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FALL 2020

DISTRICT 29

Columbus – Findlay – Fort Wayne – Port Clinton – Sandusky – Toledo

SAVE THE DATE
District 29 Virtual Fall Conference
October 17, 2020

Please join us for a District 29 ZOOM Conference
at 10:00 a.m.

The connection information is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89452096424?pwd=ak9raHY0RWNmOW1qOWZ2WEVCcGNxUT09>

Meeting ID: 894 5209 6424

Passcode: 465605

CALL TO THE 2020 DISTRICT 29 FALL CONFERENCE

TO: District 29 Conference Members: District 29 Bridge Officers, the Immediate Past District Commander, the Chairpersons of the General and Standing Committees, Past District Commanders, Squadron Commanders, Squadron Delegates, and all District 29 members.

FROM: D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P

DATE: September 17, 2020

Please be advised that the District 29 Fall Conference will be held at via Zoom on Saturday, October 17, 2020. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. with the Conference Meeting to follow at 10:00.

Squadron Commanders: A copy of the Conference Meeting Delegate Form will be sent to you. Please complete the form with a list of your Squadron Delegates and, if necessary, any replacement for the Commander. Please complete the form and send a copy to Treasurer Dennis Keyfauver, 1932 Pleasant Ridge Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46819-9513 or electronically at k3dck@gmail.com by October 10, 2020.

Uniform of the Day: America's Boating Club or USPS Casual Attire.

To All: A copy of the Spring Conference Meeting minutes is included with this transmission. These minutes will be approved during the meeting.

Registration: Begins at 9:45.

BRIDGE OFFICER REPORTS

District Commander – D/C Jason Snook, SN-CN

Where did the summer go? It seems like we just had the Summer Council meeting a few weeks ago. I would like to thank everyone that showed up to the council meeting during these tough times. Due to the coronavirus, we did not have a large group but it worked out. The meeting went well and a good time was had by all who attended.

By now, people are starting to think about getting their boats out of the water and into storage, but there are still a couple weeks to get out and enjoy what is left of the boating season. The Toledo Squadron is having one more rendezvous at PIB for Historical Weekend on Sept 11-13 if anyone is interested.

The Fall Governing Board that was to take place in Raleigh, NC has been cancelled due to coronavirus and will take place virtually from Sept 8-12. Those who had meetings scheduled during the Governing Board will have a chance to attend online so they can pass any important information back to their districts. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the D/C DXO meeting due to work, but I will try to get the DXO to attend and pass any important information on to D29 for the Fall Conference.

As we get into the fall season, it is time to start thinking about the Fall Conference. The District Bridge and I had a Zoom meeting to decide what to do about the Fall Conference during this pandemic. According to Ohio coronavirus guidelines, we can't have an indoor gathering of more than 10 people, so we decided to do another virtual conference. It will take place on Saturday October 17 at 10 am. Stf/C Larry Cole will send out a Zoom meeting invitation for all to join and watch. Those who can vote on district business will be able to do so, while those who do not will be muted but will still be able to watch the meeting. If there is time after the meeting, we will have a short presentation by a guest speaker to be named later. Squadron Commanders, you will be contacted shortly to discuss delegates to choose for the meeting. I am hoping that this will be the last conference we will have to do virtually, and we will be able to meet in-person like we used to and enjoy each other's company once more.

Until next time, be safe and stay healthy.

District Educational Officer – P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN

No Report

District Executive Officer – D/Lt/C Tom Patterson, JN

No Report

District Administrative Officer – D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN

Hello,

As I write my first article for a District publication, I want to first thank the Nominating Committee and the membership for the confidence they have shown in me as I start my four- year tour of duty on the D-29 Bridge. Wait, you say...four years? Should it only be three? Can he really be that slow? Aye, but it is four. 2020 will be known as the COVID year with too little going on. The Bridge has been tasked with their 2020 positions being recycled into 2021.

While 2020 has been quiet at the District level, National has been busier. District AO'S participate in a monthly tele-meeting with National A-O Ralph Bernard. National has been busy controlling costs, balancing the budget in these uncertain times with declining revenue. They are also working on strategies to maintain current members while attracting new ones.

I have had much appreciated council from District Bridge members who have preceded me. Thank you! I need further input from the general membership about what they would like from the D-29 Bridge. I hope to find a theme, an agenda, ideas. Hopefully, something to start soon and grow over the next three...er...four years.

I ask you to let us know your thoughts. What is going well, not so well, or ideas on how the District can help its Squadrons!

While there are four years to improve, let's work together to get it done sooner.

SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS

COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Sherri Haring, P

We will start back on our path in September utilizing Zoom for our ECOM meetings and hopefully some additional Zoom events for social hours and education. We have three members who have received 25 Merit Marks. What a wonderful accomplishment! They are Lt. Martha Beidel, Lt. John Pruitt, AP, and Robert Wenger, P.

FINDLAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jeffrey Roth, P

Jeff Roth – Commander

Greg Coward – Ex. Officer

Scott Kisabeth – Education Officer

Dan Clinger – Treasurer

Liz Thomas – Supply Officer

Andrea Clinger Roth – Secretary

Dell Mathern – Vessel Safety Check Officer

Meetings were held in July and August on the Commander's back patio in order to social distance. The meetings also included a Zoom link for those who could not attend in person.

The program in August featured Dell Mathern reviewing the process and information about vessel safety checks and his efforts on vessel safety checks this year.

A new Facebook page, America's Boating Club – Findlay Chapter, was launched at the beginning of September. The club is also working on launching a new website.

The club's annual fish fry is slated for September 19 at noon at a private home in Lakeside-Marblehead.

FORT WAYNE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Richard Manter, AP

Our squadron will begin our fall activities with our Board Meeting coming up to plan where we are going from here. We will have a Fall cookout in September and possibly a way we can help our community in these trying times in October or November and our annual Christmas party. Plan on seeing everyone at the Fall Conference in Sandusky.

PORT CLINTON POWER SQUADRON – Commander Dennis Timple, AP

No Report

SANDUSKY POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jack Runner, AP

Not much new to report due to the pandemic situation. We have not been having monthly meetings. Nor have we been doing much of anything. We do have three ABC Classes scheduled for the upcoming year. Sandusky Yacht Club has been very gracious in allowing us to use their ballroom. This part of the facility gives us an excellent opportunity to offer our ABC Course while accommodating social distancing for up to 25 people.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Conference Meeting.

TOLEDO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Fred Zibbel, JN

The Toledo Sail and Power Squadron, like the others in D29, has been trying to find some level of normalcy in our operation. Our number of cruises have been curtailed, but great times were enjoyed by our members who participated in the few that were scheduled. One final rendezvous will be the Historical Weekend at Put-in-Bay. Some of our members have christened new boats and are enjoying the remaining sunny days to get some last-minute lake time before getting serious about winter storage.

2020 will certainly be a year to remember. Toledo has postponed monthly meetings but has held Executive Meetings as needed in outdoor venues or via Zoom. It remains to be seen how our annual Christmas Dinner and 2021 Change of Watch will be affected, but we will safeguard our membership at all costs. Some squadrons have already announced cancelling their Christmas events.

As if 2020 has not thrown enough at us, it has proved to be unique in many ways. On Friday, August 21, we were enjoying an impromptu visit from Executive Officer Lt/C Keith Rooks and Lt Lucia

Rooks on our deck when we all felt the deck and earth move. So 2020 let us experience a small earthquake on the shores of Lake Erie. What will happen next?

Please be safe, practice safe social distancing, wear your face masks. I look forward to the continued leadership of our D29 Bridge; their knowledge and expertise will guide us through the uncharted waters this year has brought us.

D29 SPRING CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

Our District Spring Conference was canceled this year because of the Coronavirus quarantine for everyone. The Change of Watch took place via a virtual meeting on Sunday April 5, 2020.

D/C Felicia Evans, AP greeted the members and reconvened the Winter Council Meeting of February 9, 2020. With no old or new business to discuss she asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded. The Winter Council was adjourned.

She then called to order the Spring 2020 Conference. She called on D/Lt/C Jason Snook, SN-IN to present the colors. The pledge of allegiance was led by Stf/C Larry Cole, SN and the invocation given by P/C Sue DuBray, AP.

D/C Evans then introduced the Chief Commander's representative, P/R/C Susan Darcy, JN.

D/C Evans asked the secretary to please take the roll call.

All Bridge Officers were present.

Commanders – DEO Phil Osborne for Cdr Sherri Haring, P (Columbus)
P/D/C Doris Critzer for Cdr Jeffery Roth, P (Findlay)
P/R/C Richard Manter, AP (Fort Wayne) Present
Cdr Dennis Timple, AP (Port Clinton) Not present
P/D/C Jack Runner, AP (Sandusky) Present
Cdr Fred Zibbel, N (Toledo) Present

D/C Evans Do we have a quorum? (Yes, we have a quorum).

D/C Evans Madam Secretary - have the minutes of the Fall Conference been distributed?

D/Lt/C Manter Yes, Commander, they were included in the Spring *Pier 29* newsletter.

D/C Evans Are there any additions or corrections? (No response).

D/C Evans The minutes are accepted as distributed.

There were no reports from the Standing Committees and the General Committees.

D/C Evans asked if there was any old business to discuss with no response. She then stated that the work of the 2019-2020 administration is complete. All committees appointed by her were now discharged. Commanders of the Bridge, your watch is complete.

The next order of business is "New Business" which is the responsibility of the new administration. All but the secretary may retire from the bridge. Madam Secretary, you may also retire when your final obligation has been met.

It is time to change the watch - Sergeant-at-arms, please sound eight bells.

D/C Evans P/R/C Darcy, the meeting is now yours.

P/R/C Darcy Madam Secretary, has a vote been taken as required by the bylaws?

D/Lt/C Manter Yes, Commander, it has.

The Change of Watch proceeded with P/R/C Darcy installing Jason Snook, SN-IN as D29 District Commander for 2020-2021 and his Bridge.

DXO	D/Lt/C Thomas Patterson, JN
DEO	P/D/C Philip Osborne, JN
DAO	P/C Leonard Buck, JN-IN
Secretary	D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauver, SN
Asst. EO	D/1 st /Lt Ralph W. Newman, N
Asst. Secy	P/D/C Doris Critzer, SN
Asst. Treas.	D/1 st /Lt Sandy Pick, AP

After the oath was given to D/C Snook and then the Bridge members, P/R/C Darcy stated that all the officers of the new administration are now qualified and ready to assume their duties.

Eight bells sounded; the watch has changed.

P/R/C Darcy and P/D/C Evans gave a few remarks to the members present. D/C Snook then asked if there was any new business to come before the meeting with no response. He then called for a motion to recess this meeting, so done with a second. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon A. Manter, Secretary