



Telltales

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Pizza Posto Nights at the Club

Last summer's Pizza Posto nights at the Club were a hit! The food truck company founded, owned and operated by Hobart alumnus and entrepreneur Sam Solomon '17, is a mobile wood-fire pizza truck. Pizza Posto uses locally sourced ingredients to craft high quality pizzas and panuozzo (a flatbread made of warm pizza dough, sliced lengthwise and stuffed). Pizza Posto will be at the Yacht Club selling handmade pizzas in the evenings on the following Thursdays from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on June 27, July 11, July 25, August 1, August 8, and August 22.



3rd of July Fireworks Fajita Fest

Once again the American Legion will put on a fireworks display across the lake, and for the last several years the club has hosted a Fajita Fest before the fireworks begin. Rain or shine, this year the Fajita Fest will get underway on Wednesday, July 3, at 6:00 PM. The event will be catered by Char of Geneva and entertainment will be provided by Meyer and McGuire Bluegrass Band. Each party/reservation is asked to bring a bottle of wine to share during the meal in celebration of the event. The meal will include chips and salsa, beer, wine, and non-alcohol beverages in advance of the meal. Remember to BRING YOUR OWN GLASS and TABLE WARE. The "make your own" fajita assembly line will feature beef, chicken, rice, beans, veggies, cheese, sour cream, guacamole, salsa, etc. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 10. No charge for children 5 and under.

To make your reservation, please contact Chrissy Bennett West at senecayachtclub@gmail.com or call 585-203-7102. Be sure to indicate the number of people in your party. The deadline for reservations is FRIDAY, JUNE 28.

The social committee would greatly appreciate assistance from 5-6 volunteers for set-up, check-in, serving, and clean up. Please contact Chrissy if you are willing to assist with the event. Thank you!

Australian BBQ

The Cruising Class will once again sponsor its annual Australian BBQ for all club members and guests on Saturday, July 13, at 6:00 PM. The event includes beer, wine, cheese and crackers as well as your

choice of "grill your own" filet mignon or marinated chicken breast served with dinner rolls, tossed

choice of grill your own filet mignon or marinated chicken breast served with dinner rolls, tossed salad, potato salad, and a "make your own sundae" for dessert.

The cost for all of this is: beef filet: \$20 per steak (regardless of age), chicken breast: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 10, and no charge for children 5 and under.

To make reservations for this affair contact Chrissy at senecayachtclub@gmail.com or 585-203-7102 by noon on Wednesday, July 10.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

As a reminder, the Social Committee continues to work toward reducing the amount of single use, disposable items offered during Club sponsored events. As a result, plastic silverware, plates and cups will not be provided. Please bring your own reusable items for all dinners and punch bowls. A variety of silverware, plates, and cups are available in the open kitchen cabinet for member and guest use. Help yourself to the items and then wash and return them to the cabinet when finished. Thank you for helping to reduce waste and keep the kitchen tidy.

Commodores's Corner

At our recent board meeting we set aside time to talk about planning...capital projects for financial planning, but also in terms of what underlies what we say we are, and what we do that reflects these underlying, yet generally assumed and unspoken values. After 90 years we are informed by the past but not limited by it. Richard Salter agreed to lead the conversation, and suggested a framework, some of which is shared here so you can be included in the conversation.

We're not trying to define something that never changes. Just like personal values, organizational values can change over time too. For example, would it be appropriate for SYC to take on an advocacy role as environmental stewards of the lake? And, considering the number and widely varying interests of our membership, how might we think about encouraging participation...Over time SYC had a strong contingent of power boaters, more recently its focus has been on sailing...racers, cruisers, sailing lessons, recreational sailing. But what about the Kayakers, social members, families with small kids? We need to think about them even if we don't personally participate in these groups.

Most sailors didn't start out sailing. I recall, now with joy but in the moment a good dosage of terror, my first boating experience with my grandfather rowing my brother and I out on the lake to fish. We had no idea how to move around, keep balance or stay out of his way as he stood up to get a longer cast. From that we moved on to canoes, then waterskiing...never setting foot on a sailboat until somewhere in my 30s and getting my first and only sailboat at 50. Now, I have some 11 watercraft...and need a good 12 step program as my life has become unmanageable because of boats. The point of the conversation was how to plan the future...do we grow with sailors, encourage use of any floating object just to get members and families on the water as a first step considering that all sailors are boaters but not all boaters are sailors!

To lift a quote from Richard, values are found not only in what we think and believe, but even more in what we do. So as we talk about values, we should feel free to talk about what we do and see others do, as much as what we think. What do these types of decisions say about who we are and want to be?" We'll be having this conversation for awhile and you're invited! What do you do around the club, or see others doing, and what values do these actions reflect? It's like the saying..."I don't know how to explain it but I know it when I see it!" Send us an email, or grab any board member and bend their ear about what you think SYC values are and what it might mean for the future.

Other noteworthy items include inviting new members to the July Punch Bowl party, introducing them and welcoming them to the club (and punch bowl as well). The Big Dock is being rebuilt by our members...we'll be needing a hand so it's done and useful for the season. The pavement in the north area will be repaved ... if it ever stops raining. And, Seneca Sailing Academy just was awarded a second grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Legacy Fund for Youth Recreation to underwrite scholarships to Summer Camp, so get the word out! We'll have flyers and other materials ASAP for you to use. We'll also be hosting two Community Introduction to Sailing Events, introducing one weeknight and one weekend Open Sailing for kids and anyone wanting to practice and refine their skills, and we'll be

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Come down, get on something that floats, crew on Sunday's during Club Racing, cheer on your favorite boat(s) during our Regattas, and definitely come to our social events...two more Punch Bowls coming up, the Commodores Dinner, the Australian BBQ, and the Hauling Out Party! The one thing we all agree on in terms of values, is that we value you! Come play!

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