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**COMMODORE'S CORNER**

HERE'S TO A GREAT 2007 EVERYONE !

Neither, rain, ice, sleet, snow or even massive power outages could dampen the spirit of this years Christmas Party! Lights and tinsel, ribbons and holly, ringing bells and all things jolly was the overall theme for the weekend at the Crowne Plaza as we came together to mix, mingle and dine with good friends and fellow boaters.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our immediate Past Commodore, Mr. James Svoboda for his guidance and leadership throughout the entire year. Another job well done and we appreciate all you do.

Secondly, I want to express my gratitude to all the 2006 Board Members and Officers for all their help and assistance in making this past year for Con Trios and my term as Fleet Captain a success.

The year passed so quickly. We enjoyed a great deal of fun and good company. We worked hard together and played hard together, accomplished a lot for our Club as well as for others. For these efforts and especially efforts in giving back to the community, we all can be extremely proud.

On the evening of the Christmas Party, December 2, 2006, we passed Santa's Hat and collected \$550.00 to be donated to needy families from Trinity Lutheran Church of Orchard Farms. We have been doing this work for families in need for many years. However, this year in view of the December ice storms, things were much worse and families were in greater need. Many lost much of what little they had and monies planned for gifts, toys and treats were now focused on food and heat. The storms did not stop CTYC. We did what we could as the Orchard Farms families were counting on us and each child on Christmas had gifts under their tree.

Also, in keeping with CTYC's dedication to safe boating, this years annual donation was granted to The Blessing of the Fleet, Inc., for needed safety equipment purchases in preparation of this years 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held Saturday, July 21, 2007.

It has been a fast and fantastic year! Lynn and I thank you all for this opportunity. We are excited as we look forward to 2007 and extend our Congratulations and Very Best Wishes to Gary Meinershagen, as your 2007 Fleet Captain and Judy Meinershagen, Editor of the Hailer.

We understand they have already planned a year full of wonderful events for all to enjoy! Stay Tuned for the Scheduled Announcements. Let's Give Gary and Judy our Full Support.

Tim Tighe  
Commodore

## Greetings from the Fleet Captain



Let me introduce myself—I am Gary Meinershagen, and my wonderful wife is Judy, sometimes known as JudyBeads. A little background . . . I have been on the River all my life. I was driving boats on the Dardenne Slough before I could drive a car on Highway B. I can remember Norm & Lil's. Judy and I have been members of CTYC since 1997, thanks to the introduction by Past Commodore, Mike Ramirez.

Judy and I would like to get to know each and everyone of you, so please introduce yourselves and please have patience with my memory, as it isn't as good as it once was. Well, maybe it never was good!

We have been working on the CTYC 2007 events since this past summer, and they are ready for print. We are looking forward to hosting all the parties for you. The first event will be the Ice Breaker at Pere Marquette on Saturday, March 24, 2007 (1 day event this year), so please mark your calendars.

I would like to encourage all of you to invite your dock neighbors and boating friends to attend all the events. This is the best way to show off the Club and to enlist new members. Remember, they don't have to own a boat to be a guest of yours. The club has a 150 membership limit, and at the present time, there are openings. Membership applications are available on the website at [www.contriosyachtclub.org](http://www.contriosyachtclub.org). Looking forward to seeing all of you on the water soon!

"I Love this Country" and "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler"

Gary Meinershagen

Fleet Captain

### 2007 Scheduled Events

Let the fun begin

**PAR-TAY . . . PAR-TAY . . . PAR-TAY**

Ice Breaker—Pere Marquette—Saturday, March 24, 2007  
Champagne Brunch—Yacht Club of St. Louis—Sunday, June 10, 2007  
Parrot Head Party—Grafton Marina—Saturday, July 21, 2007  
Moonlight Cruise—Grafton Ferry—Saturday, August 25, 2007  
Fall Color Watch—Grampoo Woo—October 20, 2007  
Holiday Party—Airport Hilton—Saturday, December 1, 2007



## **CALLING ALL EDITORS CALLING ALL EDITORS**

It's been three (3) years since I took over the editing of the Hailer. I'm ready to pass it on to someone with some fresh, creative ideas. Do I have any takers out there? Please contact a Board member or myself if you are interested.

Judy Meinershagen  
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### **I LIKE YOUR PROSPECTIVE**

The following are prospective new members:

Steve & Liz Carey  
Charles & Cathy Hicks



### **DRUM ROLL, PLEASE ♦ . . . AND THE WINNER(S) ARE?**

The winners for the 2006 Con Trios Grand Raffle are:

3rd Place (\$500) - Cliff English

2nd Place (\$1000) - Nicole Baisch

1st Place (\$3000) - Keith Ruf

**Congratulations to all!!!**



## SPONSORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

### This could be YOU!

Sadly, I have to report that no one volunteered to be a sponsor for this edition of the Hailer.



## SPONSORSHIP NEEDED

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A donation to the Club of \$100.00 will cover the expense of postage to mail the Hailer. The donation is also tax deductible, as we are a not-for-profit organization.

Help support your Club and receive advertising at the same time.

Please contact Judy Meinershagen at 636-949-2693 or via e-mail at [judybeads@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judybeads@sbcglobal.net)

**"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."**

Mark Twain



**CAN'T**  
By Edgar A. Guest

*Can't* is the worst word that's written or spoken;  
Doing more harm here than slander and lies;  
On it is many a strong spirit broken;  
And with it many a good purpose dies.

It springs from the lips of the thoughtless each morning, and it robs us of  
courage we need through the day; it rings in our ears like a timely sent warning—  
and laughs when we falter and fall by the way.

*Can't* is the father of feeble endeavor;  
The parent of terror and halfhearted work;  
It weakens the efforts of artisans clever;  
It poisons the soul of the man with a vision;  
It stifles in infancy many a plan;  
It greets honest toiling with open derision  
And mocks at the hopes and the dreams of a man.

*Can't* is a word none should speak without blushing;  
To utter it should be a symbol of shame;  
Ambition and courage it daily is crushing;

It blights a man's purpose and shortens his aim.  
Despise it with all of your hatred of error;  
Refuse it the lodgment it seeks in your brain;  
Arm against it as a creature of terror,  
And all that you dream of you someday shall gain.

*Can't* is the word that is for to ambition;  
An enemy ambushed to shatter your will;  
It's prey is forever the man with a mission  
And bows but to courage and patience and skill.  
Hate it, with hatred that's deep and undying,  
For once it is welcomed 'twill break any man;  
Whatever the goal you are seeking, keep trying  
And answer this demon by saying: "***I Can.***"

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**3250 Bayliner Conquest**

**"Captain Cutty"**

Polestar Marina; Slip #106

Gary Stivison: 314-494-2757

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Have a boat to sell? Con Trios members are invited to post your classifieds here—**FREE!**

Send your information on boats for sale to  
judybeads@sbcglobal.net or via telephone at 636-949-2693

**Please note:** If you would like your boat advertised in more than one issue, you must contact me again.

**BOAT US**

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