



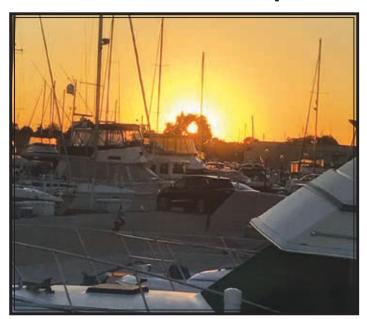


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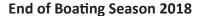
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The end of the year has come and time to gather with family and friends. The temperatures have taken a nose dive this past month. As I am writing

this we have been about 4.5° below normal; about the 20th coldest November on record. Hard to believe after a warm Summer. After last Fall wishful thinking on my part made me think that this Fall's weather would be warmer. That's why I favor the term "Climate Change" rather than "Global Warming". At any rate we can look back at a fun Summer with many enjoyable activities.

I had the opportunity again to take part in the Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Parade with Lt/C Rose and P/D/C Bill Stano. This is an activity that Lt/C Rose Stano volunteers us for in order to get our club name out there. This parade was very well attended with a large group of people along the parade route. In the crowd we saw our D/C Michael Babiarz and his family, and D/Lt/C Janet Hartesvelt, D9 Administrative Officer, all the way from Grand Traverse Bay Power Squadron. I could hear comments from the crowd indicating recognition of our squadron so it sounds like we are making an impact.

The GPPS activities continue into December with Operation Good Cheer at Oakland International Airport, Pentastar Hanger, in Pontiac, on Friday and Saturday Dec 7th and 8th. Please see the flier in the Nov T+T. Contact person is P/C Mike Pipia at 586.254.2581. Don't miss our Annual Christmas Party and Elections on Dec 12th. Lt/C Joan McCarron has organized an awesome party. This year the price for members will be only \$10 and \$25 for nonmembers. Check out the T+T and your emails for the flier to be sent out by P/D/C Bill Stano. Please bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

I hope this holiday season finds you safe, healthy and joyful. With all the parties, shopping and gift giving......don't forget the "Reason for the Season".





Jesus is the reason for the season





#### Executive Department Lt/C Natalie Dunbar, P



I hope your holidays have been the best they could be. We are dealing into some of the nastiest weather of the season. We took a break and got the photo below as the boat pulled into San Juan.

One of the ways to beat the blues as winter takes over, is to attend the Detroit Boat Show scheduled for February 16-24, 2019 at the Cobo Center. Can we dream back our boating season? Perhaps not, but window shopping and/or buying a new boat helps.

An even better option is the 80th Annual Grosse Pointe Power Squadron Commander's Ball, on January 19, 2019. It will be held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, with entertainment provided by Larry Lee and the Back on the Day Band. The menu features Filet Mignon and Jumbo Shrimp, and a vegetarian option. This will be best event of the year! I hope to see you there!





#### SEO Report Lt/C Chet Dunbar Jr., AP



Chet is out of town with Natalie on that nice Cruise ship, but he would want to let you know that our next classes will not start till after the COBO Boat show in mid-February 2019

As you may have heard, National is changing the names of our classes to better reflect what they cover. They can also be taught in Seminar Format.

#### Seamanship = **Boat Handling.**

- 1) Rules of the Road- A Practical Approach
- 2) Confidence in Docking and Undocking- Slow Speed Maneuvering
- 3) Boating with Confidence-Handling Your Boat Underway
- 4) Anchoring with Assurance-Don't get Carried Away
- 5) Emergencies on Board- Preparation for Handling Common Problems.
- 6) Knots and Line Handling- the Knots you need to Know

#### Piloting = **Marine Navigation**

- 1) Introduction to Navigation
- 2) Charting Essentials
- 3) Using Open CPN
- 4) Traditional Techniques
- 5) Coastal Navigation
- 6) Inland Navigation
- 7) Practice Course

#### Advanced Piloting = Advanced Marine Navigation

- 1) Navigation when Electronics fail
- 2) Advanced Navigation Techniques
- 3) Navigation in Limited Visibility
- 4) Advanced Coastal Navigation
- 5) Multiple Day Practice Course

#### Junior Navigation = **Offshore Navigation**.

Focus on using modern electronic navigation tools for cruise planning and off shore navigation

#### Navigation = Celestial Navigation

Traditional navigation methods using Sun, Moon, Stars and Planets as beacons in the sky.

#### More to come.

Give Chet a call anytime.





#### Administrative Department Lt/C Joan McCarron, AP

Looking ahead to

next year, please

mark your calendars

for the

Change of Watch

on January 9, 2019

and the

Commander's Ball

on January 19, 2019



The Holidays have begun and I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. During this past month we have had some very fun and exciting events.

Thank you all who attended the Players on November 9th. A great time was had by all. We enjoyed the play Greetings which was a very interesting comedy, had wonderful hors d'oeuvres and great camaraderie. If you have never attended, you may want to give it a try next spring. Please see pictures included.

We are also very appreciative to those who attended the service at the Mariners Church honoring our veterans and especially those who perished in the Great Lakes.

Some of our members also attended the Full Circle Fundraiser, Evening with the Stars. Their mission is to support those who are challenged. This event was held at the Roostertail. It included an auction, dinner and a ballroom dancing competition. Yours truly danced a Bolero to

Prayer sung by Celine Dion and Josh Groban. No I did not win, but it was a great

experience and a great cause. There are some fun pictures attached.

At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to the Commanders Tea, November 30th at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park at 6:30. Operation Good Cheer is November 30th and December 1st. Also our Christmas Party and elections will be held on December 12th at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Please see flyer for details.

Looking ahead to next year, please mark your calendars for the Change of Watch on January 9th, 2019 and the Commander's Ball on January 19th, 2019.

Thank you for your support this year. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Happy Holidays and wishing you a great 2019.

Happy Holidays,



#### Secretary Department Lt/C Rose Stano, AP

Hope a few of you saw us in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. It was one of the most beautiful days for a parade. There was a chill in the air but the sun was out, with no rain or snow. Many Grosse Pointers were out on there

front yards or lining the streets of Downtown to watch the procession of local organizations and groups. The Paper Mache Heads were brought in from the Detroit Parade Company with the Jazz Float from the Dirty Dogs Jazz Café and a few others. This year there was not as many entrees, I assume due to the new fee of \$25.00 to participate.

Since my back limited my ability to walk, we made it easy by just

decorating Bills Terrain. We did a Caribbean Christmas with material showing Cruise ships and sailing route on the top of the car with tropical fish and starfish hanging down to flutter in the wind. All had bells on of course. Signs were placed to say, Have a Sandy Little Christmas, We Prefer Sand to Snow Flakes, Leave the Light House on for Santa. We even had flip flops hanging from the back of the car trailer hitch.

Being in the Parade has been a long-time tradition and one I first shared with my young children who have since grown up and moved away. It would be fun to see young families once again join in.

Working locally, I think it is important to keep United States Power Squadron and

our Faces out in front of the public. We even have a magnet on the car with Americas Boating

> Club, Grosse Pointe, United States Power Squadron to show the new

association. It's official that we are registered Its official that we are registered with the State of with the State of Michigan to use Michigan to use the name Americas the name - Americas Boating

**Boating Club, Grosse** Club, Grosse Pointe when doing Pointe when doing business but not changing our official name. Thanks to Jonathan Eadie, one of our newer Executive Bridge Members for making this happen. This helps to give our

group a new younger image and tie us into the Americas Boating Channel and YouTube videos that National has developed for Boater Education and Safety. Check them out.

Lastly, Bill and I attended the Great Lakes Memorial at Mariners Church with John Bennett, John Sulkowski, Sandy and Pat Beard, Mike Pipia and friends. It is always a beautiful service with lovely music. Pat Beard was selected by the Ship Masters to be one of the Bell Ringers. Afterwards we went to Brunch at Sinbads, another long-standing tradition. Pictures enclosed. Come join us some time.



business.





#### MEMBERSHIP MATTERS





February 16-24, 2019 Cobo Center



#### Pecember Birthdays.

Patricia Brasseur Marita Grobbel John Loporto Robert McQueen Raymond Oset Gregory Peters
Charles Pregibon
James Simpson
Mark Sosnonski
Walter Weber



#### **Operation Good Cheer**

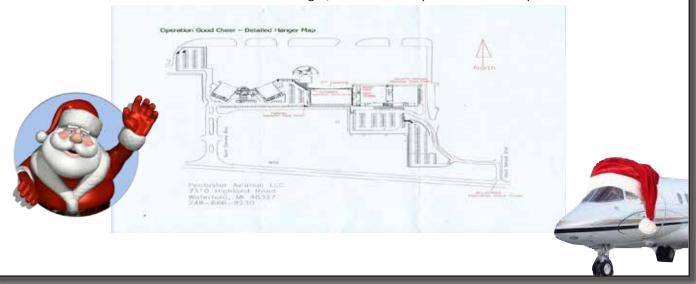
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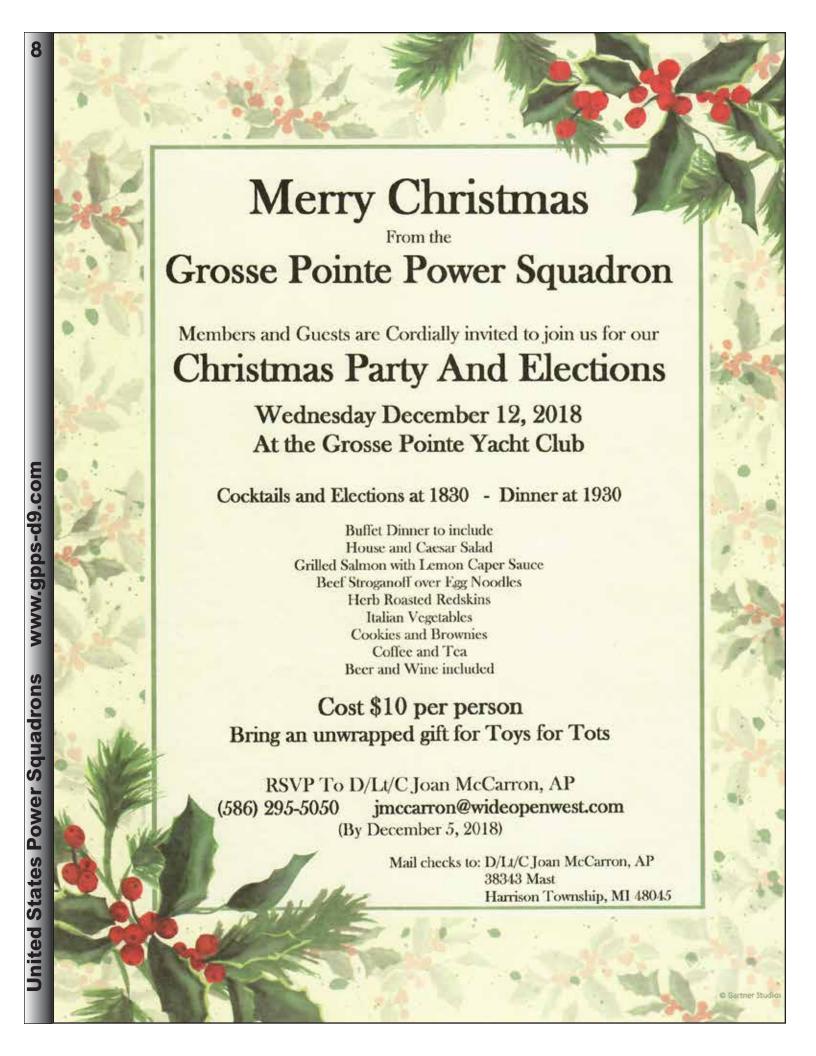
Friday & Saturday, December 7 & 8, 2018



Operation Good Cheer is an annual Christmas gift giving program of Child and Family Services of Michigan. Thanks to the generosity of our network of donors, 3,500 infants, children, youths and adults with disabilities will receive gifts on Christmas morning. For more than 40 years, Operation Good Cheer has been enhancing children's lives through the sprit of gift giving. Want to help make sure these kids have a great Christmas? Operation Good Cheer welcomes volunteers. From 1000 until 2100 on Friday 07 December 2018 volunteers are needed to assist in the unloading of semi-trucks and sorting gifts at the Pentastar Aviation hanger. From 0700 until 1200 Saturday 08 December 2018, volunteers are needed to load the semi-trucks and airplaines. Involve the whole family! For additional information, contact P/C Mike Pipia, AP at 586-484-8441 or email him at michael.pipia@yahoo.com

#### Directions to the Pentastar hanger, Oakland County International Airport





#### 2019 ELECTION BALLOT

#### Grosse Pointe Power Squadron

#### Annual Election of Officers and Committees ~ 12 December 2018

#### Important Notice to members

show of hands at the December 2018 meeting.

There are no contested offices on this ballot. Members will be asked to vote by a -Election Committee 2018 Bridge Natalie Dunbar, AP-8 Commander ☐ Joan McCarron, AP-13 **Executive Officer** ☐ Chester Dunbar Jr., AP-17 **Educational Officer** ☐ William P. Quinlan, AP-9 Assistant Educational Officer ☐ Rose Stano, AP-15 Administrative Officer ☐ Debora Rowe-9 Secretary ☐ Vacant Position **Assistant Secretary** ☐ John Bennett, SN-35 Treasurer ☐ Jay G. Kaiser, JN-25 Assistant Treasurer **Executive Committee** Members at Large Past Commanders ☐ Jonathan Eadie, AP-1 ☐ Richard Sandifer, SN-17 ☐ William P. Quinlan, AP-9 ☐ William Stano, JN-17 ☐ Scott R. Homuth, AP-33 Lynda D. Weiser ☐ Dave Charvat, JN-33 Ronald Utz, AP-30 ☐ Maurice Kenney, P-5 Michael P. Pipia, AP-20 **Immediate Past Commander** ☐ John Sulkowski, AP - 32 Rules Committee - Vote for One, three-year terms ☐ Theodore Smith, SN – 47 Auditing Committee - Vote for Two, three-year term ☐ Blaise A. Klenow – 6 Robert A. Maliki, AP – 18 Nominating Committee - Vote for Two, three-year term

- ☐ John Sulkowski, AP 32
- ☐ Sheryl Kline Tottie, IN, 12

#### Detroit Power Squadron Change of Watch





#### **Detroit Power Squadron Change of Watch**

06 December 2018 at 1930 (7:30 p.m.) at the Detroit Yacht Club in the Sweepstakes Room

USPS Uniform A or Appropriate After Five Attire

Guests may have dinner/drinks in the DYC Grille.
Plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m.to allow ample time.
--- Guests pay for their own meals and drinks. --DYC will accept most Credit Cards.

Please join the members of Detroit Power Squadron at the installation ceremony to meet and greet new 2019 Commander Wendy Caldwell, S and the 2019 DPS Bridge and Committees.

RSVP by 01 December 2018 to either:

Commander Gail Graham, S at citi241@yahoo.com wendycaldwell@hotmail.com



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## Holiday 2018



The cost for dinner and the theater is \$59/person. If you are interested, you can email or reservation. Your check made out to Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron must be to him by November 8; 33064 Sandra Lane, Westland, MI 48185. We only have a few days to Hole-in-the-Wall, Saturday, 8 December, at 1800 (6:00 pm), arrival by 1745 (5:45 pm). Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron invites you to a Christmas celebration at Genitti's call Lt/C Leon Collins, SN, at 734-261-1169; Imtulips4044@gmail.com, with your

Absolutely NO walk-ins allowed. This event may sell out at any time.

# Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

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### "Brew HaHa"

# What to expect at Genitti's

Arrive to Genitti's at your designated time and enjoy our famous 7-course family style dinner including; Italian wedding soup and garlic bread, pasta, antipasto salad, Baked chicken with vegetable, Italian steak with potato, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions, and cannoli for dessert!

After dinner, into the theater to see the show!!

at the Watermark in St. Clair Shores Time: 1800 (6:00 p.m.) Friday, December 7

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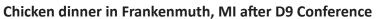
Note: for apparel, specify size, color, quantity, and item number if possible.

Bonus: This also eliminates your shipping charges.

#### GPPS - D9 Conference



**Bill presenting at D9 Conference** 





#### GPPS at Players



Joan, John, Earl, Stella and Dennis, Deb and John Denler at Players



The Claus Family at Players



Michael with Pat, Earl and Sandy with his neighbors Lorna and Brian at Players









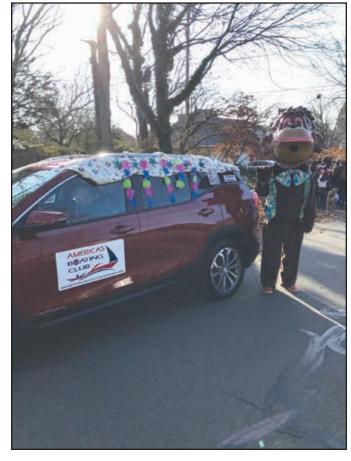
















Wonderful evening at Roostertail while performing for Full Circle Foundation.

Joan McCarron dancing at the Roostertail. Family and Friends from GPPS to support her



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Fri	4	11		18		25		
Thurs	3	10		17		24	31	
Wed	2	6	GPPS Change of Watch GPYC - 1900 hrs	16		23	30	
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#### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**



#### DECEMBER .....

December 7 & 8 FRIDAY - SATURDAY - Operation Good Cheer

Oakland International Airport - P/C M. Pipia - 586.254.2581

December 12 WEDNESDAY - Christmas Dinner and Elections

GPYC - Joan McCarron - 586.295.5005

December 19 WEDNESDAY - GPPS Executive Board Meeting

GPYC - 1900

#### **JANUARY 2019 .....**

January 9 WEDNESDAY - Change of Watch

GPYC - 1900

January 19 SATURDAY - GPPS Commanders Ball

GPYC - Save the Date





\*\*See www.d9-usps.org for other Squadrons Activities you are invited to join.

Note: Refer to the GPPS web site for more details - Unless otherwise posted - All GPPS General Membership Meetings are on the second Wednesday - Sept. through May All GPPS Executive Committee Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday - Aug. through May





Make plans to join us at the

GROSSE POINTE
POWER SQUADRON
CHRISTMAS DINNER

AND ELECTIONS

Wednesday 12 December, 2018

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