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# Smoke Signals

## July and August 2016

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### President's Message

As I write this on the eve of the President's Party, I look forward to the event so ably planned by Vice President Marc Mathews. I also am very pleased that so many of our newest members are coming to the party!

Speaking of new members, I have written 29 welcome letters this year so far, a testimony to the popularity of what IVTC has to offer.

Activities are off to a great start with high attendance. The June WND capped at 80 attendees to be treated not only to a good dinner by Sherry and her crew, but to be entertained by Pat O'Dowd's family who all are so musically talented. All you could hear was WOW as her two granddaughters sang an operatic number. The synchronized "cup playing" was great fun to watch. July brings our own Dr. Susan Van Delan's husband Mike Olis who will entertain us with his musical talents. Pat has been determined to "spiff up" WND's to make them fun and she is doing a fine job!

It was nice to see nonresident members and past President, Jeanette Paskin Dickson and Norm at the THIS party in June. They have lived in Phoenix and Prescott, Az. the past several years. July will bring former member Marianne Weldon back to the club. She and RJ moved to PA a few years ago as she took a position at Bryn Mawr College in the art department. She just recently returned from Japan after taking some of their art there for an exhibit.

### Upcoming Events

As we enter into the second half of the season, I hope that you will keep coming to the activities, and enjoy your membership at IVTC! See you at 1502 Parker!

*- Sue Webb-Dickson*

### Membership

We've had a wonderful start of the 2016 Season welcoming thirty-one new members and four returning members. Following is a list with sponsors noted:

Emily Biegas - Joanne Petz & Gary Hoslet; Mark Beard - Rob Dimaria & Bill Greene; Kathy Burgess - Marty & Joanne Petz; Rebecca Chow - Charlotte Blank & Caitlin Murphy; Roger Darling - Brad Brucker & Al Pavle; Mac Farr & Kang Chen - Rosemary Gugino & Paul McNeill; Pam Grand - Elke Burger & Cindy Logan; Marianne & Lynn Hazlett - Roula Tsapraillis & Rosemary Gugino; Marylou Kinlin - Michelle Strait & Ruth Harvey; Mark Kujawski & Megan Wujcik - Richard Canny & Chris Foster; Joseph Maiorana - Ward Detwiler & Rosemary Gugino; Molly Reno & Brian Bartholomew - Elke Burger & Rosemary Gugino; Kathy Murphy - Yolanda Lewczuk & Rosemary Gugino; Melissa & David "Rob" Robb - Jamie Shea & Ward Detwiler; Jamin Ruark - Ward Detwiler & Matt O'Laughlin; Ryan Schirmang - Pat Rorai & Catilin Murphy; Kathleen Reeber - Muffy Kroha & Tina D'Angela; Mike Rofe - Ruth Harvey & Rosemary Gugino; Lindsay Schroeder - Geoff Wagner &

## New Members

Malinda Shaw; Ted Shumaker – Rob Dimaria & Ward Detwiler; Mark Simcina – Gary Hoslet & Dave Lee; John Spina – Yolanda Lewczuk & Geoff Wagner; Mary Tavernit - Yolanda Lewczuk & Judy Sarvis; Ken Thomas – Gary Hoslet & Dave Lee; Barbara Twist – Joanne Petz & Rosemary Gugino; Elizabeth Weigandt (w/Matt Leaver) – Mike Monahan & Eric Kowalewski.

Welcome back to: Kim Conely, Jay & Judy Flowers (we've heard Judy recently broke her knee cap – ouch- ever so sorry, hope you'll join us on the porch, Judy); and Dick Williamson.

*-Rosemary Gugino, Membership Chair*

## Upcoming Events

### Independence Day Bourbon & Blends 1pm Mon July 4

Tennis play begins at 1pm; mint Juleps and a low key meal follow at 4pm. Free to members, guest fee is \$10. Please be sure to sign up if you will be attending, so your hosts know how much food to prepare.

### Club Tournament Sat-Sun July 16-17

Mark your calendars for the annual club tournament being held July 16-17<sup>th</sup>. We will once again have a ladies and men's draw with both A and B Divisions. The tournament format (round robin vs draw) will depend on the number participants, so find a partner and join the fun!

A small entry fee will cover a Lite Breakfast and Lunch along with munchies during the day. If you are not a tournament player, please sign a chit for breakfast or lunch. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the club bulletin board in July. Good Luck everyone and see you on the courts!

*-Geoff Wagner, Tournament Director  
and Malinda Shaw, Assistant TD*

### Steak Roast 6pm Sat July 16, 6-ish

Please be sure to sign up early for the July 16 Steak Roast, capping day one of the Club Tournament. The menu typically includes numerous



Barry Dickson at **Spring Clean Up Part 2**



Drew Cook and Mary Petz (above)  
Lee Trumbauer (below)







Norma, Sue, Bob and Peggy ribbon cutting for the Ladies locker room at Opening Day Party



Rosemary Gugino, Frank Annessa and John Diebel (above)  
Ruth Harvey and Kay Agney (below)



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appetizers, perfectly grilled NY strip steaks, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, green salad, and ice-creamy deserts. We need to hear from you if you're planning to attend, so we know how many steaks to purchase - thanks! Please email [Suewebb2@aol.com](mailto:Suewebb2@aol.com) or contact her at 313.320.3014 to make your reservations.

### Wednesday Night Dinner July 27: cocktails at 6, dinner 7:15pm - dressy

Michael Olis will be entertaining us at the July 27 WND - you may be familiar with Mike's beautiful tenor from performances at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, St Paul on the Lake, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, or the Michigan Opera Theater. Please place your dinner order by Friday July 22. For reservations contact Sue Webb-Dickson with your choice of juicy prime rib, tender chicken breast, fresh salmon filet, or vegetarian main course: text or voice 313.320.3014; email [suewebb2@aol.com](mailto:suewebb2@aol.com). Coat and tie for the gents, please.

### Wednesday Night Dinner Aug 17: cocktails at 6, dinner at 7:15pm - dressy

Please place your dinner order by Friday August 12. For reservations contact Sue Webb-Dickson with your choice of juicy prime rib, tender chicken breast, fresh salmon filet, or vegetarian main course: text or voice 313.320.3014; email [suewebb2@aol.com](mailto:suewebb2@aol.com). Coat and tie for the gents, please.

### Senior Tournament Sat Aug 20

New this year from the Tennis Committee is a Senior Tournament, intended for only those 60 years of age and older (and we will be checking ID, just kidding). So, practice up and get ready for a fun day of tennis with this special age group of experienced players. We are planning to have a men's and a women's open draw, each playing for the bragging rights to be called 'Super Senior'. The tournament will be on Saturday August 20 (and maybe spill into Sunday August 21 if necessary), so pencil in this date toward the end of summer and pray for cool weather!

## Upcoming Events

### Golf Outing Fri Aug 26

The IVTC Golf outing will take place at the St Clair Shores Golf Club, at 12:00 noon on August 26<sup>th</sup> – golfers mark your calendars! The affordable rates for eighteen holes include a cart. We will be dining at Stewart's Restaurant located on the golf course after we play, and guests welcome at dinner. The event is hosted by Cora and Leo Nichols and Julie and Jim Norris.

### THIS Party 6-ish Sat Aug 27

Watch your email and the bulletin board for theme and menu information. Sign up early; bring your friends. A good time will be had by all!

### Labor Day B&B 1pm Mon Sept 5

Tennis play begins at 1pm; mint Juleps and a low key meal follow at 4pm. Free to members, guest fee is \$10. Please be sure to sign up if you will be attending, so your hosts know how much food to prepare.



Arlene Bradford, Jackie McCann, Ann Cook and Nancy Maher



Yolanda Lewczuk, Jane McKeever and Pat O'Dowd

## Recent Events

### Spring Cleaning Part Two

Thanks to everyone who participated in part two of our spring cleaning on April 23; Joanne Petz, Sue Webb-Dickson and Norma Eschenburg were the organizers. Thank you Drew Cook - power washer extraordinaire, Marty Petz - power washer extraordinaire, Joanne Petz, Sue Webb-Dickson, Barry Dickson - bathroom champion!, John Diebel, Mary Beth Vander Schaaf, Esther Thomas, Gary Hoslet, Norma Eschenburg, Bob Lucas, Yolanda Lewczuk, Peter Scarpelli, Pat Nault, Linda Rankin, John Libbos, Leon Trumbauer, Meria Larson - fabulous salad!, Marc Mathews, Jim Harvey, Al Pavle, Marty Peters, Pat Rorai, Caitlin Murphy, and Hannah Hoppough!

It was a spectacular weather day, and we got a lot accomplished. Even Joanne was very satisfied as Eric, Hannah, Pat, Meria and Yolanda assisted in the parking lot clean up :)

-Joanne Petz



Vince VanTiem, Doris Neal, Nancy and Bill Wayland (above)  
Jay Doda with daughter and Diane Foster (below)







Co-Hosts Ward Detwiler and Marc Mathews at the Intermediates Party



Jenna Kirkpatrick and Greer Love



Marty Peters with new member Ryan Schirmang and his guest

### General Membership & A-Member Meeting

The Spring A-Member Meeting was held Sunday, May 1, just before the Opening Day Party. President Sue Webb-Dickson welcomed attendees, especially new A-member Ken Miller. Twenty-nine of the club's thirty-nine A-Members were at the meeting.

Here are highlights of committee reports given at the meeting.

- The new chair of the Catered Events Committee is Pat O'Dowd; Judy Sarvis will assist.
- Clubhouse Chair Norma Eschenburg was overwhelmed by the number of people who helped with the renovation of the ladies' locker room. She thanked project co-chair Peggy Ventura for all of her assistance. Thanks also went to: Peggy and Dick Ventura for donating the large mirror and curtains; Al Pavle for building the vanity table; Marty Peters for the overall design; Barry Dickson for electrical work and so much else; Sue Webb-Dickson for many hours of work; and also Peggy O'Neill, Bob Lucas, Joanne and Marty Petz, Marc Mathews, Ward Detwiler, Caitlin Murphy, Sylvia Ghirardini and Leon Trumbauer.
- Norma also noted that the towels disappeared over the winter. Court towels and bath towels have been purchased.
- Smoke Signals newsletter will be published every other month this season. Members who want to receive paper copies should let Marty Peters know. We hope to post more photos on the website (Peggy O'Neill) and Facebook (Marc Mathews).
- Volunteers are needed to help with weeding. The lot across the street will be mowed. Members are asked to pick up trash that may appear.
- The club will host four tennis tournaments in 2016. New this year is a tournament in August for players age 60 and over. As usual, there will be three holiday B&Bs featuring tennis mixers. There will be no Friday night tennis mixers this year. Lessons began June 6.
- The Next A-Member Meeting is Oct. 16 at 2 p.m.

*-Mary Beth Vander Schaaf, Secretary IVTC*

## Recent Events

### Opening Day Party Sunday May 1

The Opening Day party was blessed with both excellent weather and attendance. We thank all the A-Members who provided the delicious panoply of hors d'oeuvres and appetizers, and Marsden and Elke Burger for their wonderful punch. It's always enjoyable to welcome in the new season, rekindle friendships after the winter down-time, and meet interested prospective members. Thanks to everyone for their participation!



Steve and Helen Clarren at IVTC Wine Tasting 2016

### Intermediates Open House, May 6

We had a record turnout for our 4th annual Intermediates Party. One observer counted seventy attendees at the party's peak. There was a good mix of current members and their guests. The weather could not have been any better and allowed for members and guests to play a few sets in front of a porch packed with spectators. For those looking for a more casual game of "tennis", we had the ping-pong table set up in the clubhouse. A simple dinner of BBQ pulled pork, coleslaw, and a variety of snacks was served. The event proved to be a success with a number of new members joining *that night* as well as a number of applications that have been coming in as a result of the open house. A special "thank you" goes to my co-host, Ward Detwiler, for helping organize the event. And a big "thank you" to all the members for attending and inviting their guests to experience a place that we all enjoy! —Marc Mathews



Cora and Leo Nichols

### Wine Tasting

A gathering of thirty-two members and guests enjoyed a relaxed and pleasant wine tasting on May 7th. Six white and six red wines were proffered by hosts Jim Harvey and Chris Foster (with assistance from Bob Mobley). Eighteen participants filled out ratings sheets, and the top three whites were a Michigan Riesling, a Michigan Pinot Gris, and a French Chenin Blanc. On the red side, our oenophiles found pleasure with almost all the wines, as the top five reds were rated within a half point of each other – it seems



Frank Bevilacqua, Pat Nault with co-host Jim Harvey and guest





Micaela and Shaun entertain at the **Wednesday Night Dinner**



Lois and Harry Constant



New member Mark Beard with guest

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people liked the top flight wines that were offered! See the bulletin board for details and numeric totals for all the wines. Rest assured that your opinions will be reflected in this year's wine list. Thanks to all the attendees for the delicious hors d'oeuvres that you provided – this event would not be nearly as enjoyable without your generosity! *-Chris Foster*

### Wednesday Night Dinner adds 50/50 Raffle, Entertainment

Ken Rychwalski, IVTC tennis pro, set down his racquet and picked up his guitar to play for a crowd of fifty-seven at the first WND of the season on May 18. With band member Vince Beaman on guitar and keyboard, the pair wowed guests with a mix of blues, jazz and rock for over an hour. The 50/50 raffle was won by Tina D'Angela, who shared her winnings buying drinks at the bar.

Special thanks go to Edmund Waldon, security; son, Eric Waldon, pinch hitting as dish washer; Chef Sherry Ward and her team for dinner; John Cummings, bartender, who is adding coffee cocktails to his mixology creations; Margot Parker, chit hostess; Cora Nichols, 50/50 raffle hostess; and the following outstanding appetizer team: Meria Larson, Sherry Ward, Cora Nichols, Jane McKeever, Margot Parker and Muffy Kroha. *-Pat O'Dowd*

### Memorial Day Bourbons & Blends

The first B&B of the season was a huge success. The club's annual Memorial Day event was attended by approximately sixty members and guests who were treated to great weather, food and of course, tennis. The tennis portion of the B&B began at 1pm. Most players got in several rounds of play before drinks and food were served. It was nice to see everyone enjoying IVTC and the summer like weather. Over 30 players participated in the mixer while the packed porch eagerly watched the action all afternoon. Special thanks to Ken Miller for coordinating the tennis mixer!

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There was no shortage of food or drink on this Memorial Day Monday. In addition to the barbecue menu (hot dogs, sausages, beans, potato salad and coleslaw), a couple of members brought in appetizers to tide guests over until dinner was ready. Drew Cook brought in smoked trout and then grilled venison for us to sample. Gemma Zitzmann brought watermelon to cool guests off. All items paired well with the veggies, dip and munchies on hand. Thank you Drew and Gemma for your contributions! And what is a B&B without mint juleps? This IVTC drink of choice was sipped by many throughout the afternoon. Thank you Jim Harvey and Drew Cook for making the drinks and keeping all well hydrated.

Yolanda Lewczuk would like to thank her team for all their support throughout the day. Thank you Janine Lewczuk, Meria Larson, and Gemma Zitzmann for your help in the kitchen. Drew Cook for grilling all the food and bringing in two wonderful strawberry rhubarb pies. Mary Beth Vander Schaaf and Elke Burger for cleaning up at the end of the day. Lastly, please let us not forget the reason for Memorial Day. We should all take a moment to express our gratitude for those who have lost their lives in service to our country. Thank you.

—Yolanda Lewczuk

### Member-Guest Tournament June 4-5

Although the weather Gods made tennis interesting Sunday, it was a great two days of tennis at our Annual Member Guest Tournament, held June 4-5. Tennis courts were packed Saturday with matches going on from 9 to 5:30pm. While Sunday saw the finals stop and start between cloud bursts from 9-3:30pm. There were 6 Men's A teams, 4 Women's A teams, 11 Men's B teams, and 4 Women's B teams entered in the tournament.

It was nice to see both a Women's A & Women's B draws this year. Each draw included a variety of different finalists (not repeats from last year). In the "B" Final, "Team Greece"



Women's A finalists



Women's B finalists



JD Spina, Jolyn Geoff and Malinda Wagner





Men's A finalists



Men's B finalists



Tournament Directors Ken Miller and Yolanda Lewczuk

Roula Tsaprailis and partner Marianne Hazlett faced off against "Team Wagner" Malinda Wagner and Jolyn Wagner. The entertaining well-played match finished with a 6-2, 6-2, victory for Roula and Marianne.

The Women's A Draw, was played in fluctuating weather conditions. Neither clouds, nor wind, nor rain could stop these ladies from completing this match. All participants should be congratulated for their tenacity. The final was played between Judy Sarvis and guest Mary Tavernat vs Jackie McCann and her partner Kathy Murphy. Final score of match was 6-3, 6-1 in favor of Judy and Mary.

Both men's groups played all their preliminary rounds and semi-finals on Saturday with finals on Sunday. Several of the early rounds went to 3 set tie-breakers, but play stayed on schedule for most of the day.

The Men's B final saw returning 2015 winner Richard Canny playing with guest Mark Kujawski vs. the always entertaining Eric Kowalewski and guest Jeff Marshall. This tough 3 set match that was played between rain delays ended in a score of 6-3, 6-7, 6-1 for winners Richard and Mark.

Unlike the ladies' match which played through the rain, the Men's A finalists went out for the warmup and then came off courts to wait out the rain before starting. The Men's A group had a very highly competitive final match. The finals saw returning 2015 winner Geoff Wagner and guest JD Spina play against Matt Leaver and guest Doug Zade. The end score was 6-4, 6-0 in favor of Geoff and JD.

The goal of the member-guest tournament is to have some fun while showing off the club to potential members. We certainly hope that everyone enjoyed the matches and guests consider joining after their experience.

Thanks to all the players for your support and we look forward to seeing you next year.  
-Ken Miller, Tournament Director and Tennis Co-Chair; -Yolanda Lewczuk, Tournament Director

and Tennis Co-Chair

### **THIS Member-Guest Party**

Following the first day of play of the Member-Guest Tournament, members and their guests were invited to enjoy a summer BBQ with all the fixin's. We had fifty-five people in attendance. Attendees enjoyed a dinner consisting of BBQ Pulled Pork, both Creamy and Wasabi Cole Slaws, Rosemary Redskin Potatoes, and Asparagus. The kitchen crew included: Marc Mathews, Kathy Bruno, Peggy O'Neill, Joanne Petz, Diane Foster, and Joe Pwalecki. Diners enjoyed an elaborate make-your-own Ice Cream Sundae Bar for dessert. *-Marc Mathews*

### **Wednesday Night Dinner June 15**

An enormous crowd of eighty-one attended the June 15 WND! Members and guests enjoyed entertainment by the talented Micaela and Shaun Muzzarelli, performing a variety of vocal and instrumental music. Special thanks to appetizer providers Kathy Bruno, Meria Larsen, Ruth Harvey, Marc Mathews, Ericka Baer and Sherry, our chef. Thanks to Cora Nichols for conducting the 50/50 raffle, now a regular part of the WND festivities.

## **News and Notes**

### **Treasurer's Corner**

How to fill out a chit:

First, put your name at the top. I have received several chits with no names on them, so do it first. Use your last name and optionally first name initial – especially if your name is the same as another member (e.g. Murphy, Williams).

To the left of the item name, mark the number of items you are purchasing – do not use an 'X', as I need a number there. Use either Arabic or tic marks (e.g. 3 or III). The underline following the price is not used by me. Many members attempt to put the cost of the items on that line, but I only need the number of items. The software computes the costs, based upon the

number of items and the stored costs.

Use the last line before 'TOTAL' to enter items like Cookbook or Tile that we sell, but not often enough to justify a separate line. Water, Gatorade, soda, etc. are all non-alcoholic drinks. Please print your name legibly. It should be a matter of pride to everyone but doctors and lawyers.

How to request reimbursement for expenses:

Use an IVTC expense report form which can be downloaded from our website or picked up from behind the bar, under the television.

Fill out the form, including the name of the committee that is responsible for the expenditure (e.g. Lawn and Garden), the name of the event, the date of the event, your name and address, the descriptions of your expenses and the amounts of your expenses. Attach all receipts to the form.

Submit your completed form to the committee chair for approval. The committee chair will approve the expense and forward the request to me.

I will enter the bill into my computer, print checks on Sunday and mail checks on Monday.

Paying your bill:

At the end of the month, I tally up all of the chits that are collected and create an invoice to reflect your charges. You will receive a statement, which includes the latest charges and any previous balance that has not been paid. Most members receive their statement by email and the rest receive their statement by regular mail during the first week of the new month. We do not bill accounts in which the balance is less than \$5. Payment is required by the end of the month in which the bill is sent. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact me in a timely manner. I will work with you to straighten out any issue.



The majority of members pay their bills by writing a check and mailing it to the clubhouse. Some members use their bank to issue the check, which is a free service. At present, we do not accept payment by credit cards nor do we subscribe to PayPal. The IVTC Board is endeavoring to identify a satisfactory method to accept electronic payments.

I look forward to seeing you on the courts.

-Tom Roberts, Treasurer IVTC

### Kudos

Extra-special thanks go to the following individuals for going above and beyond the call of duty: Thanks to Michelle and Doug Strait for all their weeding, mulching and edging – the garden, grounds and flower beds look beautiful. And thanks to Michelle for spearheading the effort to plant perennials along the edge of the porch – the coral bells are a beautiful improvement to our plantings!

### Security at IVTC

Please observe the following measures to keep us all safe and secure.

- Be aware of your surroundings when entering or exiting the club.
- The entry door on Parker should *always be closed and locked*, unless Edmund is providing security for a club event.
- Please enter and exit the club in groups, particularly at night. An Individual leaving the club should be accompanied to the parking lot by an additional club member.

If you are the last to leave the club, day or night, make sure all the clubhouse doors are closed and locked, and activate the security system as you leave.



Bob Lucas and Esther Thomas add finishing touches in the locker room

### Stewart McMillin Tours

1- July 9- ELMWOOD CEMETERY TOUR-(\$15)  
9:30-3:30-Lunch at a choice of 4 wonderful places.

2- August 11- WORLD RELIGIONS TOUR-\$70  
(9:30-5:00) includes a Muslim mosque (ISLAM), Ukrainian Catholic Church (CHRSTIANITY), lunch at the Polish Village Cafe in Hamtramck, Buddhist Monastery & Zen Center in Hamtramck (BUDDHISM), the Downtown Synagogue (JUDAISM), and the Hare Krishna Fisher Mansion (HINDUISM)

3-August 20-  
GROSSE POINTE BLACK HISTORY TOUR-(\$35)  
(10:00-3:30) Space limited.

4-Sept. 5-6-UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TOUR to CANADA-Highlights include CHATHAM, North Buxton, and UNCLE TOM'S CABIN & John Walls Historic Site.

5-DETROIT CELEBRITY HOME TOUR-(\$35)  
(9:30-4:30 or 5:00)

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