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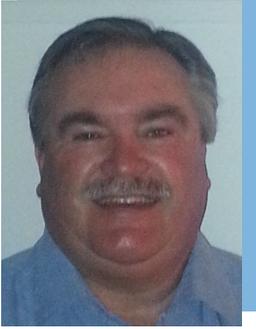


**CHECK THE  
CLUB  
CALENDAR**

**FOR  
IMPORTANT  
EVENTS**

Photo above: Lighthouse on Lake Hefner by Gary Henry (used with permission)

## COMMODORE'S REPORT



Interesting situation that we find ourselves in: we have a very full lake at this juncture here in February, we are not sitting around praying for the spring rains to come, and in fact at this point it most likely scares us, from a stand point that we might actually start out the season in a flood status. One would think that everything is great! But it is not. We find ourselves at the end of the road with our current dues structure in place. We simply have too many deferred maintenance items to attend to and all the free work parties in the world will not bring free supplies to facilitate them. It has been now over six years since our last dues increase. That took us to the current level of \$800 that we are at now. But the more interesting point that I keep trying to make is that we really only have \$600 of that \$800 to operate the Club on, because \$200 of that \$800 goes into the Capital savings account. The immediate argument for those who do not want a dues increase always seems to be "just take it out of capital. What is capital really for anyway?" It is an interesting thought, but what do we do about that sea wall that is falling down, and any new improvements that we want to make. I find it funny how anyone who does not want to pay more or simply does not see the need to pay more can always arm chair our finances perfectly. But yet they are never the people who stand up in September when the nominating committee comes calling to offer up that incredible insight that they have into what is wrong with the club. They are often too busy to help actually run the club, and can only criticize those who are trying. After all, it is 100% volunteer time we are dealing with.

Last year an unsuccessful dues increase was defeated by 2 votes. Yes, two votes. I can think of a lot of people who have since told me that they wished they would have been there to cast their vote. The number one reason for the defeat was vocalized as "simply not a need," "no evidence that we need it," even after our then-Commodore, Terry Parker, had already cut out over \$13,000 of last year's budget. Over \$10,000, out of operating, and \$3,000 just in the Roster alone. But yet here we are back to my original point. Please look around: we are driving in mud laden areas, we need gravel to fix that; dock boards are falling off the docks; foam needs to be replaced; we have porch columns to be replaced; the club house needs new caulking and painting; we need to fix the windows in the club house that are broken and won't stay open and since we have no A/C, we have to keep them open in the summer months; we have deck boards that are in need of repair; we have a yard hoist starting to fail; we have maintenance to do on both of the main hoists; the west hoist has controller issues, we recently had to buy a whole new chain due to a member breaking the existing one. Again, all the free labor work parties will not buy any of the supplies needed to make all of this happen.

In putting together the budget, I found this to be very difficult because we simply did not have the funds available to make every category work out. I took this to the Board of Governors, and we made the hard decision that the preservation of the Club House and Grounds will come first, and because we are a racing club, the sailing/racing program would come second, and entertainment would be last, in that order. These are hard decisions, but it seems to be the direction that everybody wants to move in. We all have personal lives and I am sure that each of us has had nothing but rate increases from the utility companies over these last years. Well, OCBC is no different than you, we have had the constant same increases, and no increase in income to

compensate for that. It has been slowly chipping away at our budget. Another aspect that is slowly cropping up at us is the “dues frozen at age 65.” This, while a nice bonus to have for some, and I am not saying they don’t deserve it, has really become a dues and budget nightmare as well. Take for example if we lived in a perfect world and we had the club full at 200 members. It would be nice to do simple math and just say, ok  $200 \times \$600 = 120,00$  for operating, and  $200 \times \$200 = 40,000$  for capital. Nice and easy right? Well not really. Let’s look at the reality of it. If you take 200 members and take away all of the over-65-dues-frozen category, and let’s say that they equal 34 members who are not obligated to any dues increase or assessment. Now let’s look at the numbers,  $200 - 34 = 166$   $166 \times$  say a  $\$100.00$  assessment is now only  $\$16,600$ , If you raise the dues, then the same issue applies. We have members in this category whose frozen dues amounts range from  $\$350$  dollars a year all the way up to the current  $\$800.00$  As the Boat Club has aged and grayed a little, this has been becoming increasingly a budgetary issue. Plus it is really hard to keep the math simple. Again, I am not picking on these people, they deserve this consideration, I am simply pointing out the simple mathematics of it all.



Don't forget to attend the Lighthouse Charity Regatta meeting on the third Thursday of every month at 1930



## Mardi Gras

The celebration of Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 13 at 6:30 pm. Bring your best masks and costumes for the Fat Tuesday custom of overturning social conventions, dancing, sports competitions, parades, debauchery; Okay just a normal day at the Boat Club but with great food and drink!  $\$8.00$  but kids under 12 are half price!

Join us at the ball and celebration of Mardi Gras.



## Vice Commodore's Report

Billy Pratt

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On Thursday 1/21/16, we had the first meeting for this year of the Planning Committee. Approximately 10 people attended. I advised everyone there that I wanted to look at long range planning a little differently this year. I asked everyone where they wanted to see OCBC in 5 years or even further down the road. These forecasts could include specific capital projects or combinations of projects they would like to see done. I plan on having a planning meeting every third Thursday at 1830. This will allow time to have the meeting and everyone who desires to can attend the Lighthouse Charity Regatta meeting that will occur every third Thursday at 1930. Please plan (pun intended) on attending both meetings. While I encourage any and every one to attend, I do need a couple of people to actually serve on the committee with me. If you are interested, please let me know. I promise the tasks won't be too demanding.

I do hope that with the wonderful weather we have been having everyone has had a chance to get out on the water.

We all know that OCBC is a sweat equity club and members have always been willing to step up when things needed to be done. We have a great membership in that regard. However, even sweat equity projects need funds for materials, etc. As the facility ages, projects and repairs once deemed deferrable will become mandatory. Members should expect that their flag officers will explore all options concerning funding of repairs and improvements and will present them to the membership. The other side of that coin is that the membership should consider all the options and chose the one best applicable. I have confidence we will do that.

I hope everyone will have a great Valentine's day and will treat your special loved one.

### I MADE A MISTAKE

In Last month's issue I thanked Kelly Cole for doing the face painting at the kids Christmas party. I was mistaken. Casey Barnett did the face painting. I apologize to Casey for getting that wrong.



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## Rear Commodore's Report

We Still Have Water!!! That also means that there will be an increased amount of traffic and wear and tear on the club. With that being said, there is still a lot that needs to be done to club and grounds before the sailing season gets underway. The following are just a few items and these are in no particular order. Styrofoam replacement under the west ends of the docks (which we have already acquired), dock boards replacement, fascia boards on the docks need replaced, safety ladders for the docks (insurance requirement), the pillars that support the porch roof need replaced, more gravel, the century ice machine is not working and needs repaired, the mast hoist pole needs to be replaced, the A-frame yard hoist motor is not working and needs repaired, the BBQ/smoker needs rebuilt/repaired...the list goes on and on.

### Maintenance Items, Changes, and/or Improvements:

I know it sounds like a broken record, but the new Dry and Wet slip maps are almost complete. Again, many thanks to Tony Fuller and Jay Collins for helping with the project. Another test printing, primarily to prove legibility, has been placed on the table in front of the trophy case. Again, when finished they will be posted by the kegerator.

In an effort to save money, motion activated light switches have been installed in the hallway and the restrooms. The switches can be manually turned on as well. Once turned on manually, the hallway light switch will revert back to automatic and shut off after 15 min and the bathrooms 30 min.

Again in an effort to save money, twist timer light switches have been installed in the locker shed with a maximum time of 30 mins. Eventually timer switches will be installed in all sheds. Items being left on have been every Rear Commodore's nightmare. Having these types of switches installed on/for various items around the club will lower future maintenance costs and save electricity.

Flooring Tile – The "Floor Elves" (they asked to remain anonymous) have repaired the floor and replaced the tiles in several areas in the club house. Thank you Floor Elves!

The card laminating machine has been fixed thanks to Mr. Deal Bowman. The laminating machine and plastic laminating cards will be set out at each meeting for everyone to laminate their club cards.

Mr. Dwight Bays has been kind enough to replace the UPS for the boat club's weather station. It has been out for the past several months.

An anonymous donor has replaced the beer tap handles. The handles have a small chalk board on them to write the flavor of beer...hm...neat idea...wish I thought of that.

The south dry slip road. Yes, I know it still needs work. It is a work in progress. Unfortunately the tractor being used began to overheat so the road work could not be completed. Arrangements are being made for another tractor.

Other items are in the works. Keep your eye on the YeLogge for future maintenance items, changes and/or improvements to the boat club and facilities.

AGAIN as stated in the last YeLogge, I need a copy of everyone's insurance verification. To date, we are now up to about **30%** of the total count. Again, I am asking the membership to submit a copy of their insurance declaration page. Delivery can be done by either a hard copy in the slot in the office door or an electronic copy emailed to me at [stan.nieves@gmail.com](mailto:stan.nieves@gmail.com).

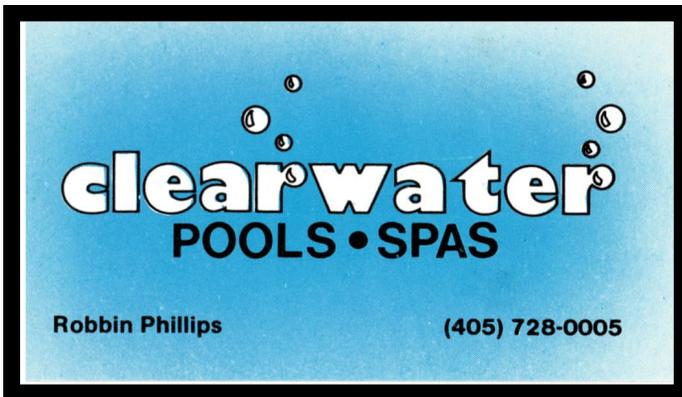
Last but not least, the member of the month is Mr. Scott Brown. Scott installed all of the motion activated light switch and timer switches. Thank you Scott. Thank you for your service to our club.

That is all for now...

Stan Nieves

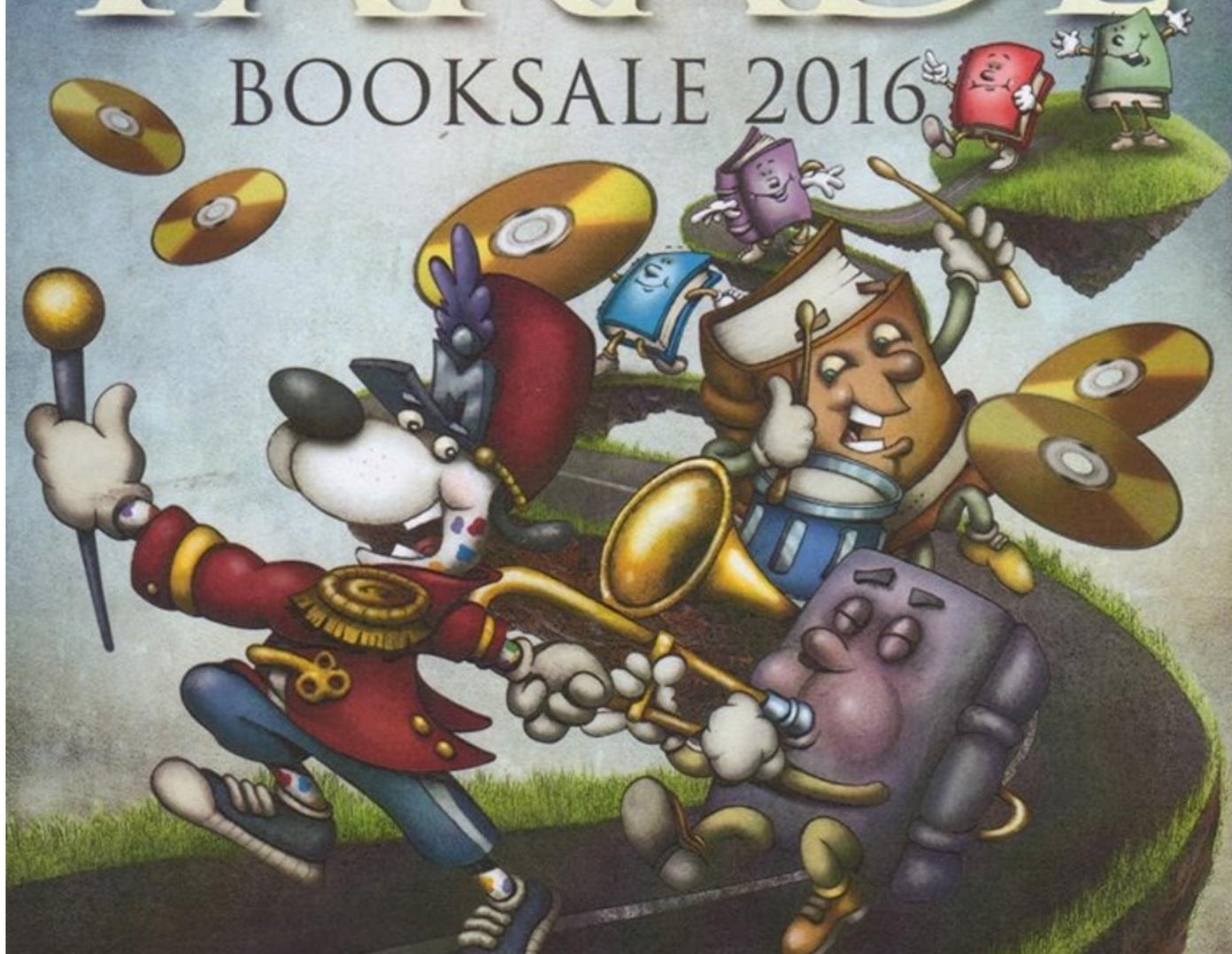
Rear Commodore

**PS...Now is an excellent time to Mow Your Slips and Put Your Names on Your Trailers!!!**



# BOOKS ON PARADE

BOOKSALE 2016



## *Friends of the Library Book Sale*

*Feb 20th and 21st*

*Member Presale - Friday night Feb. 19th*

## *There's Still Time to Volunteer at the Booksale!*

Join almost 1,000 library-loving volunteers who work as cashiers, customer service helpers, book stockers, and the all-important move-in and move-out crew at BOOKSALE 2016. All volunteers 14-years-old to 140-years-old are welcome! There are over [100 jobs](#) to choose from between February 14 and February 22. Check out [www.supportmls.org/friends](http://www.supportmls.org/friends) to see job descriptions and reserve your spot.

As a [volunteer](#), you'll get to SHOP EARLY ON THURSDAY NIGHT, you'll be able to TAKE AS MANY FREE BOOKS AS YOU WANT as soon as the sale closes on Sunday night, and you'll meet a bunch of great book-loving Oklahomans who support the Friends of the Library and our fantastic Metropolitan Library System!

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## *Free Books for Nonprofits + Schools*

If you know of a nonprofit organization or school that could use tons of FREE BOOKS, email the organization's name to [friends@metrolibrary.org](mailto:friends@metrolibrary.org) and let us know they'd like to be included on the non-profit list for FREE SHOPPING at the end of this year's sale.

The Friends of the Library always have a large number of great books left over after the sale, and we invite any nonprofits and schools to take AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF FREE BOOKS as soon as the sale closes on Sunday, February 21 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. We love to find good homes for all of our books at the end of the big sale weekend!

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## *About the Booksale*

BOOKSALE 2016 will feature over 700,000 items for sale at rock-bottom prices. Items include hardbacks and paperbacks in every genre you can imagine, along with videos, DVDs, audio-books, CDs, and more. Most items sell for \$1.00 or less, while our "Collector's Choice" room features great bargains on a wide variety of special books. All proceeds benefit our great Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County

# Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

7 May  
6:30 p.m.  
Con La  
Comida  
Mexicana



Hosted by Rosa Walters  
Barbara Kendall  
Ginny Green  
Peggy Scharon  
Becky Drennen  
Pam Angle  
Barbara Brinker



## & Caribbean Punch

## ***THE TRADING PAGE***

**For Sale:** 1988 Capri 22 winged keel, 4hp Nissan four stroke, tandem axle shop built trailer, 2 sets of sails, battery, radio/cd player. Running and standing rigging in good condition. CDI roller furling. Needs a coat of bottom paint. \$5,500. Call Vick Colbert (405) 324-6866, vick@olvick.com<sup>6</sup>

**For Sale :** 1976 Ranger 29. Gary Mull design. "Red Boat" Includes main, 3 jibs, spinnaker and pole, atomic four engine on way over built trailer with 15 support posts. Contact Billy Pratt at 405-706-4941

*Items on the Trading Page will run for three issues. To continue publishing your ad for an additional three issues, or if your item sells, please notify Billy Pratt , Editor.*

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**If you see something .....**

**say something!**



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I also solicit constructive suggestions of things you would like to see or change.

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