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Commodore's Report

It takes a fleet to keep QCYC afloat

What a ride! I can't believe it's been three years since Karleen and I joined the Bridge as Queen City Yacht Club Officers, and what a fantastic three years it has been.

Queen City Yacht Club is a living, breathing entity that needs a fleet to keep it afloat and those people are our Board of Trustees, Planning and Finance and the Committee Chairs and their teams. Thank you to everyone who donates their time and talents to this great organization. By doing so, we are able to keep this place running with only one paid employee and keep our costs down, which enables our low dues and moorage.

Speaking of only one employee, we are fortunate to have the unique and incredible talents of Elise Fox as our Office Manager. She has been invaluable in creating new processes, systems and procedures that will keep us up to date for years to come. Thank you, Elise.

I would like to thank everyone else who participates in the operation of QCYC in this column, but that would fill the entire Bilge Pump. Please accept my utmost appreciation.

In fact, everyone who has volunteered in any capacity this year is invited to attend the Commodore's Thank You Party on Friday evening, September 6th. Please sign up on-line so we know how many to buy food and beverage for, which is (of course) complimentary.

I would also like to single out Commodore-Elect Sandy Werner who has been my business partner for the last couple of years. Together we have shared ideas and made decisions that we felt were in the best interest of the entire club and its members. By working together, we will have continuity moving ahead. Sandy, thank you so much.

In closing, for over 100 years Queen City Yacht Club has chugged along, and certainly will for another hundred. I wish I could see what QCYC will look like in 2119 but can only imagine.

I do know that with both club leadership and members reminding themselves every day of the traditions that got us here today, and the importance of always looking forward to tomorrow, Queen City will thrive forever.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your 103th Commodore. See you on the water.

Mark Reed, Commodore



Mark Reed, Commodore



Mainstation is blooming thanks to Susan Rebello and her grounds crew.



Scott and Karin Grimm's Kay Gee Lady wins People's Choice award for best wood boat at the 30th Chris Craft in Port Orchard!



Commodore and Captain Crabby (Jim Damery #171) with pots in search of elusive crab.



Greg Satoro won the crab contest by one one-hundredth inch!

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QUEEN CITY 'BIG BROTHERS' WELCOME BREMERTON YC MEMBERS

Thanks to Fleet Captains Dan and Kim Heffernan for organizing an incredible weekend at the QCYC Bainbridge Outstation with Bremerton Yacht Club members for the 2019 Big Brother Cruise-In that celebrates the long standing close relationship between the QCYC and the Bremerton Yacht Club.



It takes a village to break the eggs for breakfast.



DJ rocked the house and filled the dance floor.



Appetizer bar was a crowd pleaser.



Outstanding dining is always fun for everyone.



Fleet Captain prepares for special dinghy race.



Commodore's camel crushed in the dinghy race crossfire



Sanctioned inflatables join dinghy races.

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PLEASE FOLLOW PARKING LOT RULES

Our boats are designed for cruising, carrying us to amazing places and gathering friends and family together, albeit in a tight-knit space! And this summer it seems that many of our boats, including Anchor Babe, also forced us, the owner-mechanic-fix-it people into small spaces too. Those boat gremlins forced many into boat yoga or solo twister games, reaching for nuts and bolts, filters and misbehaving pumps. These things happen, it's a boat.

But on the land-side, this summer a number of members forced other members into tight spots in the parking lot. Many, many, members pointed out to me the vehicles in the lot that did not have proper identification, or any identification, indicating those may have been guest cars that do not even belong in our parking lot.

The parking rules are there for a reason, to try to make it more equitable and safe for all members to come and use their boats. Be sure never to let any vehicle follow you through the gate, when using your key card to access the lot, especially those without a current placard hanging from the rear view mirror. If you find yourself, somehow without your placard, please get a temporary parking pass, found in the desk on second deck, fill it out and put it in your car.

Sure, the lot will be full at times and we will each have to take a turn during those times, parking up on the street. But please, make sure you are following the parking rules; displaying a burgee and placard in your vehicle, parking only one vehicle per membership and

directing all guests to park on the street.

And now the Parking Enforcement Torch will be passed along to our Rear Commodore Elect, Margaret Krows. She's a delightful lady, so let's keep her that way by following the rules.

Thank you all for making my Rear Commodore year so much fun!! I look forward to serving the club in my upcoming Vice Commodore year.

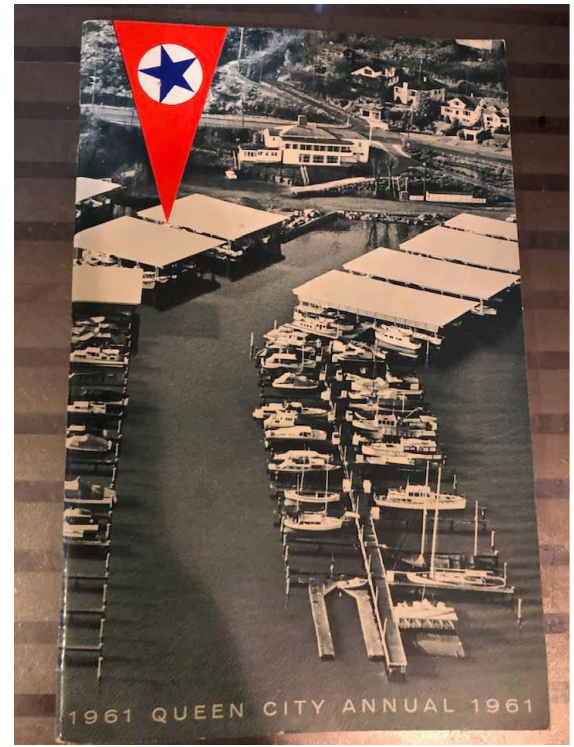


SIGN UP FOR THE QCYC FISHING DERBY

The annual QCYC Fishing Derby is officially scheduled for September 20-22 at the QCYC outstation on Bainbridge. Dates are subject to change, pending WDFW regulations and potential closures. I am excited to host again with last year's Champion, Andy Gerde. There will be a hosted keg, Friday cocktail deck party & steak fry Saturday night. We will have prizes for the top 15 fish and 1 mystery

weight. Even if you don't fish, come out for steak! Cost is \$25; register online in advance.

- Matt Grimm, 206-512, 5657



1961 Queen City Yacht Club -- Thanks Debbie Foote

COMMODORE'S COMMENDATION - SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS WHO STEPPED IN TO HELP!

Captain John Strong and P/C Dick McGrew deserve commendation for exemplifying the finest traditions of Queen City Yacht Club for selflessly giving of countless hours, expertise and respect, to Captain Jim Damery, who suffered a nearly catastrophic electrical failure on his boat at the outstation on 4, July, 2019. These gentlemen are to be treasured and thanked by all QCYC members.

Commodore Mark Reed



State Senator Jamie Pedersen at the Mainstation for a community council meeting

Thanks to Chris Castrow and Randy White for organizing a Blues, Brews & BBQ event on Saturday, September 28.

Register online -- \$35 per person for dinner, 4 brews and dinner followed by 'Hard Drivin' Live Blues' for listening and dancing

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JULY 4TH FUN AT THE OUTSTATION

July 4th at the outstation was great. The crew fed more than 100 members and guests; and everyone had a wonderful time. The refrigerator decided to stop working a few times, but other than that we didn't burn the place down! Bill Reid, July 4th Chair



Full house at the outstation over July 4th weekend



RC Terron Lindholm and Denise in Bainbridge July 4th parade



July 4th chairman Bill Reid and Karen rocked a great weekend



Thanks to Bill Reid for organizing a great July 4th weekend.



Queen City kids ready to join July 4th fun.



Grilling gurus at the outstation



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Bainbridge July 4th parade goes see a lot of red



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MUSIC COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



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Recruiting for the QCYC Music Committee.... We're extremely lucky and privileged to have some OMG fantastic guitar players. So OMG fantastic that they are frequently busy playing for professional bands...[where they make actual money,].... and aren't always available for rehearsal or performance. We could probably use another guitar player to help round out the roster.

If you're a guitar player affiliated with QCYC and available to rehearse for a couple of hours or so, generally about once a week, don't be afraid to make your presence known. :-). We don't bite, everybody puts their pants on one leg at a time, and if you ask anybody currently on the committee you'll find that everybody is having a fantastic time. Our music is late 60's to just about current. Rock, R&B, some blues, and some country.

The primary function of the Music Committee is to provide an entertainment option to committee chairs organizing events of all sizes, without a budget consideration. To learn more contact one of the Music Committee Chairs: Chuck Gould, Mark Vanderwall, or Heather Brignull. We have never turned anybody away. :-). Right now, we could sure use another guitar player. The folks we have are super fantastic talents (!) and very nice people (!!), but they're often booked with other bands and not as available as they would like to be. Chuck Gould.



Welcome new member Michael Stevenson



Welcome new members Kevin and Alexis Wall

RED & WHITE TUG TROUBLES EVERYONE



Red and white tug moored at SYC

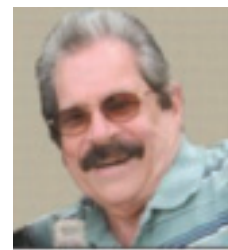
For more than a year Excalibur, a 1907, 93' red & white Wallace wood tug boat has been moored at the end of SYC dock two. Unlike QCYC, SYC has no derelict / storage boat rules. Unnamed sources say they don't know anyone at SYC but the owner who wants the old tug moored there. Sources say the grandson of a wealthy inventor/SYC member invested \$250K to rebuild the Caterpillar V8 engine and extensive interior wood work that he

envisioned as his Seattle live aboard home -- but it didn't work out.

EIGHT BELLS

Posted by Ken Klett, Fleet Chaplain

Bill (William) H. Cleaver 1943 - 2019



Long time and well liked member Captain Bill Cleaver, #038, peacefully slipped his moorage for the last time on May 14th at the age of 75. His final days were spent with his family by his side at his home in Mukilteo.

Bill was born Sep 16, 1943 in Seattle where he grew up and attended Roosevelt High School then entered and graduated from Edison Tech, Seattle's nationally top-rated vocational school. Bill started working at Bellevue Vacuum and then in 1970 became the proud owner! The shop developed a large customer base due to Bill's ability to repair almost any vacuum cleaner and Sandi's business acumen and was a Bellevue fixture until 2017 when Bill & Sandi retired and closed the shop.

Bill had three children by a previous marriage; son John, and daughters Paulette and Tricia. Bill and Sandi were married in 1979 and were pretty much inseparable until Bill passed as a result of cancer.

Bill joined Queen City in 1976 sponsored by his dad, Herb Cleaver, who owned the "Marion II" the well-known 42' 1929 Lake Union Dreamboat. Bill and Sandi became very active members attending club social events and were a popular couple. Bill served as Wine Steward several years and also on the Security Committee. He was chair of the 1979 Memorial Day Cruise and loaned his convertible for 4th of July Winslow parades. After the Cleaver's bought the beautiful "Wildlife", a 65' International Offshore, they would use it for the QCYC officer's boat in the Opening Day parades and Bill would often host the Old Timers Night cruises on it.

In 1980, Commodore John Clark named Bill as Man of the Year!

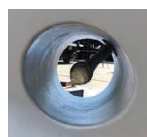
The Cleavers owned two boats while members; the "Tolyaso" a 40' Universal Marine trawler and the aforementioned "Wildlife".

Bill is survived by his wife Sandi, daughters Paulette and Tricia, granddaughters Lauren (Alex), Nicole and Kelly, his sister Alice and brother John (also a QCYC member). He is dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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KEN SHIELDS: PILOT ON LAND & SEA PASSES

Ken Shields 1924 - 2019



Donna and Ken Shields

Our number 001 member, Ken Shields, crossed the bar on August 3, at the age of 95.

Ken's story, has been affectionately written by Larry & Rheta Downs as follows:

"Ken was born January 9, 1924 in Bellingham but grew up in Seattle. Ken was the third of four boys. Backed by a strong work ethic, Ken sold lilacs door to door to neighbors at a very early age. Sometimes wondering if the buyers knew the lilacs came from their own flower beds. He had a paper route and sold magazines door to door to earn money to help his mom put food on the table. In 1940 at the age of 16 Ken went to visit his older brother in San Francisco. He found a dishwashing job and never returned home.

In 1941 he returned to Seattle and got a job working for Preston Smith, a long time QCYC member at the Five Point Café and Mecca Café. He took odd jobs in California and Arizona over the next few years. He had worked in 13 different jobs by the age of 19. Ken never had difficulty finding work. One of his tactics was to offer to work for free for a day. If at the end of the day the boss didn't think Ken would work out, both parties could go their separate ways. Needless to say, the bosses never turned Ken away.

In 1943 at the age of 18 Ken joined the Merchant Marine and from 1943 to 1945 Ken saw the world. Onboard was a utility man, cabin steward, waiter, cook and baker. He visited New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands, Chile, Pearl Harbor, Panama Canal, Tasmania, Australia, Ceylon, Alaska, Hawaii and New York.

1948 saw Ken in Alaska at Fort Richardson as a cook. From there back to Seattle where he worked at the Doghouse Restaurant for a year. In 1949 Ken and brother Jack opened their first restaurant "The Steakhouse" in downtown Seattle followed

by the "Topper". Ken was 25 at the time.

In 1951 Ken bought a 1946 Cessna 140 from a Seattle pimp and good bar customer at the restaurant. In 1953 Ken and his brother Jack closed the Topper and opened "Jacken's" at 85th and Greenwood. The business dissolved in 1960. Ken shared the story of how he and brother Jack had loaned a restaurant customer \$5000 to open his own car lot at 83rd and Aurora. That proved a successful investment as they got their money back plus \$10,000! The customer was Roy Robinson who now owns several new car dealerships in the Seattle area.

Ken met Donna Walters in 1951 at his restaurant and married in 1960. Every month for the next 11 months Ken gave Donna an anniversary gift. Needless to say Donna was enchanted. Donna's monthly anniversary gift enchantment ended on their 1 year anniversary. No gift! When Donna asked Ken why, he responded "it's been a year - buy what you want!"

Ken joined QCYC in 1955 when he was 31 years old. Ken owned several boats, a 27' Grandy, a 34' Chris Craft called "Honeymoon", a 1926 Dreamboat called "Ann Saunders", a 42' Owens Flagship called "Dawn" and finally their beloved 52' Monk/McQueen called "Topaz". Ken was member #1 from 2016 through 2019.

There is a funny story about the Chris Craft purchase. Ken and a good friend hatched a plan to buy 2 new Chris Crafts direct from the factory by saying they were buying them for a non-existent charter business in Alaska. The boats were shipped by rail from Holland Michigan and were to be delivered to Bryant Marina in Lake Union. That was the same marina the Chris Craft Dealer was based in. Knowing the Chris Craft dealer would not be happy the sale did not go through them, Ken found a dock worker on Harbor Island who plucked the boats off the train before it got to Lake Union for \$20.

In 1957 Ken shipped his 1951 Harley Davidson to Hawaii where he spent 3 1/2 weeks riding his Harley and having a ball. In 1958 Ken visited the Harley Dealer in Seattle and bought a new 1959 74 cubic inch Harley Hydro Glide. The Dealer told Ken to bring the bike back after 500 miles for an oil change. Imagine the look on the Harley owner's face when he opened the store the next morning to find Ken waiting for him. He had ridden the bike all night long to Bellingham, Mount Rainier, down to Portland making various stops to visit friends and drinking lots of coffee and returned to the dealership with 500 miles put

on the bike.

Ken and Donna built a house on Rolling Bay on Bainbridge Island. It was a beautiful house facing downtown Seattle. Ken and Donna were Teamsters driving trucks and Harley "side hacks" in Seattle for a number of companies including the Seattle Times. Ken and Donna often commuted by ferry on their Harleys.

Fellow QCYC member Al Teel showed Ken and Donna a photo ad of the "Topaz", a 52' Monk boat in 1977. After several failed attempts to buy the boat they were finally able to buy her in 1979. That was preceded by Topaz just about sinking during the sea trial in Long Beach, CA. Topaz had sat so long that the planks on the stem above the waterline had shrunk and opened up the seams. When the boat was underway, water poured through the gaps. It didn't help that the bilge pump was wired incorrectly. Fortunately they made it safely back to the marina and an awaiting travel lift to get repairs. Ken and Donna lived aboard for 23 years until Donna's health declined in 2001 when handling the boat became difficult. They bought a house in Sedro Woolley and then sold their beloved "Topaz".

Ken and Donna's love of Harleys continued in Sedro Woolley. They had their Hobby House behind the main house outfitted with a garage door and ramp so they could drive their Harleys inside. Their "Harley Hangar" became one of their favorite meeting places with friends. At ages 88 and 85, Ken and Donna brought Harley Davidson Motorcycles back into their lives. After multiple trade ups, Ken ended up with a 2010 Harley CVO convertible and Donna had a 2010 Harley Tri Glide. Their bikes were finally sold in June 2018.

Ken was a voracious reader and just a little opinionated. He told me he did not believe something if he read about it once. But if he read it twice, he believed it. So what if the majority of what he read was written from the far right! Ken once told me that "sometimes I just say whatever comes out of my mouth." On one of our more recent trips up to visit Ken, Rheta was paying bills, when out of the blue Ken says "did you know that men sometimes pay women for sex?" Not knowing exactly where this was going (There was a box of Viagra on his night stand) Rheta said yes. Ken said "I think I would like to pay a woman for companionship. Ken has now joined his partner in life Donna.

Donna died on November 10, 2018 at the age of 91 while Ken died at home in Sedro Woolley." Lives well lived. RIP."

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REALLY HOPE YOU ALL HAD A SUPER SUMMER, DESPITE THE LIMITED SUNSHINE!

Hope, too, that you're ready to jump into all the fun activities that are awaiting you at your yacht club! So many great opportunities to meet & get to know Captains, both ladies & gents, you may have trouble deciding which event to choose!

Let's start the season with the annual **Steak Fry**, sponsored by Tarettes, on Friday evening, September 13. Dig out your old Cowboy hat & your old Cowboy boots, dust 'em off, practice your yahoos, and mosey over for a great dinner of 'grill your own steak – or chicken', baked potatoes, salad & a surprise dessert!!! 'Don't get better than that, does it?' Yes, it does – plan to look good so you can join your buddies for a Cowboy Selfie at the photo corner!! AND Country Music by the **Desolation Sounds!**

Mark your calendar, ladies, for the first **Tarette General Meeting** of the year, Friday, October 28, at 1:00. This will be your opportunity to welcome & be welcomed – **New Member Mixer!** Come & share your boating stories with all our wonderful new lady members who were inducted in 2019. In addition,

check your closet for all the purses you've been collecting & bring along those "I used to love this, but never use it anymore" treasures. We'll swap & share & those that don't find a new closet we will donate.....

Of course, we will host another **Bingo & Pizza Party** in November; don't want to miss that one!

A **Book Club** will be starting in September! Watch for a survey and reply to determine the best day and time. It will meet monthly October to May.

Other activities that have sparked an interest are a monthly **Bridge Group & a Museum Tour Group**. Please contact me if you'd like to participate.

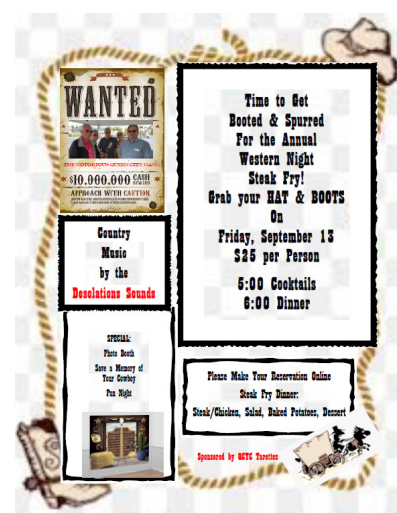
Soon to be on the calendar will be:

- A Zoo Tour
- A Seattle Underground Tour
- WIC Luncheons
- Helping at Treehouse Kids

I'm looking forward to meeting new **FRIENDS**, great **FELLOWSHIP & FUN!**
Karen Klett

Tarettes President

Watch the Monday morning Bilge Blast to keep up with what is happening! Happy boating this summer!



VISIT SIX SEATTLE MUSEUMS AND LUNCH!

Let's visit museums in Seattle! When did you last visit the Wing Luke Museum or the Asian Pacific American Experience? Did you know Seattle has a Holocaust Center for Humanity? Have you ever been to Northwest African American Museum? On these outings we will visit Museums in Seattle. In addition, we will visit iconic Seattle Restaurants. For example:

- Holocaust Center for Humanity, Lunch at Ben Paris, the lunch counter, sport center and cigars on 2nd Ave. The lunch counter was in operation from 1935 to 1980 & many of our fathers visited this establishment! It has now reopened with a new menu and location.
- Wing Luke Museum, Lunch at Tai Tung
- Nordic Heritage Museum, Lunch at Lockspot
- Seattle Asian Art Museum, Lunch at Deluxe for a famous burger or a loaded baked potato!
- Northwest African American Museum, Lunch at Ezell's where Oprah gets her fried chicken!

Getting the drift?? It should be fun to go to places we haven't thought of in years or always wanted to go but didn't have the nerve!! These outings will happen the third Thursday each month except December. We will meet at the club at 9:30, car pool and return to the club by 2 pm.

- October 17, Holocaust Museum Ben Paris Lunch
- November 21, Seattle Asian Museum TaiTung
- January 16, Nordic Heritage Museum Lockspot
- February 20, Seattle Asian Museum Deluxe
- March 20, Northwest African American Museum Ezell's
- April 16, Burke Museum Northlake Tavern; then a walk to UW to see the cherry blossoms!

I encourage your suggestions of museums or places to eat! (Becky Garvey 206-979-1870)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Labor Day Cruise (Bainbridge)	2 Labor Day Cruise (Bainbridge) Labor Day Office Closed (Holiday)	3 Planning & Finance Meeting 6:00pm Music Committee Rehearsal 8:00pm	4 Private Event-Horton Willie's Wednesday 5:30pm	5 Private Event-Horton	6 Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm Commodore Thank You Party 7:00pm to 9:00pm	7 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
8 Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm	9 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	10 Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm Music Committee Rehearsal 8:00pm	11 Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Meeting Dinner & Drinks 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm to 9:30pm	12 SR 520 Community Stakeholder Workshop #3 3:30pm to 8:00pm	13 Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm Tarettes-Steak Fry 5:00pm	14 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Docks Fun Day 8:30am to 2:00pm
15 Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm	16 Private Event-Delaunay 6:30pm to 8:30pm	17 Event Chairs (Invitation Only) Elevator Maintenance 11:00am to 3:00pm	18 Willie's Wednesday 5:30pm	19 SSPS Dinner Meeting 5:30pm	20 QCYC Fishing Derby Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	21 QCYC Fishing Derby Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
22 QCYC Fishing Derby	23 Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm	24 Hold - Past Commodore's Club 7:00pm	25 Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Meeting Dinner & Drinks 6:00pm QCYC Change of Watch 7:30pm	26	27 Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	28 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Blues, Brews & BBQ 5:00pm
29 Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm						