



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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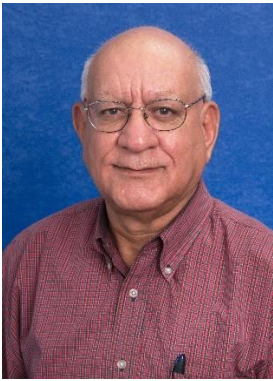
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Joanne Welsh	June 2
Charlie Kilbourne	June 6
Mike Balassone	June 7
Cindy Kindinger	June 13
Bill Davis	June 15
Angela Brown	June 17
Elizabeth Kapoor	June 19
Kay Weaver	June 21





Commodore's June Comments

Hello Fellow PYC Members,

Our May events began with an out of town trip of four days/three nights to Dunnellon, FL, where we enjoyed cruising the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers. From all accounts, it was a fun-filled time and a perfect boat outing among friends. We had 35 people with six boats, and every one had an enjoyable time and brought back good memories. On the first day after launching our boats at the city ramp, there was a pizza party in the evening attended by all. The next two days were filled by boating on the rivers and enjoying beautiful "Old Florida", with lunch/dinners at riverside restaurants. Thanks to our hosts Nick & Alicia Quackenbush for their excellent planning. This was a very successful event. Thanks also to our co-hosts Butch & Merrilyn Karrels for greatly assisting Nick and Alicia.

Our second May outing was a Memorial Day picnic at Griffin State Park attended by 50 people and 10 boats to honor our PYC veteran members for their service to our country. The weather was ideal for the two-hour boat ride to the park. Pete Strack led our "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" ceremony. Thanks to our hosts Pete & Arlene Strack and co-hosts John Gancar & Shelley McGarry for this event. A well-planned outing and grilled food with side dishes provided by the host and co-hosts made this picnic an enjoyable outing and an all-around good time.

Please review this month's newsletter for details about upcoming outings in June & July. Please consider attending as many of this year's outings as you can. Thanks again for your support. Enjoy your summer!

Vik Kapoor

Vice Commodore Butch Karrel's report

All the feedback I received regarding the May Rainbow River cruise was very positive, and I got the feeling many would like to do this cruise again. Different restaurants and hotels were suggested and I personally would like to get to the end of Lake Rousseau at the lock; I plan to investigate that further so we can add to that experience.

The Griffin State park cruise was a first for me, too, and I totally enjoyed the cruise from Venetian Gardens to Griffin State Park on Vik's boat captained by his son John.

Bettie and I will be getting new "pontoonyachtclub.com" signs for our lake residents to put on their piers or boat houses to give the Pontoon Yacht Club greater exposure. If you have a location with great exposure to put up a sign to advertise please contact Bettie or myself if you are interested in placing a sign. Jim Clarke has the approval to complete a new sign to install at the pier of Fish Camp restaurant, he will advise PYC when the sign is ready to be installed; be looking for these new signs when you are on our chain of lakes and get the word out to all your friends and acquaintances that the Pontoon Yacht Club is the club to be a part of.

See you at Mike and Nanci's for breakfast.

Rear Commodore Mike Balassone's report

The two outings during May 2019 provided great opportunities for our Captains to explore very different waterways in unique settings. The May 7-10 outing to the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers in Dunnellon, Fl. offered two very different experiences dictated by simply turning to port or starboard. The Rainbow River intersects with the Withlacoochee River and provides crystal clear water from there to the mouth of Rainbow Springs. We went as far upriver as allowed before a leisurely return trip. Since we couldn't access the springheads area by boat several of our members drove to the park after we returned to the docks. The Withlacoochee River the following day was very different as the river meandered its way through more forested areas and was less populated than the banks of the Rainbow River. In the afternoon a group of boats traveled the other direction to the top of the Withlacoochee at Lake Rousseau.

Our captains gladly accommodated other members on their boats who did not trailer their boats to Dunnellon.

Our six Captains were Mike and Nanci Balassone, Nick and Alicia Quackenbush, Jim and Carol Clark and Bob and Kathy Banta, Dave and Barbara Masterton, Ray and Pauline Ellison, Ralph Shrivalle, and Mike and Bonnie Wells.

Our May 25th, Memorial Day Picnic at Lake Griffin Park, started out at the rally point at the intersection of Haines Creek and Lake Eustis. Ten boats made the 2-hour journey up Haines Creek through a lock and into Lake Griffin. Arriving at the park we tied up two boats deep on the wooden bulkhead. Nine Captains made the journey. They were Mike and Nanci Balassone, Jim and Carol Clark and Bob and Kathy Banta, Ray and Pauline Ellison, Terry and Kay Weaver, Art and Linda Stowell, Gary and Cheryl Rhoads, Bob and Bettie Nebergall, Gary Gravelyn and Karen Lindstrom, and Vik Kapoor.

In the Past

by *Kay Weaver*, PYC Historian

June 16, 2001 our Commodore Gene Fehr reported that the water levels were so low in his canal in Imperial Terrace that he was not able to get out to attend the PYC meeting. This was during the time that many were experiencing extremely low water levels. This was the canal next to my house and you can see the docks high and dry. We were quickly going from being a boat club to an auto club!!!!



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!



We want passing boats to see our signs all over the lakes! Our plastic dock signs are 24" x 8". You can hang them from a rail or attach them to a solid surface. Let me know ASAP if you have a place for one. I'm ordering soon! Email: nebettie@live.com. Call or text: 321-594-8060. Thanks, Bettie.

CRUISING THE RAINBOW & WITHLACOOCHEE RIVERS – May 7-9, 2019



MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC AT GRIFFIN STATE PARK – May 25, 2019





JUNE EVENTS



June 8, 2019
Breakfast at the Balassone's
630 E. Third Avenue, Mt. Dora
Hosts: Mike and Nanci Balassone
Vik and Elizabeth Kapoor



Raft-up 8:15 – 8:30 on Lake Dora side of Dora Canal
Arrive Mt. Dora town docks 9:00 – 9:15
Social time begins at 9:00 A.M.
Breakfast at 9:30 A.M.

Catered buffet breakfast featuring farm fresh scrambled eggs, hardwood smoked bacon, fresh cut fruit, freshly-baked buttermilk biscuits, sausage gravy, home fries, coffee, orange juice.

Cost for members and guests \$12.00. Payment due by Tuesday, June 4th to Carol Clarke, 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778. Questions call 843-754-4742.

Mt. Dora Transit to provide round trip golf cart transportation from town dock to Balassone's house on arrival and return after event. There is no charge for this service and tipping is not necessary. Parking available on 3rd Avenue in Mt. Dora. **PLEASE BRING CHAIRS!**



June 22, 2019
Hurricane Dockside - Tavares
Hosts: Dan and Sharon Vincent
Social Hour 11:30 Lunch 12:00



We'll be ordering off the menu and paying separately. However, so we can give Hurricane's a head count, please call 352-396-3460 or 352-267-0648 or email sharonvincent@embarqmail.com or danvincent806@gmail.com by Tuesday, June 18th.

Bring your smile and we'll see you then!



JULY EVENTS

July 13, 2019
Lake Harris Hideaway
Hosts: Dale and Judy Coon
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 by Tuesday, July 9th.

FUTURE EVENTS

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
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
Hontoon Island State Park: 2309 River Ridge Rd. Deland www.floridastateparks.org

Riviera Resort: 2760 Botts Landing Rd., Deland (386) 822-5662 www.rivieraresort.net

St. John's River Grille: 2999 W. S.R. 44, Deland (386) 855-2427

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

Williams Landing at Blackwater Inn: 55716 Front Street, Astor (352) 759-2802 www.blackwaterinn.com

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

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2019 EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PONTOON YACHT CLUB

√ Please submit PYC Outing Information Form to the Commodore 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 rd 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	
7/27/2019		Crazy Gator in Eustis	Jean Van Meter & Charlie Kilbourne	
8/10/2019		An outing on a Lake	Bob & Cathy Banta	
8/22-24/2019	√	St.John's River cruise & Riviera Resort at Deland	Terry & Kay Weaver	

9/14/2019		TBA	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		Pontoons in the Chain	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	LorraineWiersma & Joe Comastra, Linda Stowell Nanci Balassone.

Any corrections to newsletter please email at cindykindinger@yahoo.com



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