

President's Message



Mark A. Peterson

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the Carriage Club over the past year, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the past four years. My term ends at the Club's annual meeting scheduled for March 31. I want to thank outgoing Board members, Jennifer Clemente,

Tim Schaffer, Chris Herring, Doug Curry and Janice Redlingshafer for their dedication and contributions to the Club, and welcome incoming Board members, Suzanne Glynn, Dan Hogan, Ron LeMay, Bill Nelson and Peter Sloan. I am also pleased to announce the new officers for the coming year: Tyler Prochnow, President; Sarah Higdon, First Vice President; David Kenner, Second Vice President; Mike White, Secretary; and Jeff Teeven, Treasurer. I am confident this group, along with the other returning Board members, will provide excellent leadership of the Club.

On February 18, the Club hosted its annual ice show, which was very well done and culminated another successful year with the ice rink. Kevin Connor chaired the Ice Rink Committee and did an excellent job with hockey, and Sarah Higdon ensured figure skating went very smoothly. Despite temperatures in the 70's on the day before the ice show, Bill Henry and his staff pulled off a miracle in getting the ice in excellent shape for the show, and I want to thank them for their dedication to the Club. There are many other people to thank for this outstanding event, as it does not happen without much hard work and commitment. Kim Aliber spent countless hours coordinating this event and our figure skating instructors, led by Linda Farrell, did a terrific job as well.

Two goals were set out at the beginning of the year related to membership and communication. Regarding membership, we added 29 new members versus 22 in the prior year and lost fewer members than a year ago. Financially, we finished right on our operating cash flow budget. In addition, hopefully you felt more informed about events at the Carriage Club through our updated website, frequent e-mail blasts and our enhanced Lantern newsletter.

Our third major goal related to the kitchen and ballroom renovation. This project continues to progress toward timely and successful completion and I hope you will be pleased with the results. We relied on the vision for the project provided by our architect, Generator Studio LLC,

led by Mike Kress and Tom Proebstle. I am grateful for their many hours "off the clock," demonstrating their personal commitment to the success of the project. I also want to thank the Renovation Committee, led by David Fromm, as well as the other members of the committee, Chris Herring, Tim Schaffer, Anya Holmes, and Steve DeRose. In addition, Jennifer Clemente, Kim Aliber and Laura Fowler each worked many hours on design elements of the project in concert with Mary Madden of Madden-McFarland Interiors. Except for a few items on back order, the project should be completed by April 15.

The renovation has provided us the opportunity to review each of our dining options at the Club with the goal of providing a better experience for our members and more consistency in what can be expected at each location. The Food and Wine Committee, led by Tim Schaffer and David Kenner, made recommendations that have been approved by the Board and are published in this newsletter. In addition, menus are being reviewed and refreshed. This process is timely as we welcome our new Chef, Ross Fraser, who is advising on the changes.

As my tenure ends, I also want to thank the excellent staff we have at the Carriage Club, led by Steve DeRose, as well as the many members who give of themselves to make the Club so enjoyable. Thank you for all of your support over the last year

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