



2011 BRIDGE

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Gene Carswell

VICE-COMMODORE

Cyndee Harrison

REAR-COMMODORE

Ken MacKenzie

TREASURER

Sandy MacKenzie

SECRETARY

Diane Carpentier

BOARD MEMBERS

Peter Toenjes P/C
Tanya Bartoszewicz P/C
Greg Nehra
Brenda Brieden
John Frank

NEW MEMBERS — WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Greg & Elaine Leslie – Dec. 2010

Eric & Elisabeth Johnson – Feb. 2011

GREAT GROSSE POINTE WEBSITES

If you have additional Grosse Pointe sites you would like listed please send them to us via the top web address.

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

www.grossepoindefarmsboatclub.com

News sites

www.grossepointetoday.com/

www.grossepointenews.com/

Shopping sites

www.thehillgp.com/

www.thevillagegp.com/

Real estate sites

www.gpbr.com/



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

March 20, 2011

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Paul Catholic Church

Contact Greg Nehra for further

details: 313-919-3556 or e-mail

gregn@littlestonepartners.com

Community sites

www.grossepointecity.org

www.grossepointepark.org/

www.ci.grosse-pointe-woods.mi.us/

www.gpshoresmi.gov/

www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

<http://www.warmemorial.org/>

Schools

www.gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpschools/site/default.asp

History

www.gphistorical.org/

Library

www.gp.lib.mi.us/



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Gene Carswell

COMMODORE'S CORNER

The year ahead is sure to be exciting and enjoyable for the GPFBC and our membership. We are off to a great start with the Winterfest and Featherbowling events being a great success for our club. As most of you are aware, your 2011 Bridge and Board have set out to engage our membership in 2011 in hopes of heightening awareness of our club, the benefits of belonging to such a great organization, and increasing participation among our members. I am very proud of the group we have assembled to lead this club in 2011 and am certain that we will have an enjoyable and exciting year ahead with new and different twists to many of our traditional events.

The GPFBC continues to grow and as a result, we would like to have a bigger presence in the community. While our membership has grown at a steady pace for the past few years, our participation and support of community activities through volunteerism has declined. You have probably noticed that a few of the traditional events throughout the year have been cancelled for the 2011 season due to this lack of support the past couple of years. We would like to bring these events back in 2012 as well as introduce a few new

events; however, we must gain more participation from our membership to justify these additions. If you are not currently active in our club or are unsure of what you can do to contribute, please contact a member of our Bridge or Board and we will be happy to discuss the many ways you can help out and become more active in our club and community.

As we look around outside at the winter landscape, it is hard to think ahead to spring but it is just around the corner. In the next several weeks, we will be planning the Easter egg hunt immediately followed by the harbor opening to kick off the summer boating season. It will be here before we know it and I am sure that most of you cannot wait to get back to the park for another year of family fun. If you have not had a chance to review our 2011 calendar of events, please visit our web site at www.grossepointefarmsboatclub.com and save the dates on your calendar. Again, we are very excited about the year ahead and hope to see all of you often as we try to engage our membership and increase participation at all of our events.

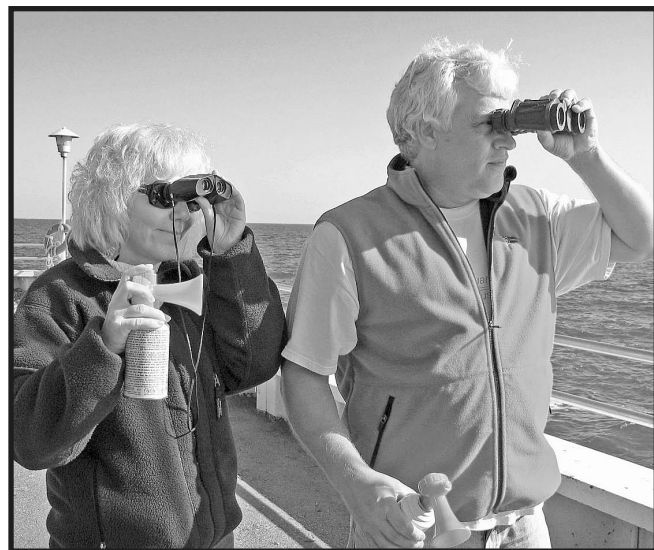
— Gene Carswell

GPFBC 2011 THURSDAY NIGHT RACES

The Thursday Night Race Series off Pier Park is one of the more visible ways the Club serves the boating public as well as our members. Last season we had nearly 30 boats on the start line for each of our ten races, and participation has increased steadily since we began sponsoring the races again in 2006 after a gap of several years. When you consider that the boats carry an average of four crew members, and if you add in the walkers, joggers and others using Pier Park who watch the starts and finishes, you can see that hundreds of individuals are impacted by the races. Individuals seeking information about the races or the race results are also the most frequent visitors to the Club's web site. Keeping this in mind, the Race Committee strives to provide first class race administration for the fleet.

This years racing will begin on June 2nd and continue on June 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th with the first series award party following the racing on the 30th.. A second series will be held on each Thursday in August and on September 1st, with another awards party on the 1st. A final race sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron will be held on a Saturday in October

The Race Committee is looking for volunteers to help with setting marks, calling starts and finishes, and assisting at the awards parties. 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 (with the telescope donated by the Club) or the east end of the park. The first section of racers starts at 7 pm with other sections starting at



Diane Carpentier and Tom Bowles signaling finish times as sailboats cross the finish line. Thanks to all our great volunteers!

five-minute intervals. Spinnaker, jib-and-main and one-design sections will participate. Bring some refreshments, come on down and enjoy the view, and see what's involved in running a race.

Call Dave or Jackie Morrow at (313) 640-9756 if you are able to help or would like more information.

COOL FUN: WINTERFEST 2011

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club was well represented at this year's Winterfest on The Hill. Once again, we helped to serve delicious hot dogs provided by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation and S'mores from the Chamber of Commerce. Many people enjoyed the games, a chili cook-off, shopping, and beautiful ice sculptures. A great time was had by all! We thank those who were able to volunteer, particularly our teens (and their chilly parents) who earned community service hours braving the cold while manning the S'more stations!



Above: Cindy and Peter Toenjes servin' up the chili with Lavaughn Mithen.



Left: Red wing fans guarding the put-put course ice sculpture.

Below: Frosty the Snowman



Above centered: Scott and Eileen Bade (right) helping out with S'mores.

Above: Susan Boehmer and Phyllis A. Kerslake

Devon Krasner with her buddy, Tink.



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!

FEATHER BOWLING 2011

GOOD times were had by all! And the winners were Sean Dennis, Peter Toenjes, Gene Carswell & Beth Carswell! Many Boat Club members came early to enjoy dinner before the bowling began. The French onion soup is said to be the best and who can resist those yummy mussels. Once the bowling began the fun kicked into gear with lots of laughter. It was a nice mix of feather bowlers from years past along with some newer faces to the Boat Club. The Cadieux Cafe is a "diamond in the rough" and a wonderful place to enjoy a Boat Club event.



Sean Dennis, Peter Toenjes, Gene and Beth Carswell.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

The first of three scheduled new member events kicked-off on February 3. Kathryn Oldham (a newer member herself) was gracious enough to host the first gathering at her home. The event was a great success with six new members in attendance as well as some of the Bridge and Board. It was a casual affair with appetizers and beverages served for about 15 people. These smaller events are geared toward the new members of our club so they can talk to some of the bridge and board about what it is the GPFBC actually does and what our mission is within the community. A good time was had by all and I think our newer members enjoyed meeting others and learning more about the GPF boat club.



From Left to right: Kate Dennis, Sandy MacKenzie, Nancy Totty, Sean Dennis, Bonnie Burke & Steve Sickelsteel

EUCHRE PARTY

The euchre party was a great success. Our thanks to Lisa and Steve Sickelsteel for putting it together. Everyone had a very nice time. We had great snacks and drinks and great company. There were a few card sharks I think as there were some stand-out winners.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We've decided to "MIX IT UP" a bit for our next General Membership Meeting on Friday, April 29th @ 6:30. We/You will be "mixing up" some delicious Martinis. We'll have some recipes for you to try or bring your own ideas and mix one up and enjoy! We will also have our usual beer/wine and munchies to enjoy. Hope to see you then!

NOTES OF INTEREST

Community Blood drive at St. Paul's on the Lake March 20th @ 7am to 1pm. Contact Greg Nehra at 313-919-3556 or e-mail gregn@littlestonepartners.com

COMMODORES BALL

The Commodores Ball Honoring our 2011 commodore Gene Carswell will be held on March 12th at the Pier Park. Just Delicious will be a new caterer this year and by the looks of their menu the food should be great. As you know from the invitation you received there will be Hors d'oeuvres, open bar, dinner with dinner ensemble, DJ and Dancing. You should have received your invitation already. Please return your invitation with your acceptance or regrets as soon as you can. If you have never been to the Commodores Ball I highly suggest you give it a try this year. It's a lot of fun, a great bargain, and a great way to show your support for our new commodore.

2011 EVENT CALENDAR

- **General Membership meeting**
Friday, February 4th
6:30 pm - 9:00, Pier Park
- **Feather Bowling**
Friday, February 11th
6:30 pm - 11:00, Cadieux Café
- **Commodores Ball**
Saturday March 12th
7:00 pm - 11:00, Pier Park
- **General Membership meeting**
Friday, April 29th
6:30 pm - 9:00, Pier Park
- **Member appreciation Day**
Friday, May 27th
5 pm - 10, Pier Park
- **1st ½ Sailboat race season starts**
Thursday, June 2nd
7 pm first horn, Pier Park
- **Sailboat race awards party**
Thursday, June 30th
After races at Pier Park
- **Regatta**
Saturday, July 2nd
All Day at Pier Park
- **General Membership meeting**
Friday, July 29th
6:30 pm - 9:00, Pier Park
- **2nd ½ Sailboat race season starts**
Thursday, August 4th
7 pm first horn, Pier Park
- **Corn Roast**
Sunday, August 14th
TBD
- **Sailboat race awards party**
Thursday, September 1st
After races at Pier Park
- **Lobster Roast**
Saturday, September 17th
6:30 pm, Pier Park
- **Halloween Party**
Saturday, October 22nd
TBD
- **Annual General Membership Meeting**
Friday November 4th
6:30-9:00 Pier Park