

Gavel Tidings

Delta District 19

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Continue following the life of Delta pioneer Josephine B. Korth in the second installment of her Autobiography, **“Wind Chimes in My Apple Tree”**

Real local history you can put yourself right

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The Myths and Secrets of **Alcatraz Island.**

The Federal Bureau of Land Management and the Federal Department of Corrections have finally seen fit to go public about some

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We had a great time at the Commodore’s Appreciation BBQ at Delta Marina Yacht Harbor in May. For those that missed this event you missed a lot of fun and fellowship with members of IOBG Districts 19 and 14. We had a fairly good turnout even though this was mother’s day weekend. We will not repeat this error again and have set up next year’s event the weekend after mother’s day. District Director John Anthony and I co-hosted this event again this year. We had tons of help from Lucy Anthony and my hubby Zane Clark in set up and take down. There were many hands that helped make this event a success and thank you to everyone that participated.

Next year John and I will again co-host this event and we’ve decided to change up the menu to BBQ Tri-tip and chicken. I'm going to get us

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**Auxiliary
President**

There is something remarkable and wonderful about being a member of Delta District 19 IOBGA’s auxiliary. Instead of just receiving a yearly membership card allowing you to enjoy being a “guest” at other reciprocal Yacht Clubs, or having your name on an International Organization’s list, you get to enjoy the activities and functions provided by your membership. With that said, let me relate some upcoming events headed your way. Coming this August 23rd is our annual Barbeque and Nomination meeting for officers of Delta District 19 IOBG-IOBGA. It will to be held again at the Village West Yacht Club with PC Otis Brock and PC James Mack performing their mastery on the barbeque. Adding to their lip smacking, finger licking cooking will be delicious sides provided by your organization’s Board of Directors.

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Treasurer
Mike Billington

As of July 1st, 2014 The International Order of the Blue Gavel, District 19 is in a strong financial position with all liabilities, with the exception of funds collected by the District from members for the Humanitarian Fund, paid. Traditionally, funds collected for the Humanitarian Fund are turned over to the Fund at the annual International meeting along with a contribution from the District. As of this writing the district has 165 paid members. There are still some unpaid members on the role. In order to stay on the role please pay your dues as soon as possible.

Mike Billington
Treasurer, IOBG District 19

Sorry about this edition being a few days late. New laptop, new operating system windows 8.1 (need I say more) new problems. Spent 6 hours on the phone getting Microsoft to admit a problem. Lots of practice !

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**Vice President
Sandee Clark**

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a couple of Grill Wizards so John won't have to cook everything.

He can concentrate on keeping us all in line and have the Bar as his primary function. Our goal is to have the biggest turnout we can possibly have at our next Commodore's Appreciation BBQ. So mark your 2015 calendar for May 16 and come out to have a Great meal and Fellowship with other IOBG members.

I want to thank Roger Beebe and his wife Mickey, and our Treasurer Mike Billington and his wife Diane for their great efforts in getting us together. We have worked together, enjoyed some great lunches together and most of all we've communicated what's going on for each of us in our respective duties. This has been invaluable. The most successful endeavors begin with open communication. Working with these two individuals reminds me of a team I had while I was still working. We were unbeatable. I believe this team is unbeatable too.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandee Clark, Vice President

Be a Contributing Editor

Send me something to help fill the few holes in this publication. It can be an amusing real life story, an announcement, a link to something interesting on the internet.

Don't worry about size, We can always add another page or two.

Sent it to me at:

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Thanks, Ray

**Auxiliary President
Sue Meyer**

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Look for more detailed information in future communications.

At that same event, the Auxiliary will be introducing the upcoming fundraiser the 2014 glass IOBG Delta District 19 Christmas ornament. As you are aware, part of our mission is to "promote local districts worldwide and raise funds for the Humanitarian Foundation and other charities". Several years ago it was decided that our Auxiliary chapter would raise funds to aid in the operation and maintenance of the Sacramento all-girls Sea Scout troop's Viet Nam era 95 foot all-aluminum ship. Various fund raisers have been held with and for these boating women, and their gratitude is heartfelt. This year, our 2014 Treasurer, Mickey Johnson, mentioned the idea of selling Christmas Ornaments. She was given the go ahead and has ordered a shipment of these lovely and collectable glass decorations to launch Delta District 19's fundraiser. They will be unveiled and displayed for sale at the August meeting. We know these ornaments will add luster to your own tree as well as becoming a treasured gift for friends and family.

Another event to pencil in your calendar is a field trip to the Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond. This popular local museum promises to interest many of us who lived during this time in American history. Plans include a tour of the World War II factory in our Bay Area with a box lunch picnic.

Look for more information to follow. See all of you in August. Stay well and stay thankful. Sue Meyer, President

Return to Alcatraz

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of the actual details regarding Alcatraz. Amazing story by renowned local Navel Architect, Gary Mull, first published in the April 1995 issue of Day and Delta Yachtsman

To start, I must thank Contributing Editor Bill Wells for his work in the archives and Co-Publisher Ty Mellot of Bay and Delta Yachtsman for allowing me to publish and share this article with you. They ask that I include the following: "Reprinted with permission from Recreations Publications and Bay & Delta Yachtsman from the original article appearing in April of 1995"

Perhaps you remember reading this when it was first published, I know I do and that is why we are revisiting it today. Thought provoking, interesting, entertaining and a Hoot, to say the least. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

To be able for you to enjoy the graphics and maps, it is necessary to publish copies of the original pages from the article. Be sure to read the advertisements as well. Please go to our website <iobgdelta19.org> open up the "Gavel Tiding" tab and select the "Alcatraz". tab. It is only 7 pages, but too long to send as an e-mail.

Items of Interest

Check out the "Items of Interest" Tab on our website. Get a Thrill as you speed around the Bay on a "KiteFoil" and check out the Ship on the Rocks of Lake Erie, what a sight!.

Who knows, there might even be more to look at.

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in the middle of. You know and are familiar with the places she reminisces about.

I found out about things I never knew about my Portuguese heritage. Do you know why Red Hair and Blue Eyes is not uncommon to Portuguese people? Read the book and you will find out. The second installment is now posted to our website,. Log on and enrich your knowledge of the Delta. Again, I want to thank the Korth family for allowing me to publish this and share it with you. Sadly, Kip Korth , Josephine's grandson, passed away earlier this year at a much too early age. Our condolences to his family. When in the area, please stop in and let them know how much you are enjoying Josephine's story.

Have some time on your hands, Check out these links.

<http://youtu.be/YtQdsg28mXg>

<http://youtu.be/X7VmddTs6VM>

Coming Up

August 23rd

Meyer Haven Memorial BBQ

and

Nomination of Officers

http://iobgdelta19.org/2014_MH.pdf

Membership

Editor Comments

Treasurer Mike Billington mentioned that we have 54 past members who have not renewed their membership. Many things can change our lives. Maybe , we sell the boat or quit the club, maybe buy that big Land Yacht, move or perhaps age takes it toll,. None of those are a reason to drop out of IOBG. As a Past Commodore, you can continue your membership without a boat or membership in a Yacht Club. Do not miss out on seeing your old IOBG friends, and meet new ones When you travel. Contact Mike and renew your membership today. We presently have 29 Chapters in the District. Please see column to the right for a list of Clubs and number of members.

Help!

Fellow members, I need you help! Please send me any amusing story you might have, pictures or videos that will appeal to all, or a link to anything that might be of interest to our members. I will reserve Editorial Discretion but will post all that I can. Short articles or single pictures just might be put into the Gavel Tidings. As a Boater and Past Commodore, I know you have many, many stories to share .Please help me out with this endeavor and let's have some fun with it.

Chapters

Aahmes Shrine	1
Andreas Cove YC	1
Ben Ali Shrine	2
Benicia YC	6
Bridge Marina YC	7
Caliente Isle YC	1
California Carver Club	12
Capital City YC	5
Cruiser Haven YC	1
Delta Bayliner	1
Delta Marina YC	8
Diablo YC	1
Discovery Bay YC	7
Driftwood YC	8
Ebony Boat Club	7
Emeryville YC, MYCO	1
Marina West YC	5
Martinez YC	1
Member at Large	2
Metropolitan YC	1
Ox Bow YC	10
Pittsburg YC	11
Port Stockton YC	3
Sacramento YC	8
San Joaquin YC	12
Sportsmen YC	6
Stockton YC	7
TPYC/SYC	1
Treasure Island YC	1
Village West YC	6
Weber Point YC	2

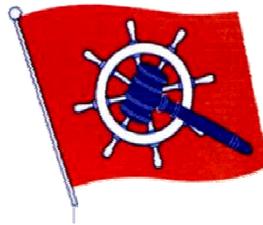
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Remaining

Calendar of Events



Date:	Event	Location
August 14-17	IOBG International Summer Meeting http://iobg.org	Charleston, South Carolina
August 23	Meyer Haven Memorial BBQ & Nomination of Officers http://iobgdelta19.org/2014_MH.pdf	Village West Yacht Club
September 20	Election of Officers Cruise-in [Details to Follow]	Pittsburg Yacht Club
October 16-19	IOBG International Change of Watch http://iobg.org	Cleveland, OH
November 1	IOBG District 14 & 19 Change of Watch and Dinner [Details to Follow]	Marina West Yacht Club