



## WELCOME ABOARD!

Please welcome our most recent new members to the GPF Boat Club —

Jim & Holly Babiarz  
Jeff Smythe  
Jamie & Gay Dingeman, Miles 9 & Lily 7  
Robert & Karen Pertuso  
Jerry & Ann Marie Aliotta



### 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

## UPCOMING EVENT: FEATHER BOWLING

Feather bowling is planned for February 11th. Dinner starts at 6:30 and bowling is from 8 to 10 PM.

Location is Cadieux Café, 4300 Cadieux Rd., Detroit, MI 48224. Telephone is 313 882 8560. This is a member's only event. The lanes are paid for by the boat club but you're on your own for your meal. Order your meal when you arrive. In the past it was learned to arrive early and order right away. This way eating and bowling will not overlap. For new members that have never been to this event I encourage you to come out. It's easy and a lot of fun. RSVP to Peter Toenjes @ 313-885-9190.



Gregg Peabody, feather bowling at the Cadieux Café.



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## COMMODORE'S CORNER

This is my last commodore's corner article. On January 1st, 2011, I will turn over the reins. I will continue my involvement with the club by staying on the board mentoring new bridge and board members. I want to thank those leaving the bridge and board for their participation. It has been a pleasure planning and participating in events with you. Also, I want to thank those that have participated in the club's activities. Without you, the fun times wouldn't be so fun.

The following will be leaving us: Nadine Pendolino as membership chair, Susan Boehmer as Secretary, Gregg Peabody as Rear Commodore, Geoff Brieden as board member and John Shea as board member. As you can see we have a lot of people moving on. Currently we are still seeking a Rear

Commodore, Vice commodore, and Secretary. This is leaving quite a hole in the bridge and some events may be canceled this year because of it. Without support and volunteers from our members the club may shrink.

To help remedy this problem, recently we have invited some select members to two special meetings asking for and receiving feedback about what we can do to improve club. Based on their feedback, next year's bridge and board will be concentrating on becoming more engaged with new members and mentoring members to fill vacated positions on the bridge and board. Just inviting members to events is not enough. The specifics have not been worked out yet but stay tuned.

— Peter Toenjes



## SAILING BOOKS DONATED

Back on November 7th, 2007 Mary E. Conroy, Orthopedic Surgeon and the President of Conroy Professional Corporation, donated a few dozen sailing books via Ron Hicks for enhancement of the Boat Club and the promotion of safe boating. They have been stored in our club storage closet for three years. Well, now they have been put to good use in the boat house shelves for the community to use. Maybe it will inspire some residents to take up sailing. Check it out next time you're in the boat house.

Thank you, Mary Conroy!

## OUTGOING MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, NADINE PENDOLINO

I regret to leave the board as Membership Chair but my schedule will not allow me to provide this service as well as Cindy Toenjes can. I thank her for stepping up. Things will be even more efficiently run now! I have enjoyed being involved in this position. It allowed me to talk with all of you more than otherwise. I feel happy and privileged to be working with the board on a consistent basis and will continue to be around.

— Nadine Pendolino

## OUTGOING SECRETARY, SUSAN BOEHMER

I want to thank everyone in the Boat Club for some great times and opportunity to make new friends along the way. I have been on the Board and Bridge for three years now, and unfortunately I must step down from my position as Secretary at the end of this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the future General Membership Meetings, social events, and various volunteering opportunities. I am certain the new Secretary will enjoy their post as much as I have the last two years and I am looking forward to the exciting new initiatives planned for the Club in 2011.

— Susan Boehmer

## OUTGOING DIRECTOR, GEOFF BRIEDEN

In the fall of 2009, I was asked by outgoing Commodore Steve Sickelsteel if I would join the GPF Boat Club Board. Even though I was relatively new to the Boat Club and not entirely sure what was expected of me, I agreed, understanding that any club is only as good as the members who participate in making it their own.

Since joining, my experience has been quite rewarding. From a social standpoint, it brought me into closer connection with other members, and I have enjoyed the new friends that have been made on the board. The friendly nature of our membership and board is one of the key aspects of the Club that drew me in, and provided me incentive to become more active in its operation. Helping to put together and participate in the fun social events has been great.

Not only did joining the Board help me increase my interaction with other members during social activities, it also allowed me an understanding of the important role that the Club plays in support of our Grosse Pointe Farms community. I did not realize the valuable volunteer support of the City's events (such as Winterfest) that the Club provides, and was quite impressed at the level of dedication by the Club's membership to

the enhancement of our community as a whole. It fills me with pride to have the opportunity to serve my home community in ways that add smiles to faces, and increase the quality of life to our neighbors.

I would recommend to all members, whether through joining the Board or event volunteering, to get involved in your Club. Help make it your own. I'm glad I did.

— Geoff Brieden

## OUTGOING DIRECTOR, JOHN SHEA

Autumn is always a special time for me as it is for many. The dramatic changes in temperature... The colors changing spectacularly in the trees... Oranges, reds and vibrant yellows... Kids starting another chapter in their academics and getting ready for the excitement of another Halloween... Elections replacing old statesman with new.

Fall is clearly a time of change. This fall marks a particular change for me. My time on the board and maintaining the website has come to an end. It's been rewarding. I've had the pleasure of working with a fun group of people keeping membership updated. I look forward to watching the Club change in the coming years and thank you for the opportunity serve.

— John Shea

## 2010 OKTOBERFEST

This year the Oktoberfest had live entertainment by Double Shot. These guys were great. Sandy MacKenzie recommended them and they did not disappoint. It was a great recommendation by Sandy. I wouldn't have mentioned Sandy's name if they were bad. As the evening progressed Double Shot started amping up the volume and even jammed the tunes while walking around and standing on chairs. At their 11 pm quittin' time I didn't want them to stop. Those that left earlier missed the best part of the show and some of the best music of the evening.

The food was catered by J. Baldwin and consisted of Spätzle, potato leek soup, potato pancakes with sour cream, Schnitzel, and two kinds of sausage. I'm pretty easy to please so of course I liked the food but everybody else seemed to like it too. "Better than previous years," I heard some say. I think we will use them more often.

Once again the Woods Wholesale Wine took care of the beer tasting and did a great job as always. We had two 1/2 barrels of beer, Labbat's lite and Atwater Oktoberfest, and of course a nice selection of bottled beer to sample.

There were approximately 65 people in attendance so the party was well attended. Susanna Shankie was the winner of the costume contest. She wore a traditional German dirndl dress and received a free year membership. If you can imagine the girl on the front of the St. Pauli beer bottle, that's was Susanna. Susanna is originally from Mainz Germany. She is definitely stiff competition.

Thank all that attended and made the event a success.



Music was performed by Double Shot at this year's Oktoberfest.

Lisa Roguski and Susanna Shankie enjoy the authentic German food, below.



Susan Higbie and Susanna Shankie, dressed for an evening of fun!



### 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!



## 2011 GPF BOAT CLUB CALENDAR

- **Feather Bowling,**  
Friday February 11th
- **Commodores Ball,**  
Saturday March 12th
- **General Membership Meeting,**  
Friday April 29th
- **Member Appreciation Day,**  
Friday May 27th (Pending)
- **Sail boat races,** every Thursday in June
- **1st ½ Sail boat race party,**  
Thursday June 30th
- **Regatta,** Saturday July 2nd
- **General Membership Meeting,**  
Friday July 29th
- **Corn Roast,** Sunday August 14th (Pending)
- **Sail boat races,** every Thursday in August and September 1st
- **2nd ½ Sail boat race party,**  
Thursday September 1st
- **Lobster Roast,** Saturday September 17th
- **Halloween Party,** Saturday October 22nd  
Costumes optional, (Pending)

(Pending) = Due to decreased participation on the bridge this year these event may be canceled.

### LOBSTER ROAST

The Lobster Roast of 2010 was quite a success... 75 lobsters were gobbled up. We couldn't pull this party off without the help of many wonderful boat club members. We would especially like to thank Mark and Sue Jasin who really co-host this event with us. We also would like to thank Bill & Gina Schmerhiem, Jim & Colleen Hollerbach, Mary Briedan and all the other wonderful people who jumped in and helped us. Last but not least; every year we put Bob Malicki to work when he's supposed to be a guest and this year we did the same to Roger Scott. Thanks guys — We really appreciate your help.

— Ken & Sandy MacKenzie



**Cindy and Lisa Toenjes, left**

**An unusual sight: Lobster stuffed garbage cans.**



### LOBSTER ROAST POEM A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The stage was set, at the Pier Park beach,  
where high levels of bliss would soon be in reach.

Excitement was peaked, in anticipation,  
signing up early is a must for participation.

Tables were set and torches were burning,  
smiles were wide for those this year returning.

Newbies were skeptical of all the hype,  
"it's true!, it's true!", a tear they did wipe.

Flying ants and a threat of rain, gave us pause to fret,  
the Lord pulled through for us, against a bad bet.

Seafood aroma filled the air,  
don't be late, there's little to spare.

Clam chowder, shrimp and mussels were all top shelf,  
those hor dourves were meals in themselves!

Lobster was cooking, a dozen per pot,  
quick, grab a table and claim your spot.

With drinks a flow'n enhancing our expectation,  
someone said, "Come and get 'em" with no hesitation.

Time to get in line, don't be apprehensive,  
one per customer, these bugs are expensive.

Lubricated minds and a buttery chin,  
endorphins popping as we laugh with kin.

Our tummies are full, with achieved satisfaction,  
time to wind down, for social interaction.

The bon fire is blazing, old pyros stare in awe.  
a few lite-up a cigar, it's the natural law.

It's getting late and the die-hards are still here,  
time to clean up, your payment for so much beer.

The next morning was a struggle, as I brushed off ashen embers,  
It must have been fun because it's hard to remember.



— By Peter Toenjes