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Santa Claus and Felicia Giroux at LMYC

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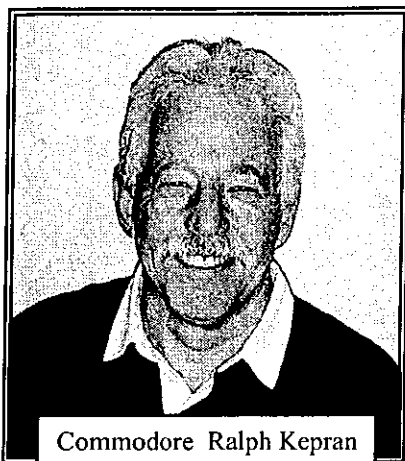


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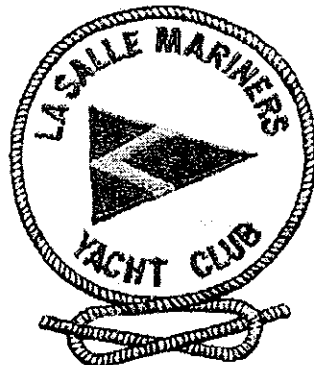
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## *From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore*



Commodore Ralph Kepran



Vice-Commodore Rick Beresford

**H**appy New Year. The busy holiday season has come to a close. I want to thank those members who made the Christmas Season such a success at LMYC. Thanks to Mary and Dave Nantais for organizing the tree decorating party and the children's party. Thanks to Ralph Allen for his special appearance at the kids' party. To capture all these moments, thank you Richard Parcoma. Ringing in the New Year at the club has always been a special event. Thank you, Lu McKim and Bodo Schaefer, for your hard work in hosting a very enjoyable evening.

The season is a time for sharing. Thanks to the members who dropped off gifts that were shared with those less fortunate. As we all know, no event is complete until the clean up is done. To House Director Tom Boyce and all those who rolled up their sleeves to wash the dishes, sweep the floor and put out the garbage, thank you. As you can see it takes a lot of effort from a lot of people to make things happen. Thank you all very much.

The annual meeting will be taking place later in January. Please plan on attending this meeting as we will be discussing our plans for the upcoming year. With our combined hard work and efforts, we can assure the success and well being of LMYC.

Commodore Ralph Kepran

Here we are in January 2005, commencing our 37<sup>th</sup> year as a Sail Club and our 32<sup>nd</sup> year as a Yacht Club at our current location. Thanks to the foresight of our founding members we really do have one of the finest sailing clubs on the Great Lakes. Our beautiful river front property and excellent docking and storage facilities as well as our cozy members built club house are much envied by visiting sailors and our guests. Over the years our club has been fortunate to have a membership that for the most part has actively participated in our club's activities (parties, regattas and club races) and in the ongoing maintenance of our property. The members have earned the title of the *Friendliest little club on the river*.

Our founding members can also be credited with establishing a tradition of sharing the work load to maintain our club house, property and facilities by enacting a **Work Hours** Article in our Club's By-Laws.

I have included an article titled **Work Hours at LMYC** in this issue of the Currents. I ask all members to review this article as we prepare to do our share in keeping our club looking as great in 2005 as it did in the fall of 2004.

Vice Commodore Rick Beresford

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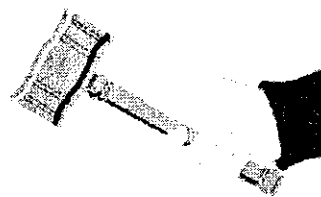
# News and Information

## LMYC General Meeting

Sunday, January 23, 2003

1:00 pm

Agenda: Budget Meeting  
Membership dues  
General Business



## *We Say Good Bye*

Many Members of LMYC knew Dell Darling who passed away on December 29, 2004 at Metropolitan Hospital at the age of 77.

His body was cremated. No services.

## *Cruising Couples*

Received this Email from Barb and Manfred Albrecht club members who are presently cruising in the Caribbean.

December 17, 2004

Hello to all. Just wishing you a very happy and Healthy Holiday season from the Grenadines.

Left the Island of Grenada 3 days ago and just checked into Union Island. We had 2 wonderful sails so far. The weather is nice and sunny and after all the work on the boat we are starting to enjoy our last season down here.

Manfred finds it a little hard to move in and out of the dinghy and most of our work was contracted out.

Sorry I have to cut it short again because my boat taxi is waiting for me. Manfred stayed on board to watch the anchor, as we are lying between 2 reefs.

Until next time bye for now from both of us.

Barb and Manfred Albrecht

## *New Arrival*

Ralph and Doris Kepran are delighted with the safe arrival on December 22/04 of their new grandson Edward Ian Kepran, who weighed in at 8 lb 9 oz. Parents Ian and Katrina and baby Eddie are all doing very well.



## *Wine Appreciation*

### UP COMING EVENT

LMYC Wine Appreciation Night will be hosted by Bob and Andrea Bingham with a tentative date in March.

This years event will feature Wine Expert John Carnahan.

Check the clubhouse, newsletter, or web page for further information on this very popular LMYC event.



# Tree Trimming At LMYC



Tree Trimming 2004

*The LMYC Tree Trimming Party was held on Saturday December 11, 2004 with many friends and members in attendance.*

*This was an evening set-aside for members to start the season by giving from your heart.*

*This year the event was coordinated by Social Director Mary Nantais and her husband Dave.*

*The tree trimming tradition was started at LMYC many years ago and consists of bringing out the Christmas Tree and decorating it with lights, bulbs and colorful beads.*

*Members bring unwrapped gifts, which will be donated to a needy child (Frank Chauvin's Holy Name of Mary Food Bank). Phil Smith, who has taken on this responsibility for many years, will deliver the gifts.*



Craig Morrison Decorating The LMYC Tree

*The members provided a dish to pass which was organized in a smorgasbord fashion.*





Lu McKim and Bodo Schaefer



Bob Reaume and Sue Ouellette



Cathy Greenwell and Craig Morrison



Ralph and Doris Kepran



Shirley and Rick Beresford



Mary and Dave Nantais





Linda and Richard Parchoma



Tom and Vicki Boyce



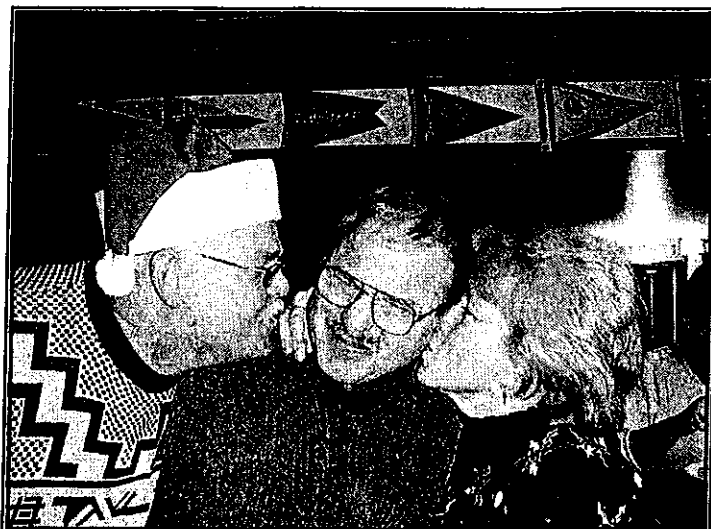
Bob Reaume and Dave Evans



Mary Nantais, Roy and Gail Oliver



Mary Nantias



Craig Morrison, Richard Parchoma, Lu McKim





# *Santa Visits LMYC*



## **SANTA'S KIDS**

**T**he Children's Christmas Party was held Sunday December 12, 2004 and approximately 10 families attended. This year Mary and Dave Nantais Social Director organized the activities and crafts for the children and with the help of their daughter Gillian proved to be a great success.

The big moment came with the arrival of Santa Claus. He arrived in a van with his lead reindeer Dave Nantais at the wheel with a huge bag filled with goodies for the children who were there.

When the children saw Santa there were squeals of joy and anticipation. Santa took his customary chair in front of the Christmas tree and slowly and carefully handed out the gifts to the children.

Special thanks to Mary, Dave, and Gillian who made this all happen.

Thank you Joanne Blackton, who did a sensational job with the face painting.







The Kozieradzki Family



The Amyot Family



The Barron Family



The Blackton Family



The Penney Family



The Kepran Family





The Maheux Family



Dexter and Joanne Blackton



Santa's Arrival



Santa and Abby Maheux



Santa with Nickolas Barron



Santa with Gillian and Jacob Giroux



## *Turkey Dinner at LMYC*



John and Liz Metcalfe, Dave Nantais preparing to receive their Turkey Dinner

**T**his year LMYC on December 20, 2004 celebrated its traditional Turkey Dinner luncheon this year prepared by Bob Bingham.

This year as in the past food was excellent and prepared from scratch. A huge turkey was stuffed and put in the oven early in the morning so it could be served at noon which is the traditional arrival of the LMYC recipients. To go along with the turkey dinner was turkey stuffing, salad, carrots, mash potatoes and gravy.

No Christmas luncheon is complete without a full array of desserts. For this Christmas celebrations there was a selection of pies, pastries, cookies and candies.

This traditional Christmas luncheon brought out over 40 members and friends together to share and laugh and reminisce past events during the sailing season.

If you missed this event make sure to put it on your To Do List for next year.

**Special Thanks** to Jerry and Bev Angus who helped in the kitchen, Donna Sutor who prepared the salad and Sue MacKenzie who supplied the desserts.



Bob Bingham and Jerry Angus



Donna Sutor and Jerry Angus



Bev Angus



Jim Blackton and Ralph Allen



Alex Buliga, Vicki and Tom Boyce



Elaine and Brian Casey



Phil Smith, Sylvia Reynolds and Ken Robitaille



John and Jim Vandereerden



Steve Bingham and George Mooney



Donna Sutor, Pat Holland and Ralf Fiedler



Mary and Dave Nantais



Susan and Bob MacKenzie



Bob Ferguson and Rick Beresford



# *New Years At LMYC*



Gloria Basden, Lu McKim, Barbara Pare, Vicki Boyce, Doris Kepran

**O**nce again New Year's Eve at LMYC was a great success. This year the event was hosted by Bodo Schaefer and Lu McKim and attended by over 20 members and guests.

*This year the New Year's festivities began around 8:00 PM with members arriving and a casual dinner beginning around 9:00 PM.*

*After dinner members gathered, chatted, and for some reacquainted themselves with members they have not seen often during the year.*

*As the magical hour of midnight approached members and guests changed into the appropriate gear to ring in the New Year which was brought in with the singing of auld lang syne and a toast of champagne.*



Bodo Schaefer and Lu McKim

# Happy New Year!







Cathy Greenwell and Craig Morrison



Maggie and Dave Evans



Barbara and Dennis Pare



Ralph and Doris Kepran



Ken Robitaille, Dave Evans, Ralph Kepran



Gloria and Perry Basden



Linda Parchoma



Shirley and Rick Beresford



Vicki and Tom Boyce



Roy and Gail Oliver



Dennis Pare and Perry Basden



Barbara Pare and Vicki Boyce



## WORK HOURS AT LMYC

**By-Law Number 1. Article 3. (c)** *“A full Member is required to work a minimum of 12 hours work per year starting at haul out and ending the day before following haulout. Hours worked by one Member cannot be credited to another Member. Hours worked by a Member’s family count towards that Member’s 12 hours. Work hour cards must be deposited in order to receive credit.”*

Our club’s founding members in their great wisdom decided to enact this **Work Hours Article** so that all full members will equally share the work load to maintain the club. Our members are quite capable of performing most jobs around the club so that only a few tasks and major projects need to be hired out. As a result our Membership Dues are probably amongst the lowest of the Yacht Clubs in the Great Lakes Region. At LaSalle Mariners we have also found that sharing the work involved in maintaining an active sail club instills pride of ownership and helps to bind the membership together. Each year most members far exceed their required 12 hours. However, there are at times members who are unable to perform their hours and in such cases the club’s By-Laws provide that they will be charged at the rate set by the Board of Directors (currently \$ 20) for unworked hours.

### **Work Hours Report**

The *Work Hours Report* for 2005 will be updated and posted each month in the Club House and on the outside Notice Board.

The Report will cover the period from Nov. 15 2004 (Haulout) to Nov. 13 2005.

The jobs to be performed for Work Hours and the recording of hours actually worked will be controlled by the Vice Commodore.

**The *Work Hours Report* will only show the names of members who are not automatically credited with their work hours.**

### **Special Conditions Affecting Work Hours:**

- (1) Some members are **automatically credited** with their hours worked because of the duties or job they are responsible for at the club (for example: Officers and Directors, Currents publishing and distribution, Maintenance, Roads and Grounds, Harbour Master, Keeper of the Lift, Refreshment Control and Procuring, Lift Operators, ILYA Representative, Blessing of the Fleet Chairperson).
- (2) In accordance with Article 12. (g) By-Law Number 1, a member in good standing who reaches the age of 60 and has been a Full member for at least 25 years is **not required to record work hours**. (**Please note**, however, that such a long serving member is **not exempt** from working the required 12 hours, only from recording such hours). Such members are requested to verbally advise the Vice Commodore when they have completed 12 hours.
- (3) In accordance with Article 3. (f) By-Law Number 1 the Executive may exempt a Member from work hours providing the Member’s residence is outside a 100 kilometer radius from the club and there is no boat to dock or store.

All members are requested to record their hours on the Work Hours Card as soon as they complete their jobs. Also, continue to enter your hours for any job that takes you beyond your 12 required hours so that the club can have a record of the jobs accomplished for future task planning even though only 12 hours will be recorded on the report.