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*"Words from the Commodore"*  
Commodore- Michael Piunno

From my family to yours, we hope you have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Well this is the end of my year as your Commodore. Its time for me to move aside and allow the new Commodore and his Bridge officers to take the helm of one of the finest clubs in the area. I want to thank all of the members for their support and help this past year. This club can not run without all of your help. Thank you.... Thank you to my Bridge Officers for all of your help. Don Sr, Don Jr. Reva, Steve, and Sally. I want to especially thank my wife **Chris** who supported me or throughout the year as Commodore. I have always said when you take on a position here, the pay is bad, and the benefits and retirement plans are worse. I am sure everyone enjoyed the Christmas party. Thanks to everyone for all of your help. The decorations looked beautiful! "And the winners are" **Sam Paternite and John Orlosky**. They won some WCYC hats and shirts. Enjoy! Once again a BIG thank you to our Membership Chairs, Bob & Beckey Shaw, for bringing on more new members! That is great! Both have worked very hard all year on this project, and it is paying off. Keep up the good work. Welcome aboard new members, the Grosz Family and Tony & Dawn Lintz! In closing, as Commodore I had the opportunity to meet other Commodores and their wives, their Bridge Officers and their members. All the Commodores in the "six club" group always made Chris and I feel welcome at their club, and extend their best in hospitality to us. It was a privilege to serve with them, and to serve our members.



*" Club- House Comments". "*  
Vice Commodore- Don Connerton Sr.

Hope all of you have a healthy and wonderful 2012. For me, I move aside for a third time as a Bridge Officer and look forward to the next season. I have most appreciated the opportunity to have served on the same Bridge with my son Don Jr. and my friend of many years, Commodore- Mike Piunno. Knowing Mike for as many years as I have, I know he put his heart and soul into his position. I applaud his efforts having been a Past Commodore myself. Thank you Commodore-Mike and Lady Chris for a great year. My biggest thanks go to my wife Marion who is always at my side ready to help. I thank the various members who also put their time in and offered support to the club. Finally, Thank you to all the rest of my fellow officers, Don Jr, Reva Linke, P/C Steve Paternite, Sally Jakubs and Trustees for the time you sacrificed to make our club the great place it is. Best of luck to Commodore Elect, Sam Paternite and Lady Vilma. Sam and his bridge will have the special honor of being on their watch as West Channel celebrates 40 years in 2012.

Happy  
New Year  
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