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Letter from the Commodore

Greetings, HYC Members. Welcome to a new year of Club activities.

First I would like to thank Sharon for her three years of work as our Commodore and to all of you who have supported her and your club. Hopefully I will receive similar support. Also thanks to Dave for heading up our first meeting of the year. Unfortunately Sandy and I met an unlicensed and uninsured Homestead driver who didn't understand that red means stop. Am still a bit sore and am now car shopping.

Your new Bridge (Dave, Clair, Linda, and I} has three major objectives for the year. They are: First, have fun. Second, increase our membership. And finally, maintain a reasonable bank balance.

Hopefully you like the new Newsletter format. The change was long overdue as the old format was introduced over 20 years ago, back when we still mailed the Newsletter to members every month, Thanks Annie.

Regarding the Newsletter, back in 2003 the Club agreed to permit member who owned or managed a business to include business card size ads in the Newsletter. The idea behind this is Members supporting Members. So, if you own or manage a business, scan your business card and send it to Annie. Space permitting, she will include it in the Newsletter. Please play by the rules here and do not submit cards for your friends or neighbors.

Our first event of the year will be a membership drive during the auto show at Homestead Bayfront Park on February 17th.

Hope to see you all at the event and our next meeting.

Bill Zinn, Commodore



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Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by vice cmdr. Dave at 7:15 p.m. Dave explained that Cmdr. Bill had been in an accident on Saturday and unable to attend this evening. Teresa Dean's father passed away and Anna Guiliana will fill in for sunshine. Liz is feeling better but is in therapy for her lower back.

Thanks to Sharon for a great change of watch. Dave reported that Cmdr. Bill plans to prioritize increasing membership this year AND keeping some money in the bank.

February: Membership event...attend the classic car event at the marina on 2/17. The club is going to have a table with our banner, pass out flyers and talk about our club with anyone who comes by. Check with Dave or Bill if you can take a turn at the table.

March: Linda Wood is working on a tram tour of the Fruit and Spice Park and lunch afterwards on Sunday, March 16th. More information at next meeting.

Cmdr. Bill would like the members to consider the club taking over the costs of gift cards for the bridge at change of watch. Further discussion at next meeting but he does insist that this is for next year's commodore.

April 13th: Annie Kokenge suggests we get involved in the clean-up scheduled at the marina.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Claudia...beginning balance \$3116.01, ending balance \$2,936.12. Full report appears elsewhere in newsletter. Sharon reported that the expenses for the change of watch did not reflect \$100.00 for the bartender and \$100.00 for the server. This will mean the balance will be \$200.00 less.

Questions were asked about new floating docks at the end of the docks and Dave answered that these are "courtesy docks".

50/50 of \$22.00 won by Larry Roesch and then Sharon announced it was Larry's 72nd birthday...we sang happy birthday and Sharon passed out brownies to all.

Larry gave us an update on Ted Newlan....he is cancer free and undergoing therapy for his legs.

He also shared the news of Jack Judge's death of heart failure.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Strandhagen, secretary.



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Treasurer Report

BEGINNING BALANCE December 1, 2018 \$3,116.01

INCOME :

50/50	25.00
Membership Dues	600.00
COW Meals	285.00
Total	910.00

EXPENSES:

Capri COW	738.72
Website (3 years)	250.20
Domain name	50.97
Giftcard Door Prize	50.00
Total	\$1,089.89

Ending Balance January 31,2019 \$2,936.12

SUBMITTED BY: Claudia Casanave, Treasurer



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Past Events

The Change of Watch was held on Saturday, January 19 at the Capri Restaurant in Homestead, FL. This annual event celebrates the HYC outgoing and incoming officers. Our Commodore for the past three years, Sharon Roesch, passed the flag to Bill Zinn, our new Commodore. Thank you for a job well done and welcome to the new Bridge



Photos

From the Change of Watch



Sandy Zinn, Dee Riley, Claudia Casanave,
Teresa Dean, Sharon Roesch, Larry Roesch,
Buz Strandhagen, Claire Strandhagen, Linda Wood



Bill, Zinn, Dave Giuliani, Linda Wood,
Claire Strandhagen



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2019 Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 19	Change of Watch	Members	Capri Rest
February 4	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
February 17	Membership Drive	Dave G	Homestead Bayfront Park
March 4	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
April 1	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
May 6	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
June 3	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
July 8	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
August 5	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
Sept 9	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
October 7	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
November 4	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
December 2	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest

This is the preliminary calendar. As new events are added it will be amended.

Club meetings are held each month on the first Monday of the month at the Capri Restaurant, 935 N Krome Avenue, Homestead, FL. There is a social time and dinner (6:00 pm) prior to the meeting which begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Members are notified of the meeting location and any changes via email and/or phone.



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Florida History

History of Islandia and Elliott Key

Islandia, and in particular Elliott Key, was originally fished by the Native American Tequesta people. It subsequently became a haven for shipwreck survivors. By the mid-1800s, a group of Bahamians had made their way to the key, where they unsuccessfully tried farming on an island with a base of coral rock. By the early 1900s, Islandia had its own school district and more than 100 residents. However, the number of residents dwindled over time due to the lack of electricity, poor farming, and the relatively long distance from the mainland.

In 1950 the Dade County Planning Board announced a plan to build a highway connecting Key Biscayne with the Overseas Highway on Key Largo. The project envisioned a series of bridges connecting artificial islands, to be built on the Safety Valve, and existing small keys to Elliott Key and on to Key Largo. When the Dade County Planning Board was unable to secure a right of way for the highway across the southern end of Key Biscayne, it dropped the plan.

At the end of 1960, however, 13 of the island's 18 registered voters approved the incorporation of a municipality, and the 33 northernmost islands of the Florida Keys became the city of Islandia. Developers and the residents revived the plan to build a causeway across the bay, and sought to fill Elliott Key with luxury hotels, golf courses, oceanfront homes, and a six-lane roadway running down the center of the key. A grassroots opposition of fishermen, gardeners, and elected state leaders opposed the plan, and sought to include the islands in the national park system. Islandia mayor Luther Brooks and his small city council fought back, and at one point obtained a large bulldozer and cleared a 125-foot wide swath down the center of Elliott Key as the beginning of the proposed six-lane Elliott Key Boulevard.

Nevertheless, the purchase by the federal government of most of the land on Elliott Key ended those plans, and in 1968, Islandia was made a part of Biscayne National Monument (which later became Biscayne National Park). What remains today of the failed Elliott Key Boulevard is an eight-foot wide nature trail covered by a tree canopy that is mockingly referred to as "Spite Highway."

By 1990, exasperated by decades of the city not filing papers or following municipal procedures, the state of Florida ruled all of Islandia's elections illegal on the grounds that only land owners, as opposed to all residents, had been permitted to vote, in violation of voting-rights laws. The state called for the dismantling of the municipality. In December 2011, the Miami-Dade County Commission finally agreed, and the area reverted to unincorporated status in March 2012 after the Commission gave final approval to the ordinance abolishing the City of Islandia.