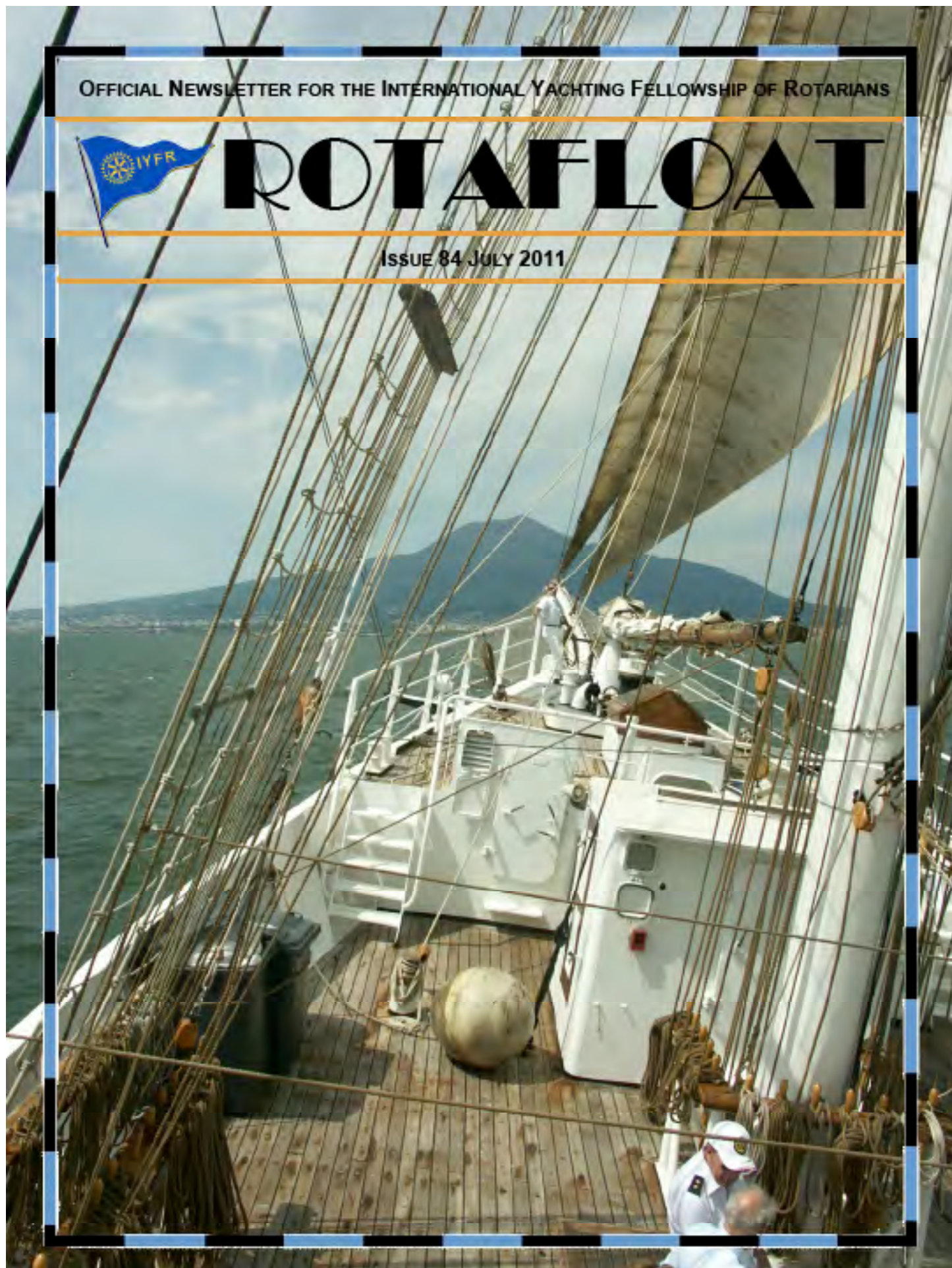


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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

For those of you who joined us at the Annual General Meeting this past May in New Orleans I offer my apologies for you will have heard some of this in my acceptance speech as our latest International Commodore at that event. Since we, the AGM attendees are a minority of our Fellowship, I ask your indulgence for I want to start my term and this column for our first Rotafloat in much the same way.

I am honored and humbled by the fact that this organization has chosen me to lead them for the next two years. The chain of office that is presented to our international officers is much heavier than it looks when assuming this position and I hope, with all of your assistance, to make the coming two years meaningful and successful for our Fellowship.

As I start my term of office I want to specifically thank a few people. I will start with Past International Commodore Joe Phillips. Joe was International Commodore in 1999-2001 and unfortunately passed away shortly after the Chicago Convention in 2005. He is a familiar name to many of you because of his enthusiastic promotion of our group. He was the first Fellowship International Officer I ever met when he came to the San Francisco area and, being new to Rotary, heard about a Rotary boating group. I still remember going to the St. Francis Yacht Club to find out what this was all about. I loved sailing on San Francisco Bay and wanted to see how that worked with Rotary. I jokingly now say, it was about fishing! Joe was fishing for volunteers to restart the San Francisco Fleet and somehow, I'm still not sure quite how, I walked out of that meeting being the San Francisco Fleet Vice Commodore. I didn't have the foggiest what that entailed. But I was hooked.

The next individual I want to mention showed me what fellowship in a Fellowship is all about. It was my first foray into the world of International Rotary when I went to the convention in Brisbane Australia. I had visited Sydney once, as a Boy Scout leader and I had always wanted to go back

there with my wife, rather than 40 boys. This was my opportunity and being a boater I wanted to get out on that great harbor. So I figured, good time to see if this Fellowship is what it says it is and I contacted Ray Wilson, my fleet counterpart there... cold turkey. He didn't know me; I certainly didn't know him beyond a name on a roster. I wrote him a letter asking if he



could arrange for us to get out on a boat for a couple of hours; he wrote back that he would love to take us out on his boat. So, sure enough we land in Sydney and Ray comes, picks us up and takes us out not for a few hours but for a full day. Tour of the harbor, high tea off the zoo, dinner on the fantail anchored in Quarantine Bay with a waterfall just meters off the stern. And until that morning when he came to our hotel we were complete strangers. But that is what he taught me about this organization. We are never really strangers; just friends we have yet to meet. Since then I have encountered friend after friend around the world... too many to name and I would be reluctant to try for fear of forgetting even one of them.

Lastly I want to thank my wife, Bev, the lady who shares my picture at the top of this column. Truth be known, she is what we describe as a white knuckle sailor. She really isn't that keen on what she refers to as "those tilty things". But she puts

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Commordore's Message Continued

up with them and with me and has been my lifelong encouragement and assistant for all that I have done... including becoming International Commodore.

Joe Phillips used to say that IYFR was all about "Fun, fun, fun on the water" and I couldn't agree more. But I want to expand upon that a bit. One of the reasons I joined Rotary was to help my community and the world and Rotary seemed like the perfect tool for that. Fun for me takes many paths, sailing on the bay, working on a Rotary "hands on" project, visiting friends around the world, going on a Rotary service mission. They all fall within the definition of what, for me, is fun. And that is what makes our organization so attractive to me, and I hope to you. Each of us, in our own way can define what it is we want

to get out of it. For some it will be the camaraderie, the cruising and events where we come together and the joy of simply being on the water somewhere. For others it will be the Rotary service that we pledge ourselves to when we join Rotary and IYFR. For

others, and I hope the majority of us, it will be a balanced combination of the two. Our grants program, establish just last year, is designed not only to support

Rotary and boating projects but to encourage our members to become involved. If you and your fleet haven't yet had the opportunity to participate in that program I certainly encourage you to apply, and if accepted become involved in a Rotary/IYFR project and discover the fun that Rotary service, when combined with IYFR fun on the water can be all about. That is certainly the path I chose for myself but I respect each and every one of our definitions of IYFR fun. As the leader of our Fellowship I will take both pride and enjoyment as you all go about enjoying our program whether it is purely social or Rotary service. We can and should do it all, the only limitation is our imagination.

So, grab your boat, if you have one, grab your friends and let's go have some Fun! I'm looking forward to a great two years and I hope that the majority of you will

be part of it in one way or another. And don't forget... get to know some of your IYFR friends you haven't yet met!



Chilian Esmeralda enters
San Francisco Bay

Some of you may be wondering why there is a picture of the Chilean training ship Esmeralda associated with the commodores column. It's a simple enough explanation. This training ship is currently sailing the Pacific area and recently stopped in San Francisco for a four day visit. The San Francisco fleet hosted a number of the cadets off the ship when they visited Sausalito, a local community that is a Sister City to Vina del Mar in Chile. Several of the members of the San Francisco Fleet were invited to attend a Captain's reception onboard this beautiful vessel and it turned out to be a very productive and fun filled event for all of us.

In addition to meeting the Captain and many of the officers and cadets aboard the Esmeralda, we were able to find some Rotarians... who are going to take the word back to Chili about IYFR to the Rotary and sailing communities there.

IYFR MADRID



IYFR Madrid Receives Grant
IYFR Madrid members received a grant from
the IYFR World Committee of 2000€ (\$1600).



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March 25, 2011

Terry Stretton
International Commodore
International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians
58 Lynden Avenue
Hillcrest North Shore
Auckland 0627
New Zealand

Dear Commodore Stretton:

The Los Angeles Maritime Institute extends its thanks to the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) for its generous grant of \$1500.00 which will help fund a daysail aboard our brigantine *Exy Johnson* on March 26, 2011 for a group of approximately 20 members of the Rotary Youth Exchange Students currently visiting the United States from Europe, Asia and South America.

Our thanks are also extended to both the Newport Harbor Fleet of the IYFR for their \$500.00 supplemental grant, and to Ports O' Call restaurant owner, Rotarian Jayme Wilson, for providing lunches for the group.

This continuation of the relationship between Rotary and sail training is yet another example of how we can work together to simultaneously further the goals of both groups.

In these difficult times your generous financial support speaks of a commitment echoed by the efforts of hundreds of talented volunteers who sail with youth and also provide administrative, fund raising and other services for our program. In 2010, the Institute logged over 36,000 hours of job-specific volunteer time - the equivalent of more than 18 full-time employees working fifty hour weeks per year!

We greatly appreciate your support for this project.

Sincerely,



Alice Robinson
President

Cc: Dick Ramsayer
Jayme Wilson

A volunteer non-profit organization providing character-building sail-training adventures for youth

SHIP STORE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Members of the Fellowship now have a new way to purchase our regalia as well as make payments to the Fellowship. Starting July 1st, a new section of our web site entitled “*Ships Store*” opened for business. Like a traditional online store, you select the items you want to purchase, placing them in a shopping cart before clicking on check out to pay for your purchases.

Currently we are using PayPal® to process payments and, no, you don’t have to have a PayPal® account... when you are redirected to the PayPal® site, simply click where it says to “pay by credit card”. At first this might not be as obvious as you want, one of the unfortunate things about using PayPal® is that they want you to sign up for an account and they do all they can to send you in that direction... *but rest assured that it is not necessary.* They are simply our credit card validation and processing service.

We now keep regalia stocked in each of the Fellowship’s three areas. Ordering through this common central point allows our regalia officers to quickly determine the most economical and speedy way to fulfill your orders.

In addition to purchasing regalia, fleets can use the *Ships Store* to pay their annual renewal of a fleet’s membership by “purchasing”

IYFR REGALIA

		
Member Pennant (12"x18") \$35.00	Burgees Fleet Commodore Burgee (3 Balls) \$45.00 Vice Commodore Burgee (2 Balls) \$45.00 Rear Commodore Burgee (1 Ball) \$45.00	Officer Shoulder Boards Fleet Officers \$30.00 International Officers \$35.00
		
IYFR Lapel Pins \$5.00	IYFR Screen printed blazer emblem (sew on) \$10.00	White Epaulette Shirt (S,M,L,XL,XXL) \$40.00
		
IYFR Emblem Cap (navy) \$15.00	IYFR Window Decal \$1.00	IYFR Tie \$30.00
		
	IYFR Ladies Crosstie \$10.00	

sufficient renewals, at \$10us each, to cover their enrolled members. Details on this were sent out with the annual fleet billing statements.

Coming soon will be the ability to sign up for the events surrounding the next International Convention in Bangkok... purchase AGM tickets, the post convention cruise, etc.

You will find the *Ships Store* listed as one of the menu options once you log in to the membership area of the Fellowship. We hope you will take a look and enjoy this new convenience we have instituted for your convenience.

Bev Collier, International Regalia Officer

NEW BRIDGE TAKES COMMAND

Remsen C. Barnard (Rem) - Chief of Staff

Education: Graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut in 1963; Obtained a JD & MBA from Golden Gate University, San Francisco in 1974. Spent 1964-68 with the US Navy, stationed near San



Francisco as a Naval Flight Officer, flying in P3A Patrol aircraft, chasing Russian submarines and deploying to Okinawa, Philippines, Midway, Guam, Japan, and Thailand.

In 1982, I joined a sailing club and enhanced my sailing skills enabling more travel as sailing ventures to ports on the Pacific Coast, Caribbean, Tahiti, Lake Tahoe, Maine, Netherlands, San Juan Islands, Canada, Mexico, and, in June 2009 - Scotland.

I currently co-own a 35-foot sailing ketch in San Francisco Bay. (Come visit!)

After law school I entered private practice, in civil litigation, mostly real estate. Currently, I am still practicing law in Walnut Creek; enjoying my wife, Vera, my daughter, Jennifer, son-in law, Chuck and two grandsons, Tyler (age 11) and Tony (age 9), sailing and traveling (non- sailing travel to Russia and China, plus annual vacations in Hawaii and Lake Tahoe, California).

I am a member of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek (72+ members) and was President for the year 2009-2010. I have been a member of the San Francisco Fleet of IYFR since 2003, several years as Rear Commodore for District 5160.

Beri Kasper - Treasurer

Beri B. Kasper, CPA, has over twenty-five years of public accounting experience including five years with a national firm in their private business department. In 1992, Ms. Kasper started her own full service accounting firm in Concord, California where she continues to run a very successful full service accounting and tax practice. Her primary expertise has been providing quality financial statement, accounting and tax services to private companies and their owners.



Ms. Kasper earned her Bachelor in Sciences – Accounting degree in 1981 from Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colorado and has been actively licensed in California since 1987.

Ms. Kasper's passion is Rotary. She is active in the Concord Diablo Rotary Club and served on the board for many years. She served two terms as Assistant District Governor for Rotary International District 5160 and was asked to help out with Camp Venture, an entrepreneurial camp for high school Juniors, chairing the program for the first time in 2006. She continues that role for the current Rotary year and is also Director of Youth Programs for the District. She stays involved with the Concord Chamber of Commerce and served on the board for seven years and as Chamber President for fiscal 95-96 year. Beri is also the incoming Treasurer for the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians. She will serve as Treasurer for two years. For the future....Beri will serve District 5160 as Treasurer during Laura Day's term as District Governor.

Vera A. Barnard - IYFR Bridge Secretary



Education: Graduated from Cal State Hayward 1968 (BA Music); and obtained my teaching credential in 1970.

In 1988, I joined a sailing club and enhanced my sailing skills enabling more travel as sailing ventures to ports on the Pacific Coast, Caribbean,

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Stephen Wheeler **Assistant Webmaster**

Stephen has been in Rotary about 15 years, and has held all club officer positions. He is currently an Auckland Assistant Governor looking after five clubs. In recent years he has been District Administrator,



District Webmaster, Inbound Coordinator for the International Youth Exchange program, a member of the District PR Committee and part of the Rotary Leadership Institute group in the District. A couple of years ago he was *Rotarian of the Year*, the highest individual award in the

Rotary District.

Stephen is the Honorary Local Representative in Auckland for the Cruising Association of London.

He does not own a boat but has sailed extensively in anything from sailboards to racing dinghies and on to transatlantic passages.

Stephen has been a member of the IYFR for six years now and International Webmaster for the past

Jeff Kasper **Convention Management Officer**

Jeff Kasper is the President & Chief Innovation Officer of ServiceQuality.US. Jeff also is the President of Kasper Media, a developer of enterprise level smart phone applications. He is an organizer of Finda-Rotarian.com, and the Fellowship of Rotarians *Doing Business Together*.



Jeff's a lifelong resident of Concord, California, USA, where he is active in the community. He's the

current president of the Concord-Diablo Rotary Club and has been named a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served as the Chairman of the Board of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce and the Concord/Clayton YMCA. He's also served on the boards of non-profit organizations including Easter Seals, the American Heart Association, and the Bay Area Crisis Nursery.

In his "downtime" Jeff he can be found aboard "Pop Had Dough" on the California Delta with his wife and Wheaton Terrier, Hurley.

Rotafloat, August 2011

Mary Azevedo - Rotafloat Editor

To start, when Mary was a toddler, she fished from a rowboat in Mammoth lakes for years, graduated to speed boats and water skied at Southern California beaches, and then joined her folks on their power boat docked at Lido Isle on Balboa Island. Now for



the sailing, she sailed every week for a year out of the LA Harbor and learned basic sailing. Going more mainstream, Mary and Norm took sailing lessons at Club Nautique in Alameda and earned their US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certificate, and saved BOB innumerable times. Norm and

Mary go out on the water as much as possible (lakes and ocean).

She belongs to the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek, serving as Silent Auction and PR chairman. She is Rotary District Newsletter Editor, on the District PR Committee, and on the 2012 District Conference Committee.

Her print background includes a profession as a technical writer in San Francisco, writing software manuals for financial and proprietary software manuals. She is now retired. She has published newsletters for years, and she is really excited about doing Rotafloat.

Norm and Mary have traveled to all seven continents and really enjoy traveling. Mary has an MBA and is a clinical psychologist. She shares seven children and twelve grandchildren with Norm.

Ann Laurence - Grants Chairman

Ann Laurence has been an avid boater since the age of twelve when her parents bought their first boat. She has been a member of the Rotary Club of San Rafael in California since 1992.



Her career began in banking at the Bank of Marin, which became Westamerica Bank. Eventually she established her own company, a management consulting firm offering office and administrative systems to small companies. In 1991, she expanded her services as a financial advisor by becoming a registered representative and worked in that capacity for ten years. An active volunteer in her community

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IYFR GRANTS PROGRAM

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NEW MUDANYA FLEET EVENT

Our yearly traditional Governor Salute Ceremony has taken place in Mudanya on Sunday July 10, 2011.

The following attended the event: Istanbul FC Selda Gerson, Mudanya FC Erkut Varol and fleet



members and also Rotarians from Bursa Rotary Club.

The event hosted by Mudanya Fleet started from Guzelyali Yachting Marina by going out sailing by boats and saluting the D-2420 G Fatih Saracoglu, D-2440 G Ahmet Gurmeric, Past D-2420 G Ahmet Kara, Past D-2430 G Kemalettin Bilgin, PIC Ferit



Biren and RC Haldun Orgut. After this ceremony, the boats sailed to Mudanya and the event continued with an enjoyable dinner.

Turkish RC Haldun Orgut presented pillows to Past District Governors for resting after the busy Rotary year and the compasses to District Governors for find their way easily in currently Rotary year, and they presented International IPC Ferit Biren IYFR burgee to Mudanya Fleet. *Written by Zulal Uslu.*

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NEW INSIGNIA - NEW STARS FOR OLD BALLS

Rule 12.5.1 approved at the 2011 AGM provides for the phasing out of balls as insignia, replacing them with stars.

As new Fleet Officers are appointed or promoted, the new insignia will be required. In the interim, existing Fleet Officers are welcome to exchange their old balls for new stars, at IYFR cost. (There is no requirement for existing Fleet Officers to make this exchange.)

In order to take advantage of this offer, each Fleet Commodore should contact the International Regalia Officer (e-mail regail@iyfr.net) no later than October 31, 2011 indicating which items your Fleet Officers wish to swap out, so that an adequate supply can be secured.

The new regalia should be available sometime in November 2011.

Written by Rem Barnard, Chief of Staff

New Orleans IYFR Installation Out with the Old - In with the New



IYFR Brings People of Different Languages and Cultures Together

Roger Lingard, fleet commodore of the Southwest Western Australia Fleet, and his first mate Glenda wasted no time in commencing fellowship in 11/12 by getting together with members of the Central Adriatic Fleet in Ancona, Italy. A bridge meeting was held between pfc/fs Andrea L. Tranquilli and fc/fs/ft Roger



Monica & PFC/FS Andrea with Glenda & FC Roger

C. Lingard where the fleet's respective activities and administrations were discussed allowing Roger to pick up valuable information

for his fleet which is only 18 months old.

On the Sunday Roger & Glenda were treated to a fleet cruise hosted by Andrea and his first mate Monica on board their brand new boat Andremo II. They were joined by the fc Central Adriatic Paolo Pauri along with many good friends. The cruise took in Ancona from the sea, the cathedral, the caves with lunch

at anchor in Portonovo bay behind the rocks called "Trave" (beam).

This visit was further proof of rotary's and IYFR's ability to bring together people of different languages and cultures and able to share the common values and culture of rotary/IYFR.

Roger is in the process of organizing a fleet exchange with the Cebu Fleet in the Philippines planned for May next year in conjunction with the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok. The Southwest Western Australian Fleet would be interested to hear from other fleets who might be interested in exchanges in the future or better still say hi to me at the RI Convention. *Written by Roger C Lingard, FC South West Western Australia*



Andrea's Boat "Andremo II"

Continued from page 8, Ann Laurence

for over thirty years, she has served numerous non-profits in various capacities.

She has held long-term board and officer positions in several organizations, including: Marin Concert Association; San Rafael High School Scholarship Foundation; Gerstle Park Neighborhood Association; Marin Coalition; American Red Cross Bay Area; Rotary Club of San Rafael; Marin History Museum; Roots of Peace (1999-present).

Ann and her husband Ric are blessed with four children and seven grandchildren. They love to travel, and, of course, enjoy their boat as often as possible in the beautiful San Francisco Bay and Delta.

Ken Winter - Historian

Ken Winter, Historian and member of the Rotary Club of Mt. Roskill, Auckland New Zealand. Ken Joined Rotary in November 1968 and was elected Secretary in 1974, Treasurer in 1977 and President in 1979.

He was District Governor 1986-87. Joined IYFR 1984 and became Fleet Commodore 1989, and International Commodore 2001-2003.

Ken is married to Bente and they have three sons (49-47-42) and five grand children, and they live in downtown Auckland, New Zealand.



IYFR 2011 INSTALLATION AT THE NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB



Bryan Skinner with Clint Collier



Clint Collier, Dave Hansen, and Sergio Santi



Jesus "Jun" Avecilla, Sergio Santi, and Clint Collier



Commodore Clint Collier



MaryAzevedo, Beri Kasper, Bev Collier, and Rem Barnard



End of the New Orleans IYFR Meeting

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Note from your editor...

I want to thank everyone who contributed articles and pictures. It certainly makes me want to sail the world. I met so many of you at the Friendship House at the New Orleans Convention, what a nice group. For the next issue, I will be looking for quality photos. I couldn't use a few because they were blurry. Please use a camera with at least 14 pixels. We just sailed out on the bay, it was just beautiful. Enjoy the summer.

Mary Azevedo, Rotafloat Editor



**THANK YOU TERRY, MERRILL AND THE
2009-2011 INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE**