



# *The Commodore's Journal*



## FCA SUMMER MEETING JULY 17-18, 2009 FCA RETURNS TO GAINESVILLE!

So many FCA members have many happy memories of the Cabot Lodge in Gainesville, it seemed only right to return there for our summer meeting on July 17 and 18, 2009. After all, it was only seven months ago that the FCA came into being at that very place. So mark the dates, make your reservations and come to our own version of Homecoming, 2009!

We reserved a block of rooms at \$89.00 per night, plus tax. The price is guaranteed only until July 7, so call right now while you're thinking about it! Telephone the lodge at 352-375-2400 or toll free 800-843-8735 and mention code FCA717 for our special rate.

The Cabot Lodge is located at 3726 S.W. 40th Boulevard, Gainesville, right off the Archer Avenue exit on I-75, east of the Interstate. It's a short walk (as in shared parking lots) to many well-

known restaurants, or, if you prefer, you can hop in a car, get lost and wind up at a college hangout right off the University of Florida campus. Just make sure you don't have to leave the building and walk next door to use the restrooms! [Ed. Note: That's an inside joke. It was fun! You should've been there!] But we digress.

Back to the Cabot Lodge: they offer complimentary cocktails around the cozy fireplace every day from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and a full complimentary breakfast including eggs cooked to order every morning. Plans for Friday evening include the possibility of an informal pizza party in the main lounge, or you decide! E-mail Commodore Phil with your ideas. But whatever you do, call the Cabot Lodge now and make your reservation! And send your reservation form to FCA NOW!





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Junior Staff Commodore of the Catalina Island Yacht Club,  
Mary Lou Buck receives the Pensacola Yacht Club burgee from  
PYC P/C John Matthews

## RECRUITING NEW FCA/ICA MEMBERS

Recently, Mary Lou Buck, the Junior Staff Commodore (that is West Coast jargon for the Junior Past Commodore) of the Catalina Island Yacht Club, was a guest at the Pensacola Yacht Club. She expressed the desire to exchange yacht club burgees so PYC Past Commodore and FCA Treasurer John Matthews gave P/C Buck a PYC burgee. In the ensuing conversation surrounding the burgee exchange, P/C Matthews told Mary Lou about the formation of the Florida Commodores Association and the intent to form the International Commodores Association. She was very excited to learn about these events – so much so that she asked to have an application sent her way so she could join the Florida Commodores Association. Mary Lou indicated she will continue to work at her club and with other Past Commodores in her area to encourage them to support the International Commodores Association. Mary Lou visits Florida on a regular basis so her membership in the FCA is most appropriate. With PC Mary Lou Buck leading the way in Southern California, the International Commodores Association will have an established following. P/C Buck has submitted her FCA application for At Large Membership. Welcome aboard Commodore Buck.





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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

### PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB CHAPTER, FCA, HOSTS OPENING DAY CEREMONY

Partly cloudy skies and a refreshing breeze made for a perfect Opening Day at Pensacola Yacht Club on April 5, 2009. Over fifty members and guests attended the ceremony hosted by the Pensacola Yacht Club Chapter of the Florida Commodore's Association.

Pensacola members pride themselves on tradition, and even though they're not plagued by the ice and snow of our friends up North, they hold an official opening day every year. This year Commodore Tim Burr who is a charter associate member of FCA had the pleasant duty of declaring Pensacola Yacht Club officially "Open for the Season."



(Left to Right) P/C Jim Lee (PYC), Associate Members Page Lee (PYC) and Lynn Reynolds (FWYC); FCA Treasurer John Matthews, Associate Member Innes Richards (PYC) and P/C Ron Richards (PYC).

### PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB CHAPTER HONORS LIBBA DENNIS



Mrs. Allen M. Dennis, Jr., better known to all PYC members as "Libba," has been elected to honorary membership in the PYC Chapter of the Florida Commodores Association.

When the FCA was created, its founders realized most commodores are successful because a hard-working "significant other" person shares the burden of that office but often remains unrecognized. The categories of associate member and honorary member were created to permit those individuals to join the organization and be recognized for their contributions. So it is with Libba Dennis.

Libba's husband was Vice Commodore of Pensacola Yacht Club and was in line to become Commodore when he died suddenly. Since his death, Libba has continued to serve the yacht club and each Commodore who has held that office. Libba sees it that fresh flowers are always on the dining tables at the club, and she places additional floral arrangements throughout the club on many occasions. Libba is always willing to help the Commodore's wife whenever she is called upon, and she has been actively involved in the Summer Sailing Program with some of her younger relatives.

In honor of Libba's continuing service to Pensacola Yacht Club and in recognition of her commitment to the membership, Libba Dennis was made an Honorary Member of the Pensacola Yacht Chapter of the Florida Commodores Association. We extend a hearty, "Well Done and Welcome Aboard!"





Left to Right: P/C's Alan Adams, Dick Daytz and Frank Snedaker of North Palm Beach Yacht Club; Joe Fields of Palm Beach Sailing Club; Associate FCA member V/C Christine Snedaker of North Palm Beach Yacht Club; and Joe Tringali, P/C of both clubs, in Scottish attire.

## THE PIPES WERE CALLIN' — AND FCA HEARD 'EM

The Sundown Ceremony sponsored by the Palm Beach Commodores of FCA included a special touch on Friday, May 29, when pipers from the Scottish American Society of Palm Beach joined over 107 members and guests to honor our Nation. Members of all area yacht clubs, the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary participated in the event.

The ceremony began at 7:15 p.m. when the pipers led the assembled members and guests across the club's lawn to the flagpole near the beach playing "God Bless America" and "You're a Grand Old Flag." P/C Joseph R. Fields, standing in for PBSC Commodore Jacqueline Waddell greeted everyone and FCA Commodore Phillip Bouckaert led them in prayer. P/C Joseph A. Tringali, read "Sundown Thoughts for May" from The Commodore's e-Journal, and, following the National Anthem, senior officers of each participating group stepped forward and read the names of members who had died during the preceding year. Heads were bowed in silence while the pipers played "Amazing Grace." A color guard made up of members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 51, lowered the flag and presented it to P/C Fields who dismissed the company. The pipers then led the crowd back to the clubhouse to the tune of (what else?) "Scotland the Brave."

Everyone agreed it was a great start for the third consecutive year of Palm Beach "Sundowners," and they're looking forward to an eventful year in FCA.





## FIREWORKS FOLLOW STUART CORINTHIAN'S SUNDOWN CEREMONY



R/C Bob Chapell, Commodore Ken Cary, singer Janet Ens,  
V/C John Larsen, P/C Dan Perez and P/C Lorraine LaCroix

It was a dress-up occasion for officers and members of Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club on April 25, 2009, when they held their first Sundown Ceremony to christen their newly-built seawall. The wall was a big (and expensive) project, and after the outdoor ceremony, about a hundred members and guests celebrated with at a dinner-dance that went well into the night. In addition to the live music, there was surprise entertainment in the form of fireworks. It seems Toyota dealer Earl Stewart lives nearby and regularly sponsors a professional fireworks show in honor of our armed forces – and April 25 just happened to be his night! So at 9:00 p.m. SCYC guests who weren't dancing lined the club's deck and provided the traditional "Aahhh's" as each spectacular burst reflected off the calm water of Manatee Pocket. Thanks, Earl!



### THE MINI LUCKY BAG PIPE DOWN!

The "pipe" in "pipe down," was originally a bo's'n's pipe, and "pipe down" was the signal to sailors that they were dismissed for the day and could go below. Obviously, the deck became a much quieter place when they did so. In the late 19<sup>th</sup>

## PAST COMMODORE GEORGE W. CUBBERLY DECEASED MAY 20, 2009



P/C George W. Cubberly, the 18th Commodore of the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, who served in 1991, passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 after a sudden illness. CUB, as George was affectionately called by those who knew him, upon his election as our Commodore, became an incredible supporter, a source of and sponsor of significant improvements to existing projects and originator of new ideas.

Among his many indelible and enduring accomplishments are the "Commodore's Cup" sponsored jointly with his wife Lita. The "Commodore's Cup Award" is awarded when a worthy candidate becomes clearly apparent of long standing and dedicated services to the Club.

CUB established the monthly CHYC "Sundowners Ceremony". This wonderful CHYC tradition so impressed visiting clubs that it has been adopted by other FCA member clubs. This is a wonderful testament to his foresight and vision for activities that have become a CHYC tradition. Well after his tenure as Commodore, CUB continued to participate actively in the affairs of the Club. We shall miss him!

century it became the tattoo signal. It was sounded immediately prior to "Taps," and it specifically meant to quiet down. So today, if you find yourself yelling "pipe down" to your kids (or grandkids), you're following a very old nautical tradition.

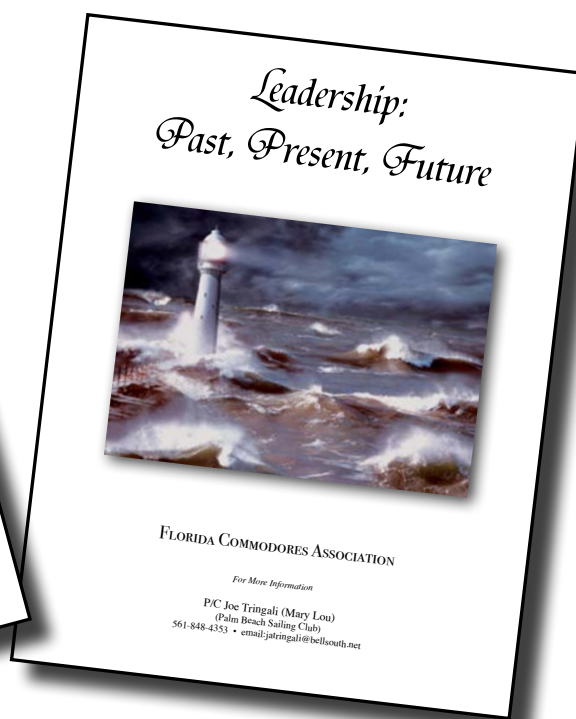




## TRADITIONS: A PROGRAM OF YACHTING & YACHT CLUB TRADITIONS

This script and Power Point presentation is available only from the Florida Commodores Association for presentation at your yacht club, service organization, church or school. The entertaining presentation follows the traditions of yachting from its very beginnings in the 1600's through the exciting story of the America's Cup, and the founding of the United States Power Squadrons, and brings it up to date to TODAY.

More than any other type of club, yacht clubs exist in a world of traditions. Yet if they are to survive in the 21st Century, those traditions must be made relevant to current members. This program entertains while it educates and is an opportunity to share the knowledge of the traditions of yachting with a wide audience. Market your club by presenting this program to community organizations, other clubs, schools, and more. Contact Traditions Program Chair P/C Joseph Tringali for more ideas and information.



## LEADERSHIP: PAST PRESENT, FUTURE

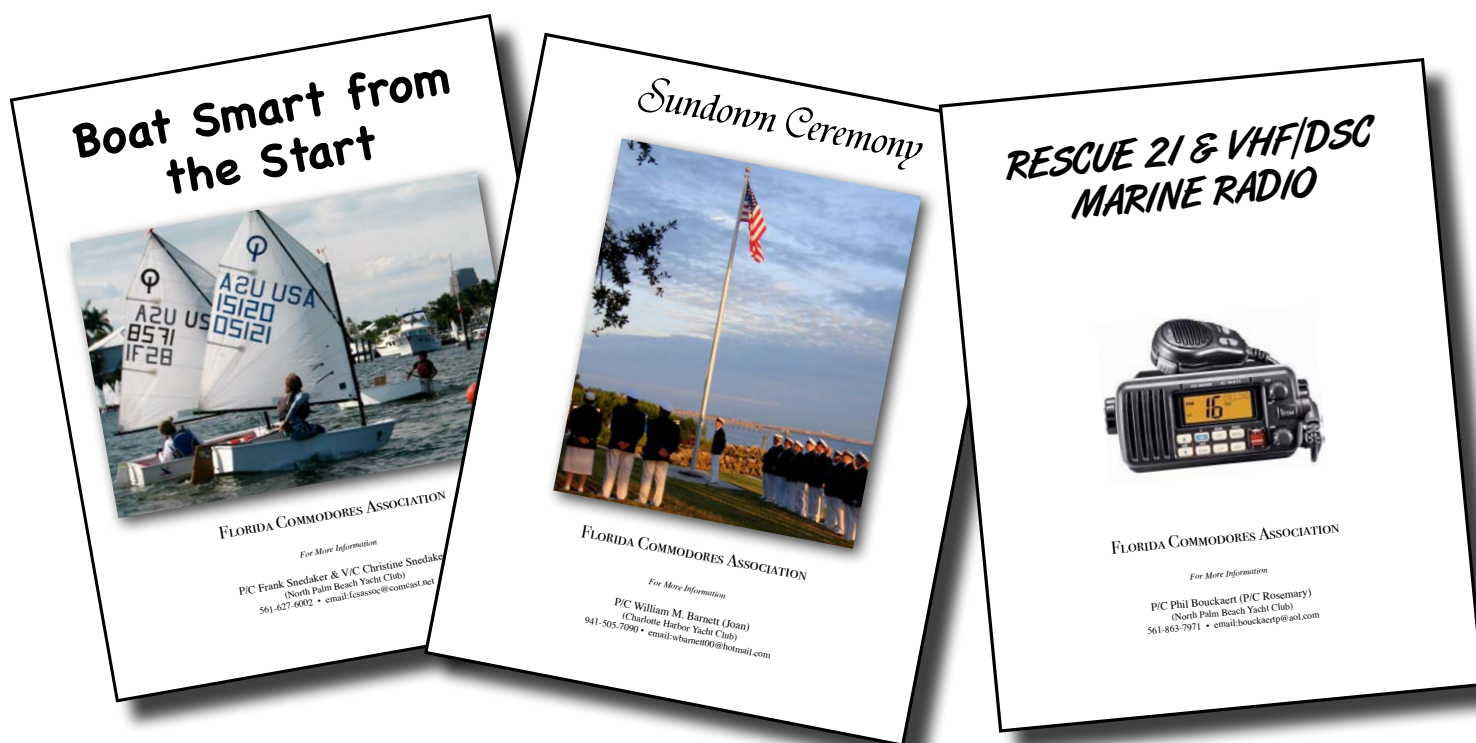
Who needs to know about leadership? You do! If you influence other people, in your home, in your business, in your church, in your club - you are a leader. Are you an effective leader? The principles of effective leadership have been taught for more than 2,500 years. Do you know the difference between a real leader and someone who just 'wears the costume'?

The PowerPoint presentation "Leadership, Past, Present and Future" was developed exclusively for the Florida Commodores Association and is now available for you to use at your yacht club, service organization, church or business to share knowledge and promote effective leadership. For more information contact Leadership Program Chair P/C Joseph Tringali.

## BOAT SMART FROM THE START

This program uses a fun-filled training workbook and game to teach the basics of boating and water safety to the kids in your club, community, school or household. Chapters in the workbook are arranged in order





of increasing proficiency so that skills acquired in one chapter are used and developed in subsequent chapters. Each chapter has a game that is played to enhance and reinforce the information. For information about this program contact Boat Smart from the Start Program Chairs P/C Frank & V/C Christine Snedaker.

## SUNDOWN CEREMONY

This ceremony evokes our American heritage while honoring the flag, special occasions, deceased members, our Armed Forces as well as yachtsmen and yachtswomen everywhere. Some clubs conduct a Sundown Ceremony monthly or quarterly, while others do so on special occasions. However you choose to schedule the ceremony at your club, the Florida Commodores Association provides you with all of the materials that you need to get started. For more information contact the Sundown Ceremony Program Chair P/C William M. Barnett.

## RESCUE 21 & VHF/DSC MARINE RADIO

This program was created by the Florida Commodores Association to train boaters in the use of the latest marine radio communications technology. Major changes and additions to our marine radio have been made to take the search out of 'search and rescue'. Many within the boating community have not been informed how to use this new life saving technology.

Two versions of this presentation are available to FCAMembers: a 90 minute PowerPoint presentation covering the US Coast Guard's Rescue 21, a review of VHF Marine radio and Digital Selective Calling (DSC); and a 25 minute summary Power Point presentation covering the US Coast Guard's Rescue 21 and Digital Selective Calling. This program is an excellent opportunity to help save lives and property. For more information contact Rescue 21 Program Chair P/C Phillip Bouckaert.





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# INTERNATIONALLY SPEAKING...

## YACHT CLUB PROBLEMS ARE THE SAME WORLDWIDE

The International Council of Yacht Clubs (online at [www.icoyc.com](http://www.icoyc.com)) is an association that is made up of some of the most prestigious yacht clubs in the world including the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the Societe Nautique de Marseille and the Yacht Club de Monaco. [Ed. Note: The ICOYC is not the same as the International Commodores Association (ICA).]

In late 2008, the ICOYC held a Commodores' Forum at the Royal Natal Yacht Club in Durban, South Africa, where members were asked to discuss the issues that concerned them the most. The results should not come as a surprise to readers of *The Commodore's Journal*.

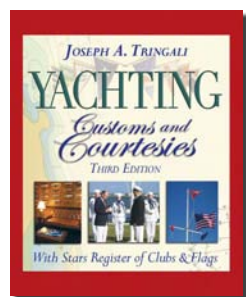
It appears the primary concern of almost all clubs is membership development. Many of them are trying to attract younger members – preferably in their twenties – as a basis for long-term membership. However there are problems with implementing that strategy, and the language reported by the ICOYC is chillingly similar to Susan Thornton's conclusion in *Generations*, her presentation at last year's Florida meeting. According to the ICOYC, "A number of clubs find that their members now have so much pressure on their free time that fewer [of them] are willing to volunteer to help in club management and to support events. The question then is how far to use professionals and to what extent this changes the nature of the clubs themselves."

A second, but related, problem is the rising cost of owning and maintaining a boat versus the temptation of what the ICOYC calls "commercial yachting services." According to ICOYC, "These services are increasingly providing many of the same resources on a pay-as-you-go basis, and they do not involve the need for club membership."

"The Commodores increasingly see their clubs as organisations needing long-term strategic planning," says the ICOYC. "They are also concerned about forecasting the impact of current economic pressures on their clubs' operations." Other problems discussed at the Forum included managing yacht clubs on a day-to-day basis, and keeping costs under control when the main source of revenue is from members' dues.

The bottom line is this: clubs all over the world – even the most prestigious ones – are facing the same problems: declining membership rolls that are on a collision course with increasing costs for security, property taxes and personnel. Please take a minute to re-read the article on Ms. Thornton's presentation in the March issue of *The Commodore's Journal*. (You'll find it on our website, [www.flcommodore.org](http://www.flcommodore.org)). Commodores past, present and future must think outside the box if their clubs are going to survive the changing economy.

### A Note to FCA Travellers



Here's an offer that's never been refused! Members of ICA have been greeted with open arms at yacht clubs from the Bay of Quinte to Valencia, Spain (during the America's Cup) when they showed up with a copy of P/C Joe Tringali's book under their arm. You can get the same treatment. If you're

an ICA member and you're planning a trip that includes a visit to a yacht club, contact Joe by email at [jatringali@bellsouth.com](mailto:jatringali@bellsouth.com) and tell him the name of the commodore or the club you plan to visit. Joe will send you a personally-inscribed copy of *Yachting Customs and Courtesies* at absolutely no cost, so that you can present the book during your visit. Don't forget to take pictures and notes, so you can share your visit with readers of *The Journal*.

## LEADERSHIP

"Leadership must be based on goodwill. Goodwill does not mean posturing and, least of all, pandering to the mob. It means obvious and wholehearted commitment to helping followers. We are tired of leaders we fear, tired of leaders we love, and tired of leaders who let us take liberties with them. What we need for leaders are men and women of the heart who are so helpful that they, in effect, do away with their jobs. But leaders like that are never out of a job, never out of followers. Strange as it sounds, great leaders gain authority by giving it away."

Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale, USN







## WHY IS THERE A NEED TO COPY?

By P/C Pat Sheffield

Associate Editor, *The Commodore's Journal*

As President of the North Palm Beach Yacht Club Chapter of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, I attended the February

IOBG meeting in San Diego and the April District 8 meeting at Ft. Meyers. At both meetings I spoke of how the missions, goals and interests of Blue Gavel and Florida Commodores Association are different and said that the two boating groups should work together.

The stated mission of the International Order of the Blue Gavel is to recognize Past Commodores of the international yachting community. On the other hand, the Florida Commodores' Association serves as an active link among past commodores, current commodores and future commodores of yacht clubs in Florida. It provides for the exchange of information among clubs on a statewide basis. Its educational program is designed to improve the quality of club leadership. And, through the International Commodores' Association (ICA), it maintains active relationships with recognized yacht clubs throughout the world.

The IOBG District 8 Spring Meeting was scheduled for April 18 at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Meyers, the same date as the FCA meeting in Orlando. The overlapping dates required people like me, who belong to both organizations, to choose one meeting over the other or do as I did -- attend FCA on Friday evening, then leave Orlando before dawn and drive across the State to attend the District 8 meeting on Saturday.

Because I believed that the paper ballots for officers violated District 8 bylaws, I wrote to IOBG President Jerry Rudd, with copies to President Elect Ray Thompson and all the Interim District 8 Officers explaining my concern about electing officers by ballot. I told them I intended to nominate the proposed slate from the floor to make the election of District 8 officers comply with District 8 bylaws. Even though I

had stated my purpose in advance, for reasons I don't understand and no one ever explained, I was ruled "out of order" at the District 8 meeting. Nominations from the floor were refused and the Interim District 8 Officers were installed peremptorily. Prior to the close of the meeting, Vice President Thomas J. "Joe" Dowdell of Marathon Yacht Club referred to my letter and asked me to speak. I explained my concerns over the election of officers and moved that the election be affirmed. Following a second to my motion, the election was affirmed.

Based on this affirmed election, both John Slattery and I notified former District 8 Treasurer John Matthews that District 8 now has a properly-elected a Secretary/Treasurer so District 8 funds held by the bank could be released. Under Florida law, banks holding money belonging to an association require proof when there is a change of signing officers. Once John Matthews resigned as Treasurer, he could no longer do anything with District 8 funds and the bank held the funds until a new treasurer was elected. District 8 Secretary/Treasurer Robert Pease of the Royal Palm Yacht Club reports that all District 8 funds have been transferred. The money issue has been put to rest!

Sadly, it now appears from the Blue Gavel website that the October 2009 IOBG Annual Meeting being held in Florida has been changed from October 1-3 in Daytona to October 21-25 in Orlando. While I understand the move from Daytona to Orlando to assist people traveling from out of state, the change in the date is unfortunate. It is hard to believe that in all of Orlando accommodations could not be arranged for the original date of Oct 1-3. This means that Blue Gavel is again scheduling the meeting the same time as the FCA Change of Watch at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club on October 23-24. Commodores in Florida are again being forced to choose between the two meetings instead of enjoying two separate boating activities. Why do the members of Blue Gavel who are making decisions feel the need for competition?





*Cincinnatus: "With one hand he returns the fasces, symbol of power as appointed dictator of Rome. His other hand holds the plow, as he resumes the life of a citizen and farmer."*

## EXIT, STAGE RIGHT By P/C Joseph A. Tringali

One of the most important things for any leader to know is when to gracefully leave the spotlight and trust the leadership of those who follow through the chairs.

The Roman leader Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus (519 BCE) set an example for everyone who accepts the leadership role. The Roman Senate begged Cincinnatus to become temporary dictator of Rome and lead the army against the invading Germanic tribes. He defeated Rome's enemies, and then resigned his office of absolute authority to return to his farm. His name endures to this day as an example of virtue, service and good leadership.

George Washington was a great admirer of Cincinnatus, and after serving two terms as President of the United States, he voluntarily left office to return to his beloved Mount Vernon. With Washington's support, a number of leading former officers of the Continental Army founded the Society of the Cincinnati. It is now the oldest military hereditary society in the United States.

Unfortunately, there are few people like Washington and Cincinnatus among us. Many leaders are ruled by their egos instead of their brains, and they don't know when to get out of their own way. We have all been saddened by the spectacle of once-great men and women who did not know when to gracefully step off the public stage, and, instead of being remembered as great leaders or scholars, are remembered as "the one who was always talking about the good old days," or "the old judge in the wheelchair who always fell asleep during oral arguments." Don't let it happen to you!

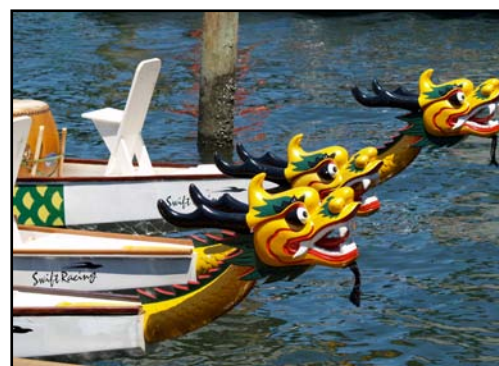
Even if we could continue with mental and physical powers unabated (and, face it, no one can), when we hang on too long we risk becoming irrelevant. Change is inherent in all human things. Organizations, like people, grow and evolve. Ideas that once were considered revolutionary become the norm. If you stand in the way of progress, you'll likely be run over by the bus of the future.

Serve your time in office. Accept the applause. Then bow out gracefully and step into the shadows at the side of the stage. You may find it difficult to do, but, like Cincinnatus, you will preserve your reputation for virtue, service and good leadership.





## ARE DRAGON BOATS THE ANSWER ?



### QUESTION: HOW CAN CLUBS ATTRACT NEW YOUNG MEMBERS?

If you happen to be cruising one of Florida's sheltered waterways and come across a gang of sweating people furiously paddling a 40 foot, brightly painted boat with a brilliantly-colored, hand-carved dragon's head at the prow and a flashy tail at the stern, don't worry. You haven't been teleported to the Far East, nor are you about to be boarded by a new kind of pirate. You're just sharing the waterway with a dragon boat. And you're witnessing a healthy, fun craze that's catching on like – well, like crazy – with young adults in Florida.

Dragon boat racing is one of Florida's fastest-growing water sports. One boat holds up to 20 paddlers, men and women of all ages and all abilities, who move in unison to the beat of a drum. Aficionados claim dragon boat racing requires nothing more than a competitive spirit and the ability to work together, and the health benefits of outdoor exercise and camaraderie provided by dragon boat teamwork are attracting people all over the State.

According to the Florida Keys Dragon Boat Club, the sport premiered at Key West's Truman Waterfront in the 2006 first annual "Battle in the Bay Dragon Boat Festival," but the Rotary Club of Tavares might question the accuracy of that claim. They sponsored "The 7th Annual Dragon Boat Festival" in Central Florida in April of this year. And the Walt Disney World Resort held the First Orlando International Dragon Boat Festival in October, 2008.

Wherever and whenever it began, everyone agrees dragon boat racing is growing quickly with teams like the Red Dragons of Miami, the Tampa Blade Runners, and the Blazing Paddles of Fort Lauderdale, who regularly compete in venues around the State.

The 2009 South Florida Dragon Boat Festival will be held in Miami, on October 3 and 4 at Haulover Beach Park Marina. For more information about dragon boats or to host an event at your club, contact Will Murphy at (954) 232-7434 or [willmurphy@soarteam.com](mailto:willmurphy@soarteam.com).



Or Current Occupant



## THE LUCKY BAG THROUGH THE BUTTONHOLE



Military decorations were originally given only to nobility and were worn from a sash around the neck. Napoleon began the custom of awarding ribbons to ordinary soldiers and specified that they were to be “worn from the buttonhole” of uniforms. Other governments followed suit. Even though overcoats had many more buttonholes in those days, soon tailors were kept busy creating extra ones for people who wanted to display all their ribbons. Eventually the military of all nations adopted a neater way of doing things. They awarded ribbons that were worn in a horizontal line on the left breast. (The custom of wearing a crest on the left breast goes back at least to the time of the Crusaders who wore a cross over their hearts). So the problem of how to wear awards “uniformly” was solved for the military, but civilians were left to fend for themselves.

Today, the buttonhole in a man's left lapel still exists because it is supposed to match up with a button on the inside of the right lapel. If a gentleman were to pull up his collar, close both lapels and button them, he would have a closed-front, up-to-the-neck tunic to protect him from the weather. (Okay, guys, try it: put on a jacket, pull up the collar and fold in the lapels; you'll find the notch in each lapel becomes a square opening at the throat – much like the Roman collar worn by the clergy.) Even today, tailor-made English suits have a button hidden on the underside of the right lapel so you can button up and brave those cold Highland winds.

With or without the extra hidden button, the buttonHOLE is standard on men's suits. It is the ONE and ONLY place to properly display an award. And if you want to argue about that, you can take it up with Napoleon!







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### SUMMER MEETING PROGRAM

JULY 17 – 19, 2009

THE CABOT LODGE  
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### WELCOME FCA MEMBERS & GUESTS

#### FRIDAY JULY 17, 2009

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| 1730 – 1930 | Cocktail Reception and Social                               |
| 1830 – ???  | Pizza Party at Cabot Lodge (dutch treat) or your preference |

#### SATURDAY JULY 18, 2009

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| 0700 – 0930 | Complimentary deluxe breakfast  |
| 0900 – 1200 | Membership meeting (summer uniform)   |
| 1200 – 1400 | Lunch -- stretch for lunch @ nearby restaurants                                 |
| 1400 – 1630 | “Sharing the Knowledge” Programs – discussion<br>“Weather” program presentation |
| 1730 – 1930 | Cocktail Reception and social   |
| 1930 – ???? | Dinner – Texas Roadhouse or your preference                                     |

#### SUNDAY JULY 19, 2009

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| 0700 – 1000 | Complimentary deluxe breakfast. |
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#### RESERVATIONS:

Call the Cabot Lodge direct at 352-375-2400, or toll free at 800-843-8735

Rate is \$89.00 plus taxes per night. Code: FCA717. Rate is good day before or after.

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#### DIRECTIONS:

From I-75 take exit 384. Just EAST on SR 24



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### WELCOME FCA MEMBERS & GUESTS

YES, I plan to attend the summer meeting: Friday\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday\_\_\_\_\_

Call the Cabot Lodge directly at 352-375-2400 or toll free at 800-843-8735 for your room reservations. Room rate is \$89.00 plus taxes per night. Code: FCA717. Rate is also good the day before or after.

Friday July 17, 1730 Cocktail Reception & Social: YES (\_\_\_\_) NO (\_\_\_\_)  
1830 PIZZA PARTY: YES (\_\_\_\_) NO (\_\_\_\_)  
PIZZA PREFERENCE: Pepperoni (\_\_\_\_) Veggie (\_\_\_\_)  
The WORKS (\_\_\_\_) Sausage (\_\_\_\_) Cheese (\_\_\_\_)  
OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

0930 Saturday, July 18, Membership meeting: YES (\_\_\_\_) NO (\_\_\_\_)

1730 Saturday, July 18, Cocktail Reception & social YES (\_\_\_\_) NO (\_\_\_\_)

1930 Saturday, July 18, Dinner at Texas Roadhouse: YES (\_\_\_\_) NO (\_\_\_\_)

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