



# PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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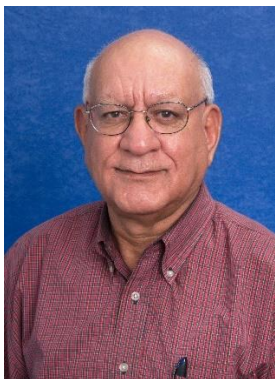
## JULY BIRTHDAYS



Karen Linnstrom	July 11
Bonnie Wells	July 17
Merrilyn Karrels	July 21
Vik Kapoor	July 23
Carol Clarke	July 25
John Gancar	July 28



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## Commodore's July Comments

Hello Fellow PYC Members,

At present our total PYC memberships stand at 41, comprising 80 individuals. Please contact our Vice Commodore Butch Karrels if you need the current PYC membership list with addresses and phone numbers. Butch Karrels and Marketing Chair Bettie Nebergall are working on plans to increase our membership. Your help and cooperation in this endeavor is much appreciated.

Our June events began with a very enjoyable breakfast at Mike and Nanci Balassone's home in the Mt. Dora historic district with 30 people attending. It was a rainy day but they opened their beautiful home and gardens to us. The food was great and we all had a good time. Mike led a very interesting marine quiz (with prizes) based on the knowledge of boating laws & navigation rules. It was fun and educational. Our thanks and appreciation to Mike and Nanci for hosting this event.

Our second outing on June 22<sup>nd</sup> was at the Hurricane Grill, hosted by Dan and Sharon Vincent and Co-hosts Ray & Jerie Tallman. Forty people and eight boats attended. Our hosts asked all those present to tell us something about their hobbies--a great way to get to know each other. It was fun and interesting. We ordered from the menu for this event; the service was friendly, and our hosts & co-hosts provided a tasty birthday cake named for our June born members and also handmade cookies for PYC'S 30<sup>th</sup> birthday year. A big thanks to Dan & Sharon and Ray & Jerie for this enjoyable event.

Please review this month's newsletter for details about upcoming events in July and August. Our various hosts have come up with a variety of activities, and there is a lot to look forward to over the next two months. I encourage each of you to attend as many of these exciting outings as you can. Enjoy safe fun on the water and make new friends! Thanks again for your support. It is much appreciated.

Vik Kapoor

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### **Vice Commodore Butch Karrel's report**

We had a delightful breakfast at Mike & Nanci's house on Saturday 6-08-2019 and Nanci was so kind to give personal tours of her garden and offered information how she keeps it so beautiful. Thank you Nanci for your gardening tips. We also had our 6-22-2019 event at Hurricane Dockside sponsored by Dan and Sharon. Sharon did a great job of getting members to reveal more information about themselves giving us all the opportunity to get to know each other better. The 30 year anniversary cookies were an nice touch also.

Bettie handed out new signs to members who spend more time on our chain of lakes with PontoonYachtClub.com signs to advertise our club. Bettie keeps coming up with innovative ideas to advertise our club to the general public. We hope these signs on our boats will give our club the attention we need to increase awareness of our club and promote further

membership. Jim is working on our PYC Sign for Fish Camp. This sign should be up by the time we have our next scheduled event in July, so if you're on the water be looking for our new Fish Camp sign.

Hope to see you all at our next scheduled event at Lake Harris Hide Away on 7-13-2019.

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**Rear Commodore Mike Balassone's report**

On June 8<sup>th</sup> the first outing of the month was hosted at the Balassone's home in Mount Dora. Because of the adverse weather predictions for later in the day the raft-up was cancelled. The event was very successful with great camaraderie, good food, and an exciting trivia game.

The second outing was at the Hurricane Dockside. Eight parties arrived by boat. Our captains were: Tom and Joanne Kost; Gary and Cheryl Rhoads; Bob and Bettie Nebergall; Butch and Merrilyn Karrels; Robert and Kathy Banta and Jim and Carol Clarke; Pete and Arlene Strack; John and Cindy Kindinger; John Gancar and Shelley McGarry.

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**In the Past**

by Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

October 19, 2001 PYC outing to Homosassa staying at Riverside Resort. Gene Fehr described the golf outing to Plantation golf course in Crystal River as the first annual golf course reconstruction excursion. The course looked like Afghanistan after a bombing raid when they were finished. At dinner that evening, there was a re-enactment of the golf round of Ron Korb and Roy Weddle. Laughter abounded and tears flowed. The group rented pontoon boats for the day giving everyone a ride. After dinner, they moseyed over to the Tiki Bar at MacRae's for libations and music by Electric Red. A good time was had by all.

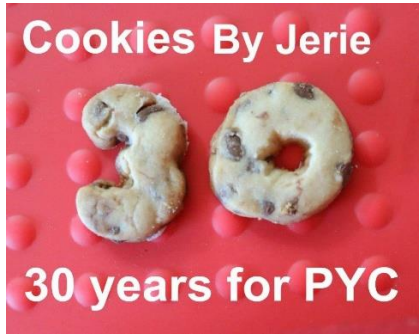
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**BREAKFAST AT BALASSONE'S – June 8, 2019**



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HURRICANE'S – June 22, 2019



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JULY EVENTS



July 13, 2019  
Lake Harris Hideaway  
Hosts: Dale & Judy Coon  
Bill & Marie Davis



Social Hour 11:00 Lunch 11:30  
Raft up from 10:00 – 10:30 Lake Harris side of Dead River

We'll be ordering off the menu and paying separately. However, so we can give Lake Harris Hideaway a head count, please call 352-323-0703 or email [jkcoon42@yahoo.com](mailto:jkcoon42@yahoo.com) by Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

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July 27, 2019  
Crazy Gator in Eustis  
Hosts: Jean Van Meter & Charlie Kilbourne



Social Hour 11:30 Lunch 12:00  
up from 10:30 – 11:00 Lake Eustis side of Dead

We will order from a group menu which includes choice of an entrée and soft drinks/tea/water. Tax and tip included. Cost for members and guests \$14.00 which you will pay at the restaurant. Please call Jean Van Meter at 352-227-0106 or email [jeanlouise@centurylink.net](mailto:jeanlouise@centurylink.net) by July 23<sup>rd</sup> so they can give Crazy Gator a head count.

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**AUGUST EVENTS**

**August 10, 2019  
Sunset Dance Party on Lake Harris  
Hosts: Bob & Cathy Banta**



**6:00 P.M. until Sunset  
Meet at final raft-up site – Horseshoe Island on Lake Harris**

BYOB and a snack dish to share. Check boat lights before event. Bring your bug spray and a marine radio/cell phone.

Cost for members and guests \$4.00. Payment due by Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> to Carol Clarke, 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778. Also include with check your favorite dance music or song or artist.

Activity includes dance party with winners and prizes, and a sunset toast (champagne provided). Party costumes optional. Support for getting home safely will be provided.

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**August 22 – 25, 2019  
St. John’s River Outing  
Hosts: Terry & Kay Weaver**

*8/22/19* Thursday: Arrive at Riviera Resort, 2760 Botts Landing Road, Deland, FL, (386) 822-5662, launch boats at Riviera Resort, and check into your room. Eight boat slips will be included with our rooms at no charge. Boat to Shady Oaks Restaurant for lunch. Restaurant is just off Route 44 at Whitehair Bridge. After lunch, we boat into Lake Beresford and stop by Hontoon Island State Park before returning to Riviera Resort for R&R. Dinner by car at Emmy's Time Out Restaurant (German/American & Thursday night special is Prime Rib).  
*8/23/19* Friday: Breakfast in your room or Big Rig on the truck route. Leave by boat at 10:30 AM going north on the St. Johns River to Astor. Lunch at Williams Landing at Blackwater Inn. After lunch return to Riviera Resort or continue north into Lake George to Silver Glen Springs for a dip in 72 degree fresh water before returning to Riviera Resort. Friday night is fried chicken and fixings under the pavilion at Riviera Resort.  
*8/24/19* Saturday: Leave by boat at 10:30 AM going south on St. John's River to Blue Spring State Park. Continue south to Swamp House Grille for lunch. Saturday night is pizza under the pavilion at Riviera Resort.  
*8/25/19* Sunday: At 8:00 AM go by car for Breakfast at De Leon Springs Old Sugar Mill. After breakfast back to Riviera Resort for boats and then take your tired, sun burned body's home!

Room Rates: 15 Standard rooms have been reserved and will be held until May 1, 2019. PYC members should call before that date to reserve a room with a \$50 deposit. Cost of Standard room for three nights is \$271 plus tax. Riverfront rooms are available at higher prices. See other rates on Riviera Resort website and information about the resort. All rooms have cable TV, full kitchen and WiFi.

Reminder to all captains: Please do not overload your boat with too many passengers. Most standard boats are only safe with four to six total on a boat. Just because a sticker on your boat says you can carry 12 to 14 passengers, that is not realistic. It makes your boat slow and unsafe. The St. John’s River is a commercial river with large boats that create large wakes.

Boat captains call or email Hosts with names of members you have invited on your boat and how many seats left to be filled with PYC members with no boats on this trip.

Big Rig: 815 N. Spring Garden Ave., Deland (386) 738-1506  
 Blue Springs State Park: 2100 W. French Ave., Orange City (386) 775-3663 [www.floridastateparks.com](http://www.floridastateparks.com)  
 De Leon Springs Old Sugar Mill: 601 Ponte De Leon Blvd., De Leon Springs (386) 985-5644 (Opens at 8:00 AM)(Reservations-Groups to 30 People)  
 Emmy's Time Out Tavern: 2069 Old New York Ave., Deland (386) 734-0756  
[www.emmystimeouttavern.com](http://www.emmystimeouttavern.com)  
 Hontoon Island State Park: 2309 River Ridge Rd. Deland [www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org)  
 Riviera Resort: 2760 Botts Landing Rd., Deland (386) 822-5662 [www.rivieraresort.net](http://www.rivieraresort.net)  
 St. John's River Grille: 2999 W. S.R. 44, Deland (386) 855-2427  
[www.stjohnsmarinaresort.com/river-grille-1.html](http://www.stjohnsmarinaresort.com/river-grille-1.html)  
 Shady Oaks Restaurant: 2984 Old New York Ave., Deland (386) 734-9715  
 Swamp House Riverfront Grill: 488 W. Highbanks Rd., DeBary (386) 688-8891  
[www.swamphousegrill.com](http://www.swamphousegrill.com)  
 Williams Landing at Blackwater Inn: 55716 Front Street, Astor (352) 759-2802 [www.blackwaterinn.com](http://www.blackwaterinn.com)

Call (352) 978-0439 (T) & (352) 978-9416 (K) or email [kayhweaver@outlook.com](mailto:kayhweaver@outlook.com) to let us know you are going and if you are bringing a boat.

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**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**



**September 14, 2019**  
**British Invasion theme at Crazy Gators – Eustis**  
**Hosts: Arthur & Linda Stowell**

**Social Hour 11:30    Lunch 12:00**  
**Raft up from 10:30 – 11:00 Lake Eustis side of Dead River**

Meal choices:

1. Large chicken salad (fried or grilled)
2. Shrimp basket with fries
3. Fish basket with fries
4. Cheeseburger with fries
5. Chicken tenders with fries
6. Fish **OR** chicken sandwich (grilled or fried) with fries

Cost for members and guests \$14.00 which includes tax and tip and soda/tea.

British Invasion Trivia Contest with prizes!

List food choices on check payable to PYC and mail to Carol Clarke 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778 by Tuesday, September 10th.

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**Cars, Motorcycles and Boats Welcome**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Poker Run around the Lakes – Saturday, September 24, 2019**  
 Sponsored by Leesburg Boating Club to benefit Forward Paths  
 (An organization that helps homeless children in Lake County)  
 Starts at 10 A.M. at the Leesburg Boat Club – Dozier Circle

Best Poker hand awarded at 4:30

Entertainment – Food – Prizes

For more information contact Fred O'Brien cell 352-250-3814 [fobrien@gate.net](mailto:fobrien@gate.net)

What is a Poker Run? Entrants pay \$10 entry fee and then progress to 6 stops around the lakes where they will draw a card at each stop. The final cards will be drawn at the Leesburg Boat Club. Best poker hand will be determined at 4:30.

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## 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PONTOON YACHT CLUB

√ Please submit PYC Outing Information Form to the Commodore [vkapoor441@gmail.com](mailto:vkapoor441@gmail.com)

Date	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
1/12/2019	√	PYC Birthday Bash at Crazy Gator in Eustis	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	Tom & Jo Kost
1/26/2019	√	Fish Camp in Tavares	Alan & Lorna Fogg	
2/9/2019	√	Valentine's Fest at Karrel's Home	Butch & Merylyn Karrels	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor
2/23/2019	√	Patriots on the Pier George Fest, Crazy Gator Docks in Eustis	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	Gary Gravelyn & Karen Linnstrom
3/9/2019	√	Olive Branch in Mt Dora	Dave & Barbara Masterton	Bill Marsella & Joanne Welsh
3/21-24/ 2019	√	Crescent Lake & Dunn Creek & St Johns River	Ray & Pauline Ellison	
4/13/2019	√	Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob Banta
4/27/2019	√	Pontoons in the Puddle	John & Cindy Kindinger	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads
5/7-9/ 2019	√	Cruise on Rainbow & Withlacoochee Rivers	Nick & Alicia Quackenbush	Butch & Merylyn Karrels
5/25/2019	√	Memorial Day Picnic at Griffin State Park	Pete & Arlene Strack	John Gancar & Shelley McGarry
6/8/2019	√	Breakfast at Balassone's Home, 650 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave, Mt Dora.	Mike & Nanci Balassone	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor
6/22/2019	√	Hurricane Dockside Grill in Tavares	Dan & Sharon Vincent	
7/13/2019	√	Lake Harris Hide Away in Tavares	Dale & Judy Coon	Bill & Marie Davis
7/27/2019	√	Crazy Gator in Eustis	Jean Van Meter & Charlie Kilbourne	
8/10/2019	√	Sunset Dance Party near Horse shoe island on Lake Harris	Bob & Cathy Banta	
8/22-24/2019	√	St. John River cruise & Rivier Resort at Deland	Terry & Kay Weaver	
9/14/2019	√	British Invasion Theme at Crazy Gator in Eustis	Arthur & Linda Stowell	

9/28/2019		Brunch at Hickory Point in Tavares	Ron & Edna Korb	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor
10/12/2019		Picnic at Moss Bluff	Bob & Carol Boyack	Ralph Shrivalle & Ada Arthur
10/26/2019		TBD	Bettie Nebergall	M&M
11/9/2019		Thanksgiving Feast at Grand Island Resort-Eustis	Mary Fehr, Angela Brown & Tim Hill	Joe Comastra & Lorraine Wiersma
12/14/2019		Christmas Banquet at Lake Receptions	Bill Marsella & Joanne Welsh	Lorraine Wiersma & Joe Comastra, Linda Stowell Nanci Balassone.

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