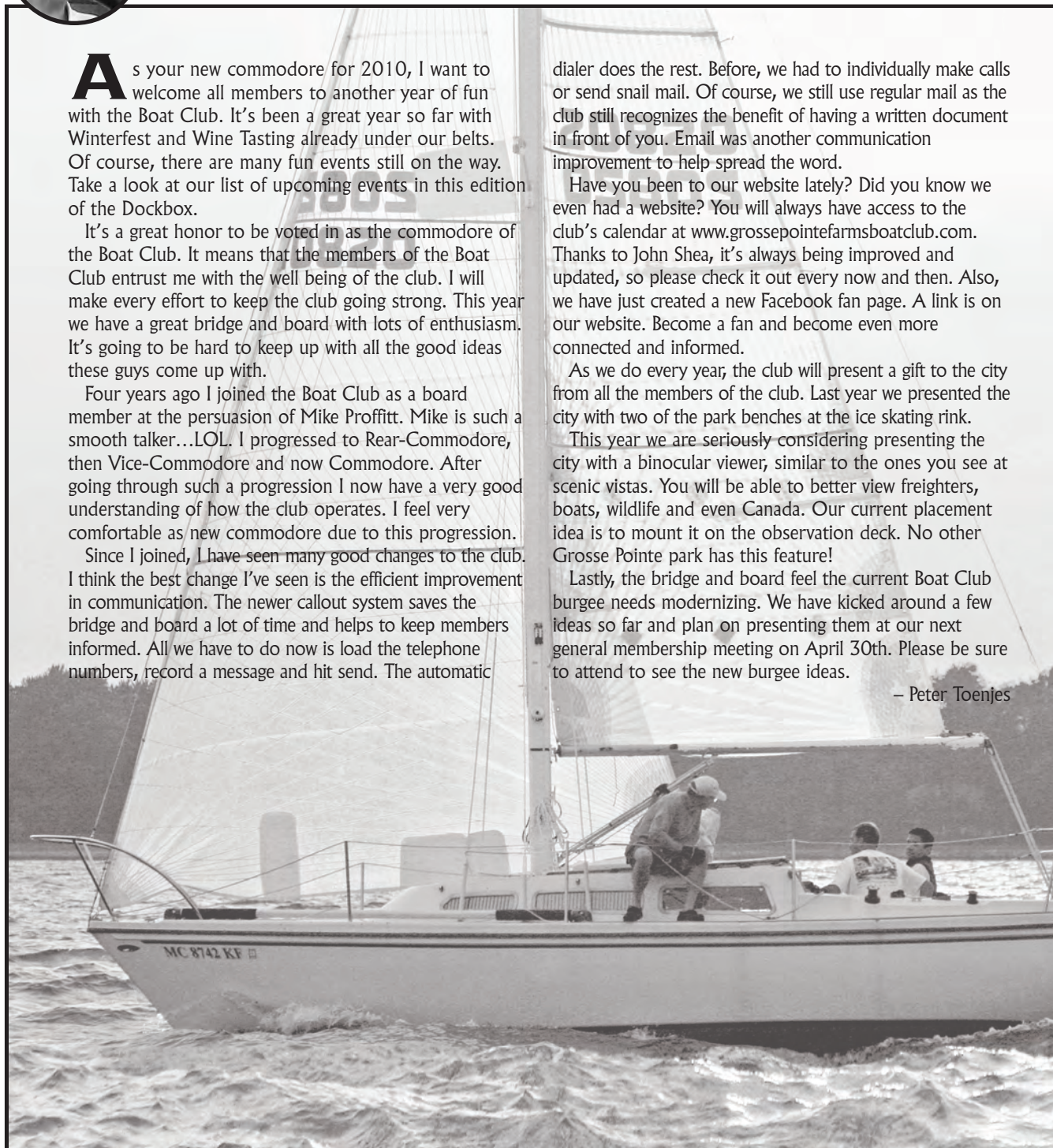
Have you been to our website lately? Did you know we even had a website? You will always have access to the club's calendar at [www.grossepointefarmsboatclub.com](http://www.grossepointefarmsboatclub.com). Thanks to John Shea, it's always being improved and updated, so please check it out every now and then. Also, we have just created a new Facebook fan page. A link is on our website. Become a fan and become even more connected and informed.

As we do every year, the club will present a gift to the city from all the members of the club. Last year we presented the city with two of the park benches at the ice skating rink.

This year we are seriously considering presenting the city with a binocular viewer, similar to the ones you see at scenic vistas. You will be able to better view freighters, boats, wildlife and even Canada. Our current placement idea is to mount it on the observation deck. No other Grosse Pointe park has this feature!

Lastly, the bridge and board feel the current Boat Club burgee needs modernizing. We have kicked around a few ideas so far and plan on presenting them at our next general membership meeting on April 30th. Please be sure to attend to see the new burgee ideas.

— Peter Toenjes



## WINE TASTING REVIEW

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club Second Annual Winter Wine Wonderland was a huge success again this year with 160 attendees tasting and enjoying over 75 different wines from around the world. A special thank you is in order to Woods Wholesale Wine and their staff for making this event run so smoothly and for all of the support they give to the GPF Boat Club all year round. We couldn't have this event without them, so next time you are there please thank them again for a wonderful time. Pamela from VP Catering created an extravaganza of fine food; from the shrimp and crab and the beef carving station for mini sandwiches, to the delectable desserts. Thank you Pamela for all you do over and above to make our events so special. The Boat Club was able to give away two cases of wine (1 red and 1 white) that Greg Nehra secured as a donation this year. Member - Sandy MacKenzie won the case of white wine and Gretchen Verbeke won the case of red. Congratulations to both! The Boat Club raised over \$700 profit from this event. Thank you to all the members who supported the wine tasting - I hope you had as much fun as I did.

— Tanya Naumenko



Tanya, standing on a chair, left, expressing her gratitude to all.



## FACEBOOK FAN PAGE!

Become a Fan of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club on Facebook! Upload and share photos and videos of your family and friends enjoying the Park and Boat Club activities. Also, share your thoughts about current activities, we want to hear them! Have an idea for a completely new event? Let us know! Hope to hear from you soon!

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BINGO

Please come to the next General Membership Meeting, Friday, April 30, 6:30 - 9pm. We plan on serving spinach pie. Bingo with prizes will be conducted after the meeting.

## WINTERFEST 2010

This year has gotten off to a great start for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms. Winterfest was a wonderful family event and the weather was cooperative for the thousands of residents who enjoyed the activities and entertainment hosted by the City. The Boat Club assisted the City again as we have made a tradition with good spirited volunteers to serve food and beverages. The event included activities for children and adults, amazing ice sculptures, dancing and entertainment for the children, as well as very nice raffle prizes donated by local businesses. The GPFBC volunteers served over 2000 hot dogs and 100 gallons of hot chocolate and coffee to a steady line of residents. Thanks to the hard work of the City Administration and Parks and Recreation team, the event continues to grow each year as does the attendance.

Thank you to the gracious volunteers that volunteered to support this event. Due to the demands of this event, we were not able to take a lot of photos. If you have photos from the event that



Lots of cool ice!



Susan Boehmer, left and Beth Carswell, right.

## DATES SET FOR THURSDAY NIGHT RACES

This summer, the Boat Club will again sponsor the Thursday Night Race Series off Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. The start line extends eastward into Lake St Clair from the seawall near the gazebo, and spectators may view the racing from the path or benches along the seawall, the observation deck or the east end of the park. Bring some refreshments and come on down and enjoy the view.

This year the first five-race series will be held on each Thursday night in June and on July 1st, with the second series following on each Thursday in August and on September 2nd. The first section of racers starts at 7 pm with other sections starting at five-minute intervals. Both

spinnaker and jib-and-main sections will participate, and once again we expect about 30 race boats to compete for flags and trophies that will be awarded following the July 1st and September 2nd races. Club members are invited to attend the awards parties and share in the food, drink and tall tales of racing action.

Club members are needed to help on the race committee and to help with the awards parties. Members with boats are also needed to help with the racing marks before and after each race. No prior knowledge of sailing or racing is required for committee members. Call Dave or Jackie Morrow at 313-640-9756 if you would like to help.



Racers prepare for a start in 2009

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are showing a steady interest in membership. We have a lot of excitement to share so call on a friend to enjoy with us. Welcome to our new crew members:

Scott, Eileen, Erika & Nicole Bade

Bonnie Burke

Peter, Aimee & Joseph Guthat

Kate & Ken, Erin & Samantha Kamman

Gregg, Lisa, James & Molly Peabody/Ryoguski

Bill & Gina Schmerheim

Andrew, Laura, Alex, Alissa, & Andreana Tassopoulos

Paul, Lisa, Jenny & Matt Toenjes

Geralyn, William, and Henry Touscany

## COMMUNITY CORNER

St. Paul on the Lake Knights of Columbus and the GPFBC, March 13th, 2010 American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9am – 2pm. Please contact the following Boat Club Members to make your reservation.

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Kurt Schmidt 586-879-8598

Greg Nehra 313-884-4711 or email [gregn@littlestonepartners.com](mailto:gregn@littlestonepartners.com)

Please contact Greg Nehra with any GPF Community event or topic of interest. Greg can be reached at 313-884-4711 or [gregn@littlestonepartners.com](mailto:gregn@littlestonepartners.com)

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

Membership Directories are available. Contact Greg Nehra, [gregn@littlestonepartners.com](mailto:gregn@littlestonepartners.com) or (313) 884-4711. Please check your directory that your name, address, phone number and email are listed correctly before the new one goes into print.