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VBYC Teddy Bears Touch Local Hearts



Dear Kitty,

The staff of Indian River Medical Center simply can't thank the Vero Beach Yacht Club enough for the 300 plus wonderful stuffed teddy bears and friends. The generosity of the club truly touched our hearts on Tuesday morning. Within minutes after your departure, Stephanie Keensley, R.N., BSN, assistant director of the Emergency Department, gave a teddy bear to each of the three pediatric patients that were in the Emergency Department. The yacht club's generous and kind spirit was felt before the proverbial dust had settled.

What a wonderful partnership in providing comfort and care to Indian River County.

Thank You!
Maureen Luther
Director, Volunteer Services

Thanks to the generosity of VBYC members and the local community, Santa's helpers the Kennedys, the Nevilles and Alice Johnson delivered over 300 Teddy Bears to the Indian River Medical Center where they were enthusiastically accepted by Maureen Luther, Director of Volunteers, and ER staff. Three of the cuddly creatures were immediately placed in the loving arms of pediatric patients in the emergency room.

Teddy Bears too large for hospital use went to Deryl Loar and the Indian River Sheriff's department for officers to give to children traumatized by family emergencies or domestic abuse.



There is nothing better than a child's smile so thanks to the ongoing support of the Shipmates and Bobbi Walker, the current "Zoo Keeper", the Teddy Bear Drive continues. Please bring your donations to the VBYC office where VBYC staff collects and cares for them.

COMMODORE'S LOG

Dear Members,

First, let me say "thank you" for your confidence in electing me Commodore for 2015. I am looking forward to working with the membership and volunteers, our Board of Directors and the VBYC staff to make this an enjoyable and pleasant year for everyone.



As you know from the Annual Meeting last month, the 2015 budget entails a modest increase in dues as well as several operating expense reduction and control measures. Together, these actions should produce a meaningful positive cash flow for the year. With the goal of long-term financial stability in mind, your Board of Directors and management team are totally committed to doing everything possible in the coming year to enhance your VBYC experience.

Please help us in this regard with your positive support and frequent use of the Club. I hope to see you there soon and often.

Sincerely,
Glenn Rose

VBYC 2015 LEADERSHIP

COMMODORE

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Barbara Ebstein, Peter Hollingworth, Janet Leh, Stuart Kennedy, James Miskel, Glendora Morris, Rey Neville, Thomas Peschio, Glenn Rose, Madesta Stevens, Donnie Young. The Board and Finance Committee will miss Don Lyons who resigned due to personal reasons. Thank you Don for your service.

SHIPMATES President:	Janet Leh	janetL3x@aol.com
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committees are staffed by volunteers and perform important Club functions, creating, implementing and managing many of the day to day activities that Club members enjoy. If you have an interest in participating in a committee, please contact the committee chairperson. All volunteers are welcome!

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PEOPLE & EVENTS

VBYC WELCOMES IN 2015

Club members started the year off with a delicious dinner, a rocking band and the best of friends! We love a good party and the New Year's Eve affair more than satisfied. The Hat Boys kept everyone on their feet and awake for the stroke of midnight and a champagne toast. Here's to a happy and healthy new year!



CELEBRITY SERIES: GEORGE BURNS* DELIGHTS THE CROWD

With his famous dry wit and droll one-liners George Burns captivated and entertained several generations of audiences. On January 15th, *Peter Selzer paid tribute to the master and delighted an audience filled with Burns' fans. Fine food, libations and friends made the evening complete.



VBYC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

ALMA PHIPPS comes to us from New York City, where she is currently taking a leave of absence from Assistant Professorship at the Parsons New School for Design. Alma, a John's Island resident, enjoys swimming and is looking forward to learning to sail, but her passion is her talent for graphic design. Sponsored by Suzanne Hyatt.



LINDA LARKIN, a Vero Beach resident for 48 years, recently moved to Live Oak Road where she is looking forward to enjoying water activities. An artist who loves to travel, she is planning on visiting FCYC member clubs near her family home in Fernandina Beach. Sponsored by Dr. Don Schultz.



WILLIAM AND JULIA EBERNHARDT come to us from Skaneateles in the lakes region of upstate New York, and are currently at the Racquet Club in Vero. Bill is President of Dining Associates, and they also own and manage the Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles. Both are committed boaters, and enjoy many outdoor and social activities. Sponsored by Mary Ann Miskel and Peter Hollingworth.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE LOOKS TO 2015

As we enter the New Year, your Membership Committee is moving forward with a renewed dedication to introducing more new members to the joys and benefits of VBYC, as well as enhancing the experience for our existing members.



Peter Hollingworth

One of our most important efforts will be encouraging all of our membership to make greater use of the club. New menus, a newer and more vibrant bar scene and greatly enhanced entertainment and activity venues should make this effort quite successful.



Stuart Kennedy

We were delighted to welcome 52 new members last year, and are confident that the combination of exciting new Club events, coupled with a solid team of Committee members led by Rear Commodore Jim Miskel and Director Stuart Kennedy as Co-Chair, we should do even better.



Jim Miskel

Kudos to all those on the Committee and friends for their stellar work last year, and best of luck to this year's Committee going forward!

—Peter Hollingworth
2015 Co-Chairs
Stuart Kennedy and Jim Miskel

NEW AT THE CLUB

In addition to a new Commodore, new BOD members, new committee chairs and a new bar, there are a wealth of new menu and activity options launching this month.

New Menus: More homestyle meals and more petite portions for lighter appetites, plus more salad options

New Wine List: Come try the new selections and pick your favorites

New Thursday Night Dining Options: Check the monthly calendar for updates

New Skippers' Table Dinners: Monthly selection of speakers on a variety of cool topics

New Book Club: Join the discussion of a new book every month and stay for lunch. E-mail Kathy Peterson Peterson1755@yahoo.com or Michele Hollingworth micheleholl@hotmail.com for more information.

PEOPLE & EVENTS

HOLIDAY CHEERS PARTY

Hosts Shawn and Kim Witmer pleased a crowd of merry -making members Christmas week with homemade goodies served up with a large portion of good cheer. The party continued late into the evening with everyone having too much fun to go home!



NEW BAR TAKES CENTER STAGE

The rumors suddenly came true in January when the new VBYC bar emerged from the plastic sheeting and became an instant hit. Offering a bright nautical look, more storage and easier service, the bar is now more user-friendly with high top tables for groups to gather and chat. Thanks to everyone for your patience during construction, and to the staff for making sure service continued smoothly. A real winner!



VBYC MEMBERS SUPPORT SAFESPACE

SafeSpace
Saving and Changing Lives



December 31, 2014

Vero Beach Yacht Club
Attn: Ms. Milley LaCanora
3602 Rio Vista Blvd.
Vero Beach, FL 32963

Thank you for recognizing the importance of domestic violence programs for victims here in the local area and for supporting SafeSpace's efforts to save and change the lives of all those who seek our services.

As the Treasure Coast area's only certified domestic violence organization, SafeSpace is dedicated to helping victims become survivors by offering safety, support, and education empowering them to create an independent life free from violence. This is achieved through such programs and services as emergency shelter, supportive living, crisis intervention, strategic safety planning, counseling and prevention. SafeSpace is an educational resource and an advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves, serving victims both in shelter and through community outreach.

On behalf of those whose lives we've saved and changed and those we still need our help, thank you for your very generous donation of holiday toys and gifts to benefit the women and children of SafeSpace. You truly are making a difference in the lives of others and we are grateful for your support.
SafeSpace is a 501(c)(3) agency and our Federal ID is # 59-1983994.

Sincerely,

Tracey Levy
Tracey Chijuan Levy
Director of Development

*Thank you all for
your continued support!*



Skippers' Dinner Table

Thursday, February 12th

Captain Allison J. Holifield, Jr.

Presents

***Tales of the Navy Sub NR-1:
F-14 Tomcat Rescue and Recovery***

Cocktails at 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:45 pm

Speaker at 8:15 pm

Salad, 3 Entrée Choices and Dessert

\$20.00++

**The Treasure Coast Jazz Society
Presents**

**Peter and Will Anderson February 7th
Bill Allred Classic Jazz Band February 28th**

Buffet Lunch@11:15 \$14.00++

Concert at 12:30

Jazz Society Members \$45.00

Non-Members \$50.00

You Won't Believe Your Ears!

**Joe Marino
&
All the Kings Men**

**Pay Tribute to Music Legends
Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino
& more**



Coming

**Wednesday,
March 12th**

Dinner and Show

Reserve Early!

FEBRUARY 2015

Reservations Always Appreciated

Lunch: Wednesday through Friday 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Brunch and Lunch: Sunday 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

Dinner: Tuesday through Saturday 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Friday Dinner: Jackets Optional Saturday Dinner: Jackets and Ties Required)

Burgee Room ~ Lounge Hours ~Tuesday through Friday 11:00 am & Saturday 4:00 pm

1 Breakfast Buffet And Lunch 10 am to 1:30 pm Super Bowl Party Tailgate Buffet Free Beer Bar Opens 4:00 pm \$10.00++	2 Club Closed	3 YOGA 10:00 am PM Bridge DINNER MENU	4 Lunch & Bridge HAPPY HOUR 4:30-6:30 DINNER MENU	5 10:00 am Yoga 1:00 pm Mah Jongg Lunch DINNER MENU Featuring STEAK NIGHT	6 Lunch & Bridge DINNER MENU Music & Dancing Bob Gaffney	7 Jazz Society Concert & Lunch Buffet DINNER MENU Music & Dancing Kent Taylor Brown
8 Breakfast Buffet And Lunch 10 am to 1:30 pm	9 Club Closed	10 YOGA 10:00 am PM Bridge DINNER MENU	11 Lunch & Bridge HAPPY HOUR 4:30-6:30 DINNER MENU	12 10:00 am Yoga 1:00 pm Mah Jongg Lunch DINNER MENU SKIPPER'S TABLE/DINNER Special Dinner Menu	13 Lunch & Bridge DINNER MENU Music & Dancing The Jacks	14 CLUB EVENT Valentines Dinner Dance Just Me 2 Band Special Dinner menu
15 Breakfast Buffet And Lunch 10 am to 1:30 pm	16 Club Closed	17 YOGA 10:00 am PM Bridge DINNER MENU	18 Lunch & Bridge HAPPY HOUR 4:30-6:30 DINNER MENU	19 10:00 am Yoga 1:00 pm Mah Jongg Dinner Menu Featuring SEAFOOD NIGHT	20 Lunch & Bridge DINNER MENU Music & Dancing Bobby Owen Band	21 DINNER MENU Music & Dancing Don Kane
22 Breakfast Buffet And Lunch 10 am to 1:30 pm	23 Club Closed	24 YOGA 10:00 am PM Bridge DINNER MENU	25 Lunch & Bridge HAPPY HOUR 4:30-6:30 CLUB EVENT NEW ODYSSEY Special Dinner	26 10:00 am Yoga 1:00 pm Mah Jongg DINNER MENU Featuring a Pasta Station Trivia Challenge	27 Lunch & Bridge DINNER MENU Music & Dancing Rick Collins Band	28 Jazz Society Concert & Lunch Buffet DINNER MENU Music & Dancing Mark Green Duo



Be sure to ask
for a free drink
during your
birthday month

SAVE THE DATE IN MARCH:

Wednesday, 12th: Joe Marino and All The King's Men
(A Tribute to Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino, Carl Perkins and more)

Saturday, 21st: Jazz Society Concert & Lunch Buffet

Saturday, 28th: Commodore's Ball



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CHECK IT OUT!

Thursday February 5th: Try one of several choice steaks @ **STEAK NIGHT***
(Select from a table-side ice cart of different cuts)

Thursday, February 12th: **Dinner for Two \$50.00** includes a libation*

Thursday, February 19th: **Seafood Night** Features A Variety of Special Appetizers and Entrees*

Thursday, February 26th: **Pasta station** with salad and dessert: \$18.00*

* Plus regular dinner menu



FEBRUARY CAN'T MISS EVENTS

Shipmates Present

Valentine's Day Dance Party

Saturday, February 14th



Music by
Just Me 2

Special Menu

\$30.00++

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Wednesday, February 25th

Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm Show at 8:15 pm

\$45.00++