



MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS • NOVEMBER 2014

Bradenton Yacht Club

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**Rock the Dock
Basin Party** Nov. 1

ONE OF THESE NIGHTS Nov. 15

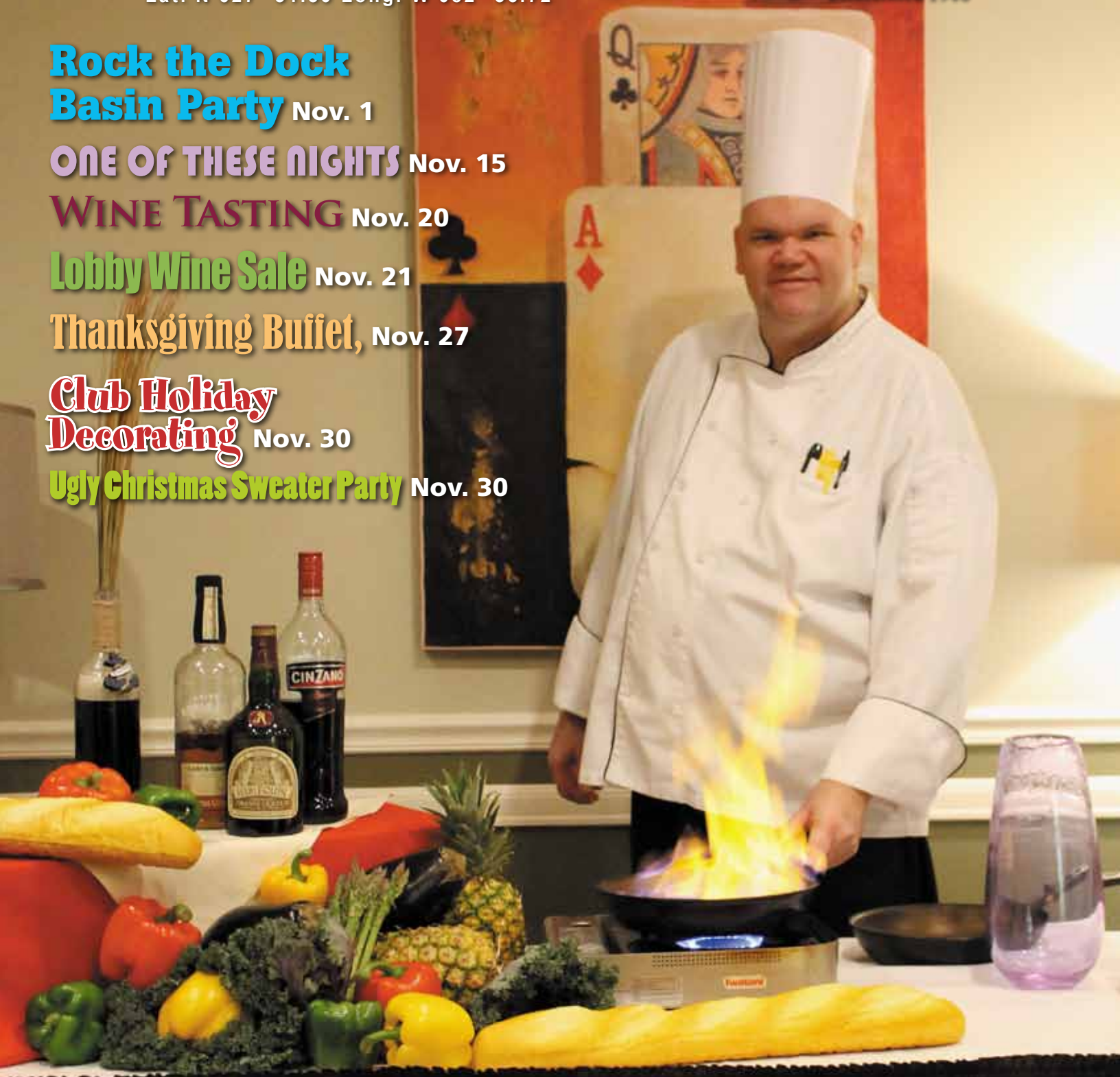
WINE TASTING Nov. 20

Lobby Wine Sale Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Buffet, Nov. 27

**Club Holiday
Decorating** Nov. 30

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party Nov. 30





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MIKE REEVES
 Commodore

It is always a little peculiar writing to you, via this column, on this the first week of October when I know you will have your first opportunity to read it in November. This is an unavoidable obstacle, a result of print media limitations. While my psyche is focused on great October weather, my favorite of the year, the keyboard must point to turkey with stuffing and the prelude to year-end holidays. I've no doubt that we will one day go real-time with our magazine (It likely has a name again by now – the re-naming contest ended - but I don't know that as I type). For now, I will put a piece of pecan pie next to the mouse (the pastry won't last long) in hope of being informative and in predicting news that has not happened. By the way, you can get the BYC newsletter (or whatever we have decided to call it) much earlier by switching to the on-line version found on the BYC website. Please don't forget to call the office canceling the printed version. Each time a member does this it saves the club quite a bit more money than you would guess – your dues money.

At a recent board meeting, we discussed the virtue vs. the cost of purchasing a crystal ball. It is the board's strong desire to please the membership and like that hamburger company

slogan – *have it your way*. A crystal ball predicting the future and telling all seemed a great solution. Then, as it often happens, someone brought the debate back to reality and reminding the group that only a Hollywood movie has this capability. So, the survey that you got last month (or last week if you are writing for the magazine) is our way of seeking your input. It's not too late. Please respond with your opinion or in Bobby Bowden terms, "pick beans or don't gripe about supper". Your input is greatly appreciated.

If I had to choose the single thing that surprises me in my role as your commodore, it might be the difficulty of getting facts and relevant information to you. This not only includes things that are currently happening, but information about all sorts of topics like; the nomination procedure, board activity, our decision process, long range plans, what you can do and so on. Under Cindy Delman-Rhategan's leadership, we have by far the strongest Communications Committee the Club has ever seen and yet we frequently hear, "I didn't know about that." If I were brilliant, I would find a way to advertise on the BYC coconut telegraph – clearly an effective but not always accurate communication methodology. For this reason, not to mention that it should be fun and interesting, we will soon hold a Town Hall Meeting. This, by obvious necessity, will be a Club Dining Room meeting but will be open to any and all questions or suggestions. Please stay tuned for

a date and details.

Here's the bad news – you can't do it all. Here's the good news – take a look at the BYC calendar. There is something for you going on much of the time with many evenings hosting multiple activities. I suggest you forget Jeopardy and cooking at home – come to Tuesday Trivia and enjoy a great BYC meal having fun with friends whose minds are also full of obscure and generally useless paltry but cool facts. Forget those guys on cable TV who tell you what you should have invested in last year, come and have a good time learning a little something that you may actually benefit from at our BYC Investment Club dinner meeting. The Great Mates dinner meetings are now structured for everyone. They are a real bargain. The speakers I have recently enjoyed at these meetings are in my view, the most entertaining we have had at the Club for some time. Guys, I know from a personal perspective that, even if, you are a somewhat less than "great" mate, you will enjoy yourself.

The response to kayaking and/or forming a BYC Paddlers Group was surprising. It seems a lot of us enjoy the quiet beauty of our local water, which by luck, is perfectly laid out for the sport. We will try and get something going. Please keep the questions and comments coming; they have been extremely helpful, mike@mikesdock.com.

Thanks for listening – *Mike*

Be on the lookout for our BYC Employee Holiday Christmas Fund Giving Card, which will be in with your BYC Statement this month. Every year at this time, we, the BYC Members say a special thank you to our wonderful employees, many of whom you rarely see with a Holiday Gift Fund. We have some 42 employees who make up our "Crew" including cooks, pantry personnel and dishwashers who rarely venture out past the kitchen doors, yet are here serving us every day. Our giving is the means for many of our employees to enjoy the Holidays and provide gifts for their families. We know many of you give gifts to those you see and know here at the Club, but this collective gift gets shared by those who lay the groundwork for the visible front of the house team! **Thank you in advance for caring and sharing with our BYC Team!**



On the Cover: New Executive Chef Brian Ellwood showing off his flambeé skills. Pictured above is our new Banquet and Catering Sales Coordinator, Kathleen "Kat" Szalay.

Thanksgiving

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2014

3 Seatings: 12 Noon, 3:00 and 5:30 p.m.

BUFFET SERVICE Fabulous Fall Salad Bar, Chef's Delicious Soups, Cocktail Shrimp, Smoked Salmon, Carved Prime Rib of Beef with Jus, Fresh Roasted Turkey with Cornbread & Sausage Stuffing, Balsamic Glazed Pork Loin, Sweet Potato Casserole, Creamy Mashed Potatoes with Turkey Gravy, Green Beans Amantine, And so much more....Decadent Dessert Selection

\$26.99 ++, Kids under 12, \$13.50 ++, Children 4 & under Free

48 hour cancellation policy: All reservations not canceled within 48 hours will be charged full price. Reservations a must!!!!!! There is no other meal service this day!



NOVEMBER NEED TO KNOW FEATURES

BYC Lunch Buffet!

Tuesday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy fresh greens, garden fresh veggies, house made salads, fresh dressings, 2 delicious soups, & a Hot Entree!

Eat a little, eat a lot, Soup Bar \$6 ++, Soup & Salad Bar \$7 ++, the whole shebang, only \$9 ++

TWO FOR TUESDAYS

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

2 for 1, drafts, well drinks, & house wines!!

Midweek Madness

Enjoy a Hot Appetizer while it lasts, plus \$1.00 drafts and 2 for 1 House Wine in the Lounge only, from 5:00 to 7:00

Thirsty Thursdays!

Complimentary Rum Punch in the lounge from 5:00 to 7:00

BLOODY MARY BAR FUNDAY

Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join us for our BYC Bloody Mary Bar with lots of fun add-ins, featuring \$2.50 well brand & \$5.00 call brands.

Food & Beverage

Kitchen Kibitzing

Hello, my name is Brian Ellwood and I am YOUR new chef! I am eagerly looking forward to serving you.

Originally from the east end of Long Island, NY, I started out cooking at the age of 14, graduated from The Culinary Institute of America in 1990 and worked at several unique establishments in and around New York City and the Hamptons. In 1998 I helped my father bring his 43' Marine Trader trawler from LI to St. Petersburg where the gorgeous weather and island lifestyle had me hooked. I worked at Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club for 5 years before moving to Sarasota to work at Morton's Gourmet Market as Executive Chef for 5 years. I have done stints as Executive Chef at The Lido Beach Resort, Hilton Longboat Key, and Ramada Venice. I was a personal chef for a family on Siesta Key for 3 years and Chef D'cuisine at The Meadows Country Club before joining the BYC Family.

The Bradenton Yacht Club has a well-known reputation of being a first class club, with a friendly staff. Its reputation is in both the local culinary circle of Chef's and hospitality employees as well as amongst patrons.

I look forward to cooking for you and working with you to bring you the best food I know how to make. If ever you need my attention, please do not hesitate to ask for me and I will address your concern with my 30+ years of cooking experience. — Chef Brian



Tiki Bar hours:

Fridays, 4:00 to 11:00 p.m.
Saturdays, Noon to 11:00 p.m.
Sundays, Noon to Dusk,
Weather permitting!

The Tiki Bar will close during an Electrical Storm, or driving rain



WINE TASTING

Thursday, November 20, 2014 • 6:30 p.m. Start

BYC WINE SOCIETY

Join us for a fall night wine tasting!

We will taste at least 6 wines, pairing them with foods that tantalize your taste buds. Munchies are included!

\$20.00 Wine Society Members, \$30.00 Wine Society Member Guests, \$40.00 all others.

Wine Society Members will have the first opportunity to make reservations for all Wine Society Events. All other BYC Members will be able to make reservations for these events, one week before the date of the event if there is space available.

Reservations are a must, 941-722-5936. Wine Society Memberships still available!

LOBBY WINE SALE

Friday, November 21, 2014, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Come get stocked up for Thanksgiving and the Holidays!

We will have special pricing on much of our Wine Society Inventory set up in the Lobby! No Corkage Fee tonight, on any wines you buy here and bring into the Dining rooms for Dinner! Don't miss this chance to buy high end wines for pennies over cost!



VETERAN'S DAY

Tuesday November 11, 2014 • 5:30 to 8:30

FREE DINNER FOR VETS,
WITH YOUR RESERVATION!

If you have served our Country, we want to serve you! Come enjoy our Veteran's Day Buffet, on the house! We appreciate you, and we want to show you! 941-722-5936.

Non Vets welcome too, \$18.99 + +



KEN NYHUS, CCM, GM/COO

Around Your Club

NOVEMBER 2014

As we start November, we say good-bye to most of our summer Golf Reciprocal Clubs; but remember we have a year round agreement with Pasadena Yacht & Country Club and Isla del Sol Yacht & Country Club in Pinellas County and River Wilderness Golf & Country Club and Bradenton Country Club, here in our own back yard! Please contact each Club for Seasonal rates and availability.

We are excited to introduce you to two new BYC Employees. Our new Executive Chef is Brian Ellwood and our new Banquet Sales Coordinator is Kathleen "Kat" Szalay. Both come to us with many years of 'club experience' and both have hit the ground running to learn the culture of the BYC.

Kat joined us on September 21, 2014, just in time to work a wedding show at the Manatee Civic Center. She has already booked two events from that one show and she has several more leads. She is getting involved with the Chamber of Commerce and calling on local businesses to remind people we are here and to introduce them to our great Club if they were unaware. I know some members see outside banquet business as a pain, but it is necessary to help keep costs down and keep gratuities up, so we can continue to attract quality service staff. Likewise, every time we book a wedding here, there are always potential members in the mix. The Board approves the annual budget and like other years, this budget has almost \$200,000.00 in 'Outside Banquet Sales' we have to achieve. Go Kat!

Chef Ellwood started with us on October 7, 2014. He comes to us from the Meadows, Golf and Country Club in Sarasota, where he was the

Executive Sous Chef. He has Executive Chef stints spanning 15 years at the Ramada Venice Resort & Convention Center, the Hilton Long Boat Key, The Lido Beach Resort, and Morton's Gourmet Market. He was Banquet Chef at Isla del Sol Yacht & Country Club, and is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. Chef Ellwood is working with our Sous Chefs and Culinary Team to improve consistency and develop some farm to fork concepts. I know he is already looking at adjusting our Dessert Menu, and has his eye on the next menu change. Please welcome Chef Brian Ellwood!

Thanksgiving is on November 27th, we will only be serving our Thanksgiving Feast this day. Again, this year, we are having 3 seatings: 12 noon, 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Last year the buffet drew oohs and ahhs from the members in attendance; this year's menu looks to be even better! Make your reservation early; we are thankful for you and yours! See you then, as you celebrate with your BYC Family!

Thank you to all who have sent in your surveys. We have received over 100 back so far. If you have not sent it back to us, please take a moment, find it, fill it out and send it in. We know we can't be all things to all people, but understanding where we are successful and where we can improve is a huge operational help. The surveys will be tabulated and documented, then distributed to the Board, Management and Department Heads for action!

See you all around the Clubhouse! – Ken



HOLIDAY Boat parade

Calling all BYC boat owners!

Come out and show your holiday spirit by participating in the annual Holiday Boat Parade hosted by yours truly, BYC, being held on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

Deadline for Entry is Monday, December 8th.

For information and entry form, contact BYC, visit us on Facebook or at www.BradentonYachtClub.com

ONE OF THESE NIGHTS! A NIGHT WITH THE EAGLES

**AS PERFORMED BY
The Long Run,
Eagles Tribute Band
Saturday, November 15, 2014**

Dinner Menu:

Salad Caprese

Plated Dinner with your choice of:

Airline Chicken Breast with Herb Jus and Vegetable & Potato Hash, or Grouper Oscar, Fresh Florida Grouper Filet with Crab Meat, Asparagus and Hollandaise Sauce, or New York Strip Steak with Marsala Wine & Cremini Mushroom Sauce
All with Chef's Accompaniments
Pound Cake with Mixed Berry Compote & Lemon Curd Mousse

\$29.99 + +

**Cocktails 6:00, Dinner 7:00,
Concert & Show 8:30 to 11:00**

If you have not been to one of our Tribute Nights, now is the time to come! After cocktails and dinner down go the lights, on comes the band, close your eyes and you will swear the Eagles are @ the BYC! Playing all your favorite Eagles hits!

48 hour Cancellation, first come, best seated! 941-722-5936.



TROY BROWN

Entertainment

Wow, what a fun night Margaritaville was! We had over 120 members in attendance and the band wowed us with Jimmy Buffet's biggest hits. There was plenty of tie dye and sandals, great music and high spirits! Everyone we talked to seemed to have a great time!

We are now focusing on our next big, big, I mean really big event...Our One of These Nights, Eagles Tribute Concert, as performed by The Long Run band! It is going to be Saturday, November 15, 2014, Cocktails 6:00, Dinner 7:00, Concert & Show 8:30 to 11:00. If you have not been to one of our Tribute Nights, now is the time to come! After cocktails and dinner, down go the lights, on comes the band, close your eyes and you will swear the Eagles are @ the BYC! Playing Eagles hits like Life in the Fast Lane, Rocky Mountain High, Hotel California, One of these Nights, Lyin' Eyes, Take it to the Limit, Tequila Sunrise, Witchy Women, Best of My Love, Desperado and more, this will be a night well worth your time!

Ken and our new Chef Brian have put together a fantastic menu of Beef, Chicken or Grouper entrees. Where can you go out to dinner, have a great meal, get 2.5 hours of entertainment, and do it all for \$30.00 per person? This should be a huge sellout!

Basket Of Cheer! In an effort to raise some money for Holiday Decorations, your Entertainment Committee will be putting together an ample, lavish, delicious Basket Of Cheer to raffle off for the Holidays. We figure this basket to be worth around \$400.00 in tasty beverages, beer, wine and other spirits. Tickets will be available at the bar and/or through your servers. The drawing will be held in December, in plenty of time for the Holidays!

Lastly in November, we are gearing up our Clubhouse for the Holiday Season. Sunday, November 30, 2014, is the date for our Club Decorating and Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. The Club Decorating starts @ 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy a continental Breakfast and Bloody Mary Bar, while you help decorate the BYC for the Christmas Holidays! Then the Ugly Christmas Sweater Party kicks off @ 6:00 p.m....

There will be music by Melanie Massell, Hors D'oeuvres Stations, Wassail, Egg Nog, Christmas Cookies and UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS! Prizes for the Ugliest Sweater! \$17.99 + + per person. But wait, if you come decorate 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., you only pay \$7.99 + +. Such a deal...Free Breakfast, free Bloody Marys, the camaraderie of helping Club friends, and a great discounted Party! See you here!

Look ahead to December. Mark your calendar!!!! Manatee River Boat Parade, Saturday, December 13, 2014. While the Manatee River Holiday Boat Parade has its own committee and is not really part of the Entertainment Committee, it is one of the most entertaining nights at the Club in December. What a great vantage point BYC is to see the lighted boats! They are judged here and then all come back to the Club for the Participants Party! Music in the Lounge for the diners by Full Circle! The whole Clubhouse will be reservations only, there will be a great buffet inside for all to enjoy. The Tiki Bar is for Members only, the pool deck will be for parade participants, there will be room on the shell lot for the public, and Choo-Choo will be here selling his BBQ outside! Reserve early for window seats and remember the Lounge is reservations only, too!

November Events

Rock the Dock for Folks in the Basin

Saturday, November 1, 2014 • 6:00 p.m.

Party with the Dockmaster and Basin Committee
Live Music, Charge Bar, and you provide the
Potluck Food!

Sail Cruising Fleet Dinner

Wednesday November 5, 2014

6:30 p.m. cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Pre-Order from a limited menu, please make
reservations 941-722-5936

BYC's First Friday

Friday, November 7, 2014.

Live Music in the Lounge by Full Circle
6:00 to 7:00, Buy One, Get One Free, on all
Well Drinks, Domestic Beer, & House Wine, PLUS,
Complimentary Appetizer Buffet, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Seafood Buffet

Friday, November 7, 2014, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy a Smorgasbord of Seafood Items at our
popular Seafood Buffet. This Chef's favorite event
features Fresh Fish Specials, Shellfish such as
Shrimp, Oysters and Mussels, BYC Favorites such
as Oysters Rockefeller, Smoked Fish Spread & Snow
Crab Legs, and even something for the Land-Lubber
in you! All this plus a Salad Bar, Chef's Sides and a
Dessert Bar! **Only \$28.99 + +**

Please call for reservations and bring your appetite!

Fresh & Fast, Friday Night Buffet

Friday, November 14, 21 & 28, 2014, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy a buffet of 4 freshly prepared entrees, with
Chef's fresh accompaniments! Eat a little; or eat a
lot from this fresh casual buffet. **All-you-care-to-eat,
\$21.99 + +**

Power Fleet

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Order from a limited menu, please make
reservations 941-722-5936

Please Reserve, before the day of the event!

Club Decorating, and Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Sunday, November 30, 2014.

*Such a deal...Free Breakfast,
free Bloody Marys, the camaraderie
of helping Club friends, and a great
discounted Party! See you here!*

Club Decorating starts @ 10:00 a.m.

Come enjoy a continental Breakfast, and Bloody Mary Bar,
while you help decorate the BYC for the Christmas Holidays!

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party @ 6:00 p.m..

Join us for the Kick Off Holiday Party from 6 to 9 p.m.

Music by Melanie Massell, Hors D'oeuvres Stations, Wassail,
Egg Nog, Christmas Cookies and UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS!

Prizes for the Ugliest Sweater! **\$17.99 + +.**

If you come Decorate 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., you only pay \$7.99 + +



RON CIAMAGA

Power Fleet

Occasionally I'll take a break from writing exclusively about our cruises and take up other topics. This month I want to talk about a nifty navigation app and a companion app that overlays it, that I have been using on cruises and Saturday afternoon jaunts outside the basin. The base app is Garmin Bluechart, which provides very detailed mapping similar to a chart plotter, and the overlay, which "sits" on top of it, is called Active Captain. Both of these are loaded on my iPad. Mine is on a major cellphone network so it picks up triangulation from the cell towers to display the boats position. You can also buy a plug in "dongle" GPS receiver for the iPad if you are not connected to a major cellphone carrier to get positioning. I find that the chart plotting features come pretty close to what I get on my dual chart plotters, which cost in the neighborhood of \$5000. Bluechart costs under \$50 to download. Active Captain is free and is a reference source for navigational aides, bridges, marinas, yacht clubs, and suggested anchorages. It also has data from the universe of users who submit information on navigational hazards, areas of shoaling, ratings of marina facilities, and other pertinent data that may change quickly. All of this is shown by icons that you can select on the Bluechart. To be certain, I am only glossing over what these two apps can do. So if you are further interested in seeing a demonstration, let me know and I'll bring the iPad to a Power Fleet meeting and hook it up to the large screen TV for a demo. Now

you may ask: "Why fool with an iPad when you have two new chart plotters?" Answer: "Old eyes." The chart plotters are at arms length while the iPad can be at nose length if I want. And if the sun is blinding me or the screen, sometimes nose length is the answer. Of course, I do not advocate replacing the chart plotters altogether as they do provide a lot of useful functions such as driving the autopilot to a waypoint and displaying radar and other data.

Now after all this talk about navigation you would think I'm "spot on" all the time. Well...no. My confession is that I managed to have a soft grounding on our trip to Palm Island Marina in September due to a few moments of inattention. If it has never happened to you than you can smile, otherwise share my pain. When we got back, Gracia and I took the boat over to Blenker's Marine across the river. It was there for three days. They had the props repaired and did my bottom sanding/painting, all to my satisfaction, and at a good price. They are an advertiser in our monthly magazine and I would recommend them.

Lastly, the Power Fleet will be on a joint cruise with the Sail Fleet to the St. Petersburg Municipal Marina on December 5th to the 7th. The annual St. Petersburg Boat Show will be on that weekend and I understand that the SPYC Parade of Boats will also be taking place. I'll have more on this cruise as the time approaches. If you want to participate drop me an email. – Ron



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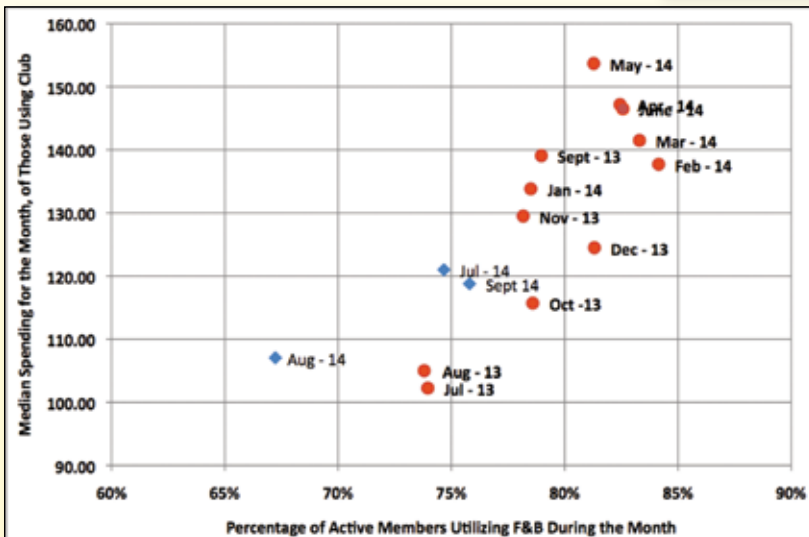
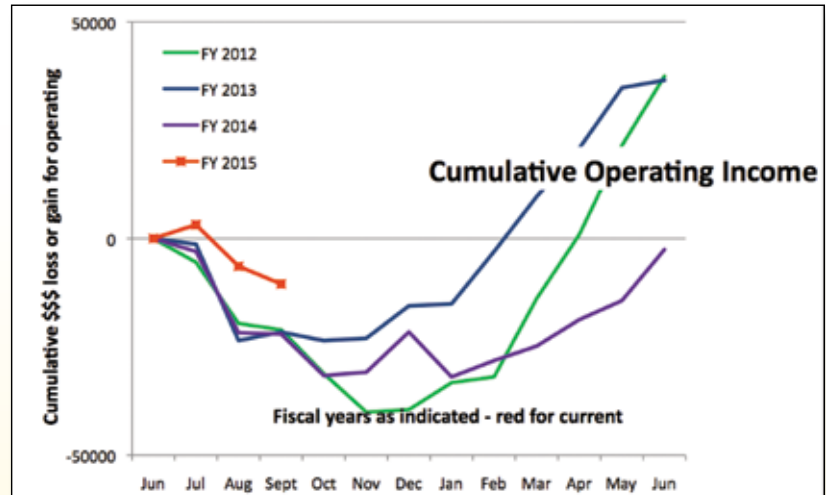
JACK GORMAN, TREASURER

Treasurer's Report

NOVEMBER 2014

1st Quarter --- Off to a Good Financial Start

While the fiscal year always starts slowly with an Operating Loss, a quick glance at the chart shows that we're in a much better place this year than the prior three years. This is largely due to better membership retention and great recruiting last year. So we're about \$11,500 and 28 members ahead of where we typically are at the end of the 1st Quarter.

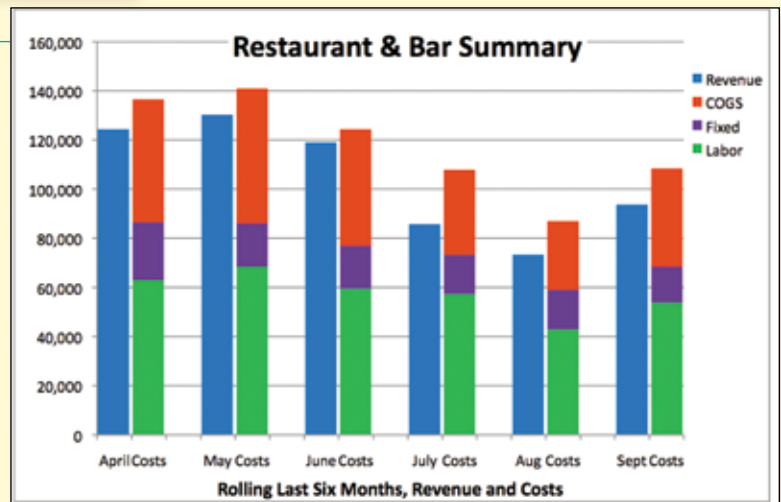


Active Member Participation & Spending

Comparing the 1st Quarter of both years, average use of the Club Food & Beverage is down from 75.6% to 72.6%, while average spending is the same at \$116/member for the same 3-month period. Both a longer shutdown and rainy weather hampered the results. Looking at a longer time span, in 11 out of the last 15 months participation has increased when compared to the comparable month the year before.

Best Value to Members

As most members know, those who use the Club get the greatest value from their dues. Restaurant & Bar Revenue doesn't cover the cost of operating these amenities as is shown on the attached chart. (Note: "COGS" is Cost of food and liquor, "Fixed" is prorated overhead expenses such as electricity, management.)





November 2014

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		<h1>Tiki Bar hours:</h1> <p>Fridays, 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. Saturdays, Noon to 11:00 p.m. Sundays, Noon to Dusk, Weather permitting!</p> <p>The Tiki Bar will close during an Electrical Storm, or driving rain</p>					1 ROCK THE DOCK, BASIN PARTY 6pm
2  BLOODY MARY BAR FUNDAY 11-3pm Sail River Races 2pm	3 Water Aerobics 10am Club & Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays	4 ROTARY, 11:00 LUNCH BUFFET 11:30-2pm TWO FOR TUESDAY 5-7pm ENTERTAINMENT 6:30pm	5 LUNCH BUFFET 11:30-2pm Midweek Madness 5-7pm HOUSE COMMITTEE 5:30pm SAIL CRUISING FLEET DINNER 6:30pm	6 Water Aerobics 8am LUNCH BUFFET 11:30-2pm BASIN 5:30pm LRP 6:30 p.m. BRIDGE 6:45 pm Thirsty Thursday 5-7pm	7 LUNCH BUFFET 11:30-2pm  Free Appetizers & Drink Specials Seafood Buffet 6-9pm Full Circle IN THE LOUNGE	8 WOUNDED WARRIORS HEALING WATERS 	
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December 2014

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JEANNE REEVES

Great Mates

Happy November to everyone! We are really looking forward to our meeting this month where Lisa Hickey will talk with us about urban Coyotes in Manatee County. I see foxes around but who knew about Coyotes! Please join us on Thursday, November 20th, for social at 6pm and dinner at 6:30pm. Please remember to make your dinner reservation.

As we look forward to December, the Great Mates will not have a formal meeting in December this year. Rather, we will be participating in the Harbor Lights festivities on Friday, December 12th. While the Great Mates don't have a yacht or boat all its own, we wanted to share with everyone our baking prowess and thought this would be a good idea to meet and greet that night. Please stop by our table!

In January we will hear about Mote Marine from Nigel Mould who has been on the Board of Trustees for

almost two years. Nigel will talk with us about the Dolphin Program that they have at Mote Marine.

Then on February 21st, we have our Fundraiser this year led by Keri Hockett, Community Outreach Chair. At the October meeting she announced that our theme will be "Mardi Gras Magic – French Quarter Elegance" this year! Keri needs some volunteers and possibly sponsoring a table. Come to the meeting in November to find out more! It's going to be a good time!

Remember at Great Mates you can be involved as little or as much as you like. If you want, you can just come to the meetings, have dinner and enjoy the fun speakers we have. You can also bring your significant other so you can both get in on the fun. **Remember membership is a dollar, friendships made are priceless! We hope you will give us a chance.** – Jeanne

Urban Coyote

Coyotes are incredibly adaptable, intelligent, resilient animals, and they have learned how to coexist with us, but we're still trying to figure out how to coexist with them.

Lisa Hickey
Urban Horticulture Extension Agent
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Great Mates
Thursday
November 20th
6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Dinner
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Great Mates DINNER MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner served @ 6:30 of:

BYC Chopped Salad
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Smoked Salmon Farfalle,
with Asiago cheese Sauce
With Chef's sides
Café Chocolate Mocha Mousse

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ATTENTION BYC MEMBERS!



The Communications Committee would like to thank all the BYC members for their support and title suggestions submitted over the past 2 months for naming the BYC newsletter.

With that said, the top 3 title choices have been chosen by you, the members, and it is now time for the final decision!

Name Our Newsletter!

From November 1st thru November 30th, members will be able to submit their final choice of title for the BYC newsletter. Official ballots will be sent to members in their monthly statements in November. Each membership will be allowed to submit only 2 properly completed ballots. Incomplete ballots will not be counted! The chosen newsletter title will be unveiled on the January 2015 issue cover!



And the choice is . . .





JOHN IZMIRLIAN

Sail Fleet

Racing - On the weekend of September 19th and 20th BYC hosted it's longest ongoing marine event, the 32nd Annual Kick-Off Regatta. This year we had 45 vessels participate (42 last year) in this two day event. Participants traveled from as far away as Washington, D.C. area to compete in this event. This year we had two days of great sailing weather; the first day with drifters and moderate winds and day two with some heavier breezes providing us with a variety of wind speeds to challenge everyone's overall sailing skills.

On Saturday night Jim McDonald, a fellow club member (aka "The Singing Sailboat Captain"), provided musical entertainment.

An event of this magnitude takes a lot of support personnel to host. Planning begins over six months ahead. On the water support comes from the race committees, mark boats, and rescue boats. Onshore we have volunteers manning the registration tables, scoring, sitting on protest committees, and selling T-shirts and caps.

We want to thank all of the great volunteers who donated their time and talents to the Regatta, including Spinnaker Race Committee, George and Beth Pennington assisted by Susan Tibbits and Selga Sakss. Cruiser Race Committee, Doug and Kathy Peck aboard Joel and Jo-Ann Stewart's vessel JO JO, assisted by Betsy Oakey and Susan Ranfola. Mark boats were Ben Haak of Regatta Pointe Marina, Lee Blenker of Blenker Boat Works, Kathy and Dan Kalitta-Hindman, and Jason and Casandra Rosnos.

We also wish to thank the awesome BYC staff for putting in long hours and providing the event with outstanding service. If you've never come to the regatta or one of the fishing tournaments at BYC, you should know that you'd be proud to be a member at BYC when you saw how hard our staff works to make these events a success by filling in all the missing pieces that I, the Regatta Chairman, omit.

Finally we want to thank our sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible. These include Snead Island Boat Works, Brighthouse Networks, Baker Auto Body, Fishermen's Headquarters, Maintenance Too Paper Company, Pier 22 Restaurant, Quality Marine Construction, Blenker Boat Works, First America Bank, The



PC Deborah Ross with Betsy Oakey getting ready to head out for the Annual Commodores at the Helm Race.

Clam House Bar and Grill (aka BYC east), Regatta Point Marina, Riverhouse Grill, Auto Nation Ford, Star Supply, Superior Asphalt, North Sails, General Propeller, Nadco Labels and Zamikoff, Klement, Jungman, Varga Dental Services. This was the second year in recent memory that the Regatta Committee did not have to solicit our BYC Commodore for sponsorship monies; yes, you are welcome Mike!

The Annual COMMODORES AT THE HELM Race was on Sunday, September 28th. This year we had six boats participate. For the third year in a row, Steve Fredericks lead the fleet made up of PCs Deborah Ross, Denise Cabanillas, Joe McClash, Bob Armstrong, Evan Guido and Ralph Umana.

So, thanks again everyone. See you around the Club and on the water. - John Izmirlan, BYC Regatta Chairman



JIM KELLER

Cruising - Plan on attending our Sail Fleet Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, November 5th. If you have any interest in the November 14th cruise to Carlouel Yacht Club or the December 5th cruise to St. Petersburg Yacht Club, this would be a good time to sign up for those events. For more information contact the Ruggerios for the Carlouel event and the Wendts for the St. Petersburg event.



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JANET AMAR

Membership

It's hard to believe the holidays are here. There is so much happening in and around the Club. This year Membership has a couple of large membership drives they are participating in around town. On November 13th at the Civic Center on Haben Boulevard, we will be participating in a large Manatee County Chamber event. December 5th, we will have a table display for Music on Main, which is held the first Friday each month in Lakewood Ranch on Main Street. Membership will be actively displaying and bringing holiday cheer around town. These drives will create significant exposure around the area about our Club.

As a note to all new members, the BYC does their own holiday decorations. Volunteers come together and help light up the Club. If you are interested in helping, check out the monthly magazine as the time and day for the decorating party is advertised therein. It is a

fun-filled day and gratifying to be a part of.

Each year we put together an annual breakfast in January for only new members from the past year. This breakfast is very well attended by new members, committee members and board members. It is very informative and provides you an opportunity to meet everyone. Keep an eye on the calendar and be sure to make your reservation.

We are off to a good start this year in membership. At this writing, we have 19 new members since July 1st. We are right on track for another successful year!

As you can see, our magazine cover does not have the new member photo, which was taken at our cocktail party in September. Unfortunately, the pictures did not come out clear enough to be able to use. So, with that said, we will try this again later this year. The Club will have a professional photographer

NEW MEMBERS NOVEMBER 2014

#2647

Robert & Maria Wagner
Palmetto, FL
19' Mako

#2654

Jeffrey Wolf & Linda Lidster-Wolf
Palmetto, FL
40' Pilgrim Trawler – *Vagabond*

WINTER MEMBER

#7022

Lela McClure
Palmetto, FL

taking members pictures for our directory. While he is here, we are going to attempt to have him take this photo. You will be notified when.

Our Membership Committee wishes all of you and your families a very happy and healthy holiday season. Enjoy it all, stay safe and we will see you around the Club!

Happy Holidays from the Membership Committee, Janet Amar, Cindy Rhategan, Karen Patton, Denise Berte', Janie Finck, Raquel Abarca, Keri Hockett, Nancy Gorman, Pat Baker, Carolyn Spencer, Diana Wendt, Pierre Cook, Mark Berte', Jenifer Gordon and Ken Nyhus



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This and That

Dock Talk

After my last month's article talking about shut down, I was asked what exactly do you all do. The Dock/Maintenance Team is a group of three employees. Jeff on Docks and Basin, Sebastian on Maintenance, and I, the Dockmaster, try to split my time between the 2 departments, 1/3 to maintenance and 2/3 to Basin and Docks. We are the go to team for fueling, pump outs, tie ups, and all things maintenance inside and out of the Clubhouse, other than the yard work...and we even do some of that.

When we are not bagging ice, shoveling shell, pumping fuel (by law we have to have someone stay there with you while you fuel up), making long wall reservations, catching and tying up boats, etc., we are busy painting, plumbing, working on the equipment, doing light masonry, carpentry, pressure washing, changing light bulbs, man do we have a lot of light bulbs, cleaning carpet, setting up, tearing down, packing, unpacking...I think you get the picture.

We have been instrumental in doing several shut down projects, and even helped quite a bit on the electric project last year in the basin. Soon you will be seeing us working on replacing some of the wood on our docks and finger piers. And, we will even be getting the secret beach ready for kayaking, paddle boarding and building another kayak rack for that area. If you don't see us, hail us on the radio or give us a call on the DM cell phone. We are never too far from the action! - Brent Mitchell, Dockmaster

Party Prattle

Greetings to the BYC Members & Family! As your new Catering Sales Coordinator, I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with some of you already. I look forward to eventually meeting each and every one of you! I was in Naples, FL for 9 years in the Hotel Industry.

I was Conference Service Manager for 7 years at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club during the 2001-2007 boom! From there I went to Bellasera, a 100 room Boutique Sunstream Property as Catering Sales Manager. I spent 2011-2012 at Eagle Vale Golf Club in Fairport, NY, handling all sales for the entire Club. My last position in Naples was Sales Director for Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club and Tarpon Cove Yacht & Racquet Club, Escalante Golf properties. I relocated to accept this position and love it here! I am here to serve you always, keeping in mind, Members come first! Most Sincerely, - Kat Szalay



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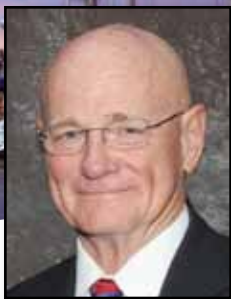
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CHARLES CLIFTON

Basin

In addition to its regular responsibilities, the Basin Committee is addressing two major topics this year: general safety in and around the water and security. If you have any input, comments or suggestions, please contact me.

Our Club has organized the first "Rock the Dock" party for Saturday, November 1st, featuring music, bar and pot luck dinner - a boaters' favorite. These are very popular and a fun way to meet your boat neighbors.

In order to decorate the basin for the holiday season, each boat is asked to install 100' lights - up the mast, outriggers or whatever works for lower profile boats. See details elsewhere in this issue and watch for the emails. Harbor Lights is Friday, December 12th. This is our time to host a celebration and show off our hospitality. The following evening is the Boat Parade. Entrants can win prizes and cash and attend the private awards party given by sponsors. The application is online at our website as well as on the Manatee River Holiday Boat Parade Facebook page. - Charles Clifton, Basin Chairman



LIGHT UP FOR THE Holidays!

Just a little lighting can achieve a lot of sparkle in our basin.

Each boat please install at least 100' preferably white lights- sailboats up the mast and down the stays, power boats highest point, whatever is effective for your boat. Look at the impact each boat's efforts did for this marina.

Install the weekend after Thanksgiving November 27-28.
Set timer for on at 6, off at 10.

Lights are available in 50 or 100 foot lengths that should cover stays or outriggers or perimeter of lower profile boats. Check out home improvement stores, Big Lots and even the craft and dollar stores for lighting. Be sure to use appropriate outdoor lights, secure connection to 110 and timer in your boat and observe all safety recommendations. Remember each new pedestal has 110 connections.



Harbor Lights

Friday Night, Dec. 12 • 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Solar Coaster will be playing at the Gazebo!!!

Celebrate the Season with our boaters in the Basin! Where your comfortable shoes, and bundle up, if it's cold outside... Explore the Basin, meeting our Boat Owners and enjoy their complimentary cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres at this Holiday Boat Open House.

This is one of the top 10 must attend events at the BYC!

To all Members in the Basin: You could win the \$100.00 Best Dressed Boat Prize, provided by the Lighted Boat Parade Committee.

All you have to do is decorate your boat to enter!

Looking Toward December

Lighted Boat Parade



Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014 • 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

What a great vantage point BYC is to see the lighted boats! They are judged here and then all come back to the Club for the Participants Party! Music in the Lounge by Full Circle!

The whole Club is Reservation only, including the Lounge. We will be seating the Commodore's Room too if necessary.

Call early for the best seating.

BUFFET \$29.95 + +

No regular menu tonight, reserve asap for the best viewing! 24 hour cancellation. All reservations in the Clubhouse will be expected to enjoy our dinner buffet.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

**Sunday, December 21, 2014,
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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7:00 p.m. Served Dinner

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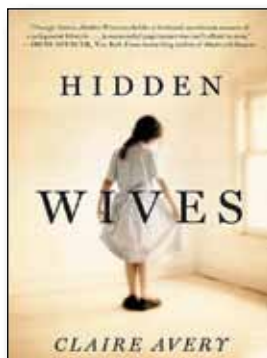
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