

Tammany Yacht Club

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March 2023



*Happy
St. Patrick's Day!*





Tammany Yacht Club

2023

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Monday & Tuesdays-Closed

Wednesday– 5-10 P.M.

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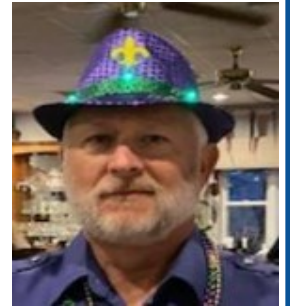
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Commodore's Corner

Dave Lander



Now that Mardi Gras is behind us, let's acknowledge that short February was a busy and momentous month for the Tammany Yacht Club. New members were welcomed as they joined us for delicious food at club events. Our Sweethearts' Ball was well-attended. The food and entertainment were fantastic. In addition, a Special Meeting was conducted during the first fish fry on February 24th to give the membership an opportunity to vote concerning the TYC Board of Directors' Proposal for the first ever dues increase. I'm proud to announce that the board proposal was passed overwhelmingly by a margin of 92.5% - Yes, to 7.5% - No. The dues increase will start at the beginning of the 2nd quarter (4/1/2023) of this year. I would like to thank our members for supporting the club and understanding how inflation has impacted our bottom line. As always, the board will continue to manage the resources of the TYC with the same focus on economy and value as before. Our motto will be, "Stretch that dollar bill until Washington's neck looks like a Spinnaker Pole!"

March is stacking up to be busy as well. In addition to our Triple T Thursday events, our Wednesday Night Races begin this month. If you haven't sailed and would like to, show up on Wednesday and join a crew, OR, if you prefer, drop by the club and wet your whistle while waiting on the Wednesday Night fleet to return to the club for burgers and beer after the race. We'd love to see you there.

Two very important committee chairman positions remain to be filled. If you'd like to make an impact and help the TYC operate, grow, and improve, please consider volunteering for one of these important positions:

- Juniors / Summer Camp
- House Committee

Planning for this year's Tammany Yacht Club Fishing Rodeo begins this month. If you are interested in supporting the rodeo, contact Rene Marques. Rounding out the month, TYC and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) are sponsoring a FREE Boater Education Class at the TYC on March 25, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. As you know, promotion of safe boating is at the core of our mission, and we hope to continue partnering with the LDWF in the future to continue helping to make our boating way of life as safe as possible.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

David Lander - 677





Past Commodore's Corner

Historical Highlights

Guy Geller



Sharing some of the TYC past, by Guy Geller

Yesterday, February 24, 2023, my wife Patsy and I brought a friend, Jennifer Stewart, to the membership and fish fry meeting. We were to be joined by a prior member and world recognized single handed sailor, Jim Bates.

Thirty-nine years ago, he and another intrepid TYC sailor, Luis Tonizzo, spent a number of months and tons of money preparing boats to challenge 97 long time sailors to the 1984 OSTAR, the Observer Single Handed Trans-Atlantic Race. The fledgling, four-year-old Tammany Yacht Club would field two competitors to this, recognized as the premier single-handed sailing event in the world. Each competed in Class IV, boats of up to 35 feet LOA and took on monohull boats of up to 60 feet and multi-hull go really fast boats. Without going into too many race-details Jim finished third in class and Luis won the class, both beating out numerous larger boats in the fleet.

Springing ahead to 2023; I received a telephone call from Jim Bates last week asking to be re-instated as a member of Tammany Yacht Club in order that he might sail once again under the burgee of his prior glory. He went on to tell me that he intended to compete in a single-handed race from San Francisco to Hawaii aboard a refurbished 39-foot, steel, gaff rigged boat. I listened to him intently and somewhat incredulously, fully being aware of his age proximity to mine of 86 years. I did get him to admit that he was now 78 years young and in great physical shape for his time on earth. After telling him that he was out of his flipping mind; I agreed to contact Commodore Dave Lander to pass on his request. Jim at one time had been appointed TYC, Membership Chairman; served on the LPRC Committee and had been an all-around good member of TYC.



Commodore Lander agreed and contacted the TYC board to expedite his renewed membership. Letting Jim know that this was taking place, I once again appealed to him to re-think this goal unless he intended this to be his final sail. He assured me that it was not, but he did have additional work to prepare the China Doll for this race.

Yesterday Commodore Lander asked me to introduce Jim Bates to the membership present at the monthly special meal. This month, in deference to the Lenten season, the traditional steak night became a night for some of the best fried fish that I have had.

On a personal note: standing up once again, with microphone in hand, overlooking smiling faces, a few that I have known for up to forty-three years but many that I have yet to meet, gave me a sense of appreciation. I was told once by the sages of the New Orleans yachting community, that if the club made it six months it would be gone within a year. That was forty-three years ago. It has taken hundreds of members coming and going and thousands of volunteer hours to make Tammany Yacht Club the organization that we can be members of, with pride. The TYC burgee flies in clubs from Australia to England, from Panama to Canada and I believe Argentina.

Pat and I will continue to make our 80-mile monthly pilgrimage to TYC for some of the best steaks ever. Fortunately, our dear friends Herb and Suzy Sale have designated a guest room to our use; it does not quite have a plaque on the door with our names, but close to it.

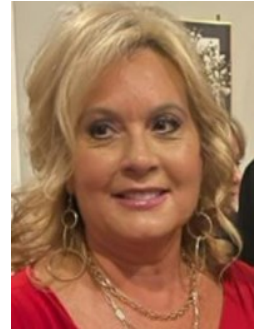
I can never say enough but will simplify it with a huge THANK YOU to all for making my goal and dream come true.





Entertainment

Michelle Rabalais



Hello everyone, and welcome aboard "March." We have anticipated your arrival and are looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day with you.

I would like to begin by saying, WOW! What an awesome February we have shared. Between the Sweethearts' Dinner/Dance featuring that fantastic lounge vocalist, Jeff Gibson, along with the catering from Joe's Italian Restaurant, not to mention the King Cake Charcuterie for dessert, all turned out to be a very enjoyable and successful evening of dinner and dancing.

I hope that those who attended enjoyed themselves as much as I enjoyed planning this spectacular night. Let's not forget our two new TYC Sweethearts for 2023, Rene Marques and Mark Phillips! Thank you both for being such a good sport with helping us revive an older tradition but with a new twist.

Now, let's not forget about our Soup-er Bowl Golden Ladle Award Contest. Thank you to all who participated. We certainly had a very nice turn out of delicious soups. We did have three contestants to place 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in our contest. It was a very tight competition with plenty of delicious soups to vote on. Our club is blessed to have such great cooks!!

After our Soup-er Bowl, along came Mardi Gras and our Tasty Thirsty Thursday Tutu Contest. This proved to be a fun-filled evening with parade-style food, cocktails and of course a second line with umbrellas. Our two winners, Dave Lander and Nancy Ritzmann, received a 2023 Zulu Coconut. Congratulations Dave, and Nancy! I would have to say in all that February was a great success!!!



Now, for our upcoming March entertainment. I have a couple of extra events lined up. We are having a "Shake Your Shamrocks" Party on Friday, March 17 in honor of St. Patrick's Day. So, please, save the date to help us celebrate! Be sure to wear your green clover! There will be music playing, specialty drinks, and party Shenanigans. So, please plan on coming by TYC to "Shake It!"

Also, for March, I am currently working on putting together a "Wine Down Wednesday" for those of us who have a passion for wine. We have had several members reach out to me with interest of this type of event. Hopefully, I can post the details soon.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your support in helping me pull these events together for the betterment of our club. We are making great memories for all to enjoy. Here's to another month of March. May it bring you smiles, laughter, peace, and love. With some good LUCK, too!

Sincerely,

Michelle Vogel Rabalais

"SHAKE YOUR SHAMROCKS"



TYC SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TYC 2023 SWEETHEARTS



RENE MARQUES AND MARK PHILLIPS

Also pictured: Patty Heindel and Michelle Rabalais





AN EVENING TO REMEMBER







1982-Doug Wilson

1983-Joe Reuther

1984-Stan Morrison

1985-Cleve Williams (D)

1986- Bob Duryea (D)

1987-Mel Moll

1988-Jerry Hickey (D)

1989-Bill Watson (D)

1990-Bob Boos (D)

1991-Harold Pecunia

1992-Wayne Sewing

1993-Bobby Tassin

1994-Karl Boehm

1995-Dennis Knowles

TYC SALUTES THE SWEETHEARTS

OF THE PAST

1982-2018



1996-Bob Boyd (D)

1997-Barry Brisbi (D)

1998-Dick Almos

1999-Dave Barnes (D)

2000-Kenny Gibbs

2001-Bubba Groce

2002-Kyle Bowser

2003-Scott Collins

2004-Jeff Hebert (D)

2004-Carl Ritzman (D)

2005-Jim Ilgenfritz

2006-2007 None- Katrina

2008-Martin Smith (D)

2009-Brad Carey (D)

2010-Earl Savoie

2011-Tom Smith

2012-Joe Sexton

2013-Mark Poole

2014-Barry Statia

2015-Sandy Stone

2016-Gary Knight

2017-Steve Jones

2018-Kyle Bowser, Tom Smith



TYC SOUP-ER BOWL WINNERS



1st Tony Bird (Chicken Tortilla Soup)

2nd Vincent Rabalais (Chicken Andouille Sausage Soup)

3rd Kathy Young (She Crab Soup)

Thank you all for your great participation!



TYC TASTY THIRSTY THURSDAY AND MARDI GRAS MAMBO







CONGRATULATIONS TO TYC WINNERS OF THE MARDI GRAS MAMBO COCONUT



Congratulations, Commodore
Dave Lander.

What a
Fabulous
Evening of Fun!



THANK YOU BOTH FOR
YOUR WONDERFUL
PARTICIPATION!



Congratulations, TYC Member,
Nancy Ritzman.



FISH FRY FRIDAY



Racing Committee/LPRC Chairman



Bobby Tassin



TYC Racing March 2023 – Dr Bobby Tassin

Spring is here and it's time to gear up for Wed Nite Racing!! Spring Series I begins on the first Wednesday after daylight savings kicks in - race one will be Wednesday, March 15th. The week prior on March 8th we will have a Wed Nite Skippers' meeting. Races start at 7PM. We want to encourage all TYC members to come to the club on Wednesday nights and enjoy grilled burgers and all the fixings.

Our next sailing event will be the Two Against the Lake regatta. The date has been changed to Saturday, April 1st.

Dates are listed below for the racing we have planned thus far for the year.

2023 TYC Racing Schedule

Wed Nite Spring I: March 15th-April 19th

Two Against the Lake: April 1st (Skippers' meeting March 31st)

Wed Nite Spring II: April 26th – May 31st

Wed Nite Fall: September 6th – October 11th

Single Handed Round the Lake: October 14th

Fair winds and following seas!



Editor's Comments

Pauline Marques



Each spring, in my forty-five-year career as a classroom teacher, I asked my young students to create artwork for our classroom bulletin board that displayed butterflies, flowers, playful bunnies, etc. to signify the “new life” that the season of spring brings. We entitled this bulletin board, “Spring Brings Signs of New Life.”

Our club is showing signs of new life as many of us are emerging from our hibernation of the cold winter months and the feeling of seclusion brought on by the Covid Pandemic. Our Wed Nite Races, Tasty Thirsty Thursday, Fish Fry Friday, are among the many events bringing more and more members and friends to TYC to enjoy the company of friends and to sit and enjoy a good meal and conversation with those friends. It doesn't get any better than this.

You may have noticed that our Committee Chairmen have much to say in their Spyglass articles. It is refreshing to see so much life and enthusiasm visit our club. As always, I extend a huge “Thank You” to those Committee Chairmen who work so diligently to get their articles to Spyglass in a timely manner. Your efforts keep us informed of the many events we so greatly enjoy at TYC.

Brilliant sunsets are the gift of the season, and they can be enjoyed right from our very own TYC deck.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Pauline Marques

TYC Spyglass Editor/Historian



FROM THE BAR

BY BILL JOBST



In years past Fleet Surgeons were responsible for the physical welfare of the crew but often extended their services to natives ashore. During wartime, treating wounds, often by amputation, was a primary Fleet Surgeon duty. Our Fleet Surgeon, Bobby Tassin, has a much more relaxed position. Natives are usually friendly, at least after competitive sailing, and decks are covered with only an occasional spilled beer.

Bobby, as he prefers to be called when away from the hospital, attended grade school and high school in White Castle, LA. In high school, he served as class president and was valedictorian with only one “B” in his academic career. (That “B” was awarded by his older sister who taught mathematics. They still speak occasionally.) Bobby achieved academic success despite parties featuring Miller Ponies, Boone’s Farm Apple Wine, dirt bikes and bonfires on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Bobby attended Nicholls State, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in Biology. His college expenses were paid in part by bartending at Lafitte House (at age 16 ½) and lifeguarding at the college pool. He met Holly at Nicholls State. They have been married 42 ½ years and have two daughters, one son and two granddaughters. Nicholls State was followed by LSU Medical School in NOLA, then internship and residency in Family Medicine at Earl Long Memorial Hospital in Baton Rouge.



Bobby's interest in sailing began while in medical school – a classmate's dad owned an Islander 36. His first "sailboat" was a Lancer 27 powersailer with a 115 hp outboard. After completing residency in 1986, Bobby and family moved to Slidell and joined TYC. Commodore Bobby Boos at the time enlisted him to crew aboard Sovereign a C&C 39 and the passion for racing began. Bobby's love of both sailing and parties is noteworthy. After a day of competitive sailing in the LPRC, followed by a night of partying, he got up the next morning for a repeat of the previous day. Ignoring household duties earned him the crew name of "scum bucket" from the pirates aboard Sovereign. You can reach Bobby at the hospital if you ask that "Dr. S. Bucket" be paged.

He next purchased *GreenJacket*, a J105. *GreenJacket* was heavily raced in Lake Pontchartrain and coastal events. *GreenJacket* met her demise after a first-in-class finish in a Gulfport-Pensacola race after taking on water due to a split hull. The Coast Guard towed her emergently to a Pensacola boat yard and avoided a sinking. While in the yard, a severe storm lifted the craft off its jackstands, damaging the hull beyond repair. Also being benched with a neck injury, Bobby stood down from sailing for some years and assisted with race committee duties until he bought his current J109, *StraitJacket*.

Sailing at 6 (to 13.5) knots apparently was not fast enough. Bobby also owns a 30-foot Hysucat 30CC hydrofoil-equipped power catamaran, *Finatic*, capable of 52 knots. If you look quickly, you can, at times see him returning from managing races, usually traveling closer to 30 knots. Over the years with TYC he started the first Juniors sailing program, designed, and led efforts to build the Juniors small boat yard, dock and has supported TYC racing as a competitor and as a member of the Race Committee.

Bobby has over 40 years of experience practicing Family Medicine and is one of the most highly rated physicians in the New Orleans area. We are fortunate to have him as our Fleet Surgeon and proponent of all things TYC.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Charles and Beth Applewhite



Rene and Wendi Bonck





Tim and Juliette Laughlin



Our new members who are not pictured, but pictures are forthcoming:

Joe Luscly/Pam Duhe

Gwen Michon

John Welch/Jason Doyle



Bernice Gilbreath



"Happy Hour"

Thursday, 5-7 PM



What Better Way to Spend an Evening?



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Tasty Thirsty Thursday

Join us for a TYC culinary experience
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6:30 PM

Check your email for details for the week.
Bring a side dish, visit with friends, join the fun.

SEE
YOU
THERE!







The Krewe of Bilge Visits TYC



TYC Steak Night

7:30 PM

Spend a relaxing evening with friends on the last Friday of every month.

Sign up by 8:00 PM on Thursday

Filet or Salmon- members: \$23.00 non- members \$28.00

Ribeye or Tuna - members; \$25.00 non-members \$30.00

Potato and Salad only-\$10.00

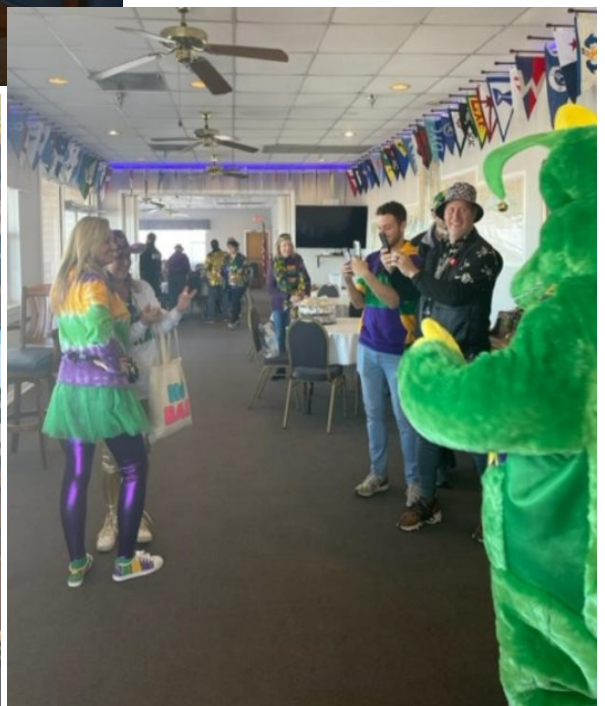
Salad only-\$8.00

Child's Plate-\$10.00

Entrees include potato, salad, mushrooms, rolls and dessert.

Dinner Bell rings at 7:30 PM.





Sunday Fun Day

Are you looking for a place to unwind
on a Sunday evening?

Come enjoy the beautiful
sunsets right from our very
own TYC deck.

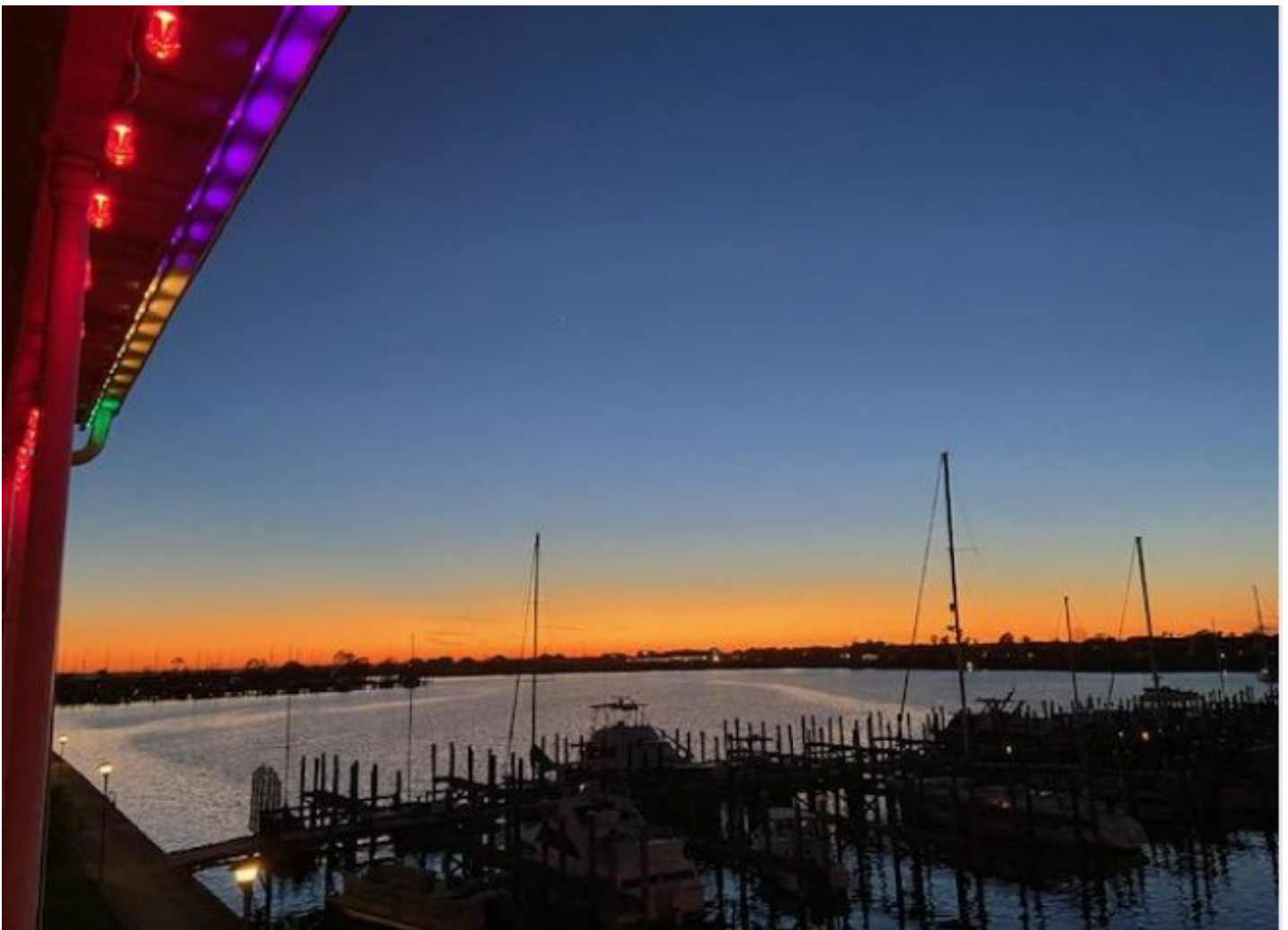




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March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 TTT-6:30	3	4
5	6 TYC Board Mtg. 7P.M.	7	8 CG Aux. Mtg./Skippers' Mtg. Sail Race 7 PM	9 TTT-6:30 First Mates Mtg. 5:30 P.M.	10 Rental Rehearsal (Wedding) 5 PM	11 Rental-Wedding 5 PM
12  DST-Spring Forward	13	14 Fishing Rodeo Mtg. 6:30 PM	15 Wed. Nite Sail Race	16 TTT-6:30	17 <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18 Rental 1-4 PM
19 Rental 1-4 PM	20	21	22 Wed. Nite Sail Race	23 TTT-6:30	24	25 TYC & LDWF Boater Ed Class 9-3 PM
26	27	28	29 Wed. Nite Sail Race	30 TTT-6:30	31 Skippers' Mtg-2 Against Lake 7:00 PM Steak Night 7:30	

The club is open to members during rentals. Events subject to change without notice. TTT= Tasty Thirsty Thursday. DST= Daylight Savings Time



COOKIN' WITH TYC

Our March recipe is sent to us from Linda Phillips
Thank you, Linda. Enjoy!



SWEET KALE CHOPPED SALAD

*1 bag Sweet Kale Chopped Salad Mix (Walmart)

(Salad Mix includes poppy seed dressing, pumpkin seeds, and dried cranberries)

*1 Red Onion sliced thin

*Fresh Strawberries sliced thin

Mix All Together and serve.

I also add candied pecan salad toppings, extra dried cranberries and extra Poppy Seed dressing if needed...All depends on what you like.



March Birthdays

Larry Jordan	3/1
Kelly Boos	3/10
Rob Keister	3/12
Larry Brothers	3/15
Ethel Smith	3/20
Michelle Ricca	3/22
Mary Brisbi	3/25
Al Normand	3/25
Gabrielle Lormand	3/27
Julie Slager	3/29
Tammy Brothers	3/30
Colleen Orfanello	3/31





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