

GAVEL TIDINGS

IOBG District 19

August 2009

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Calendar - 2009

IOBG Auxiliary meetings start 30 minutes before A.M. **IOBG** meetings and one hour before P.M. **IOBG** meetings.

Feb. 22	Gen Mtg. Induction of New Members Winter Uniform	Pittsburg YC	1400 hrs.	
March 29	Bd/ Delegates Meeting Winter Uniform	Driftwood YC	1000 hrs.	
May 15-17	Cruise-out Meetings on 16th Casual Dress	Stockton YC	1500 hrs.	
June 5-8	Rose Festival	Portland, Oregon		
June 27	BBQ	Herman Meyer's Ranch/Gnekow		
July 26	Gen Mtg./Nominations Member Appreciation Summer Whites	Wind Mill Cove	1400 hrs.	
Aug 15	Maine Lobster Dinner	2010 Convention Fund Raiser Driftwood YC	1700 hrs.	
Aug. 20-22	IOBG Reg. Mtg.	Douglas, Michigan		
Sept. 20	Gen Mtg./Elections	Martinez YC	1000 hrs.	
Oct. 17	Change of Watch Formal Dress	Village West YC	1800 hrs.	
Oct. 22-24	IOBG Annual Mtg.	Orlando, Florida		

President's Report



Welcome to Summer. Let me bring you some news about our activities in District 19.

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The wine tour and barbecue on June 28th hosted by Vice President Herman Meyer and Auxiliary President Sue Meyer, was an unforgettable day and not just because it was the hottest day of the year so far. The private winery tour and tasting at Gnekow Winery was delightfully low-key. Many of us left there with some great new wines. Then it was on to the Meyers' ranch. Wow! From the busy blender at one end of the pool to picnic tables clustered in the refreshing shade at the other, everything was set up to ensure a great time was had by all. The steaks were fabulous. So were the salads. Few people had room left for the array of pies assembled for dessert. I counted over 40 people there including our hosts and some Meyer children and grandchildren who helped with the day. Tremendous thanks to Sue and Herman for opening their home and providing us with such a wonderful day. They donated all the food – another huge thank you to them – so that the money collected could go totally to the 2010 Convention Fund. This event raised \$710 toward that effort.

On Sunday, July 26th, we will have the annual Member Appreciation barbecue at Windmill Cove. Cheeseburgers with all the trimmings will be free to IOBG and IOBGA members after the regular meeting "sign in fee" of \$5.00 per person. I hope the Auxiliary members will be willing to pay that sign in fee this time because all those proceeds will go to the Convention Fund. This event is still in the future as I write this so there will be more news later.

Fresh Maine Lobster: The biggest fund raiser – and most unusual dinner of the year – will occur on Saturday, August 15th at Driftwood Yacht Club. What a special treat that will be. Thanks to John and Lucy Anthony for planning this. Your reservations are needed soon because there will be a limit of 200 people served. In keeping with this kind of event there will be seating both inside and outside the club. All proceeds will go to the 2010 Convention Fund for our own Vern Bendsen's inauguration as President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Plan to come to the lobster dinner. Bring friends! All the details are included in this issue of Gavel Tidings.

On the subject of the Gavel Tidings: Nancy Oswald has done yeoman duty producing this wonderful newsletter for the last several years. I know I speak for everyone when I say "Thank you" to her for making this one of the best newsletters in Blue Gavel. The time has come, however, for her to pass this project to new editors for the future. If you would be interested in being the new editor, please contact Nancy or me as soon as possible. If, on the other hand, you would like to recommend someone else for this role, please contact us with that information instead. We need one or more great volunteers.

At this mid-point in the year, I find myself reflecting on this organization of past commodores, on yacht clubs we have served in the past and our pledge as members of Blue Gavel to continue to support our clubs and this organization. Many social organizations including our boating organizations are

struggling just to sustain themselves, much less grow, in these changing times. Certainly the economy is having a current effect: Families need 2 wage earners; Higher education costs more than many of our boats; and, The future seems unpredictable. All this as our organizations struggle to be relevant in a world that increasingly communicates electronically rather than by bringing people together. Ours is a relationship business. We thrive on friendship and celebrating common interests. We think membership is worthwhile when can sit and remember the good times past and when we can jump in with renewed energy to work on an important new project. So while all the activities are going on with your yacht club this summer, please be there when you can. And please make time, too, to come and join your friends in Blue Gavel. If we haven't seen you recently, you have been missed!

Please enjoy a happy and safe summer.



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Director's Report

District 19

The meeting in Portland went very well. All measures passed unanimously. Also, it was decided that the overall bylaws need to be cleaned up so the International would like each District to read at least three sections of the bylaws at each meeting and pass any suggestions on to the bylaws committee. The vote count on each proposition was as follows:

Proposition 1—Code of Conduct	Yes 45	No 9
Proposition 2---Alternate Director	Yes 50	No 4
Proposition 3 Duties of Area VP	Yes 54	No 0
Proposition 4---District Vote Allocation: Vote for only one of the following options,		
Option A- Maintain in the current formula		7
Option B- District 8's proposal: One vote for each additional 50 members		2
Option C- Paid members in increments of 50 or any part thereof		4
Option D- Paid members in increments of 25 or any part thereof		41

Our next meet is the summer meeting in Douglas Michigan in August, consult the International Web page for dates and times.





IOBGA President's Report

It is with great pleasure that I announce the dedication of \$1000.00 in grant money to the chosen charity of District 19 IOBGA. At the June regional of IOBG in Portland, Oregon, the HFIOBG's board approved the grant application for the Sacramento all girls sea scout troop. For the past three years, this troop has been the focus of fund raising efforts of the District 19 auxiliary. The generous donation will be added to the monies already set aside for this worthy group. As you boaters can imagine, the grant will find many uses. The girls restore, maintain, and operate a Viet Nam era 95 foot all-aluminum PT cruiser. They are involved with competitions and regattas against other scout troop from Sacramento and the Delta as well as the bay area. Probably the most important use of this money from our humanitarian foundation will be toward the funding of scholarships for future education for some of these girls. Our District 19 auxiliary is thrilled by this decision to support these young women in their love of boating.

Our next focus for our auxiliary will be to help in raising finances for the October, 2010 inauguration of Vern Bendsen to be our president of the IOBG. Already, three events have been planned for the purpose of raising monies this summer. I am gratified by the efforts of my auxiliary and look forward with them to enjoying your company as we share Vern's celebration in the beautiful bay area.

Here are some of the Sacramento sea scouts aboard their ship, the Liberty anchored at Mandeville during this fourth of July. This is the group that our District 19 IOBGA has been financially supporting. They will be represented at the Windmill Cove meeting of IOBG this July 26th. Come meet and greet this wonderful group.



IOBGA



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While providing guidance, support, and camaraderie, the mission of the International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary is to promote local districts world wide and raise funds for the Humanitarian Foundation and other charities.

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