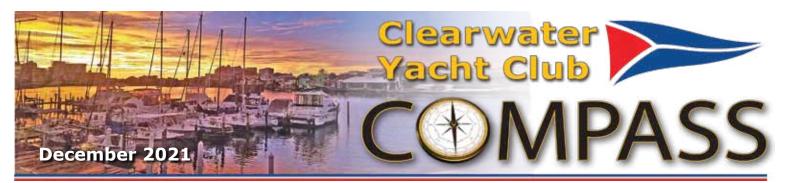


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# Fashion Week at CYC



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#### Halloween Bash!



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#### Tradition: Toys for Tots



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#### Town Halls



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### Commodore's Corner

#### THE HOLIDAY SEASON and

upcoming end of 2021 are a good, traditional time for reflection. My reflection in this, my last Commodore's Column, focuses on what I'm grateful for.

Clearwater Yacht Club. We call ourselves the fun club and the friendly club. We speak of our CYC family and consider our employees part of the CYC family. I'm



Commodore Mary Kay Delk

grateful for all those things, and more. Our members are good people who give generously of their time and provide sponsorships and anonymous gifts. Most importantly, I'm grateful that we are all united by our love for our club.

The Bridge. It's been such a rewarding experience to work closely with Vice-Commodore Greg Crist and Rear Commodore Curtis Wold this year. They brought unique strengths to the Bridge and gave me sound counsel. I'm excited to watch them serve as Commodore and know they will excel.

The Board of Directors. What a talented, dedicated group! Each Board member worked especially hard this year as, in addition to our regular Board and committee meetings, we attended retreats, training and special meetings. They are committed to doing their best for the Club.

CYC Staff. Our team is exceptional. Michael Ciaccio provides excellent, professional leadership. The kitchen staff, led by Chef Germaine, is turning out delicious, creative food. Our servers, bartenders and bussers are friendly and skilled. Tom, our Dockmaster, has brought a new level of service to that function. Dan keeps our club shipshape and makes our Halloween decorations scarier every year. Virginia and Mary provide a friendly welcome and keep us running smoothly. Michelle and Susan make sure our financial and administrative functions operate efficiently.

Personal. My husband Michael has been incredibly supportive of me during my year as Commodore. I'm grateful for his love and encouragement.

It has been an honor to serve as your Commodore.

# Saturday December 11th

#### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

#### By Misha Kelly, Secretary

The BOD took the following actions at the November 18 meeting:

- Received reports from Cruisers, Entertainment, Yachting, and Membership.
- Approved the designation of the Marina as a Capital project.
- Approved the 2022 CYC budget proposed by the Finance Committee.
- Approved 10 new members, 3 winter members, 1 trial member, 1 status change, 2 resignations, and 1 LOA extension.
- Reviewed the Member survey results and the next steps were discussed.

The next meeting will be held December 16.

#### 2021 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, **APPOINTMENTS & TRUSTEES**

#### **CYC Officers**

Mary Kay Delk **Gregory Crist Curtis Wold** Phil Shaw Misha Kelly Rod White **Greg Garner** 

Commodore Vice Commodore Rear Commodore Treasurer

Secretary Fleet Captain

Immediate Past Commodore

#### **Board of Directors**

Joan Carter Amie Crosby Jim Hannigan **Kelley Lesperance** Rich Libonate Jamie Patchett

#### **Board of Trustees**

PC David Billing PC Dick Boblenz Wayne Huneke

Harry Jamieson PC Hoyt Nichols PC Gary Strohauer

#### Appointments

Fr. Bob Wagenseil Dr. Don Collins

Fleet Chaplain Fleet Surgeon





# Waterside

Fleet Captain

IE THIRD WEEK of November 16, 17 and 18 was an especially busy time for us on the Waterside committee. The Town Hall and Board of Directors meetings focused our attention on presenting the results of months of findings at the Town



Hall that was previously presented to the Board of Directors in September with the committee and the Board agreeing that repairing and replacing our existing design made the most sense for the following reasons:

- Least cost (the cost savings to a floating dock alternative is over \$300,000)
- Quickest route to permitting
- Least disruptive to existing occupants

Any new design would reduce the number of slips based on the current permitted footprint

Woods Consulting does not believe, based on their experience, that we could get an exception to our footprint. Estimated time to permitting is 1-2 months to repair and replace. If we were going to go for a new design it would have been 12 months or more from new design approval. Woods Consulting is on time with the projected timeline for permitting, construction drawings and contractor selection.

The emergency piling replacement and dock A shoring up has been completed for safety until we can repair or replace our docks.

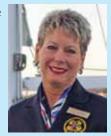
I again would like to thank the members of the Waterside Committee for all the hard work for the last year. Thank you to all the members of the club that attended the Town Hall meeting; it was very good turnout. We are looking forward to a great holiday season at Clearwater Yacht Club.

Fair winds & following seas





**AS THE YEAR** comes to a close, we turn our attention to the annual awards presented by Yachting at the Change of Watch, and to the 2022 calendar.



Annually, the Yachting Committee presents the Robert Word trophy and the Harris Award for Excellence in

Race Management. Here's what you should know about these two awards: the Robert Word trophy goes to the CYC member who has the overall best results from all CYC sponsored races; The Harris Award is given to the member of CYC race committee who has made the greatest contribution (in the given year) toward the successful execution of the regattas, and is voted upon by secret ballot.

We have a robust line up of regattas CYC is honored to host in 2022 and to get everyone ready, Race Committee 101 Training will be held in the Dry Dock on January 22, 2022 from 9 am - noon. Anyone interested in learning about how we put on local, regional, national and world events, please make plans to join us and become part of putting the "Y" in CYC! Lunch will be provided following the training.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2022 REGATTAS:

February 3-6 – West Marine US Open Sailing Series -CYC will run the ILCA/Laser races

March 4-5 – Pass- A-Grille Run Regatta (for big boats) – dockage at CYC and skippers party evening of March 4, Regatta from Clearwater to PAG 3/5.

This is a Gulf Coast "Boat of the Year" race and determines annual awards for PHRF boat

March 12-20 - Sunfish Masters, Sunfish Midwinters and 1 day of Team Races – 7 days on the water with CYC as organizing authority, will require over 40 volunteers on land and water, including 2 cocktail receptions and dinners at CYC for over 100 participants. Check-in and other landside activities will take place at the CCSC.

Sponsorship opportunities available.

The next Yachting Committee meeting is December 14 at 6 p.m.

See you out on the water!

Kelley Lesperance, (407) 920-7545 cycyachting@gmail.com



# Thanksgiving Feast

By Joe Lane, Compass Editor

**THERE ARE EXQUISITE** meals; then there are those that cannot be captured in words. The latter was the sumptuous extravaganza Thanksgiving Day at CYC. From the aromas you experienced as you walked in, to the eye candy--every dish artistically arranged all around the redesigned bar area, everywhere, deliciousness assaulted your senses. Whether it was the salad bar, the traditional 'breakfast-ie' brunch selections to the prime rib, from the turkey with all its extras to the banana's Foster -- everything was top drawer! Then, in a class by

itself, the dessert bar and that astounding selection of pies, cakes and cheesecakes, fresh fruits and cheeses. The only downside was that the seatings were time limited. One could easily spend hours enjoying it all. If you missed Thanksgiving at CYC this year, make a note in you calendar NOT to in 2022! 🕨





# Have you ever wanted to learn to sail? Now you can! The Bow Chasers are putting together small group classes with the Clearwater

Community Sailing for early 2022.

No need to be a Bow Chaser just a love for the water and an interest in sailing.





#### **GULLS AND BOWCHASERS**

Tuesday, December 14th Socializing and Boatique starting about 11:00am

Lunch to follow, only \$22.00 inclusive of tax and gratuity

#### Muffins

Choice of:

**London Broil** with Demi Glace OR

**Seared Salmon** 

with Lemon Dill Cream Sauce

**Mashed Potatoes** Julienne Vegetable Medley

Dessert: Peppermint Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

If the menu doesn't fit your dietary needs, please let us know.

SPECIAL DRINK FOR THE EVENT: Poinsettia Cocktail \$5.00 House Wines \$5.00

Boatique with fun gifts, 50/50 and great Christmas raffle basket. Cash or checks happily accepted.

Fun craft making after lunch. No talent or money needed. Also more time to socialize.

> RSVP a must with your choice of food 727-447-6000

# Dazzler Dinne

#### By Maj. Ed Zaleski, USMC

FIRST, LET ME thank everyone who contributed to CYC's 2021 Toys for Tots campaign. In the past, we can typically make Christmas a reality for about 6,500 Pinellas children. Last year, because of COVID, we made some tweaks to the way we did things that ended up making us more efficient.

Incorporating those measures into this year, we challenged ourselves to see if we couldn't help out ten thousand kids this year. As I write this, we are already about 9,000 strong, and we still have until December 17. So, if there are some generous donors on the fence, there is still time. Get ahold of Virginia. All donations toys and dollars are gratefully accepted.

As I said when I presented our talk, we purchase everything locally and the donations help all local kids. Our objective is to break the cycle of poverty in any way we can, so we try to give gifts that will enhance things like reading skills and keep the family unit at the center of the Christmas holiday for those local families.



Guest speaker Maj. Ed Zaleski, USMC









Entertainment by the Dazzler Duo.

# Where do we go from here?????

#### **By Jim Hannigan**

THE CYC TOWN Hall meeting took place on Wednesday, November 17, in the main dining room. This was the final one of three. A crowd of sixty members were treated to presentations from the Board of Directors

regarding the future of the Club.

Commodore Mary Kay Delk welcomed all, followed by various business presentations, and guided tours of all areas of the Club. A wonderful buffet dinner was provided afterwards. Thanks to all our CYC members who attended and expressed their interest in their Club.





Commodore Mary Kay Delk addressing the attendees



CYC member Steve Ekovich explaining about financing options



Fleet Captain Rod White updating the status of the marina and docks



# Co-ed Fashion Show



























**FOR THE FIRST** time in more than 100 years, we have been living through the darkness of a pandemic that has claimed the lives of millions of people and turned the normal routines of our daily lives upside down. These have been dark days for many of us and that darkness has also led to serious divisions among families, friends and throughout society.

If that weren't enough, just when we seem to have finally turned the corner and been filled with hope that there was, at long last, "light at the end of the tunnel," much of the world is now experiencing a fourth wave of the pandemic which, in many places, exceeds the very worst days of last year.

That having been said, Christmas and Hanukkah cannot get here soon enough. We need a Season of Hope in the midst of uncertainty, a Season of Light in the midst of darkness, and we most certainly need a Season of Kindness and Generosity in the midst of the many things which divide and separate us. That Season is now upon us.

The eight days of Hanukkah bear witness to God's triumph over cruelty and oppression; the twelve days of Christmas proclaim that God's "light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." While these two celebrations recall two very different events. they share a common message reminding us that in every generation, darkness, injustice, cruelty, and violence are not going to have the final word. Rather, it is God's Law of Love, Mercy and Justice that will! The prophet Isaiah put it this way: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who sat in a land of darkness and the shadow of death, on them light has shined."

Isaiah's words point to the very foundation of hope which our Holiday (Holy-day) Season is meant to convey not simply on the transient shelves of Walmart and Amazon but most importantly on the Altars of our Daily Lives. And even though the words of the old song so beautifully sung by Nat King Cole still ring true: "everybody knows some turkey and some mistletoe help to make the season bright," we also know that every gesture of kindness, every act of compassion, and every word of forgiveness will help to make the season last!

May this Holiday Season 2021 be a bright and lasting one for us all, and through each of us, a lasting season of healing, peace, and hope for the world as well.

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#### By Curtis Wold, Rear Commodore

**WE MADE IT** to November, and as the "cool for Florida" weather finally arrived, we started off the month with the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 13 with a great party afterwards with JR Connections.



Then we jumped into Fashion Week November 16-21 with everyone in Dress to Impress style.

The Gulls Fashion Show was a success at lunch on Wednesday, November 17, with nearly 80 members/guests enjoying the latest **Sign of the Dolphin** fashions, followed by Stacey Bridenback's second big finale/retirement as **CYC Trivia** leader on Thursday, November 18. Friday featured the **Toys for Tots** Dinner with the amazing **Dazzler** providing the entertainment. Finally, we closed out Fashion Week

with a bang on Saturday, November 20 with the Fall Saturday Evening Fashion Show with our CYC models and emcee Marcia Nichols! (and yours truly as one of several outstanding male models).

In December, we will enjoy the season starting with our traditional **Change of Watch** on Saturday, December 4 as we transition to a new Bridge and Board and dance away with Chello Holiday. Then the next Saturday is the **CYC Christmas Boat** 



ANGLE Christmas Party

Parade—get your reservations early to see the lighted boats! Then the following Saturday we have Mingle Jingle thanks to Christy Crist, Misha Kelly, Amie Crosby, Abbey Heimensen, and Olivia Prince hosting the Scott Koffman band. Finally, we will close out 2021 and

welcome in 2022 on New

Year's Eve with the Walter Kittle band. In CYC history, a few commodores have served for multiple years, most notably our first commodore, Colonel Lowe Emerson from 1911-1919 and the famous Tayer Bayly from 1933-1940.



When was the last time a CYC commodore served for more than one year? Text me at 727-641-8633 with your answer and your name; I will give you a gift certificate for a couple of drinks at the CYC Tiki Bar for the third member who texts me the correct answer.

Last month, I asked, how many burgees should a boat display at one time? The answer from United States Power Squadron (USPS) How to Fly Flags, Nautical Flag Display is "Do not display more than one burgee at a time. The burgee your boat wears should be that of the group in whose activity you are participating, or whose harbor you are entering if you are a member of that group. Otherwise, fly the burgee of your home organization." I did not receive any answers this month, so I expect folks are helping me save up for the holidays!

There will not be a formal Entertainment meeting in December but will be working the transition to a new Entertainment chair prior to the January meeting. Until then, I can be reached at woldca@gmail. com or on my cell phone by text or voice at 727-641-8633.

Happy Holidays CYC!





#### By Anita Cafferty, Bow Chasers

**WHOOOEY!** The Bowchaser Party Flag has risen and is flying proudly. We started off with a wonderful Paella Party Dockside thanks to Phyllis Nordman and the crew's creativity in planning.

Three new members were welcomed-Christy Poorman, Anne Torsney and Judy Witherington. Christy is an experienced sailor and looking forward to joining us in our Tuesday races. Anne is anxious to start sailing and "learn" the ropes." And, Judy is owner of a cruiser in our marina TY ONE ON.

The "newbies" continued showing their energetic presence

with the 50/50 drawing. Christy picked the ticket and Judy won the pot! Way to go Gals! The Paella was lovingly made by Mary Ellen Farinas and was devoured with "mucho gusto." An original native of Cuba, Mary Ellen spoke fondly of her homeland as she prepared the Paella in front of the mouth watering Bow Chaser audience. There were 25 Bow Chasers drooling!!!

Future party plans were announced with a Nov. 17th fashion show from the Sign of the Dolphin shop. I always call this the \$300 event because even though the event is \$20, it costs \$\$\$ to visit the shop to buy all the outfits seen and liked!

Our Christmas Party is December 14 and knowing the Bow Chasers zest for partying, you know bells will be jingling.

Our sailing program is alive and growing. Our itty bitty boats are filling out into a full fleet. Lisa Oliver approached the Clearwater Sailing Center (which gives CYC reciprocity) for a program to introduce sailing to anyone who would like to "test the waters." There would be a 1 hour class for 4 people max...on the water.....for \$125. Then if you like it, you can take

a 2 day class Adult Learn to Sail for \$135 per person. You can continue with private sailing lessons for \$85 for one and \$45 for each additional person. And if you really go "overboard," you can rent a boat and take an experienced Bow Chaser and split the cost depending on the boat chosen. 📂

Oh Boy-Ships Ahoy...no doubt lunch and cocktails to follow!









THE GULLS STARTED the Club's Fashion Week with a spectacular lunch and Fashion Show. More than 70 ladies enjoyed a show from Sign of the Dolphin in Seminole who outfitted our

six models, Mitzi Franz, Linda Dorn, Ritchie Shaw, Linda Wolling, Donna Wyatt and Mary Kay Delk, in some great outfits. In addition to individual packages, they brought samples of their 'non-clothing' treasures they carry in the store. Five lucky ladies were the winners of door prizes. As in the past, the Gulls held a 50/50 drawing which was beneficial to one lady and the Gulls treasury.

The December luncheon should be lots of fun. The Gulls and the BowChasers have arranged to jointly sponsor this fun day. Mark your calendar for TUESDAY, Dec. 14. We'll have a raffle basket, gifts to purchase, 50/50 and more. Watch for the emails that should be coming soon.

December 18 also brings Breakfast with

Santa. This is a long-standing club function where Santa will come and bring all the good little boys and girls presents. Make sure you call the club early and make your reservations. We would hate for Santa not to have a present for a good little boy or girl.

The New Year will bring luncheons with lots of exciting topics. It also will bring back dues at \$20.00 per year. Please fill out a form completely so we can start a new, up-to-date roster. Forms will be available at the luncheons. Watch the Compass and emails for more details.



#### Newly Remodeled Dry Dock









## CYC EVENTS Save These Dates

#### Club Dining Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 11:30 am - 9:00 pm Friday & Saturday 11:30 am - 9:30 pm Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### Tiki Bar Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 5:00 -10:00 pm Friday 2:00 pm - closing Saturday & Sunday 11:00 am - closing

#### **DECEMBER**

#### Wednesday 1st

Membership - 6 pm Private Board Room

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#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Private Board Room

**Land Cruisers Christmas Party DD** 

#### Friday 3rd

Live Entertainment-Old School

#### Saturday 4th

**CHANGE OF WATCH** 

#### Sunday 5th

**Bucs at Falcons** 

#### **Tuesday 7th**

Bow Chasers - 5:30 pm

**House & Grounds/Entertainment** 

#### **Christmas Party**

Christmas B-I-N-G-O

#### Wednesday 8th

Cruisers- 6:30 pm

#### Thursday 9th

Lighted Boat Parade Captains Mtg. - 6 pm

#### Friday 10th

KIND MOUSE FOOD DRIVE ENDS

Live Entertainment-J.R. Connections

#### Saturday 11th

Private MDR Luncheon LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Private Boardroom PM

#### Sunday 12th

**Bills at Bucs** 

#### Tuesday 14th

Private MDR Luncheon

**Bowchasers & Gulls Christmas Luncheon** 

Yachting - 6 pm

#### Wednesday 15th

Finance - 6 pm

#### Thursday 16th

Board of Directors - 6 pm

#### Friday 17th

Live Entertainment-TBD

#### Saturday 18th

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** 

**MINGLE JINGLE** 

#### Sunday 19th

**Saints at Bucs** 

#### **Tuesday 21st**

Trustees - 5:30 pm Waterside - 7 pm

#### Friday 24th

**CHRISTMAS EVE – CLUB CLOSED** 

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** – CLUB CLOSED

#### Sunday 26th

Grand Brunch - 9 am to 1 pm

**Bucs at Panthers** 

#### Friday 31st

Club Closed for Lunch Private DD & Tiki Deck

**CYC NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** 

#### JANUARY, 2022 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

#### Saturday 1st

#### **DINING ROOM CLOSED**

Tiki Open from 1-5 pm - Limited Menu

#### Tuesday 4th

Land Cruisers - 5 pm Bow Chasers - 5:30 House & Grounds - 6 pm

#### Wednesday - 5th

Membership - 6 pm

#### Saturday 8th

**4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2021 BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY KARAOKE** 

#### Sunday 9th

New Member Orientation - 10:30 am

#### Tuesday 11th

Entertainment - 6:30 pm

#### Wednesday 12th

Cruisers - 6:30 pm

#### Sunday 16th

CHILI COOK OFF - DRY DOCK & PATIO

#### Tuesday 18th

Book Club - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm

Waterside - 7 pm

#### Wednesday 19th

Finance - 6 pm

#### Thursday 20th

Board of Directors - 6 pm

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

RACE COMMITEE 101

**PIRATE PARTY** 

#### Tuesday 25th

Trustees - 5:30 pm

#### Saturday 29th

**GASPARILLA** 

#### Sunday 30th

Grand Brunch - 9 am to 1 pm



# CYC Committees and Organizations

#### COMMITTEES

Entertainment, RC, Curtis Wold

Finance, Richard Libonate

House & Grounds, VC, Gregory Crist

Membership, Amie Crosby

Nominating Committee, IPC Greg Garner

Policy, Commodore, Mary Kay Delk

Sailing Activities, Claire English

Waterside, Rod White Yachting, Kelley Lesperance

#### CYC ORGANIZATIONS

Bow Chasers, Linda Dorn

Cruising, Gary and Sondra Newcom

Gulls, Lynne Shackelford

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# HOUSE and



#### By Gregory Crist, Vice Commodore



#### THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

We have much to be thankful for at this time of year and as we prepare to celebrate the Spirit of the Season, I wanted to take time to reflect back upon this year's H&G accomplishments and thank the members of our committee for

the amazing hard work they put in to make it all happen!

While our major projects were all funded by the club, our team recruited other CYC member involvement and resources to tie together several ground floor projects into one very cohesive renovation plan that completed our dry dock, bathrooms and our new member lounge. I've always said that it is our members that make CYC great!

Special thanks to our H&G special project coordinators Joan Carter and Phyllis Nordman with supporting members Colleen Eagan and Christy Crist. Financial sponsors: CYC Poker Run Committee, CYC Cruisers, Hitchcock Law, Coastal Aire Design Co., AWS Construction and Erwin Electric, each gave generously toward the completion of the finished work for these projects so we could bring a modern coastal feel to this area of our club. This includes the installation of mirrors, coffee bar, library and member cell charging stations as well as a lot of other cool stuff to be added to the walls of this oasis during the coming year! With it nearly complete, we welcome our incoming VC Curtis Wold to lead our 2022 agenda.

I encourage you to get involved in committee work as there is much more heavy lifting ahead!

I thank the team and wish all of our members **Happy Holidays!** 



#### From the Front Office

By Michael Ciaccio, General Manager CCM

#### **NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH**

that marks the beginning of the end of our calendar year, and is a month dedicated to giving thanks.







First and foremost, I'd like to thank the membership for your continued support of the Club. I'd like to thank our committees for their demonstrated dedication to the betterment of the Club. Finally, I extend our most sincere gratitude to our staff for the long hours and their dedication to Club Operations. The simple truth is, we simply could not do it without you!







Please remember we can give this year in a VERY special way to the fund that allows for a Christmas bonus for all your favorites, servers and behind the scenes staff. Just call the office and we can add your gratitude contribution to your next bill.







The Club just held our first wedding since Covid began. It was a great reminder of how much fun banquets and gatherings can be. The Dry Dock is being renovated as we speak and would be a great place to hold your holiday party, work functions or other event. The staff is ready and eager to cater these events to your needs and make it a truly memorable special occasion for you and your guests.

May you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season.



#### By Diane Switalski

THE BOOK CLUB meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6 pm in the boardroom. All members and their guests are welcome to join our stimulating and fun discussions. If you enjoy reading, this is the place to be!

Many of us stay for dinner. If you do plan to do so, please make reservations with Virginia or Mary at 727-447-6000.

All books are selected by the members prior to discussion. Our upcoming meetings will feature the following:

There will be no meeting in December, 2021

**January 18, 2022** 

WINE AND WAR:

The French, The Nazis and The Battle for France's Greatest Treasure

by Don & Petie Kladstrup









#### CYC Staff

Michael Ciaccio General Manager Jermaine Bass Executive Chef Virginia Vollenweider Office Manager Michelle Geis Accounting Manager Dan Geis Maintenance Supervisor Tom Natoli Dockmaster