



President's Corner

Happy January

Happy new year to you all. Hasn't this weather been absolutely gorgeous? We should all take pictures of ourselves playing golf, grilling outside, or just lounging on the patio in our Speedos and send them to the snow birds down south. The other night it was warmer in Chicago then it was in Florida. It has been real tempting to take my car out of storage but alas I have not.

A Huge Thanks To Dennis Mathews and Louise Gorsch for "volunteering" for the two open board positions. Dennis will take on the responsibility of Parade Director and Louise will take the position of NCM Ambassador. I am happy to have both of these folks join our board. Next time that see either Dennis or Louise please give them a word of thanks.

Board Meeting Update We had a board of directors meeting on December 11th and the following is a synopsis of that meeting:

1. Discussed the 2012 calendar and filled in more dates.
2. Considerable discussion on the 2012 budget that will be presented to the general membership in January. (This was subsequently passed at the January meeting)
3. Discussed membership renewals.
4. Discussed potential candidates for the open positions. Now filled.
5. Discussed plans for the 40th anniversary party.
6. Discussed putting together a robust audit process and making that an annual event. This is no reflection on John Mink or any of the previous treasures but the board feels that having an audit process in place is the prudent thing to do for an organization of our size. During the course of this year we will work to put this process together and will also come to the membership with a request change the by-laws which will incorporate this audit process.

Winter Party Our annual winter club party is coming up very quickly and I am sure that you do not want to miss this.

Thanks To Carole Mayer for her job this past two years as Parade Director. She did a wonderful job and left some "big shoes" for Dennis to fill. She is however staying on the board and is taking the Quartermaster position.

Your Turn To say thanks to all of the board members. These folks spend a good deal of time and effort to ensure that our club runs as smoothly as it does and that the members get maximum enjoyment. So next time you see a board member thank them for their time and contributions.

Makes You Feel Good. At the January meeting I had the pleasure of reading the thank you letters that came from the folks that were recipients of our charitable contributions. These letters came from Ramp, Crusader Community Health

Foundation, Rosecrance, Rockford Meld, Rockford Rescue Mission and Carpenter's Place. The letters have been posted to our web site if you would like to see them

Again this is your club. If you have any comments, suggestions, criticisms, or complaints please contact either me or one of the other board members

Be Safe.