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2024 Christmas Celebration

The OKC Squadron gathered Tuesday evening, Dec 10, 2024 at the Church of the Resurrection for an evening of friendship, fun, and family! This event is an annual one, combining a business meeting, donations to the Food Pantry sponsored by the Church, a Dirty Santa party, and of course a pot luck dinner. Kudos to team Marilyn for---once again---providing beautifully seasonal table decor.



After a prayer of thanks, a quick business meeting and the voting-in of the 2025 Bridge, we had an absolutely delicious dinner. It seems as if our pot lucks get luckier every year. And to go along with the gustatory delights there was much animated and funny conversation. The laughter among us all (16 present this time!) was warm and delightful.

Following dinner we conducted our Dirty Santa gift exchange. Well, maybe gift exchange is not exactly what happened. Being good friends

certainly doesn't preclude us from putting the "dirty" into Dirty Santa; good thing we are a forgiving bunch! Glenda, however, is getting a little concerned at having drawn number 1 for the second year in a row.... but as it was we were all happy with the end results. Funny how more than one of us ended up receiving the very gift that was purchased for them in the first place! We departed giving hugs and Merry Christmas wishes as we walked out the door.

On a sadder note: this Christmas party might very well be the last gathering at the Church of the Resurrection. Due to unfortunate circumstances our squadron will likely have to find another "home", as it were. This church has been very good to us and we are saddened by the turn of events.

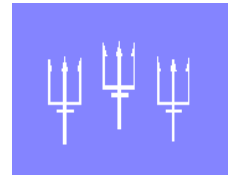
Jan stated the food donations were very much appreciated for the food pantry!

A very **Merry Christmas** and a very **Happy New Year** to all!

P/C Marilyn Goss, P and Glenda Sims S

UPCOMING

Our monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, January 6 2025, at Tres Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Activities for 2025 are in the works with Change of Watch expected to be held in February



COMMANDER'S REPORT December 2024



America's Boating Club continues to evolve and be affected by the financial and social environment.

We are launching a new membership management system. We have found a new insurance provider, but they need information for the underwriter. Course updates are under way, just to name a few activities.

So, we are not frozen in time. But, we do have to keep up. Not all information is "pushed" to us as before in our magazine. We have to go look at what is being published in many channels; Internet sites, newsletters, email etc.

Time for some hot chocolate, with or without some antifreeze, and some time in front of the fireplace.

Cdr David McGhee, SN

Legislative Report

The filing deadline is January 15, 2025, But not much appears on the website as of yet. Most of the activity seems to be announcements to the news media.

Cdr David McGhee, SN

Education Report

Next Monday evening, December 16 at 1800, we will present the last US Power Squadrons Educational Opportunities session to the Oklahoma City Boat club (OCBC).

From our first session, we have about six people committed to taking classes. The first six decided Mondays from 1900 to 2100 would work best for them. They decided they wish to begin with the Piloting course. Classes will run in concert with the OCBC boating seasons as the students wish. Classes will be presented at the OCBC.

There should be room in the class for any OKCSPS members that wish to enhance their boating knowledge. Remember, no charge for OKCSPS members for books or materials. We have donations that cover member education.

We have some hope we might be able to present a public boating class to some of the OCBC youth at some point in the future.

P/D/C Danny Goss, SN

Most– requested Pot Luck Recipes at the Christmas Party!

Polynesian Casserole

Ingredients:

2 lbs. of ground sausage (blue and gold or your favorite)
1 cup of chopped onions
1 bunch of green onions (chopped)
1 cup of green peppers (chopped)
3 sprigs of Parsley (chopped)
3 cups of celery (chopped)
1 4oz can of mushrooms chopped or fresh mushrooms chopped (about 1/2 cup)
1 1/2 cups of uncooked long grain rice
2 cans of chicken rice soup
3 cups of water or chicken broth (for more flavor.)

Instructions:

Brown the sausage (drain and save fat), remove from pan to a large casserole dish (Spray the Casserole Dish with PAM). Sauté onions, celery, peppers and green onions in sausage fat, add parsley at end of sweating the vegetables. (Fresh mushrooms should be added to the vegetable mixture above and sautéed) Add canned mushrooms (if using these instead of fresh), rice soup, water or broth with the long grain rice and mix with sausage vegetable mixture.

Bake for 2 hours at 300 F degrees.

Roberta Ellis, S

Wine and Cheese

We had a nice turnout for our Wine & Cheese party!

Bob and Jan were back from their Colorado stay and told us with bittersweet feelings that they had sold their cabin. I know they'll miss Colorado, but we will selfishly love having them home with us year round.

And we were thrilled to see Jeff and Dalinda walk in! Between their demanding jobs and beautiful little granddaughter we don't get to see them as much as we would like.

Aaron and Bill have both been under the weather for the past few months so we were very happy to see each of them arrive. Welcome back, guys!

We had lots of great food for everyone to enjoy and best of all we enjoy each other's company. Our little squadron is made up of the best people that have become great friends!

P/C Marilyn Goss, P

Holiday Safety Tips Reminder

With the family parties with holiday travel, please remember to make sure your family and friends remain safe throughout this joyous holiday season.

If you are traveling this year, be sure your vehicle is in good running condition, including tires and a cold weather safety kit for any emergency. Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up. Use cell phones responsibly.

Home decorating is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood, but emergency rooms see thousands of injuries involving holiday decorating every year. Check labels for fire resistant materials. Avoid placing breakable ornaments with small, detachable parts on lower tree branches where small children or pets can reach them.

Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors. Do not overload circuits and always be careful when using a ladder. The use of candles and replaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations in many homes during the holidays, means more risk for fire. Place candles where they cannot be knocked over and out of reach of children. Use flameless candles near flammable objects. Never leave candles burning unattended or when you are asleep.

Keep your holidays guests happy and healthy by handling food safely. Wash your hands frequently when handling food. Refrigerate hot or cold leftover food within two hours of being served. Be alert to the dangers if you

are thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey.

It is important to Give Safely. Gifts and toys should inspire joy, not cause injuries. Hundreds of children are seriously injured in toy-related incidents every year. Toys are age-rated for safety, so be sure to choose toys in the correct age range. Choose toys for children under 3 that do not have small parts which could be choking hazards. Be cautious about toys that have small batteries or magnets, which can be harmful or fatal if swallowed. When giving scooters and other riding toys, add appropriate safety gear such as helmets and arm and knee pads.

Cecilia and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

***Lt. Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN
Safety Officer***





OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON
Members Business Meeting Minutes
10 December 2024



Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 18:19 hours at the Church of the Resurrection. The following members and guests attended: Lt Peggy Anglin P, P/C Steve Bryant JN, P/C Mike Ellis JN, Roberta Ellis S, P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Marilyn Goss P, Lt/C Ron Huff P, Jan Ridle, P/C Bob Ridle, Lt/C Glenda Sims S, Andrea Van Ewyk, Cecelia Van Ewyk, Lt Robert Van Ewyk SN, Mary Wilkerson S, and Lee Woodside.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – P/C Ellis JN delivered the invocation. SXO Lt/C Huff P led the Pledge.

Secretary – Lt/C Glenda Sims S moved to accept the November meeting minutes; P/C Marilyn Goss, seconded; carried.

Dinghy Painter – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P is awaiting several reports and articles .

Treasurer - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members, citing that there are no outstanding bills to be paid and that the squadron current annual income is about \$300 (dues). Still having problems with ABC iMIS software.

Executive Officer - Lt/C Ron Huff P asked for the following reports:

Website – P/D/C Goss SN: new URL's are currently a mess.

Public Relations – P/C Mike Ellis JN: Prop City Boatshop will endorse our squadron and will display our trifold brochures once they have been edited and republished.

Legislation – Cdr McGhee SN: Nothing to report. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Safety - Lt Robert (Van) Van Ewyk SN reminded everyone to be safe on ladders. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Education Officer – Acting SEO P/D/C Goss is preparing for the Dec. 16 continued course prep at the OCBC, for which National has approved purchase of course materials. P/C Bryant would like OKCSPS members to attend on that date as well, if possible. Further discussion of possible teaching venues in case the OCBC proves to be too public.

Administrative Officer – Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP did not attend.

Membership – P/C Marilyn Goss P: true current membership is unclear. She has submitted annual Merit Marks for our squadron.

Environmental Committee - P/C Steve Bryant JN had nothing to report.

Social Activities – P/C Marilyn Goss P: The C.O.W. will be held in Feb. 2025; no date set yet. Also announced that the charge to use the Church of the Resurrection has been raised to an unworkable amount for our squadron. Discussion of other possible meeting venues followed. **SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS ****. She has sent and will continue to send each member a text listing all activities & dates.

Commander's Report – See Cdr McGhee's report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

Old Business: Still no movement regarding Marine SEO (USPS/ABC marketing contractor access).

New Business – SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS. The slate of officers for the OKCSPS 2025 Bridge as published in the November *Dinghy Painter* was voted upon and approved.



2025 CALENDAR

10 December Christmas Party

2025 TBD!

“To be successful at sea we must keep things simple” —R.D. (Pete) Culler”—



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