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## Susquenango May Happenings

18 May 2022 – 1800Hr, Executive Meeting and Dinner, Park Diner 119 Conklin Ave,  
Binghamton, NY 13903 (Order off the Menu)

Call Linda Rought @ 607-760-6388, Reservation/Cancellation by 16 May 2022

## On the Horizon

3 June 2022— Erie Canal Cruise at 3:00 PM

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15 June 2022 – 1800Hr, General Membership and Recognition Picnic  
Meeting, 3801 Country Road Endwell, NY 13760

18 June 2022— Allan Treman Marina Safety Day  
Once again this year, we will partner with the Allan Treman Marina,  
the Ithaca Sail & Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxillary to  
present the Marina Safety Day.

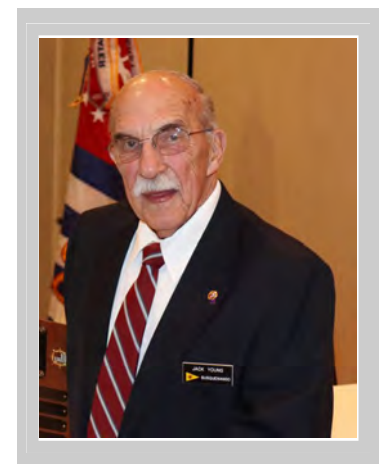


## Susquenango 2022 ABC and Advanced Class Schedule

Boat Handling April 4 – May 23

For more information - Email: [class@susquenango.org](mailto:class@susquenango.org)  
or contact Les Smith (607)797-7391

Classes will be held at the Johnson City High School, 666 Reynolds  
Rd., Johnson City, NY



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## Commander's Comments



**Commander**  
**Michael Acciai, AP**

Shades of March 12th on April 20th put our April General Membership Meeting and Dinner Theater on ice for a week. The 18 inches of wet snow shut the Triple Cities down for days with many of our members without power and other services. As the information of the outages came in it became prudent to cancel the meeting. But the show must go on, and I was informed that we could have the TOB Fire Station #1 the following Wednesday. Lt/C Linda Rought, P sprang into action and called all the attendees on her cell phone and due to no power at her home was charging the phone in her car. She also was able to change our dinner order at Phil's to the following week once they reopened for business after their power was restored. P/C Mary Kucharek, P using power from their home generator was able to put the cancellation and new date on our Facebook page. I thank them for their fast response and dedication under the trying circumstances of that day. Our meeting and dinner theater was a successful venture on the 27th thanks to our teamwork and membership involvement.

I would like to congratulate our Marine Navigation graduates for attaining their Grade of Pilot:

Lt/C Peg Acciai, P, Lt Ann Smith, P, Frank Broderick, P and Joe Palmasani, P. Congratulations and may the "Charts be with you!"

Susquenago's membership has increased to 54, with 27 students passing ABC and 7 now enrolled in Boat Handling making this the largest Boat Handling class in many years. SEO Les Smith, JN stated that the new Boat Handling text book is a superior upgrade from the old Seaman Ship text giving much needed boat handling information to the students.

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**And remember the sage advice of Yogi Berra when it comes to Covid-19 "It ain't over till it's over."**



## USPS America's Boating Club District 6 Spring Conference 2022 Review

On behalf of the conference committee, thank you to all who attended the District 6 conference at the Holiday Inn in Downtown Binghamton on April 8th – 10th. A special thanks to Chief Commander Craig Frasier and Liana for being our special guests.

From start to finish, the conference was outstanding and will remain in our memories for many years to come. The presentations were exceptional and well attended. And, as always, the hospitality room was a great place to renew old friendships and make new ones.

“As a participant, I was inspired by the comradely of the group and the exchange of ideas. That’s what I love the most about these conferences, seeing squadron members from across the state, hearing what is working and what is not and working together to make our squadrons and the district more successful in our mission to educate the public on safe boating practices.” said committee member Ann Smith.

Many thanks to the conference committee for their hard work and generosity in making the conference a memorable occasion. Thanks to Bridgett Arieno, conference chair for her guidance. Thanks, too, to all who donated raffle items and our great ticket seller, Cris Broderick!

Now we can all look forward to the fall conference which will be held in the Syracuse area.  
By P/C Mary Kucharek P & Lt. Ann Smith P

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The D/6 Spring Conference here in Binghamton at the Holiday Inn was a true success with many positive responses by our D/6 members. My thanks to P/C Mary Kucharek, P, Lt Ann Smith, P, P/D/C Nancy Bieber,P, D/Lt Bridgett Arieno, SN, Lt/C Linda Rought, P, Jane Park, S, Chris Broderick and Lt/C Peg Acciai, P for a job well done.

I was very much surprised and extremely honored to have received the Commander of the Year Award at the Spring Conference. I thank D/C Rick Hibbs, SN for the honor and his confidence in me and I thank Lt. Ann Smith and P/C Mary Kucharek for posting the photo of my receiving the award and trophy on our Facebook page.



# Death by Chocolate

*It's April 15, 1900, Easter Sunday, and Paris is the center of the world's attention as millions of visitors arrive for the opening of the International Exposition this weekend.*

*Amongst them is an elite but diverse group of individuals staying at the Hotel Paradiso. As they gather for dinner, however, the peace of the hotel is rocked by an explosion. Billy Bonka, the foremost chocolate manufacturer in America, is found dead in his room, having apparently been killed by an explosive Easter Egg. Suspicion falls on the people around the table.*

*One - or more - of you is the murderer. Your task is to discover who that killer is. Fortunately, the famous amateur detective, Hercule McC/ue, is on hand to assist your investigations.*

## THE SUSPECTS ARE:

**"Chocolat" Bertrand** – Played by **Mike Acciai** - The greatest legend of the Belgian chocolate industry, you are known as much for your ruthless business practices as for your suave bonhomie.

**Marchioness Duchamp** – Played by **Jane Park** - You are an internationally notorious artist whose work has scandalized two continents, and whose private life has done much the same

**Maria Von Schnapps** – Played by **Peg Acciai** - You are a young businesswoman who has just taken over as head of a long-established Swiss chocolate firm.

**Mike Bison** – Played by **Bill Herrick** - The rising star of American boxing, you're in Paris for the Olympic Games, where you're sure that you'll win a gold medal.

**Dame Barbara Carthorse** – Played by **Missy Olds** - You are the most celebrated beauty in England, as well as a hugely popular romantic novelist..

**Dr. Doris Johnson** - Played by **Mary Kucharek** - An amateur archaeologist specializing in the Aztec culture, you are regarded as being eccentric, even in a field of eccentrics.

**Dr. Sigmund Fraud** – Played by **Dave Olds** - The controversial psychologist whose theories have won you a small band of devoted disciples and the hatred of conventional society.

**Little Fitz** – Played by **Nancy Bieber** - You are a vaudevillian star of the Music Halls of Europe, where your ventriloquist act (with your dummy, **Ziggy, Played by Stuffed Kitty**) has proven very popular.

And the Murderer Is? Guess you should have attended the Dinner Theater Meeting!

# P/C Mary Kucharek, P being sworn in as Executive Officer for 2022



# Death By Chocolate Cast Members





## Cruise the Erie Canal through the historic Mohawk Valley Hosted by Ann Smith from Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron



The Gems Along the Mohawk complex is home to Erie Canal Cruises, the Waterfront Grille and Gems Along the Mohawk. Cruising, dining and shopping at one location! Take a cruise on the historic Erie Canal, dine at the fabulous Waterfront Grille, and shop from regional New York companies at Gems Along the Mohawk.

Join members of the Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron on **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** (rain or shine) for a 90 minute narrated Erie Canal cruise at **3:00 p.m.** aboard the Lil' Diamond. The cruise leaves from the canal dock behind *Gems Along the Mohawk*, 800 Mohawk St., Herkimer, NY (located directly across the street from Exit 30 of the NY Thruway, I-90). (If using GPS, do not turn right at the stoplight, but continue straight into the parking lot.) Call **315-717-0350** for reservations. **The cost is \$25.00 per person.**

The excursion includes traveling through Lock 18 which uses all original equipment that still works perfectly after over 100 years. The captain will explain the importance of the locks and what transportation was like in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. You will also learn the fascinating history of the canal and how the canal shortened the trip across the state of New York from weeks to days. For more information about the cruise, check out their websites: [www.eriecanalcruises.com](http://www.eriecanalcruises.com) or [www.gemsalongthemohawk.com](http://www.gemsalongthemohawk.com).

Come earlier in the day to enjoy lunch at the famous Waterfront Grille overlooking the beautiful Erie Canal (also located at *Gems Along the Mohawk*). Check out their menu at [www.waterfrontgrille.net](http://www.waterfrontgrille.net). If you are in a hurry, grab your lunch or a snack from Rocky's Quick Grill, located waterside at the dock.

All passengers must get a boarding pass from the ticket booth inside *Gems Along the Mohawk* prior to boarding the vessel. Boarding takes place 15 – 30 minutes before departure. Bring your camera, binoculars and a spirit of adventure!

If you have any questions for Ann Smith, please call 607-797-7391 or email [ismith84@stny.rr.com](mailto:ismith84@stny.rr.com).

P/C Dave Olds, AP Receiving the Distinctive Performance Award for Websites 2021



The SeaChest Staff Receiving the Distinctive Performance Award for Publications 2021



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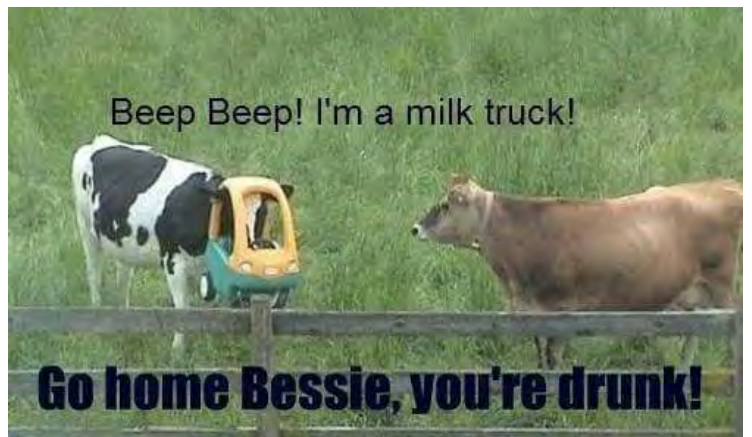
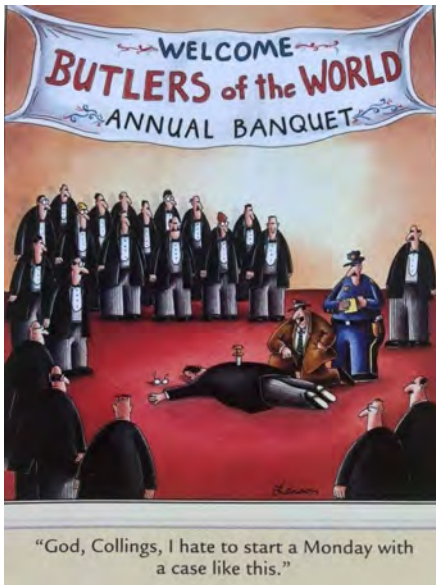
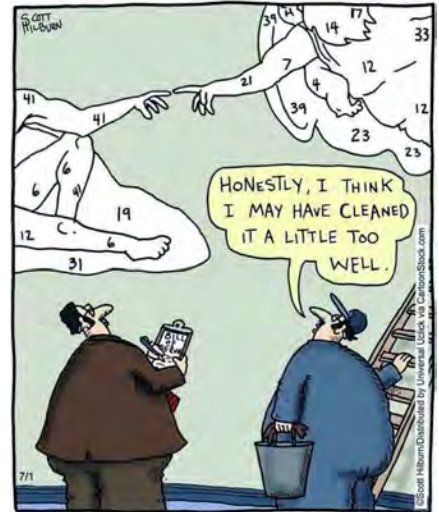
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