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## Holiday Party



**Saturday**

**9 December 2017**

**Little Venice Restaurant**  
**111 Chenango St.**  
**Binghamton, NY 13901**



**Cocktails (cash bar) 6:00 PM    Dinner 7:00 PM**

**Entrees: (Select one with reservation)**

**Chicken Cutlet Parmesan w/Side of Spaghetti-(\$24.00)**

**12 oz. Rib Eye Steak w/ Baked Potato-(\$35.00)**

**House made Ravioli w/ Meat Logs-(\$23.00)**

**Shrimp Scampi over Linguini-(\$23.00)**

**Tossed Salad, Bread and Butter**

**Gelato or Cannoli Dessert**

**Advance Reservations Required - Linda Rought-687-3506 or 760-6388**

**Deadline for Reservations - 27 November 2016**

**Note: The restaurant will charge the squadron for the number of reservations made. Persons failing to cancel reservations prior to the deadline date will be expected to pay for their dinners.**

### General Membership Meeting

**15 November 2017**

**7:00 PM**

**Relief Pitcher (Downstairs)**

**197 Conklin Ave**

**Binghamton, NY, 13903**

**We will not have a Turkey Dinner this year**

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## Commander's Column

October is a sad month for most upstate NY boaters. The marinas roll up the docks and begin the shrink wrap and decommissioning process on our beloved vessels. Peg and I decommissioned Anam Cara II over the Columbus Day weekend, being grateful it was not snowing or freezing rain as the case has been on so many other decommission weekends. Many of our members closed up camps and boats the following week and some have already started plans to head south and beat the winter weather. The weather last week, however, was beautiful and the call to be on the water was like a Siren's song.

Even as our on-water-activities come to a halt we have a busy fall and winter of Squadron activities coming up. To start with, there is the D/6 Fall Conference in Oswego, NY. D/6 is honored to have USPS National Chief Commander Louie Ojeda to attend and speak at our Friday evening Town Hall Meeting. Other activities include:

D/6 Fall Conference meeting, Keynote Speaker Douglas Wilcox, Professor of Wetland Science, SUNY Brockport, who will speak on "Managing Lake Ontario Waterways: What Happened in 2017", Speaker Michael Veres, Ass't. Professor of Meteorology, SUNY Oswego, who will speak on "Lake Ontario Winds & Potential Impact of Climate Change on Recreational Boating". This presentation will include a workshop on Social Media Marketing (Websites, Facebook, Meet-Up, etc.) with presentations by Syracuse, Rochester and Susquenango Squadrons. There is also an optional visit to the H. Lee White Maritime Museum, 1 West 1st Street, Oswego.

By the time you receive this publication the squadron's cheese and wine tour on Cayuga Lake will be history and more planning will have been done for the Glenn Curtiss Museum tour in Hammondsport on 18 November. On 15 November we will have a membership meeting on the lower level of the Relief Pitcher, 197 Conklin Ave., Binghamton. Usually, many of our members enjoy a meal there prior to the meeting. Our Holiday Party will be on 9 December at Little Venice Restaurant in Binghamton and we have already booked Jonathan's in Endwell for our Change of Watch on 16 March 2018. So, socially stagnant we are not.

Educationally, this winter and spring we will be offering Marine Electrical Systems, ABC Safe Boating and Seamanship. We are currently running an Advanced Piloting course this month and we have voted to keep the 18 month membership for 12 months of dues initiative for another year.

Our hats are off to Lt/C Mary Kucharek, P, Lt Vonda Oakley and Lt Ann Smith, S, for a very successful Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* event. They not only did a fine job of promoting the USPS and our Squadron, but they also sold 38 coupon cards raising \$275 for our treasury.

The Squadron was honored to have Lt Karl Oakley, P, request having his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and cake during our October meeting. He wanted to share the event with his Squadron family and we were very happy to join in song and Happy Birthday wishes to him. P/C Dave Olds, AP, even had the fire extinguisher ready in the event we lit all 80 candles. Happy Birthday Karl from all of the Squadron.

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Congratulations are in order for P/C Bob Gould, AP, and P/Lt/C Donna Gould for celebrating 19 years of marriage on 17 October 2017 in Florida and being at the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

All in all the Susquenango Squadron had a great October. Maybe October isn't so sad a month after all.

Until we meet again, God Bless,  
Cdr Mike

### Highlights of the 18 October 2017 Executive Meeting

**Commander Michael Acciai, AP**, called the meeting to order at 1913

**Lt Missy Olds, S**, reported that a quorum was present. The minutes from the previous 20 September 2017 meeting were distributed and accepted as submitted.

**D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P**, distributed the financial report which indicated that the Squadron is solvent. The report was accepted as presented. Nancy also reported that she received a bogus email requesting she send \$800 to an address given at the request of the Commander. She suggested members watch their emails for other malicious hacks.

**Lt/C Mary Kucharek, P**, reported Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* event resulted in the sale of 29 coupon cards in 3 hours raising \$275 for the Squadron. Mary thanked Vonda Oakley for helping and all those members who sold coupon cards and especially Ann Smith for selling nine herself. (See photo on page 5)

**Lt/C Les Smith, AP**, reported that it was necessary to cancel the Fall Seamanship course due to lack of student interest. Les submitted a report outlining the intended classes for Spring 2018. The ABC Safe Boating Class will run 26 Feb - 26 Mar 2018 for five Monday evenings. There will be no condensed class in the Spring because of time constraints and small class size. The Seamanship course will be offered 9 April - 7 May 2018 on five Monday evenings. Les stated the new seminar study guides are well done and informative.

**Lt/C Ann Smith, S**, informed us that the photo of our Squadron table at Dick's, with Les tending, was published in the Fall issue of the Ensign documenting Safe Boating Week. She will soon begin advertising the Spring classes. She and Les plan to visit Lock #7 in Oswego while at the D/6 Fall conference. The lock is being refurbished at a cost of \$25 million.

**P/C David Olds, AP**, reported that membership is at 69 people. Dave was contacted by a gentleman wishing to join. He recently purchased a 32-foot cruiser on Lake Ontario and would like to take some of our courses.

**P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP**, indicated that he would like to eventually find someone to replace him as SeaChest Editor. Contact Jack if you can help out or are interested in the position.

**P/C Bob Gould, AP**, reported no additional VSCs from last month's report.

**Lt Linda Rought, P**, reported that the 15 November 2017 Turkey Fetch Supper has been canceled and changed to a Membership Meeting at the Relief Pitcher, Conklin Ave., Binghamton. The Holiday Party will be 9 December 2017 at Little Venice Restaurant on Chenango St in Binghamton.

**D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P**, reported that 12 people signed up for the Cheese and Wine tour on 21 October. A trip is being organized to visit the Curtis Museum in Hammondsport, NY on 18 November. Contact Nancy if interested and for details. Nancy suggested an ornament/gift exchange, (give one-receive one) for the Holiday party on 9 December. If anyone is interested, there will be a performance in March 2018 of *Damn Yankee's* at BHS, Helen Foley Theater.

**Old Business:** Commander Dave reported that the ***Dam Ahead*** warning signs for the Rockbottom Dam are finished and waiting to be installed on the Tompkins St Bridge by the NYS DOT.

**New Business:** **Cdr Acciai** honored Lt Karl Oakley, P, on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Karl shared his birthday cake with all.

**Commander's Comments:** Cdr Acciai thanked everyone for attending the Executive meeting and Dessert Social. He indicated the Squadron has a busy four weeks of activities coming up. The D/6 Fall Conference at the Quality Inn in Oswego heads the list. D/6 is honored that USPS National Chief Commander, Louie Ojeda, will attend and speak at the Friday evening Town Hall meeting

**The meeting was adjourned at 20:23**

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret E. Olds*

Asst. Secretary



**Daylight Saving  
time ends  
November 5th  
2017 at 2:00 AM**

#### Merit Marks

Merit marks are due 15 November. Please contact your committee chairpersons and remind them of your efforts and request they submit your name for consideration.

Thanks  
Jack Young



Karl Oakley—80 years old. Hope we can celebrate many more with you.



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## It's That Time Again; it's Holiday Time!

And time to wish your fellow squadron members a happy holiday season. In the December issue of the SeaChest we offer our members the chance to extend holiday tidings to squadron members either by having their name on the festive cover of the SeaChest or by having a personalized card included inside the SeaChest. We have a selection of holiday graphics that can be personalized with squadron member names.

One of the SeaChest staff will be collecting for the greetings at the November meeting or you can call or send a note to Jack Young, 8 Schiller St., Binghamton, NY 13905, phone (607) 729-4205, e-mail [jyoung6@stny.rr.com](mailto:jyoung6@stny.rr.com) by 22 November. If you have a special graphic, please let Jack know and he'll try to scan it into the SeaChest.

**Your name on the cover—\$5.00**

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## On the Horizon Susquenango Events

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7:00 PM

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### District Events

10-12 November

District Council & Conference  
Quality Inn & Suites Riverfront  
70 East 1st St.  
Oswego, NY

### Glen Curtiss Museum Tour

This is a museum of local history with a focus on Glenn Curtiss, a famous aviation pioneer who was gifted with an insatiable curiosity, mechanical ability, and ambition. In his teens he was obsessed with bicycles and speed, and was a champion racer who progressed to designing and building his own machines. Eventually he began manufacturing his own motorcycles and soon turned to developing airplanes.

The museum boasts a large collection of Curtiss' airplanes and many other items pertaining to the local Finger Lakes area such as boats and wine culture. It contains about a dozen aircraft developed by Curtiss including a flying reproduction of the AEA (Aerial Experiment Association) June Bug, one of his early planes, as well as many of his original planes.

We will be visiting the Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY on Saturday, 18 November 2017. Admission is \$12 for adult, \$10 for senior, and \$8 for student. After our tour we will go to the Timber Stone Grill in Hammondsport for a late lunch/early dinner. The restaurant has great reviews with a variety of dishes from which to choose.

We will meet at 10:00 AM at the Oakdale Mall parking lot by Sears and it will be about an hour and a half ride to the museum. Let me know if you can drive for the event and how many passengers you can take. To be a part of this great museum experience, contact me at [nancybieber@twc.com](mailto:nancybieber@twc.com) or 775-4952.

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