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THE
QUARTERDECK



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WORD FROM THE SKIPPER

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Upcoming Events

February 2009

- 9 Meeting at Rapid Car Wash: Piloting class and advancement opportunity
- 9 Money due to Mr Ballassi for Bridge & Ball**
- 16 Regular and Committee Meeting-Customs House, New London, CT
- 23 Funday (TBD)
- 28 Order deadline for Spice and Nut Fundraising

March 09

- 2 QD Meeting
- 7 Venturing Leader Specific Training (see page 3)
- 9 Regular Meeting
- 16 Regular and Committee Meeting
- 23 Funday (TBD)
- 27-28 Bridge & Ball

April 09

- 24-26 Spring Fling Social - (see page 4)

BOATSWAIN'S MESSAGE:

by Boatswain Rosa Iott

"As of Dec 2008, I am the new Boatswain of Ship 584, The Dragon. What I want to be accomplished this year, is a lot of fun in scouting and more crew members in the Ship. For the past years, we haven't had any activities that was just a fun day, like a hanging out all day. Sometimes we need a rest from all the work we have put in. So that's why on every 4th monday is a funday to celebrate for all the advancement we have done. I would like to see more crew members in the Ship because we need to continue this great ship. We are one of the most accomplished Ships in CT and I'm proud to be part of that. And I want whoever is next in line of Boatswain to continue this with new Scouts."

ELECTION RESULTS

by Nick Woviotis

For those who are well aware, or unless some of you have been sleeping under a rock the past few months, you would know that in December, Ship 584 had elections for new Quarterdeck positions. The votes were tallied and the new quarter deck was announced. Here are the results: Rosa won the majority of the votes against Amanda is once again the ships Boatswain. Courtland beat Bill by five votes to become the boatswain mate. Bill then was able to win eleven votes to one over Courtland for the position of Boys crew leader and Amanda won the position of the Girls Crew Leader. Austin still has the position of Purser, Brianna won the Storekeeper position over Jezzika and Bill, and last Nick won the majority of the votes for Yeoman.

YOUR QUARTERDECK NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR HELP...

Did you attend or do something fun, educational or exciting having to do with Scouts...Ship or otherwise?

Write a short paragraph and email it to your Yeoman: Nick Woviotis who will send it to the Adult Communications Mate: Emily Wheaton to copy/paste into the next newsletter.

*Got a question about something, send it in; got an answer to a question, send it in.

*Got an idea for a summer cruise....look for a call for ideas soon.

*Got an idea to help raise funds for the ship? Send it in...

*Look for more exciting happenings in the next newsletters.

Hello all Venturing leaders...

Venturing Leader Specifics (VLS) which will be held on Saturday March 7, 2009 at Camp Tadmra..... this is something you all have been asking for and we now have ample instructors ready to go....

so get all your leaders to sign up to take the training. the registration is available online.. Pre-requisite to VLS is Venturing Youth protection.. again, please take the online course before you take the VLS..

2nd thing- the proposed Venturing Roundtable update.... The district Venturing leadership is work very hard to bring a quality Venturing program to the district. please read the proposed outline...send us some feedback, and comments, but mostly let's try to get the kid together and see how they work...

The basic district outline is this:

- A- to have quality district roundtables- (venturing specific programing)
 - B- to elect district officers,- (to participate in regional and National Venturing programs)
 - C- to hold a recruitment night at one roundtable (to help crews increase membership)
 - D- to hold at least one outdoor Venturing Specific Program- (i.e.- camporee)
- so please read the proposal and consider the suggestions...

The big suggestion is this:

The first week of the month, instead of holding your individual crew meetings, suggest that the crew participate at the roundtable meeting.(roundtables are the first Wednesday of the month at Norwich Tech high school---- which is now located on Mahan Dr. in Norwich). This will reduce the number of meetings that week, I'm sure that is one of reasons most of you are not attending now..so buy using the district roundtable in place of that week's meeting, we can:

- a-reduce the meetings that week.
- b-get the kids together once a month.
- c-start planning and participating in regional and national venturing programs.

We have 6 fairly active crews in the district now, I really would like to get us all together and see where that takes us... so please,, suggest....then urge....then demand..!!...(if you can)... your crew participate at the roundtables....at least lets give it a try !.. it really is up to you the advisor to persuade them to come and check it out!..



SPRING FLING SOCIAL

Hosted By Sea Scout Ship 110

Ever Wonder what Venture Crews & Sea Scouts Ships in the area are like?

Join us in this "Get to Know You" Weekend filled with Team Building Games as well as camping spirit and you too will know.

April 24th – 26th 2009

\$30 per person

Deer Lake BSA Camp

101 Papermill Rd

Killingworth CT

Your Stay at Deer Lake Will Include:

Sleeping in Heated Cabins, Indoor & Outdoor Team Building Games, Hiking & Competitive Sports, Campfire Skits & Stories, Sharing Responsibilities



Sea Scouts ONLY to Sail on:

Today in fine shape and form, *Alabama* is widely regarded as the ultimate example of yankee craftsmanship and traditional wooden shipbuilding. Originally used as a moored bar pilot vessel, *Alabama* is now fast and seaworthy. Completely refitted for the passenger trade, and equipped with twin diesels, *Alabama* now schedules day and overnight cruises and also makes an ideal day-sailer as well. She is skippered by Capt. Morgan H. Douglas, third son of Captain Robert Douglas, who also helped in the reconstruction effort. The boat carries up to 49 passengers on day sails and 27 passengers overnight in her two spacious cabins. There is a crew of 6. **WHEN: May 29 -31 Friday 6pm to Sunday 2pm. COST: \$250 per person with deposit of 50% ASAP.** Advancement will be recorded. There will be elected Bosn and crew leaders. Meet before cruise. <http://www.theblackdogtallships.com/vessels.shtml>



GOOD STUFF TO KNOW - - -

Blood Clots/Stroke - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue

STROKE: Remember the 1st Three Letters....S.T.R.

My nurse friend sent this and encouraged me to post it and spread the word. I agree.

If everyone can remember something this simple, we could save some folks.

Seriously... Please read:

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall. She assured everyone that she was fine (They offered to call paramedics). She said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital. At 6:00 p.m. Ingrid passed away. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE:

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR . Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to SMILE.

T *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE, coherently. (i.e. It is sunny out today.)

R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue... If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this and sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

I have done my part. Will you?



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