



## **Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club November / December Newsletter**

Ahoy Mates! The awnings are off, the piers stored and the sprinklers drained.

Next up Holiday Party time!

### [BUT FIRST, OUR THANKS](#)

We had 6 chefs at the SOUP COOK OFF. Congratulations to **Lois Stepich** for her award winning New England Clam Chowder. It was hard choosing a winner. She, of course, couldn't have done it, Joe, without your taste testing all the way. Let's up the competition next year...work on your recipes this winter and be ready for fall 2012.

Over 100 members showed for the Commodore steak fry. **Mike Rendo** spearheaded the event getting many of the past commodores involved. Our grill meisters, **Doug Somers** and **Scott Snyder** did an outstanding job...**Jerry Ruff** promises onion rings along with his fries for next year and **Alice Sparks**, your beans were awesome. **Larry and Sherry Holland** rounded out a GREAT evening with tunes and a sing-along. Thanks Mike and Alice, all guts no glory.

Fall Clean Up Day was quick and easy with the work of many volunteers. Special thanks to those on deck....**Dean Fizzle, Ted Hajduk, Jerry Ruff, Doug Somers, Scott Snyder, Jeff Phillips, Norm Wilhelmsen and Kent Walczek**. In the galley were **Lois Phillips, Diane Fizzle and Darlene Hajduk**.

In case you missed it, **Lois Phillips** shared her elegant 'tablescapes' for the party and then generously hosted a seminar in making these beautiful "Fruits of Fall". Everyone who participated had a great time and went home with 17 pumpkins each. Thank you Lois for a wonderful event. Lois is working on our Christmas decorations, as this goes to print.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> the PPLYC members stood their turn at the Berrien County Senior Center to put on a soup supper for the community. Funds from these monthly soup suppers support the North Berrien Food Pantry, by providing extras like soaps and diapers not covered by the food pantry budget. Over 200 people depend on the food pantry every month. Thank you Soup Makers, Servers, Bakers, Cleaners, Waiters and Money Takers and to all who donated cash. There will be a report in the next newsletter on what we raised. Thanks **Martha Garnett** for organizing it and **Jim and Karen Shmykus**. It made me so very proud to be a member of this club.

## On the horizon...off the bow...coming about

NOVEMBER 30. Triple play card game is on!! Get a tem of 4 together and join us for the fun on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Email [jcurtis2@comcast.net](mailto:jcurtis2@comcast.net)

DECEMBER 4 **Toys for Tots** Call Lois Phillips at 269-201-7012 to let her know if you'll be attending and the dish you are bringing to share with your Yacht Club Family during this party. It will be fun to share some of the special dishes and ethnic traditions we each celebrate with during the holidays.....stollen, lebkuchen, kapusta, buche noel, herring and more. If you want experience these delights, jingle on over to the club at 3:00 p.m. with your unwrapped toy. The Swing Sisters start caroling at 4 p.m.

DECEMBER 31. **Ring in the New Year!** with Phil Mann, crooning and doo wopping his way and yours into 2012. Appetizers, a served meal (choice of chicken or prime rib) and dessert are on the menu for \$45.00 per person. Call Dar Hajduk to reserve 847-361-5991. or email [tedhajduk@gmail.com](mailto:tedhajduk@gmail.com)

### NOW PLAYING

[Every Monday](#) at the club at 3:30 we're walking. Join in this great exercise group for No Charge.....Just come on down and tone up.

[Every Tuesday and Thursday](#) (9:00 a.m. on Tues, – 8:45 on Thurs.) a group meets for a Pilate's class taught by the very talented Ann DeHaven. \$5.00 per class and well worth it. Drop in when you can, we'll be looking for you.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTE. Please check your PPLYC address book. Many email have changed and there are some phone numbers that are incorrect. Edit your information and email Cindy Phillips with any additions or corrections: [pplyc@comcast.net](mailto:pplyc@comcast.net). Thanks.

### HELP WANTED

**Committee members** for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party. We have chairperson but we need others to help out. This is a great way to meet people and get involved in a small way. Call Dar Hajduk at 847-361-5991.

**Needed a Chairperson to organize Family Day.** Family Day is usually held the last weekend in July or first weekend in August. If that fits your schedule we' really love to have you on board. It's a great fun day for kids and all family members. Please think about handling this for the club this year especially if you have children who have enjoyed this great event over the years.