

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 20, 1998.

CANDIDATES

COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

PETE GORNY

VICE COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

PAT GEARY

REAR COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

DICK ROBERTSON

FLEET CAPTAIN – ELECT ONE:

STEVE BARTOSIK

JIM LOCKWOOD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECT TWO:

DOUG BREON

JOHN C. LYONS, M.D.

BERNIE PELKOWSKI

BOB OTTMAN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ELECT THREE:

DAN BYLER

TOM KARLE, JR.

DAVE FREW

MIKE MASHYNA

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 20 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:

JIM LOCKWOOD ROGER ALLENBAUGH P/C CHRIS WOLFORD

Also, Nominating Committee Members:

CHAIRMAN – JIM FINN BOB KUBEJA MIKE SULLIVAN P/C JACK BIERLEY



CANDIDATE FOR COMMODORE

PETE GORNY

The past three years have been an enjoyable learning experience for me. The maintenance building, kitchen renovation, clubhouse roof, and even the portable pumpout all provided an education. These projects would take considerably more time and money without assistance from the members. There has never been an occasion when a member has turned down my request for help. The diversity and generosity of our membership has always been, and still is our greatest strength. My thanks to all who helped either on a committee or informally.

It is an honor to be Commodore of the Erie Yacht Club. I look forward to the challenge of the position. The Bridge, Board and staff will continually work to maintain and improve our facility. For me personally, being Commodore is a way to give back something to an institution that has been a major part of my life. I was fortunate enough to grow up here, start my business career here, and even meet my wife here. Now I enjoy bringing my family to the club both to boat and spend time with friends in the clubhouse.

I welcome all questions and comments regarding the operation of the club, and I will do my best to keep us on course. Thanks for your support.

Respectfully
Pete Gorny



CANDIDATE FOR VICE COMMODORE

PATRICK GEARY

It has been another interesting year on the bridge as your Rear Commodore. I appreciate the Members' support of the house in 1998. The management and staff of the club have truly tried to give the members an enjoyable experience when dining at the club.

This year we tried to add some new activities to help make the club more member-friendly for everybody. To name a few...sunset happy hours on the deck, teen dances for our younger members and a guest speaker series covering various topics of interest to boaters.

Your input from our "Voice of the Member" survey was very positive and with that data we've changed menus and specials, as well as offer half-orders on some items.

With your vote of confidence I look forward to my next area of responsibility as your Vice Commodore on the EYC bridge. I feel that it is an honor to serve my fellow members, and as always I appreciate your compliments and especially your concerns when it comes to making the club a better place overall.

Sincerely,
Patrick Geary



CANDIDATE FOR REAR COMMODORE

DICK ROBERTSON

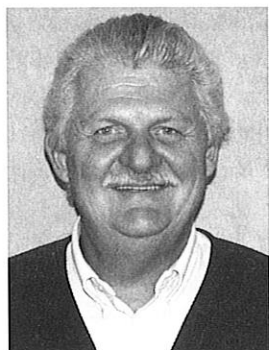
Dear Fellow Members,

It's been a glorious year! Thank you again for your support in my time as Fleet Captain. Also, a thank you to my committee members for the volunteered time and efforts. We have a great crew under Mike Lynch and Bill Vogel taking care of our club and they deserve a special thanks for work well done.

I look forward to serving as Rear Commodore and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,
Dick Robertson

CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN



STEVE BARTOSIK

In a club so full of tradition, it is a great honor to be asked to run for the position of Fleet Captain.

I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club since 1981.

During that period of time I have served on the Board of Directors as well as serving on the dock committees for a number of past commodores.

I have also served on various house committees as well as chairing the power boat committee.

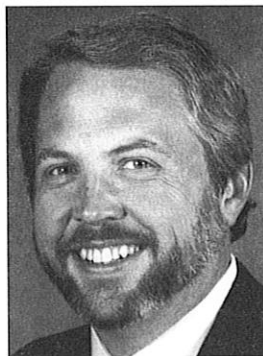
These activities have certainly given me valuable insight into the operations of the club.

For the last 12 years, my wife Karen and I have kept our boat *The SunBum* at the beginning of K dock.

When not at the boat, I am the General Manager of Presque Isle Trucking, a member of the Plastek Group.

I feel that it is the duty of our officers to maintain and nurture the fine facility and tradition we have at the Erie Yacht Club. I promise you that if you see fit to elect me to the position of Fleet Captain that I will maintain and improve the fine facility that we have grown used to and to guarantee that all members are treated fairly and equitably.

CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN



JIM LOCKWOOD

I am running for the bridge position of Fleet Captain, and for those of you that do not know me, I will try to give you a brief rundown of my Erie Yacht Club and business history.

I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club for 20 years and I am just now completing my last year of a three-year term as a Director. I own a powerboat named "Foolish Behavior," and I live aboard in the summer months.

I am the owner of Jim Lockwood Dodge and have been involved in the automobile business most of my life. I serve on several automobile-related boards including the local Auto Association, the Dodge Dealer's Advertising Association and the Pennsylvania State Automotive Association.

The Erie Yacht Club has always been a big part of my life and I am proud of how our Club has always been one of the premier clubs on the Great Lakes. Your current and previous bridge and boards, along with your club managers, have done a wonderful job of managing and protecting the financial well being of our club, and if elected, I will do my utmost to carry on those traditions that we all have come to expect



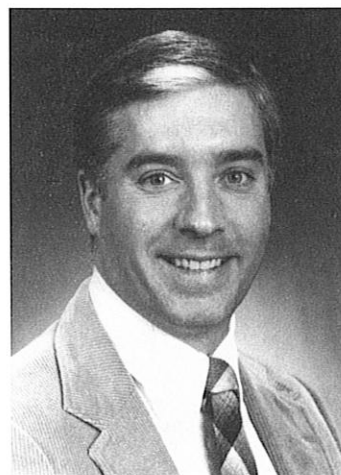
CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. DOUGLAS BREON

In the eleven years I've been associated with the Erie Yacht Club, it's become an increasingly important part of my recreational life. My wife Susan and I were born and raised in Erie, but moved away after college. When we joined EYC, we lived in Pittsburgh, but kept our boat in Erie and spent a portion of every weekend with friends and acquaintances here at the club. Since I returned to Erie nine years ago to become a partner in Professional Floor Care Systems, much of my leisure time has been at the club, including the EYC Racing Fleet, Frosty and Friday night sailing, the MS Regatta, and just hanging out with friends. I have also served on the dock and grounds committees.

It has been an exciting time at the club, as we have seen the expansion of the clubhouse and the growth of boating and other recreational programs over the years. I feel that other mandates of the members to improve the facilities and services at the club are yet to come. I would be honored to give my time and energy to help make this happen.

J. Douglas Breon



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

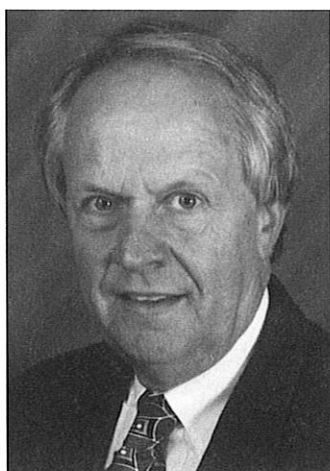
JOHN C. LYONS, M.D.

Last year, about this time, I was asked by the Nominating Committee to run for a position on the Board of Directors. I was honored by their request and consented. I do not remember how many candidates were running for two open seats, but I remember tying for second place. I lost in the run-off election at the general meeting, but I do greatly value the support that I was shown by the membership. If only I had one more vote!

Just last week I was again approached by the Nominating Committee and asked again to run for Board of Directors. Again, I consented, but I don't really want to make a habit of this...

By way of a bibliography sketch, "Ibid 1997" would probably do. I still serve as the Fleet Surgeon for the Erie Yacht Club and also the Greater Erie Boating Association. I still chair the Presque Isle Advisory Committee, and continue to serve on a number of other community organizations and partnerships including the Presque Isle Partnership, etc. I would be honored to serve on the Erie Yacht Club Board of Directors, if so chosen.

J. C. Lyons, MD, FACS, MSME



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOB OTTMAN

Fellow members,

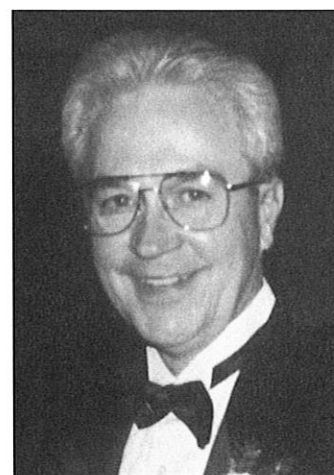
I am honored to be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors of the Erie Yacht Club and I would like the opportunity to highlight some of my background qualifications.

I came to Erie in 1983 as an executive with AMSCO and was in their employ until 1988. During the following 10 years, I spent most of my time as an independent, strategic management consultant working with local business in various capacities, including Champion Bolt on a full-time basis for 4 years. I recently accepted the position as Director of the Small Business Development Center at Gannon University. This position affords me the opportunity to work with businesses that are in diverse stages of their business life cycle.

In 1988, I purchased a 27' sailboat and enjoyed family cruising until we sold it in 1993 when my wife, Julie, had our twin boys. You have probably seen them mingling throughout the club, fully utilizing the wealth of play objects from the toy bucket. Julie has enjoyed boating at our club for the past 25 years.

In closing, I would like to make my contribution in assuring you that the club continues its efforts in providing its membership with the benefits of a first-class Lake Erie club and, in our case, a family-friendly facility. I feel that my background in marketing and long-range planning will enable me to do just that.

Thank you for your consideration.
Bob Ottman



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BERNIE PELKOWSKI

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for the opportunity to run for a position on the Board of Directors. My wife Jan and I feel very strongly that the club has given us a lot over the past 11 years. We have enjoyed the boating, dining and social activities offered by the club.

We have been power boaters for the past 30 years, but have been fortunate enough to have met many club members who have become great friends and have introduced us to the wonderful world of sailing. (M.S. races, Fall Cruises, etc.)

Our 11-year participation in the club bowling league has given us the chance to meet more members with each new season and gives us the means to keep in touch with them from year to year.

I am a lifelong resident of Erie and have been a partner and President of Hytech Tool and Design Co. for the past 13 years.

If the membership elects me, I would have the chance to put something back into the Club that has given my family some great friends and great experiences. I would sincerely appreciate your vote and the opportunity to serve the Erie Yacht Club as a member of your Board of Directors.

Thank you,
Bernie Pelkowski



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DAN BYLER

I am honored to have been asked to run for a position on the Nominating Committee. Since it has a major effect on shaping the future of our club, it is a very important committee on which to serve.

Having been a member and boat-owner for the past 22 years, and having served as co-director of social events, chairman of the Centennial Raft-up committee, worker for various committees and an EYC bowler, my family has enjoyed the many benefits of our club. Having family and junior memberships in our household, we believe in the future of our club and want to maintain its reputation as one of the finest yacht clubs on the Great Lakes. I would like our children to inherit nothing less than the quality leadership and direction which are part of the tradition of our club. I am interested in promoting candidates who would foster and uphold our high standards.

I ask for your vote and support.

Respectfully,
Dan Byler



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DAVID FREW

It is an honor to be invited to run for EYC office. Ours is one of the premier yacht clubs in North America and it would be my privilege to be associated with its ongoing operations. I have been an EYC member for almost 20 years, where I have raced and cruised our sailboat (Ashram) with my wife Mary Ann, three (now grown) children, and four grandchildren. In my professional life, I am a full professor of organizational behavior (management) at Gannon University's Graduate School of Business. In addition, I have substantial management consulting experience and an active interest in research and writing. My publications include traditional academic work in management and organization, such as journal articles and textbooks, as well as several books, articles and monographs in maritime history, waterfront economic development and the lore of Lake Erie.

David Frew



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TOM KARLE

I have been General Manager and Merchandise Manager for 18 years at Tom Karle and Son Men's Clothiers, our family business. I have been an active member of the Erie Yacht Club for 18 years. Along with my wife Pam and our three boys, Matt (13), Mike (10) and Andrew (7), I have enjoyed the club immensely. I am honored to have been chosen to run for the nominating committee. If elected, I will take this position seriously as I feel it carries great importance. It is through this committee that the Board and Bridge will be selected to lead the Erie Yacht Club into the 21st century. Familiarity with the membership is key in the nominating process and to my good fortune, I have gotten to know many members over the years.

I would appreciate your vote in November.

Tom M. Karle



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MIKE MASHYNA

It was an honor to be asked to run for the Nominating Committee this year. As I'm sure all members would agree, it is important that we choose our officers wisely. Having a Nominating Committee comprised of members with varying interests in the Club will ensure that all members are fairly represented.

I've been a member of the Erie Yacht Club since the early '80's. My wife, Char, and I have raced our boat "Outlaw" in the EYC Racing Fleet for over 10 years and were thrilled to have achieved our goal of winning Boat of the Year in 1997. This year we have enjoyed participating in the Wednesday night fun races with our two children, Clarke Kuebler, Greg Gorny and their teenage daughters. What a wonderful way to teach the next generation about sailing! When I'm not sailing, I keep busy as the owner of two picture framing stores, Beacon Gallery and U-Frame It in the Liberty Center as well as a wholesale distributorship, Pearson Moulding and Supply.

If elected to the Nominating Committee, my goal would be to work closely with the other members to seek the best candidates to run our Club.

Mike Mashyna

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