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SPECIAL PRE-ELECTION ISSUE

THE FOLLOWING REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE ERIE YACHT CLUB HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE INDICATED OFFICE AND ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF CANDIDATES IS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE REGULAR MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 21, 1997.

CANDIDATES

COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

FRITZ CURTZE

VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

PETE GORNY

REAR COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

PAT GEARY

FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:

NORMAN BEECHER (BOETGER), SR. DICK ROBERTSON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECT TWO:

JOHN C. LYONS, M.D.

PEGGY MOTSCH

JOHN MUROSKY

RICHARD P. VICARY, JR.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE:

BOB KUBEJA

JOHN GINADER

DICK GORNY

MIKE SULLIVAN

TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR EVALUATION OF THESE CANDIDATES, EACH OF THE NOMINEES WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A STATEMENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THESE STATEMENTS FOLLOW.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 7:30 P.M. TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE.

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to thank the following Board members who have completed their terms on the Board for their dedicated service to the Club:

JULIE ARTHURS JIM LYNCH

P/C JACK BIERLEY

Also, Nominating Committee Members:

CHAIRMAN DAVID UNGERMAN

DAVE HEITZENRATER

DAVE SAMPLE



CANDIDATE FOR COMMODORE

FRITZ CURTZE

Dear Fellow Members:

It's been an honor to serve you all for the last three years as a bridge officer. It certainly hasn't been all fun and games, but I've positively enjoyed every minute of my tenure. I feel blessed to have worked with so many fine, competent people — people I'm proud to call true friends.

My feelings for the Erie Yacht Club run deep. As Commodore, my goal will be to continue doing my best to ensure her heading is on the right course. A course that was set 102 years ago and carefully guided by the EYC "Long Grey Line." Through their leadership and guidance, our club has come a long, long way from its early beginnings at the foot of Chestnut Street.

I'm proud of our club, as we all should be. I'm always available for suggestions, comments and criticisms and welcome them. (Most of them...) Together, let's perpetuate the fine traditions that we've all come to know and love at the Erie Yacht Club.

Thanks for your continued support.

Fritz Curtze Vice Commodore



CANDIDATE FOR VICE COMMODORE

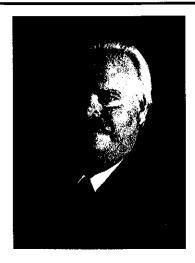
PETE GORNY

Thank you for the support over the past year. We have made a number of improvements to your clubhouse, and all have been well received. The Bridge and Board believe all of the improvements make your club a more enjoyable place to spend your leisure time. Here is a quick summary.

- 1. The kitchen has been renovated. This includes several new pieces of equipment, and rearranging the equipment for more efficient traffic flow. More and more members are dining and entertaining at the Club, and this will help improve your service.
- 2. The clubhouse roof has been replaced. The old roof was scheduled for replacement in 1998, but needed to be moved forward. We had sufficient capital reserves for "rainy day" emergencies, and this fit the criteria.
- 3. The deck at the Club's west side was roofed. It has become the favorite place for parties and casual dining.

Overall the house had a very successful year. Our earnings were ahead of budget, and member usage continues to increase. Thanks again for your support. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have suggestions or concerns. I would appreciate your support next year as Vice Commodore.

Sincerely, Pete Gorny



CANDIDATE FOR REAR COMMODORE

PATRICK GEARY

It has been an exciting and at sometimes a challenging year as your Fleet Captain. I have been very fortunate to have followed previous fleet captains who had the foresight to plan ahead. This made my job much easier in planning projects. Some of which included our ongoing paving project this year, although the spring weather did not help and some large potholes plagued areas of the club. The new oil building is completed and members no longer have to worry about ruining their clothes attempting to discard their old oil, and there were many other projects completed, as well as planned, for the future. I would like to thank my grounds committee Mike Lynch and especially dockmaster Bill Vogel who with his guidance kept me out of trouble.

I hope that you will give me your vote of confidence for the office of Rear Commodore: I look forward to working with the house staff in the coming year. It is great to see more and more members enjoying the club even in the off season. I hope to arrange for speakers during the winter to come down to the club and do presentations pertaining to boating. I hope to work with Mike Lynch in creating some new fun events that will bring us together. I would like to thank all my fellow members for their support on my first year on the bridge and appreciate your vote for Rear Commodore.

Patrick Geary



CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN

NORMAN BEECHER (BOETGER)

I am very honored to have been nominated to the office of Fleet Captain of the Erie Yacht Club. I have been a member in good standing for 19 years and feel that it is the finest yacht club on the Great Lakes.

I have been actively involved in clubs for many years. I served for 28 years on the Erie Maennerchor Board of Directors, and for 10 of those years I was privileged to have been elected as its president, last serving as president in 1988/1989.

I feel my expertise and experience as a person familiar with the operation of clubs can be used to benefit the EYC, and I would expend my efforts to keep the club financially healthy, and a fun place to boat and enjoy ourselves.

On the personal side, I have been married 49 years to the former Rita Guerrein. We have 9 lovely children, 23 grand-children and 2 great-grandchildren. We own a 28' Marinette called the "Stormin Normin" and we enjoy it thoroughly, as well as we do the club.

Again, I want to say thank you for the nomination and would respectfully ask for your vote.

Sincerely, Norman Beecher, Sr.

CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN



RICHARD V. ROBERTSON, JR., CKD

Richard V. Robertson, Jr., CKD... AKA: "Oscar;" "The Walrus;" "Captain Midnight;" and currently "The Head Hog," Skipper of the Sailing Yacht *Pigs At Sea* and of the fishing yacht *Great Balls of Fire*.

- Past Director of the Erie Yacht Club (in the Early 80's);
- Past International Commodore of MORC (Midget Ocean Racing Club);
- Member of the United States Sailing Association;
- Co-owner and General Manager of Robertson Kitchens;
- Director of BKBG, the largest Kitchen Buying Group in USA.

My wife, Debbie and I are an EYC family. My father, Richard V. Robertson, Sr. is a past member, and Debbie's parents, Ruthanne and Chuck Arnold, were also EYC members. My brothers, Ike and Jim are current members. Our sons, Marty and Chris are active sailors. I have the time and expertise to help keep The Erie Yacht Club solvent and a fun place to be a member. Vote for me or Norm . . . we will both do a great job for you!

Richard V. Robertson



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOHN C. LYONS, M.D.

I've been a member of the Erie Yacht Club for a number of years and have been impressed with the efforts and dedication of its leadership. I support the continued efforts in the improvement and development of the Yacht Club, and to that end would like to contribute by way of a position on the Board of Directors.

I am an Erie native and through family membership have enjoyed the Erie Yacht Club since childhood. I was raised on power boating, but crewed on the *Constance* for a number of years, and have an appreciation for issues for both power and sail. I am both an engineer and physician by training, and I have business experience through operating my professional practice. In combination with my experiences as the Fleet Surgeon for the Greater Erie Boating Association, chairing the Presque Isle Advisory Committee, and serving on other Presque Isle and related waterfront organizations, I feel I could further contribute to the Erie Yacht Club development through your support for a position on the Board.

John C. Lyons, M.D.



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PEGGY MOTSCH

- Manager of Renewal Parts Sourcing, GE Transportation Systems
- B.S. Computer Science, Gannon University, 1984
- Married, Two Children
- Regular Member of Erie Yacht Club since 1984

When thinking about the reasons for serving as a Board of Director, it was not hard for me to come up with several since I was thrilled to receive the nomination. First and foremost would be my business experience. Throughout my career I have always been able to establish a vision, rally a team to develop a plan, and drive home its execution. This process enabled success for the EYC committees I have participated with over the past 13 years of my membership. Second would be my avid love for boating. I was raised on Lake Erie. My parents have always owned a boat. My husband and I have always owned a boat. I expect my children, should they choose to establish themselves on a waterfront, will also own boats. Last would be for my strong desire for the continued success of the Erie Yacht Club: to provide the caliber of service that keeps the dining and grill room successful; to provide activities that appeal to a wide variety of members; and, most importantly, to provide a topnotch facility for boat mooring and storage.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Peggy Motsch



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOHN MUROSKY

Greetings Fellow Yacht Club Members,

My name is John P. Murosky and I would like to announce my candidacy for the Board of Directors of the Erie Yacht Club. As an active member I feel I can make a substantial contribution to our wonderful club. During my high school years from McDowell, I worked in the gallery under Buzz, whom many of your remember. I knew back then that I wanted to join this club, and through my hard work and challenges, this became a reality. Now I very much would like to become more involved with our club and members so that I may help continue all of its wonderful traditions and help preserve the standards of which it was founded.

One might ask of my qualifications for a position as a Board of Director so here goes. I graduated from McDowell in 1974 and from Erie County Technical School as a mechanical draftsperson. I continued my education at ECTS and worked my way through the Journeyman Tool and Die courses at American Tool and Gage Company. I worked for Paul Skala at AT&G for 18 years until starting my own company, Subcon Tool some 10 years ago. Now our company is called Accutool where you can find me most of the time during the day and stool number seven at the EYC lounge at night! I managed Gem City Marina for three years and am fully aware of marina operations and the necessary equipment and use of it to maintain the efficiency of the great team we already have.

As far as my boating experience goes, I can say I enjoy sailing and powerboating equally well. I have sailed around Lake Erie several times, been active in the MS Regatta, and have attended many other club functions. I recently made the passage from Atlantic City to Erie thanks to two friends "Lou and Jim" and have learned many things about boating by doing them first hand.

In closing I would like to say I would be proud to serve our club and represent the membership in an impartial way to the best of my knowledge and ability.

> Respectfully submitted, John P. Murosky



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RICHARD P. VICARY, JR.

Fellow Members:

I am truly honored to be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors of the Erie Yacht Club. As owner of Vicary Insurance Agency I am aware of the time and dedication needed to maintain a quality organization. As a member of the Erie Yacht Club I have had the privilege of racing in the MORC and PHRF classes. I have chaired both the Mayor's Cup and Governor's Cup Sailboat races and I will continue to contribute efforts in promoting our growing ice boat fleet.

Our family power boat, "The Summer Camp," has provided us with many treasured memories of boating together. We enjoy the amenities of the club as well as all that Lake Erie has offer. Our family fun does not stop when summer ends. My family has had the privilege of enjoying all of the seasonal offerings of our club and the waterfront. If they can't sail on it or row it on it, they will fish in it or skate on it! For our family the year round offerings of the Erie Yacht Club are unique and cherished assets. I would like to preserve and protect these assets.

I will do my very best to contribute to the clubs continued success and long-standing traditions. I believe that my previous experience on numerous boards and advisory committees will allow me to serve the membership in a positive and productive way. I look forward to serving the membership if elected.

Respectfully submitted, Richard P. Vicary, Jr.



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JOHN B. GINADER

I would like to thank the nominating committee for considering me as a candidate for the nominating committee. It will be a pleasure for me to serve the club in that capacity if elected.

A little personal background. I was born in Erie in more years ago than I care to say and have lived here all my life. I graduated from Grove City College with a BS degree in mechanical engineering and have worked the balance of my life at American Hollow Boring Company in various positions. I am currently the president.

I have two children and two grandchildren. I am married to Midge who has three children and two grandchildren.

There is a little history of family service to the Yacht Club. My father Ben Ginader served in various capacities over the years culminating in the position of Commodore.

I too have contributed some time to the betterment of the club. When the club renovation was turned down by the membership Midge and I circulated a petition to bring it back for a second vote which ultimately was passed. I have also worked on the race committee, the Bicentennial Raftup committee and the lighthouse deck committee.

In conclusion I would ask for your vote and if elected I promise to be diligent in pursuit of my duties. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, John B. Ginader



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

RICHARD J. GORNY

The Erie Yacht Club's annual meeting is approaching and it behooves each and every member to attend and cast their vote. The selection of the members of the nominating committee is very important, as they are instrumental in selecting the future leaders of your Club.

I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club for over 30 plus years, am a Past Commodore and my family and I have participated in many functions and enjoyed the facilities during this entire time.

I feel that I can be of service to the Erie Yacht Club and respectfully request your vote in the coming elections.

P/C Richard J. Gorny



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BOB KUBEJA

After being a member of the Erie Yacht Club for over 28 years, I am honored by the request to run as a candidate for the Nominating Committee. I welcome the opportunity to repay the Erie Yacht Club for all the years of pleasure it has provided.

Now a look back if I may. My wife Joan (deceased) and I enjoyed many years of socializing and boating at the EYC. Our four children Mark, Paul, Peter and Jane were raised aboard our powerboat named the R-KREW. Previously the Kubeja kids took advantage of the Junior Sailing Program for a total of 14 years. Currently they are all EYC members in good standing. As a family we share an enthusiasm for boating, both power and sail, and we are proud of our 34 Carver Santego.

My involvement with the EYC has always been strong. I served on the EYC Insurance Committee as well as co-chairman with Joan for the Octoberfest celebrations.

In 1989 I had input into the paving of the road to the Club.

I have a degree in Business Administration from Gannon University and have been a self-employed Real Estate and Insurance Broker in Erie for 43 years (retired).

My years as a Club member and businessman provide the knowledge and benefits required of the Nominating Committee. Should you support my nomination, I will do my best to select strong candidates dedicated to the future success of the Erie Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Kubeja



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN

The direction of the club is determined by the regular membership through the Bridge and the Board of Directors. I believe the Nominating Committee is one of the most important committees of the club since they determine who can serve the general membership most effectively. Your vote for Nominating Committee has an overall effect on the selection of responsible candidates.

If elected, I will do my best to select candidates who have the leadership to maintain the direction of the Club. I believe we have one of the nicest yacht clubs on the Great Lakes and am proud to be a member.

To let you know a little about me:

- The Erie Yacht Club has been a part of my life for the past 17 years;
- I am a lifelong resident of Erie;
- My wife, Heidi, daughter, Courtney, and I spend many hours sailing our Catalina 27, "Irish Rover";
- Currently serving on the Reyburn Sailing School Committee;
- Occupation: Commercial Sales Manager, Dispatch Printing;
- · Active in numerous civic organizations.

Your support is appreciated, and I thank you for your vote.

Best Regards, Michael J. Sullivan

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