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**Susquenango November Happenings**



**18 November 2020**  
**Executive Membership Meeting**  
**Kirkwood Elks Club**



**6 PM Thanksgiving Dinner**

Menu consists of Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce,  
Squash and Dessert

Call Lt/C Linda Rought at (607) 760-3506 by November 10th to make reservations

Price per Person—\$16.50

(Face Masks and social distancing are required)

**7 PM Executive Meeting**

District Events

14 November 2020

Virtual D/6 Fall Council & Conference

0900 Business Meeting and Budget Vote

Details on logging in will be provided by our D/6 Secretary via email to all Members

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**On the Horizon**  
**Susquenango Events**

**16 December 2020**

General Membership Meeting (TBD)





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## Commander's Comments

### "America's Boating Club... is YOUR Boating Club".

Commander Mary Kucharek, P

Welcome to fall – a beautiful yet sad time for boaters. The “My Desire” is bedded down for the winter as I’m sure all of your vessels are as well. The winter holidays are just around the corner!

My thanks to those who attended our pizza and wings event and meeting at the Kirkwood Elks Club. The food was delicious and it was so nice to see everyone. Of course we wore our masks (except while eating) and even the elk on the wall had his on! We look forward to being there again on 18 November for our annual Thanksgiving feast. Hoping more will come and join us.

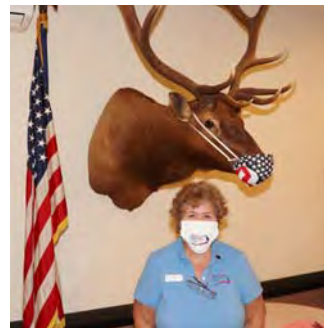
The Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event is in the history books and I'm hoping many of you had fun shopping. I've been notified that we will know the amount raised by the middle of November and receive payment by the end of the year. While it won't be as much as year's past, every little bit helps.

One of our Bridge members had a nice idea... since it doesn't look like we will have a holiday party this year why not donate what we would have spent on the dinner to our squadron? Sounds like a great idea to me.

A decision has been made to hold the fall District 6 conference virtually. We will only hold the business meeting. DEO Tom Alley will host the free conference call and P/D/C Dave Daniels will send information to the membership with instructions on how to join. All members are welcome to attend. Hope to “see” you there on 14 November.

Stay safe and stay well. I hope to see many of you at all of our events, and remember.....-  
“America's Boating Club...is YOUR Boating Club”

Commander  
Mary Kucharek, P



I was recently searching the USPS archives for background history for our website. I came across this interesting article from a different time when our training was able to help prepare for naval coastal defense during WW I.

P/C Dave Olds

### **UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS AND THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT**

From the earliest days of the United States Power Squadrons as attested in our USPS History, the Squadrons have been a civic service oriented organization dedicated to Safe Boating through Education. Many American Presidents have recognized us for this effort over the years. We begin our narrative with Franklin D. Roosevelt accepting an honorary membership in 1939. Pictured with FDR is Charles F. Chapman, one of the founding fathers of USPS.



As World War I threatened to engage our nation, all Americans became very active in the preparedness movement. The United States declared war on Germany on 6 April 1917, and with the coming of hostilities, Charles F. Chapman sent a letter to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, volunteering the entire USPS instructional program for the training of men for naval coastal defense. Secretary Roosevelt accepted the proposal with gratitude. In New York City, four free nautical schools were established. Based on records, total enrollment exceeded three thousand students. Similar schools were organized by local squadrons in Boston, Detroit, Newburg, New Haven and Washington, D.C. Over five thousand men who attended these classes entered the armed services, and based in significant part on the quality of their USPS training, many were appointed officers. Squadron members themselves enlisted in the Navy and many, because of their outstanding nautical education and background, soon earned commissions. A number of members were appointed by the Secretary of Commerce as “Navigation Inspectors” with duties on the water similar to those performed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary during World War II.

Credit: USPS Archives

October General Membership Meeting—Elks Club—Kirkwood, NY



# October General Membership Meeting—Elks Club—Kirkwood, NY

Pizza And Wings are Served



## Possible Merit Mark Service Scenarios

A section titled "Valuable Service Performed" is for any and all other services performed. Examples might be something like these.

Office held - a brief description of actual work done by the officer (the job title is not sufficient). Actual work may include preparation of reports, budgets, training sessions, et cetera.

Committee chair - number of meetings chaired, results of meetings, results of activity and reports given.

Activity chair - number of meetings held, results of meetings, results of activity and reports given.

Committee member - how many committee meetings attended, work performed on activities. Some activities: cooperative charting, rendezvous, cruises, predicted log contests, change-of-watch dinner, founders' day dinner, auction and Safe Boating Week. During the Covid pandemic, many virtual meetings may be encountered. These count during this period but should include the details as listed above including the times of the meeting/conference. Please note that ten vessel safety checks either face-to-face or virtual qualify a person for a merit mark.

Executive committee meetings - number of meetings attended as an officer or member-at-large, contributions to meeting and reports given. Again, the time involved even if a virtual meeting should be included.

Regular meetings - credit for officers' attendance and for any other members who have been requested by the commander to participate in some phase of the business meeting. No credit for general members; this is a privilege of membership. Virtual meetings count if time is included.

District meetings - credit for members only if attending as a delegate or presenting in a workshop or seminar or exhibiting a teaching aid. Again, virtual meetings count.

There was only one national meeting this calendar year, the Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra. Credit for members only if attending as a member of the Governing Board, as a proxy for the commander, as a squadron delegate or by participating in an activity such as exhibiting a teaching aid. Include travel time and number of meetings, conferences led even if virtual.

Participation in civic service activities, particularly as regards Covid-19, to include but not limited to cheering local first responders, sewing masks, making cards, preparing meals, et cetera.



I copied this from my friend,  
Debbie Morello's Facebook page....they are SO funny!

Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following 25 statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness. god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached canada then Joshua led the hebrews in the battle of geritol.
12. The greatest miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off



Courtesy of [www.americanboating.org](http://www.americanboating.org)  
*"You've been on our boat all weekend,  
eating, drinking and hanging out. Then  
it suddenly occurred to us...we have no  
idea who you are."*

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