

ATWOOD YACHT CLUB



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January '14

Officers 2014
Commodore:
Richard Mertes

Vice Commodore:
Linda Kamerer

Rear Commodore:
Randy Wells

Past Commodore:
Denny Snyder

Treasurer:
Paula Moyer

Secretary:
Ken Weegar

Trustees:
Term expires 2014
Steve Stocker
Ken Weegar
Ronald L. Widner
Kyle Courtwright
Jim Demuth
Dan Zoeller

Term expires 2015
Michael Ley
Brian Valot
Ken Baker
Loren Souers
Jeanine Day
Gary Lenhart

Club Manager:
Norma Campbell

Executive Chef:
Michael Starlin

Bar Manager:
Clara Huffman

Commodore
2014



Dick Mertes

Commodore's Report



Dick Mertes

Time waits for no one and we find ourselves at the beginning of a new year. Before the holiday season is just a distant memory, if you see Mitch Hume, thank him for the beautiful trees he donated to AYC. The Officers and Board extend their best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

I personally want to thank Denny Snyder and those Board Members whose terms expire this year for their dedication and time spent attending to their AYC duties. I also want to thank the new Officers and Board Members for volunteering their time and energy to make our club stronger by sharing their talents and ideas. A big "Thank You" to Norma, Mike, Clare and the staff for the great job they do providing the services for our enjoyment. #851

Committee assignments have been completed. You can contact the following chairpersons with your suggestions, concerns or questions. Consult the membership roster for contact information.

Linda Kameron	House
Randy Wells	Finance
Mike Ley	Membership
Brian Valot	Social
Jim Demuth	Grounds
Kyle Courtwright	Docks
Gary Lenhart	Junior Sailing
Skip Baker	Pool
Loren Souers	Insurance
Jeff Schmitt	Nominating
Steve Stocker	By-laws
Paula Moyer	Treasurer
Jan Kennedy	Communications

Activity has already begun putting together the 2014 budget as well as planning social activities. Since increasing our membership is always a top priority, activity never ceases and is not limited to the committee chairperson. We as members always need to be recruiters for new members. The social calendar will be vitalized with the addition of many new, fun and exciting activities which will be of interest to all age groups.

The Officers and Board will be doing their best to guide the club during the coming year, but they need your assistance. With that said, get involved! Volunteer! Assist a chairperson with their assigned activities! Help improve your club! We all benefit!

Finally, renewal of your membership dues and dock fees are due now. Please pay the invoice recently sent to you. Continue to enjoy your friends and club activities in 2014, the club's 66th anniversary.

Enjoy the winter. Stay warm. Enjoy your friends at AYC!



"There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or to accept responsibility for changing them."

Dr. Denis Waitley



Auxiliary Report

The December meeting was held at Cathy Palmer's home on Dec. 12th. We had a really great time with lots of yummy foods and beverages. We had a fun gift exchange, not sure everybody ended up with their favorite gift, but we had lots of laughs.

We are having the Christmas Gala at the club on Friday the 20th and that is when we will draw the lucky winner for the gift card wreath.

Cathy Palmer We have arranged a bus trip to Pittsburgh on Presidents Day weekend Feb. 15th and 16th.h. Cost is \$110 a person and sign ups are with Cathy or at the bar. We ask you pay when you sign up, since we must pay fees in advance.

We do have clothes for sale at the club and some "specials", or you can order from the catalogs.

The following are your Auxiliary officers for 2014: Cathy Palmer, president; Vicki Flickinger, vice president; Pam Jenkins, treasurer; and Robin Snedden, secretary.

We have some awesome projects in the making for 2014. We would like to thank everyone for supporting us in 2013. Next meeting is Jan. 9th at the club. We hope you will come and enjoy the fun. We plan to play cards after the meeting. #916

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Membership Report



The year is rapidly coming to a close and so too is my reign of terror as your Atwood Yacht Club Membership Chairman. That's right, I'm out of here. You're not going to have me to kick around anymore. Goodbye, so long, exit stage right. All kidding aside, I've had a really great time representing the Club's membership as your front man meeting and greeting our new members.

Jeff Schmitt I would like to take a moment to thank some folks who have helped me over the last two years. First, I would like to thank my membership committee: Fred Dudley and Walt Miller. They helped me get organized and off on the right foot. I'd like to thank my office staff, Julie & Kelly, for their help with the membership books for our new members. I can't forget Norma. She helped keep the numbers straight. That in itself was a huge job. You hear this said often and there is a reason it is said. Most of all I would like to thank my wife, Cathy. She is the person that orchestrated the whole process. She compiled the membership books, did the e-mail correspondence and organized the New Member parties. See, I told you I was just the front man.

I said in my article last month that I would give you the numbers, but I lied. With the billing for 2014 having just been sent there are many changes going on. Mike Ley, your new membership chair, will have a much more accurate roster by the end of January.

There is one more group that I would like to thank for making the last two years successful. That group is our current membership. As you have heard me say many times: Membership is the engine that powers our club. We all have to keep adding fuel to the engine. Thank you all for what you have done and continue to do.

Children's Christmas Party

*It seems to get better every year, as helping hands deliver good cheer.
Smiling faces are Santa's delight on another wonderful Christmastime night.*



Your 2014 Officers



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Randy Wells**

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Other Stuff

Sadly we pass along news of two deaths in our AYC family. Jo Ann Suma died in early December. She had been a member since 1994.

Jesse Kaufholz, a former member and mother of current member Philip Kaufholz, passed away the week of Dec. 16.

Tim Kamerer's left hip replacement in October went so well he went back in Dec. 3 and got the other replaced. #435

Colleen Eckel, wife of Jim (Santa Claus) Eckel went in the hospital for hip replacement surgery on Dec. 13. We hope she'll come through it as well as Tim.