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### Blast from the Past

– Max Goldstein

Hello all. This is your new newsletter editor. Rich had some computer issues so I'm going to play catch-up, starting with the December 2012 newsletter. And we begin with the Holiday Party on December 8 (which some people, by habit, refer to as the Christmas Party, but NOT this year, as it was also the first night of Chanukah. Should have lit candles). Anyway, we close out the year with an article from former Commodore-able (and future Lucite special volunteer award recipient):

**Ethel Facundo**

**Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la, Holiday Party!**

**Tis the season to be jolly Fa la la la la, la la la la, and everyone was in the mood to be jolly, have fun, dance, and share in holiday cheer.** I arrived early to help deck the halls okay the tables along with Carol Rappaport and Nancy Widener, Social Director who worked hard for this event. We placed the chocolate kisses, candy canes, snowflakes and the white poinsettias' decking the hall and it started to look festive. We had fun getting it all ready for the members.

**Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la, la la la, la la la, we were all wearing gay apparel from red and green dresses, blue and red sparkles, tuxedos, red suspenders, red shoes to Holiday ties and well we were just all in our Holiday best.** As the guests started to arrive in their gay apparel so did the toys and toys they did come. There were footballs and soccer balls for the boys, art supplies and Barbie dolls for the girls, even a bicycle. Well there were so many toys we filled up two tables and I'm guessing there will be some happy kids who will enjoy the holiday gifts.

**Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.** Our version of the yuletide carol for SSSF members is dancing, and dancing we did. The music at dinner was lovely, and just the right sound for background dinner music. Then it was time to rock, and Rich once you started the dancing music there was no stopping this crowd. The dance floor was small for the crowd, but we danced on the carpet and even in-between the tables. I'm sure I was not the only one with tired toes by the end of the evening.

**Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la, la la la la, While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la, la la la la.** The evening was a treasure, what a Holiday Party should be. Good food, oh the food. I must say the passing appetizers were great, shrimp, tuna and beef, wow what a selection. The main course was wonderful the steak was delicious. chicken tasty, veggies crisp and they accommodated the vegetarian dinners, hope that was good as well. Finally key lime pie in champagne glasses how cute and yummy.

**Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la, la la la la. Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la, la la la la. Sing we joyous, all together, Fa la la la la, la la la la.** I'm sure everyone was joyous in the evening and had fun all together for the Holiday Season. What a great time. I hope Lynnette, Social Director 2013 made reservations for next year..... so we can do it again! MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH AND HAPPY HOLIDAY... Fa la la la la, la la la la

Postscript: After some back and forth with Galuppi's, Lynette did manage to secure the same room and menu for December 7, 2013. Mark your calendars.

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(Yes, I know this is the old board, but it's a 2012 newsletter)

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## From the Helm

– Debi Hallmark, *Commodore*

Happy New Year Sailing Singles!

As I set the sails on New Year's Day for the return journey from Miami, where we had enjoyed a wonderful New Year's Eve at the Miami yacht Club, I began to reflect on the year ahead.

It was not without trepidation that I pondered the task ahead of me as Commodore of Sailing Singles of South Florida. I have been given a very talented and enthusiastic Board, and yet my mind was filled with questions.

Would I be able to lead this talented group for the betterment of the Club? Would I, along with my Board be able to achieve our goals of fiscal responsibility, increasing membership, attracting more Captains, furthering education, and increasing membership involvement in the operation of the Club?

My mind was a whirr, as the boat sailed peacefully along. And suddenly it occurred to me that serving as Commodore is not unlike maintaining my boat. All I really needed to do was pay constant attention, and avoid the worst thing one can do to a boat – and that is to not use it.

So my commitment to the membership is to pay attention to you, our members. If there is a comment, question, or suggestion from a member I am listening. I cannot guarantee that all suggestions will be implemented, but I will present all suggestions to the Board and follow-up with a reply to the member. I welcome all input from the membership.

The second part of my realization is for you the Membership. Use your Club. For new members I encourage you to get involved, serve on committees, attend the General Meetings, social and sailing events, and introduce yourself to the Captains and Board members. For our renewing members, I ask you to reach out to new members make them feel welcome, introduce yourself, make it a point to meet at least one new person each week, and promote the club every chance you get. But most of all, enjoy the Club.

This is a great Club with a fantastic group of people, with something for everyone. I am honored to serve you.

Fair Winds.

**Check out our new line of SSSF products!**  
**Cynthia Hollen has set up an on-line store for our product line, where you can purchase various items with our SSSF logo.**

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## January, February and March Birthdays:

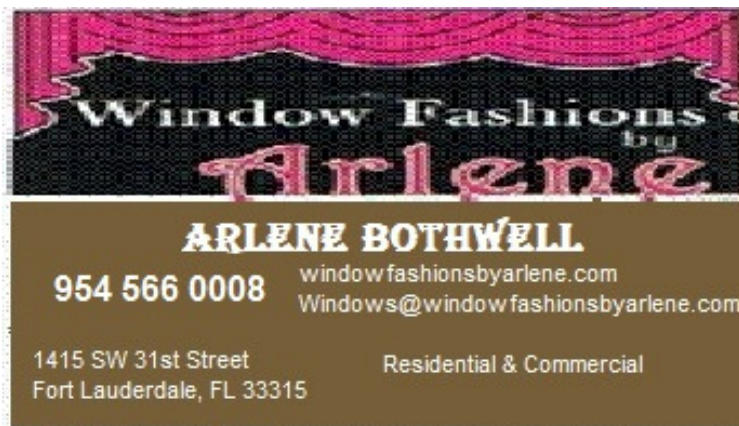
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| Linda Braunhardt.....01/15 | Stan Dekiel.....03/01     |
| Stewart Hill.....01/29     | Ron Perea.....03/06       |
|                            | Jerry Wasserman.....03/07 |
|                            | Ben Nahabedian.....03/09  |
| Edward W. White.....02/03  | Renee Wylie.....03/09     |
| Paul Orr.....02/08         | Jim Price.....03/09       |
| Mary Serfaty.....02/08     | Sheila O'Neil.....03/10   |
| Louise Albert.....02/11    | Vincent Giudice.....03/12 |
| Carol Rappaport.....02/12  | Carol Anne Call.....03/13 |
| Beverly D'Amico.....02/17  | Deborah Burns.....03/16   |
| Lynette Beal.....02/21     | Elda Villalobos.....03/22 |
| Chuck Hansen.....02/24     | John-Henry Falk.....03/26 |

## Calendar of Events

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Superbowl Party.....                      | February 3  |
| General meeting <b>with auction</b> ..... | February 7  |
| Presidents Day Sail.....                  | February 9  |
| Moulin Rouge Party.....                   | February 16 |
| Circle Raft-Up.....                       | March 3     |

## Welcome new members!

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Kathryn Brett   | Trish Lopez         |
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## Presidents Day Sail on Saturday February 9th

Raft up at 3:30 in Lake Sylvia

Come one, come all dress like your favorite president (or someone who should have been president).

Display the RED, WHITE and BLUE or maybe a donkey or elephant (use your imagination).

Traditional American food and beverage.

## Moulin Rouge Party!!!!

Celebrate Cabaret Moulin Rouge, Paris and the Can Can

Wear Your Beads, Boa's, Masks and Feathers  
February 16, 2013 at 7:00 PMArlene and Rudy Sprenger's Home  
1415 SW 31 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315  
DJ Rich Hustins will play

Bring a Dish

Appetizers: A-G

Deserts: H-L &amp; Y-Z

Main Dishes: M-X

BYOB and Mixers

Please advise if you wish to bring Ice, plates, cups, cutlery

RSVP to [socialdirsssf@sailingsingles.org](mailto:socialdirsssf@sailingsingles.org)

We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up for the Moulin Rouge Party. Set-up would involve being there in the afternoon to decorate and help with Tables etc. Clean-up is also important following the party. Hope to hear from you.

Lynette, SSSF Social Director

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The Sailing Singles Holiday Party was held on December 8, 2012 and our last party of the year was a huge success, thanks to Nancy Widener and her helpers. The food and service was excellent (we chose "Plated" dinners instead of a buffet so the food would not run out). We have already reserved Galuppi's for next year. We also collected dozens of presents for the "Little Schoolhouse."











Sailing Singles sent their own Santa's elves to deliver the presents from the Holiday Party to the Little Schoolhouse. These children are from families that can only afford the basics, which don't include presents, so for several years, our members have given presents to fill the void. Thanks to all who donated to make their holidays a little brighter.



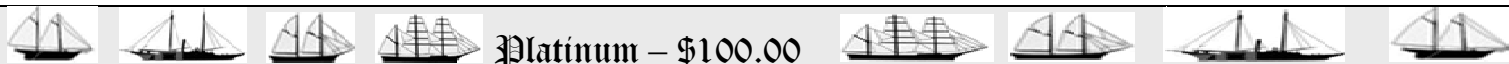






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