

"May your days be many  
and your troubles be few.  
May all God's blessings  
descend upon you.  
May peace be within you  
may your heart be strong.  
May you find  
what you're seeking  
wherever you roam."

~~ Irish Blessings

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Atwood Yacht Club *Scuttlebutt* March 2017  
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### Clubhouse Hours – Winter

#### Bar

Monday – Closed  
Tuesday – Closed  
Wednesday 3-10  
Thursday 3-9  
Friday 3-11  
Saturday 12-11  
Sunday 1-9

#### Kitchen

Monday - Closed  
Tuesday – Closed  
Wednesday 3-5 Lite Fare, 5-9 Full Menu  
Thursday 3-9 Lite Fare Menu  
Friday 3-5 Lite Fare, 5-9 Full Menu  
Saturday 12-5 Lite Fare, 5-9 Full Menu  
Sunday 1-4 Lite Fare, 4-8 Full Menu

### Save the Date...

Wednesday, March 1 - Club Reopens  
Saturday, March 4 - Date Night Special with Music by Rolando  
Thursday, March 9 - Auxiliary Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
Friday, March 17 - St. Patty's Day with The Good Guys  
Saturday, March 25 - Game Night in the Lounge  
Saturday, April 1 - New Members Party @ 6:30 pm with Red Ravin

### 2017 AYC Officers & Staff

Commodore - Jim Demuth  
Vice Commodore - Ken Weegar  
Rear Commodore - Bill Singhaus  
Past Commodore - Randy Wells  
Secretary - Kristi Pickens  
Treasurer - Rick Enslen

Trustees: Tom Abel, Rick Artino, Jeanine Day,  
Vicki Flickinger, Doug Kovatch, Cathy Palmer,  
Bill Simmons, Jon Poulson,  
Michael Valot, Jesse Ward

Club Manager - Norma Campbell, [manager@atwoodyc.com](mailto:manager@atwoodyc.com)  
Bar Manager - Clara Huffman Executive Chef - Michael Starlin  
Communications - Cheryl Price Abel, [atwoodycscuttlebutt@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodycscuttlebutt@gmail.com)



### **Jim Demuth - Commodore**

Welcome to almost spring – just three weeks away to the official start of spring! We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, March 1st for the re-opening of the Club from our annual winter maintenance shutdown.

I am inspired by the energy and professional efforts being put forth by your Board of Trustees. During the February meeting, we had new and creative energies laying the foundation for the future of The Atwood Yacht Club and establishing the framework and culture for the management of the AYC for decades to come. To highlight a few initiatives, the House and Finance Committees have done an outstanding job of enacting this year's budget and new procedures for the Club to enhance member experiences. The Buildings & Grounds and Dock Committees are addressing long-standing issues that will improve maintenance of Club facilities and docking electricity. The Social Committee is working hard to bring an exciting and invigorated social schedule for the 2017 Summer Season, and the Membership Committee has kept their momentum by welcoming 6 new members to AYC in the first 2 months of 2017!

We are also in the process of exploring initiatives to enhance member's sailing and lake activities along with dining experiences. We are formulating a program to coordinate the efforts of the Sailing, Junior Sailing and Pontoon Fleets for the common enhancement of the Summer Yachting Season. I would encourage any member with input and/or ideas to please contact me personally while we are in the infancy of formulating this strategy. #271

In conjunction with the Finance Committee and Treasurer, Rick Enslin, we are searching for a Club Accountant. We would be happy to take referrals for interviews and encourage anyone who could assist us in this search to please contact a member of the Executive Committee or the Treasurer for a detailed job description.

Commencing in April and running through October, I will be hosting a monthly Commodore's Dinner in the Ballroom for a small group of members. The purpose is to provide a forum for anyone who wishes to have an opportunity to present their ideas for the improvement of the AYC. I will be providing more details shortly.

I'm looking forward to an exciting Spring and Summer Season at the Atwood Yacht Club. Hope to see you soon!



### **Ken Weegar – Vice Commodore & House Chairman**

The recent warm weather is a reminder that spring is right around the corner. I'm sure that we're all looking forward to the upcoming boating season!

I would like to thank our staff, along with the Building & Grounds Committee, for their efforts during the shutdown to get our Club in tip-top shape for the re-opening on March 1st. The required cleaning and maintenance is a huge undertaking. I'm pleased to announce that the new Brewery chiller has been installed and is operational.

A big thank you to everyone who made this possible, particularly Curt Adams, our Brew Master!

We have many exciting new changes for you when the Club reopens that we feel will be very well received by our members. A new Dining Menu will be introduced, and we encourage everyone to try our new offerings. In addition, we have a new Wine and Beer Menu that includes several new selections, and beginning in April, we will also offer a monthly wine special. For those members interested in enjoying "premium" wines that are not on the regular wine list, we welcome requests from our members. Special requests (available by the bottle only) will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Pricing will be determined and communicated to the member who initiated the request. A minimum of a 3-bottle commitment will be required. Please email your requests to [manager@atwoodyc.com](mailto:manager@atwoodyc.com).

On March 4th, the Commodore's Hour will move from Friday to Saturday evening from 4:00-6:00 pm, with a 50% discount on select appetizers along with drink specials at a substantial savings! We are also launching our Half-off Wine by the Glass every Sunday after 6 pm. All bottles of wine that are open at 6 pm will be sold by the glass at 1/2 price until they're gone. All additional wine will be sold at regular price by the bottle only. For your convenience, the Club will have upon request, sealable take-home bags for unfinished bottles of wine.

We welcome suggestions and requests from our members on how to improve your experience at the Club. Please feel free to send your comments via e-mail to [atwoodycscuttlebutt@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodycscuttlebutt@gmail.com). I hope to see you at the Club!





### **Rick Enslen - Treasurer**

I write this during our February "heat wave" by spending a few days visiting friends at their cottage. The lake looks so different with the water down low and shoreline extended far into the lake. I also see the dreaded humps out near the slot I've bounced my sailboat's keel over. A friend told me he has collected over 30 good fishing lures that were lost as snags during normal water levels.

Just like the lake levels rise and fall, the Club's cash balances fluctuate during the year and our time to fill our "cash lake" is now. That is what allows us to pay back the Line of Credit we use for cash needs through the year. Dues invoices were sent December 1, follow up letters in late January, and final notices on February 18. These letters included notice of a late fee if not paid by March 31. For those of you who have paid partial payments, we kindly ask that you complete your payments no later than March 31. Earlier this year, the Board approved payment of dues by credit card without the previously charged convenience fee.

One final reminder as noted in previous Scuttlebutts...we will be clearing open lockers of contents and opening them for lease at \$50 per year. If you feel you have left items, please see the Club Manager after March 1 to retrieve them.



### **Jeanine Day - Social Committee**

It is March, and we are ready to let the good times roll! Thanks to everyone who attended the Valentine's Day Dinner with the Scenarios. I hope you enjoyed the evening!

We all missed the Club during shut down, so I hope you will be ready to kick off our opening with Date Night, Saturday, March 4, with music by Rolando @ 7:30 pm. Rolando has been to AYC several times and brings a variety of music styles for your listening, dancing, or even singing pleasure.

March wouldn't be a party month without **St. Patrick's Day!** This year it falls on Friday, so follow the rainbow to our Lounge for a fun night of green beer, drink specials, and food. The Good Guys will be in the house to help you dance the night away!

Join us for Game Night on March 25th in the Lounge and meet new friends, mingle with others, and get your funny bone in a joyous mode. Come join the fun for some friendly competition.

April pops up mighty quickly when you start planning events. The New Members Party is your chance to meet our new members, eat some great food and dance the night away with Red Ravin! You won't want to miss this!

**Save the Date...** **April 1 - New Member's Party**  
**April 16 - Easter**  
**May 6 - Commodore's Ball**  
**June 18 - Father's Day Pool Party**

Friday Night Entertainment starts up in May, so mark your calendars for a great time at the Club!

May 19 - TBA

May 26 - Friday-Memorial Day Weekend with entertainment by Hello Dolly, 8-11pm



### **Rick Artino - Membership Committee**

I hope you have been enjoying some of the warm spring weather we have been having. Our daffodils are up about 6 inches, so I am sure we will be seeing freezing weather and some heavy snowstorms soon!

February was a good month for Atwood Yacht Club as we welcomed three new members for the month, bringing our total year-to-date to 6. Please join me in welcoming the following New Members:

**Andrew and Anne Wiles** sponsored by Jeremy Foltz and Scott Sieverts

**Jeff and Toni Recchiuti** sponsored by Tom and Stephanie Lallone

**Kevin and Melissa Ackerman** sponsored by Don Ackerman

If you see any of our New Members, please introduce yourself and help them feel welcome.

We continue to plan for the New Members Party to be held on April 1st in the Ballroom. All members are encouraged to attend this event to welcome our New Members and to get to know them a little better. Red Ravin will be providing entertainment. Cost will be \$25 per person, but all New Members get in for free!

This year, we are stepping up our efforts to recruit new members by hosting membership drive events all year long. In the near future, we are planning on having Sunday Brunches that will be open to the public the first Sunday of every month in order to expand our exposure and recruit new members. Other events are also in the works and we will keep you posted as details get finalized.

I want to share with you some more great news. The first group of Social Members who joined in 2015 had to decide this year whether to become full Active Members or give up membership in AYC. Out of the 19 eligible, 14 chose to stay and become full Active Members! This is a conversion rate of 73%. That's better than the third down conversion rate for the Browns!!!! #1085

Finally, we have decided this year that at least once per quarter, we will be hosting a New Members Orientation Meeting. This will be a chance for New Members to learn about the Club, the structure of our Board and all the things they need to know to take full advantage of the Club. We will be posting notices when these will be held and inviting New Members for that quarter to attend, learn more about the Club and meet some of the Board members to share ideas and questions.

Until next month, stay warm, try not to catch that nasty chest cold that's going around, and remember only about 30 days until the boats start going back in!!!

Rick Artino  
Membership Chairman  
[rtartino@spoonerinc.com](mailto:rtartino@spoonerinc.com)  
440-665-6543



#### **Vicki Flickinger - Auxiliary**

At our last meeting, we sadly accepted Jami Ley's resignation as President. As acting Vice President, I was elected to fill the position with Cheryl Price Abel serving as VP. The entire Auxiliary wishes Jami the best and thanks her for all of her work in helping us get off to a great start for 2017!

As a member of AYC's Board of Trustees, I am looking forward to working with all of the Club's committees for the benefit of all of our members. We are currently working with the Membership Committee on the New Members Party on April 1. The Auxiliary will be providing growler bags as a welcome gift for our new members and the Committee has big plans for a night of music, food and fellowship. Please plan on attending this event to help welcome our record number of new members to our Club!

So far this year, the Auxiliary has donated money for a much needed new chiller for the Brewery, commissioned a memorial plaque in honor of former Flag Master, Kevin McCullough, and have formed a committee to get started on the creation of a new version of the Auxiliary Cookbook. We'll be asking all members of the Club to send us your favorite family recipes or even ones you've created yourself! We're accepting all categories of food, including appetizers, entrees, side dishes, desserts, drinks and whatever else you can cook up! Please watch for future announcements on how, when and where to send your recipes to us!

Our Spring Fundraiser is a stocked goodie basket that features a fabulous one night stay at the Westin in downtown Cleveland! The winner can pick which night to stay. Tickets are only \$10 and are on sale now from any Auxiliary member. The drawing will be held Memorial Day, and the winner doesn't need to be present to win.

We have a amazing group of gals doing great things for our Club, so please think about joining us on Thursday, March 9th for our next meeting. We're always happy to see new faces!



#### **Tom Abel - Buildings, Grounds & Pool**

Our Committee has started the New Year by trying to prioritize our projects for the year. Shrub and tree overgrowth around the Club and issues concerning the pool are at the top of our list, as well as other issues. We have also been working with Rick Artino, Safety Chairman, to identify any problem areas that need to be addressed. It is our goal to ensure that all physical aspects of our Club run smoothly and efficiently for the enjoyment and safety of our Members and Staff.



After touring all of the Club's storage areas and grounds, we have noticed that there are boxes, boat sails, tools, furniture, decorations and other items being stored in the basements, garage and on the grounds that don't belong to the Club. We ask all Club members who have personal items stored in these locations to please remove them by **March 31, 2017**. If for some reason you cannot remove them by the deadline, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know your intentions.

Tom Abel  
330-447-3002  
motmom1951@gmail.com



**Bob Kuchner - Sailing Fleet Captain**

Well, were you tempted to shake off your boat's winter cover during the last few weeks? That might have been a little premature, but if you want to "start thinking about sailing" I suggest that you grab your calendar and insert: **Saturday, 08 April, 6:30 PM in the AYC Ballroom – All Sailors' Dinner Meeting**

The event is intended as an opportunity to bring together the AYC and SBYC sailors for a time of camaraderie, fellowship and discussion regarding the Club's plans for the 2017 season. If you know someone who might be interested in sailing on Atwood – bring them along. To make your reservations now, please [CLICK HERE](#), or you may call the AYC Club Manager at 330-735-2135. We will be ordering dinner from the Club's menu.

If you would like to preview the 2017 AYC Sailing Season Schedule, please visit the AYC website at [www.atwoodyachtclub.com](http://www.atwoodyachtclub.com).



### From Around the Club...

*Get Well Wishes to Stan Galehouse, Tony Rozler and Cathy Schmitt.  
May each day bring you increasing strength and good health!*



**EAT** **drink**  
 **AND BE**  
**IRISH**

JOIN US FOR A PINT OR TWO  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH 7PM**

**FEATURING**   
**THE GOOD GUYS**  
**FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS**  
**GREEN MAIN SAIL ALE!**

*Ahoy!* **New Members Party!**

COME MEET AND WELCOME OUR  
NEWEST MEMBERS INTO  
THE ATWOOD YACHT CLUB!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1**  
6:30 PM IN THE BALLROOM  
HEAVY APPETIZERS WILL BE  
SERVED

**Live Music by  
Red Ravin!**

**MEMBERS - \$25 PER PERSON**  
**NEW MEMBERS - FREE!**

**Its time to get ready for Boating Season! If you are planning on docking at  
AYC this year, please fill out the form below and return it to  
the Club by April 1. #2015-6**



## **Atwood Yacht Club Docking Agreement 2017**

**Docking Chairman: Bill Simmons**

**330-704-0572**

**[Aycdocking@gmail.com](mailto:Aycdocking@gmail.com)**

**Name**\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**AYC member #**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_/\_\_/\_\_ **2016 Docking assignment**\_\_\_\_\_

**Boat OH number**\_\_\_\_\_ Example: OH4458ZU

Boat Type / Length Sailboat \_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_ ft.

Pontoon \_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_ ft.

Runabout \_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_ ft.

Request new dock slip \_\_\_\_YES

Request new dry dock \_\_\_\_YES

Renew existing dock slip \_\_\_\_YES

Renew existing dry dock \_\_\_\_YES

Change existing dock slip \_\_\_\_YES

**Comments:**\_\_\_\_\_

(Approved / Declined)      Date\_\_/\_\_/\_\_

The above named AYC member agrees to follow all Blue Book bylaws pertaining to docking while their watercraft are docked, stored, or parked at the Atwood Yacht Club. The member is required to meet all required laws and procedures stated by the MWCD. The Atwood Yacht Club and MWCD are not responsible for any loss or damage to any watercraft or property of the above signed AYC member. Any loss or damage incurred while personal watercraft are docked, stored or parked at the Atwood Yacht Club shall be reported to the MWCD Ranger by the owner.

**Member signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_/\_\_/\_\_

***Please print and fill out this form completely. Forms must be returned by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. A separate form is required for each watercraft. Forms are required for new docks or to renew existing docking for 2017. They may be returned to Bill Simmons, or AYC management staff at the club. Once completed and docks are assigned, docking assignments can be viewed on the docking board at AYC.***



## Ladies Auxiliary Spring Raffle

A Night's Stay At  
**THE WESTIN**  
DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND

**\$10** per  
ticket



includes a Goodie Basket

Drawing Will Be Held Monday May 29th (Memorial Day).  
Need Not Be Present To Win.

Tickets available at the Bar or from Any Ladies Auxiliary Member.





Love Wine? *Wine Pairing Wednesday* features a different wine each week that perfectly matches the Chef's Special for the evening. Try our featured wine for \$1 off a glass or \$5 off a bottle.



**Commodore's Hour in the Bar**  
**Every Saturday from 4-6 PM**

Featuring 50% off select Appetizers and specially priced Drink Specials!  
The perfect opportunity to socialize with fellow members  
and make new friends!



Half-off Wine by the Glass every Sunday after 6 PM.  
All bottles of wine that are open at 6 pm will be sold by the glass at  
1/2 price until they're gone. All additional wine will be sold  
by the bottle only at regular price.



***Be on the Lookout!***

*Hidden somewhere in the Scuttlebutt are 3 Member numbers.  
Find yours and win a free drink at the Bar!  
Your prize must be claimed during the month in which it is published.  
Happy Hunting!*

