

The ABC-R December 2020 eBlast

Is it 2021 Yet??

Happy Holidays

I think we've just about made it through what, for most of us, has been the worst year in our lifetimes. For a myriad of reasons, historians are pretty unanimous in selecting the year 536 AD as the worst year in human history (check Google if you don't believe me). But I wasn't around then, and I have a feeling many will be changing their opinion when they update the books in a few years. Anyway, the vaccine is just around the corner (and most of us will be up near the top of the list to get it if we're so inclined), the market is at an all-time high, and I think the Presidential election is pretty much decided (underscore, I think). By the way, my favorite apolitical joke; if my guy wins, I'm going to drink and celebrate. And if my guy loses, I intend to get drunk. So either way---let's have a party!!!

Holiday Party

You should have received the Evite, but the holiday party is this coming Wednesday (12/9) courtesy of Zoom. For Details and to RSVP, please visit <http://evite.me/DZRYeZST8R> Please wear your most narsty holiday attire. We are going to play a game, where everybody sends the host a little-known fact about you, and we all try to guess who it is. Sounds corny, but its actually going to be a lot of fun. Email your fact to: admin@rspsonline.org

Annual Elections

Our annual Pancake Breakfast/Business Meeting/Election of new officers too will be virtual---it is now rescheduled for Wednesday, January 13th, from 7:30 pm – 9:00. Bring your own pancakes and bloodies. After a lot of work, the nomination committee [Julien Hofberg (Chair); Brian Reed, and Gil Rose] has nominated a GREAT slate of officers to lead us next year:

Commander.....	Gene Danko
Executive Officer.....	Chris Smith
Administrative Officer.....	Jeff Cornish
Educational Officer.....	Bill Moser
Asst. Educational Officer.....	Jeff McKinney
Secretary.....	Suzan Humphrey
Treasurer.....	Michael Joyce
Member-at-Large.....	Tom Schwab & Rebecca Knutson
Member-at-Large.....	Red Fehrle
Member-at-Large.....	Dennis Krizak
Immediate Past Commander.....	Paula Sind-Prunier
Rules Committee.....	Jeff McKinney (Chair), Alan Karpas, Craig Floyd
Audit Committee.....	Barbara Boykin, Paul Mermelstein, Gil Rose

Two Other Items of Significance

- **The D. Roger Picard Deserving Children's Fund** is again sponsoring the participation of a deserving child at the Annapolis Maritime Museum Summer Camp. In her acknowledgement letter, AMM President Alice Estrada said, "With your support, AMM will continue to evolve as an important and valued institution by both preserving local history and providing education on Bay ecology. The Fund was created by Past Commander Roger Picard and welcomes additional tax-deductible donations. For details contact Jeff Cornish (admin@rspsonline.org).
- Longtime member Don Carl passed away on December 1st at the age of 95. Don was a USPS member for 60 years and had accumulated 39 merit marks over his tenure. He was instrumental in starting the Rockville squadron back in 1973 along with his wife Jean and was one of the 13 founding members. You may remember Jean passed away in April and at that time they had been married for 72 years. Don and Jean were regular fixtures in USPS and on the water, taking their Grand Banks 32 trawler "Donje" all over the Chesapeake and beyond. The Donje award is named after their boat Donje, which is named after Don and Jean themselves as a combination of their first names. It is the most prestigious traveling award at ABC Rockville. It is given to a member who has volunteered greatly over the long haul, in the spirit of Don and Jean. Don served as an inspiration and mentor to many of us. They will both be missed. You can read Don's obituary at <https://tharpfuneralhome.com/funeralpress/donald-kenneth-carl/4276/>

Trivia. And the last trivia question of the year, where on a boat are you most likely to find an angel? Hint: No, it is not the figurehead sculpture on the bow.

Happy Holidays and Thank You!! We hope you and your families have a safe and enjoyable holiday. And we would be remiss if we didn't recognize the work of the people who are out there every day doing a multitude of jobs that are the lifeblood of keeping our country running for us. Doctors, nurses, EMTs, police, firefighters, soldiers/sailors/airmen, and more are critical; but so are grocery store clerks, salespeople, technicians, factory workers, teachers, linemen, and so on who do the jobs we all depend on every day. Thank you to all of you for what you do.

Safe Boating!!

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