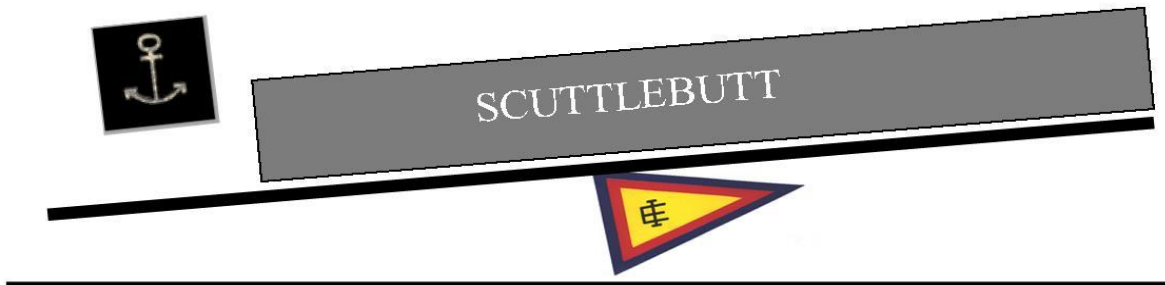


ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB



January 2017

Commodore's Comments

It is hard to believe another year has gone by. 2016 was a good year for the Island Estates Yacht Club, filled with fun events, and friendship. The hard work of the volunteers who made all these things possible is the foundation of our Club. I look forward to another great year in 2017.

Our Annual New Year's Brunch was held at the Belleair Country Club, and enjoyed by all. Many of our members attended along with quite a few guests. After a short introduction and welcoming, we helped ourselves to the wonderful Belleair Brunch. What a great way to start the New Year with good friends.

The schedule of events for 2017 has been completed, and it has many diverse and unique outings on the list. It has the makings of a fun-filled year. I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Mary O'Connor, Commodore

Annual New Year's Day Brunch

Fifty-four Island Estates Yacht Club members and guests gathered at the Belleair Country Club to celebrate the New Year in grand style. Commodore, Mary O'Connor welcomed the group and encouraged everyone to participate by serving on a party committee this year. Sign-up sheets were available for helping out with planning the fun events scheduled for 2017.

To kick things off we enjoyed an extensive champagne buffet including breakfast and main

course dishes, made to order omelets and stir-fry not to mention the prime rib carving station. All this was complimented by salads, cheeses, bagels and lox and it that wasn't enough there was a wide selection of yummy desserts.

Many thanks to Mary Reinhardt, Patricia Ostrosky, and Vivian Smith who assisted me with planning this event. Thanks also to everyone who signed up in advance and on New Year's Day to insure that 2017 will be an awesome and fun year. February 4th we head out for our Sunset Dining Cruise on the StarLite Majesty from the Clearwater Marina...flier with details for reservations is included with this newsletter. Be sure to check out the calendar for 2017 and make sure to mark your calendars so you will not miss anything. Also it is not too late to volunteer to help with these events. Contact me at lucycovino@me.com or (727) 644-5640.

Submitted for Lucille Covino, Social Director
by Vivian Smith, Past Commodore

The following prospective members are listed in the Scuttlebutt as required by our by-laws, Section 2.6 (e). Notice of any objections shall be made in writing to the Secretary within 15 days. The IEYC Board of Directors has favorable voted upon the prospective members whose biographies appear below

Gene & Angie Traupman

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Gene—610-653-6115

Angie—570-573-9646

Angie and I moved from Pennsylvania to Florida one year ago. We had visited by cousin, Jan Nagy and her son John several times over an eight year period and fell in love with the area. When I was offered a job as a business analyst in Clearwater in August last year, we decided to make the move. There is not one day we regretted it. We are really enjoying spending time together in this beautiful Florida weather.

We have three children from previous marriages. Angie's daughter Amanda is 27 and lives in Denver, CO. My son Michael, 35, and his wife Sarah, and their two children, our grandchildren, live in Hellertown, PA. My daughter Katie, 32, lives in Bethlehem, PA.

I worked at Alere Toxicology Labs for a year before moving on the Ranorex, Inc. as an Industry & Content Specialist. Ranorex, Inc. develops and sells test automation software. My role is to advise them on trends in the industry to help them determine what direction to take as a business. One of the interesting positions I held in the past was that of a Technical Projects Manager for Dun & Bradstreet CIS in Moscow, Russia. I spent six months there. It was quite an experience. One I will never forget.

In my free time, I enjoy cooking—I have two smokers that I use frequently, riding my road bike on local roads and trails, and working on that Honey Do list. We just bought a house in Tarpon Springs. The list is pretty long. In the past I was a volunteer for Musikfest, one of the largest music festivals in the US. I served on several committees, spending my time during the festival as a stage manager. I am also an actor, and have appeared in several movies, TV shows, stage plays, commercials and industrial videos. One of the other things I like to do is dancing, particularly swing dancing. In fact, that is how Angie and I met!

Angie is a Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse and works at Medical Center of Trinity in the CVICU caring for open heart patients as well as

other critical patients. She has been an RN for over 30 years and has had the good fortune to have found her niche early in life. She loves caring for, giving hope to, and providing comfort to patients and their family members.

While she hails from Pennsylvania, Angie has lived in Tennessee, Mississippi, Connecticut, Texas, Oregon, Delaware and New York. She has definitely seen most of the US. The only states she hasn't either traveled through or have vacationed in are the Dakotas, Utah, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota.

Having traveled around the world, literally, by ship anchored at every continent (including Antarctica), Angie experienced many cultures and lifestyles. She loves to travel and learn, but feels that there is nothing better than coming home to family and friends in the USA!!

Over the past year, we have had the pleasure of going to a few Island Estate Yacht Club events and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know so many lovely people.

Mark your calendars with these important dates.

IEYC 2017 Social Events

February 4th—StarLite Sunset Dining and Cruise,
Clearwater Marina

March 10th—Trip to Rio, Clearwater Yacht Club

April 15th—Dinner and Play—"Kinky Boots"

May 6th—Kentucky Derby Day, Tampa Bay Downs
special event

June or July—Honeymoon Island Fish Fry

August 5th—Pirate Ship, Clearwater Marina

September 9th—White Elephant Gift Exchange,
Clearwater Yacht Club

October 7th—IEYC Progressive Dinner,
member homes on Island Estates

November 4th—IEYC Annual Meeting

December 1st—Change of Watch,
Belleair Country Club

December 9th—IEYC Memorial Holiday Boat Parade

January 1, 2018—New Year's Day Brunch,
Belleair Country Club



The Island Girls

The Island Girls will meet at Rumba Island Bar and Grille on Gulf to Bay on Tuesday, January 31st. Mary Lou Spoto will be our hostess. Please let her know whether you will be joining us at spotomary@gmail.com or call her at 727-560-3754 to RSVP.

We have some new members and some old members who have not joined us in awhile. We have a great time catching up on our lives, so join us won't you?



Birthdays

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| Eileen Gunther | 2/8 |
| Sandy Millington | 2/20 |
| Sue Moncrieff | 2/21 |

The deadline for articles or information for the February newsletter is February 11th. Please have your information to Joan Landreth at joanitiredone@aol.com by that date. It is necessary to have all information and the flyer for the next event by the deadline date in order to get the newsletter to you in a timely fashion. Thank you in advance for your compliance to this deadline.