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## Commander's Comments

What a pleasure it was for Bob and me to attend the District 6 fall conference 8-10 November in Fayetteville. We reconnected with some friends and made some new ones. It was particularly nice to have NEO V/C Craig Frasier, SN, and Liana Mahalka with us again. Upon arrival on Friday evening, a large group enjoyed dinner at the Craftsman Inn Restaurant followed by the Council Meeting at which our own P/C Mike Acciai, AP, was appointed to the Nominating Committee. At the Town Hall meeting, Craig spoke to us about the new America's Boating Club Learning Center located in Florida and those

opening soon in Texas and California. For more information on this exciting venture go to [www.abclc.org](http://www.abclc.org). These are made possible through a \$250,000 USCG grant.

One thing that was emphasized at the conference was the "Jump Start" Program which is now known as the "Free Two Hour On-The-Water Training Program". Not having navigable waters in our immediate area is a disadvantage, but with lakes being so close, Susquenago should work toward implementing the program.

After our meetings, many made their way to the hospitality room which was well stocked with beverages and goodies. It's a nice opportunity to chat with people from other squadrons to exchange ideas and get to know each other in a casual social setting.

Saturday morning found us at the Fall Conference Meeting where reports were given by officers and committee members. D/C Nancy Bieber, P, brought to the floor a request from the Buffalo Squadron to dissolve. A motion was made and seconded to accept this very unfortunate request. With a heavy heart, the motion was approved. A motion was also made and approved to acquire a new District banner to go along with the America's Boating Club branding. I was also honored to accept two awards for Susquenago in recognition of the SeaChest and our website. Congratulations to SeaChest Editor, P/C Jack Young, AP, and his committee and to P/C Dave Olds, AP, for our excellent website.

After lunch we were treated with two very interesting presentations. The first was done by Corey Jones (who just happens to be D/C Nancy's grandson) who has travelled extensively and did an excellent slide presentation about his adventures in Australia, New Zealand and other parts of Southeast Asia. The second was by Hans Wahl, a Board Member of the Boating Industry Association, from French Creek Marina in Clayton who updated us on current trends in the boating industry.

Later in the afternoon, D/6 Secretary P/R/C David Daniels, SN, did a presentation on DB2000, providing thumb drives for members to use to download the program onto their laptops. At the same time, SEOs met with DEO D/Lt/C Tom Alley, SN.

That evening we enjoyed dinner and conversation along with musical entertainment and raffle drawings. Lucky Nancy Bieber won the basket donated by Susquenago! Once again the hospitality room was open and people were enjoying refreshments – not that we needed anything more after our delicious dinner.

On Sunday morning I attended the meeting of D6 Bridge Officers and Squadron Commanders. D/C Nancy asked each of us to introduce ourselves and tell why we have continued to renew our USPS membership. Conference Chair D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt/C Bridgett Arieno, JN, gave a brief report of the conference. Everyone thanked her and her committee for a job well done.

Your next opportunity to attend a D6 conference will be 27-29 March in Corning. I highly recommend attending these conferences – they are not only for officers – everyone is welcome. It's not only an educational time, but fun as well.

Wishing everyone a blessed holiday season and good health and happiness in the New Year.

I hope to see you at all of our Holiday Party and remember.....-

**"America's Boating Club...is YOUR Boating Club"**

Commander *Mary Kucharek, P*



## Holiday Party

**14 December 2019—Saturday**

### Grande's Pizza Italian Restaurant

North Gate Plaza  
Upper Front Street  
Binghamton, NY

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

Choose one:

Grilled Salmon—\$26.00: Chicken Parmesan—\$20.00: NY Strip Steak—\$29.00: Fettuccini Shrimp—\$23.00  
Salad, bread and butter, and dessert. Chef choice sides

**Reservation to Linda Rought by 5 December - 607-687-3506**

**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.**

## Proctors & Other Helpers Needed

**SEO Les Smith, JN, is holding the following Five-Session ABC classes:**

Five Tuesdays beginning 28 January and ending on 25 February

Five Mondays beginning 2 March and ending 30 March

If you can proctor or help in any way with these classes, please contact Les.

## Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner & General Membership Meeting at the Kirkwood Elks Lodge



Commander Mary Kucharek presents SeaChest Editor Jack Young and IT Chairman and website manager Dave Olds with the National Distinctive Communicator Award.

SEO Les Smith won the turkey raffle



## On the Horizon

### Susquenango Events

**Saturday**  
**14 December**

Holiday Party  
Grande Pizza Italian Restaurant  
Upper Front Street  
Binghamton

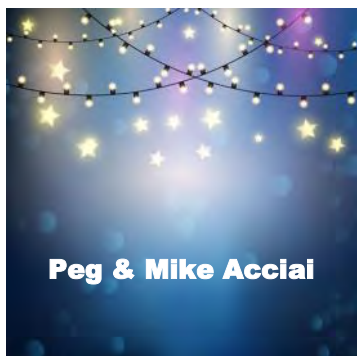
No December meeting

### District Events

27-29 March

D/6 Council & Conference  
Corning, NY





**Sue Dunlap**







**Linda & Bill Herrick**



**John Langill**



**Missy & Dave Olds**



**Linda Rought**



**Katie & Jack Young**



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