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"Christmas comes but once a year" SKPS'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 3rd, was a wonderful evening of great food (Chef Lasky and Kathy), festive decorations (thanks again, Jeanette), joyous conversation with good friends, and a cheery and spirited "Chinese Auction" (thanks Martin and Ina - featuring an ice-scrapper, a Santa wine holder, glasses, and the fermented juice of the grape, together with some fancy chocolates). Vingie, you did GREAT!

The good turnout of Storm King members was greatly enhanced with the attendance of our District 2 Commander, Lacey Williams and his "better half" Janet, The District Admin Officer, Howard Sklar, Past Commander (and long time SKPS Associate Member) Virginia Moore, P/D/C Suzanne Nentwich who brought our good friend, the suave and debonair Eddie, the always irrepressible (but, ebullient) Stf/C Susan Darcy, and lots more great CYC friends. It was an evening of "good cheer and merriment!"

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"My Watch"

by P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP With the sudden loss of Nat Sobelman, 2011 has been a difficult year for the Storm King Power Squadron. The quick transition went relatively smoothly due to a great many of our Squadron members. As usual, Wayne Garnsey was always there when we needed him. Bob Trenz agreed to be our Educational Office and is doing a magnificent job. Vingie Genco has always been there when I needed something done and has agreed to be our Secretary now that Bob Trenz has resigned in order to be our Educational Officer.

I know that I might be prejudice, but our holiday party this year was one of the best we have ever had. We were honored to





have District Commander Lacey
Williams and his wife Janet and our
District Administrator, Howard Sklar,
as our guests. As usual Bill and Kathy
provided a magnificent dinner.
Jeanette Sangervasio, with the help of
Helene Staglinano and Alexandra
Digilio were there again to set up
make sure everything went well.

This month we will be giving the *Engine Maintenance* and the *Marine Electronic Systems* courses. If you are interested, please let Bob Trenz (bona@verizon.net) or 845.562.9032 this week to let him know you want to take one of the courses. We will also be looking for instructors and proctors

for the *ABC3* boating course that will be given on 10 March 2012 at the 84 Diner in Fishkill.

Don't forget our annual trip to the Atlantic City Boat Show on 4 February. Please let Pete Skorewicz 845.440.3174 (videoventures65@optonline.net), if you are interested.

The Storm King Bridge will continue to provide interesting programs in the coming year. At our January meeting, we will be conducting the election of our future officers and Wayne will be completing the Operations Training Course. The February meeting will bring Ed Weber, a member of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron, who will give a presentation on the restoration of the Esopus Lighthouse.

As we head into another difficult economic year, Alexandra and I hope that all of you will have a very happy and most importantly healthy year.

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January Meeting

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

January 11th is Storm King's Annual Meeting which includes the election of the 2012 Officers and Committees, adoption of the Annual Budget, and general reports. Following the business portion of the Annual Meeting, the fourth and final part of the Operations Training Program will be presented. The "take home" Module will be reviewed and the last Module concerning Squadron education, skill training, and staffing will be presented. It is hoped that some of those who complete the program will volunteer for the many Squadron Jobs listed in another section of this newsletter. Thanks to all those who are participating!

Atlantic City Boat Show Bus Trip 2012

by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr., P

Saturday February 4, 2012 will mark the SKPS annual trip to Atlantic City. This is also the weekend of the Atlantic City Boat Show at the Convention Center. The bus will leave Newburgh Mall at 9:00am and head to Trump Castle Casino which is about 5-6 blocks from the Convention Center. we will leave Atlantic City at approx 6:30pm to return home, cost of the trip is \$35.00 per per-



son. As always seats are reserved through me on a first come first serve basis. Our trip is open to SKPS members, CYC, Newburgh & Marlboro members as well. Of course family and friends of members are always welcome. Please contact me ASAP with your reservation so I can have the proper count for the bus company. In years past we have received between \$15-\$20 dollars back from the casinos. Call me at 845-440-3174 or E-mail me at videoventures65@optonline.net.

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Nominations for 2012

by P/C Anthony Tucci, P

The Storm King Nominations Committee is very happy to announce that we have a full slate of volunteers for 2012. The form! Nominations Report will be presented (to be voted upon) at the Annual Meeting in January. The nominees:

Commander: Lt/C John Ledwith, IV

Executive Officer: Lt/C John (Jack) Thomas, Jr., P Administrative Officer: Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr., Educational Officer: Lt/C Robert Trenz P Asst. Educational Officer: 1st/Lt Corey Gower, P

Secretary: Lt/C Vengie Genco Treasurer: Lt/C Alexandra Digilio, P

2011 SKPS Bridge, Committees, & Officers

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Scholarship Fund Trustees:

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SKPS - 2012 CALENDAR (TENTATIVE / EVENT DATES TO BE ADDED)

Note: Dates subject to change. Watch for Meeting Announcements and Email Bulletins.

2012...Year of the Dragon 01 Jan, Sat ... New Year's Day 04 Jan, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting 11 Jan, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Annual Meeting 16 Jan, Mon . . Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 01 Feb, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting 02 Feb, Thu . . .Groundhog Day 08 Feb, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting 12 Feb, Sun . . Abe Lincoln's Birthday 14 Feb, Tue . . . Valentines's Day 20 Feb, Mon . . Presidents's Day 22 Feb, Wed . . Geo Washington's Birthday 07 Mar, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting 10 Mar, Sat . . .8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ABC3 at 84 Diner 11 Mar, Sun . . . Daylight Savings (set clock ahead 1 hour) 14 Mar, Wed . . . 7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting 17 Mar, Sat . . . St. Patrick's Day 01 Apr, Sun . . . April Fool's Day 04 Apr, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting 07 Apr, Sat ...Passover (begins at sunset) 08 Apr, Sun ...Easter 11 Apr, Wed . . . 7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting 16 Apr, Mon . . . Tax Day 22 Apr, Sun . . . Earth Day 02 May, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting 05 May, Sat . . . Cinco de Mayo 09 May, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS GM Auction 13 May, Sun . .Mother's Day 28 May, Mon . .Memorial Day 29 May, Tue . .John F. Kennedy's Birthday

06 Jun, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

09 Jun, Sat . . .18:00 AM - 5:00 PM ABC3 at 84 Diner (tentative) 13 Jun, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS GM Picnic

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14 Jun, Thu . . . Flag Day
17 Jun, Sun . . . Father's Day
04 Jul, Wed . . . Independence Day
11 Jul, Wed . . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
01 Aug, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
03 Sep, Mon . . Labor Day
05 Sep, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
12 Sep, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
16 Sep, Sun . .Rosh Hashana (begins at sunset) 25 Sep, Tue . .Yom Kippur (begins at sunset)
03 Oct, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
08 Oct, Mon . . Columbus Day
10 Oct, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting 31 Oct, Wed . .Halloween
04 Nov, Sun . . . Daylight Savings (set clock back 1 hour)
07 Nov, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
14 Nov, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
12 Nov, Mon . . Veteran's Day
13 Nov, Tue . . . Election Day
22 Nov, Thu . . . Thanksgiving
01 Dec, Sat . . .6:00 PM - SKPS Holiday Dinner Party (tentative)
05 Dec, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
08 Dec, Sat . . . Chanukah (begins at sunset)
12 Dec, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
25 Dec, Tue . . Christmas 31 Dec, Mon . . New Year's Eve
2013...Year of the Snake
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01 Jan, Tue . . . New Year's Day 2013

02 Jan, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

09 Jan, Wed . .7:00 PM - SKPS Annual Meeting 21 Jan, Mon . .Martin Luther King, Jr. Day







Storm King Power Squadron's Royal Holiday Party

Photos from Manny





















SKPS wishes you & your family

Merry Christmas Happy Hanukkah

Very Happy New Year 2012





























These are the elected positions, but there are many more jobs that need volunteers, such as:

Newsletter Editor: Historian: Flag Lieutenant: Law Officer: Property Officer: Safety Officer:

Legislative Officer: Public Relations Officer: Radio, Technical Chair: Boating Activities Chair: USCGAux Liaison: Operations Training Chair: Communications Com: Refreshment Com: Membership Com: Finance Advisory Com:

Boating Class Chair: Electives Chair:

Instructor Develop Chair: Advanced Grades Chair: **Boat Show Chair:** Co-op Charting Chair: Port Captain: Educational Fund Chair:

Councils & Confs Chair:

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SKPS Educational Scholarship Program

by Lt Florence Thomas, P

The SKPS Scholarship Committee is giving out applications for scholarships awarded to family of SKPS members. Eligibility includes the following:

- age 16 or older
- acceptance at college, trade school or other accredited institution
- good academic record
- involvement at school related or community service
- demonstration of good character
- letter of recommendation from a school official or from a Bridge Officer
- completion of SKPS Scholarship Application



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Applications must be complete and submitted to the committee by May 1, 2012. SKPS members who have a relative who is eligible can receive applications by sending your name and address (of the SKPS member) to Florence Thomas at JohnT12586@AOL.COM, or 40 Noelle Drive, Walden, N.Y. 12586.

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Education

For SEO - Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP

Things are really moving fast in our Education Department. The changes to our Department were approved by the District Educational Officer and our Executive Committee made the changes official at our November Executive Committee meeting. Bob is now the SEO and Corey is back to his Asst. SEO position. With the help of Wayne's instruction, Storm King now has more than two dozen initial and re-cert instructors. Keep the 10 March date open for assisting at the 84 Diner for our early spring ABC3 Course. See Commander Feldberg's article for more information.

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