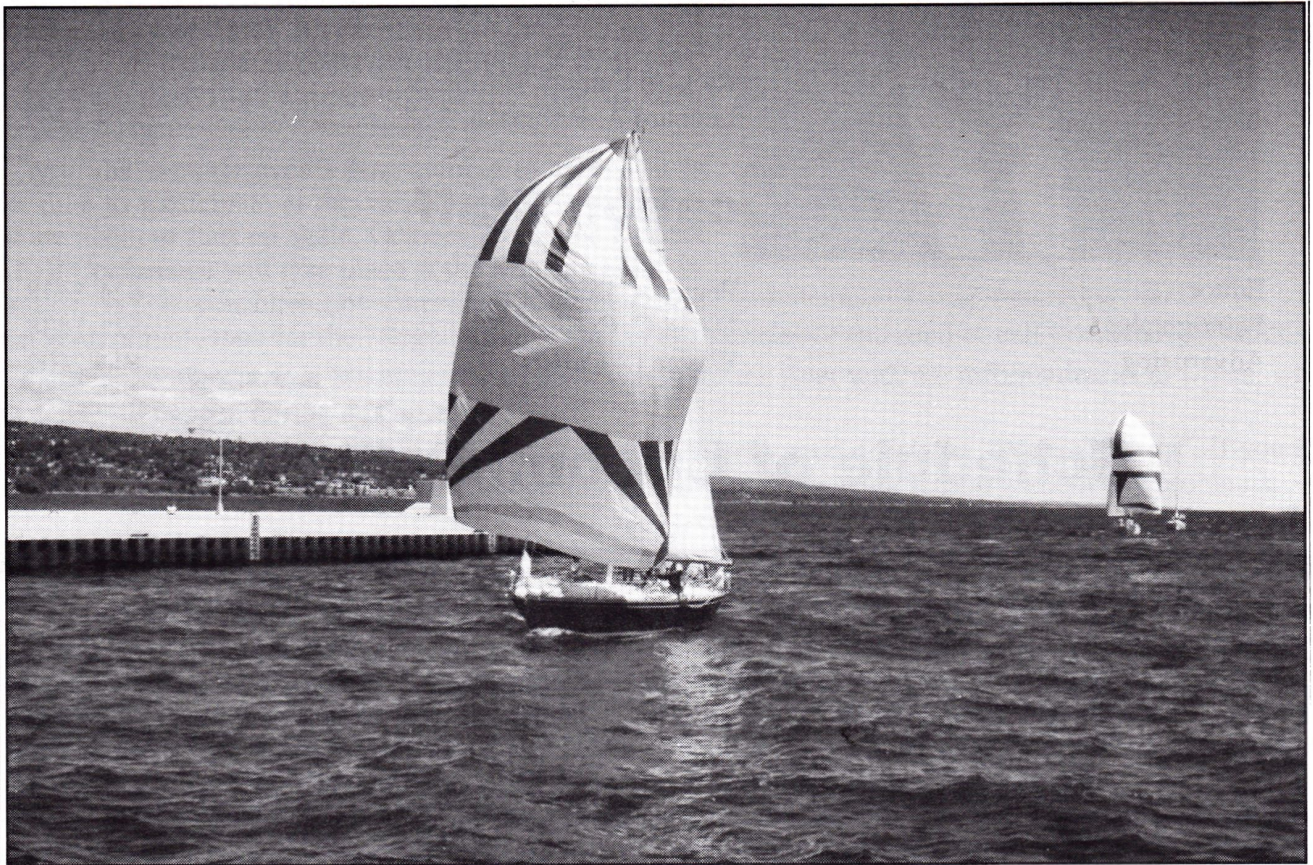


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OCTOBER	5 .....	Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station Meeting Room
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	26 .....	General Meeting
NOVEMBER	2 .....	Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station Meeting Room

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### Cover photo - BILLOWING SPINNAKERS CROSS THE LINE ...

Finishing the Trans Superior Race entering the Duluth entry with an easterly wind filling their spinnakers. This years' race was one of the fastest in recent history.

Picture and article by P/C Dave Carlson, N

# Commander's Report

Fall is here and a great boating season is about to end. The Commander's Cruise and the Predicted Log Contest were held on August 18 and 19. These were the first events to be held at the new pavilion. A good time was had by those who participated.

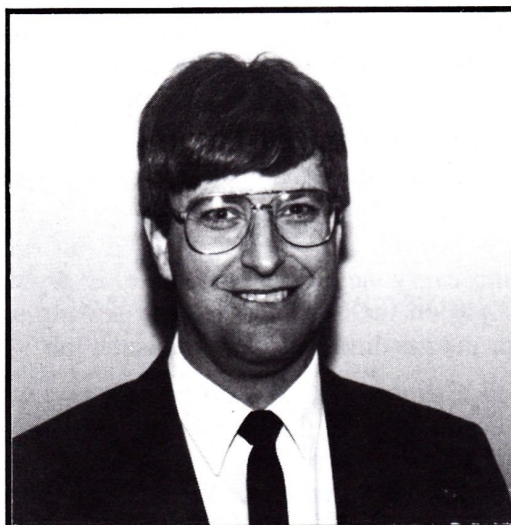
Sept. 2-4, the Treasure Hunt/Corn Roast was held at the Squadron Dock. A large number of participants showed up for this three day event. A "Job Well Done" goes to Jerry Rock, AP for chairing these events (with the help of many members). An excellent job of planning and running all of the events occurred. Everything went well. There were activities happening all the time to keep everyone busy.

With the summer events now coming to an end, it is now time to participate at the various meetings/programs that are about to start up again. October 20-22, the District 10 Fall Conference will take place at the Midway Hotel in Wausaw, WI. If you have not submitted your meal and hotel reservations, look for the "Registration Form" in this newsletter and send or call to make reservations.

October 26, the General Meeting will be held. Watch for the flyer with the information as to where, when and what will happen during this time.

Finally, the August - September Channel Chatter had a very good article on "Winter Lay-up". If you follow those tips, then next spring, you should be able to start out the boating season without any problems.

Cdr. Jay Halling, AP



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**☎ Squadron Information Telephone Number.** As of this fall we have a Duluth power Squadron telephone number. When calling this number, you will receive information on upcoming meetings, upcoming classes, and any other information that the squadron may need to get out to our members or the general public. Also this number will be published for any Safe Boating Classes that are upcoming for the general public. In addition, the number will allow anyone to leave a message and have someone in the Squadron return the call. The number is (218) 348-6196. It is a local call, voice mail number.

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# Executive Officer's Report

First of all, I want to give credit to where credit is due. Jerry Rock and his Corn Roast Crew did a "fantastic" job at the Corn Roast. It is a big job with all the coordination necessary. He got everyone involved and that's what our squadron is always trying to do. "Great job, Jerry".

The pavilion worked out fine with the rain. At dinner, when serving, it was slightly tight. Joel says we should have build it bigger. All in all, the pavilion worked out fine. We had a lot of room and everyone had a great time. Everyone give Jerry Rock another pat on the back for cutting, sewing and engineering the sides for the pavilion. Another "fantastic job".

I had a slight boating problem just two weekends before the Corn Roast. I hit something in the bay and broke one propeller off and also broke the propeller shaft. Getting back to the dock that day proved to be a challenge. With only one engine, my boat will not steer or turn very well. Then with the wind adding to the steering effect, it was impossible to turn. I got into my marina OK but missed the dock the first pass, and then couldn't turn the boat around to get back out of the marina to try again. I was able to continue to another dock without turning and without mishap (too bad Rhonda). I was lucky that there was another dock open in my path. Then the concern was getting the boat fixed quickly, and would my insurance cover the damage. Due to the quick and capable action of P/C Greg Brisky, at Swanstrom Insurance Company, the Saint Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company, and Russ and Kraig at Marine General, I was back in business in time to bring the boat over to the Corn Roast Friday afternoon. Also, I want to thank Ken Page for diving and pulling the old, then replacing the shaft and prop so I could get the job done without pulling the boat. Ken did a great job doing everything without seeing anything, as the water was dark. We did the job in the Harbor Cove Marina.

As most of you know, we are all eligible for the USPS Boat Insurance Program. This insurance program recognizes our educational achievements by affording increased insurance discounts with each additional advanced grade. It is also administered by knowledgeable boating people who are familiar with the needs of all USPS members. It is really surprising how much money can be saved by using this program. "Check it out".

Sooo, leading into my next paragraph, coming up this fall and winter are a whole new round of courses for those that want to broaden their knowledge on boating and boating safety. Now that you are a USPS member and have passed the safe boating course, don't stop taking courses. Take seamanship, take piloting, and then take advanced piloting. See what you can save on your boat insurance. But also, see what you will learn, and also see who you will meet. You will be surprised how many great people you will meet.

Lt/C Jerry Carlson, AP



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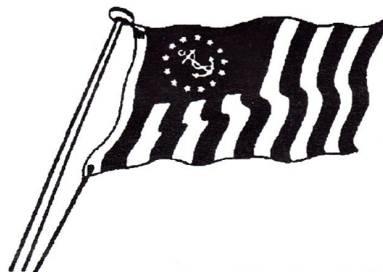
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# New Members

**We have many who've recently joined the Duluth Power Squadron. Let's make them feel welcome and a part of our organization.**

Craig Lewis is from Fargo, ND. He sails in Duluth with friends. His wife's name is Donna and they power a 17' Alumacraft named "Bergen Marie".

Robert Campbell owns a 26' power boat named "Tiara", which is docked at Harbor Cove. His wife's name is Pat.

Dianne Lutkevich is from St. Paul and joins as a new Family Member. Her sailing partner is John Etzel. Their sailboat is berthed at Lakehead.

Tom Primozich powers a 28' cruiser named "Martha's BAJ". His wife's name is Martha and their boat is docked at Barker's Island.

Robert Murray sails a 15' craft. His wife's name is Joan and they are both from Duluth.

Wayne Olson powers a 36' cruiser named "Nauti-Gal II". It's berthed at Spirit Lake Marina. Wayne's wife's name is Sharon.

Samuel Kingery owns a 22' power boat named "Lucy K". His wife's name is Lucille. They're both from Duluth.

Maurice Alexander sails a 21' boat named "Dreamer". His wife's name is Michelle Bassett.

Karl Lepping, from Elk River, Minnesota powers a 30' Trojan cruiser named "Swede E Pie". His wife's name is Kay Rudnicke. Their boat is based at Roy's Point Marina in Bayfield.

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# Predicted Log Contest

The Predicted Log Contest was held on 19 August 1995, starting and ending at the Squadron Dock.

The Predicted Log is a contest to test a skippers ability to follow a preset compass course, using only a compass and a tachometer. An observer tells you when to change your direction from a time sheet the skipper has pre-determined. The winner is determined by how close the skipper actually takes to run the course compared to the amount of time the skipper has calculated it to take. A formula is then used to determine the winner.

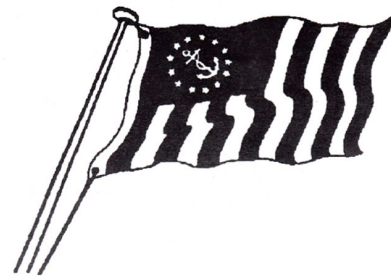
The winner of this year's contest: P/C Robert Byrne, N came in 1st, P/C Arne Wuorinen, JN came in 2nd and Lt. Dean Baltes, P came in 3rd. Also participating were P/C David Carlson, N and Cdr. Jay Halling, AP. Cdr. Jay Halling is shown in the 2nd picture on this page, presenting P/C Robert Byrne, the Predicted Log Plaque. Also, P/C Arne Wuorinen and Lt. Dean Baltes, are shown with their 2nd and 3rd place plaques.

Thank you to P/C Arne Wuorinen for organizing the contest and thank you to all of the observers that went along.

Cdr. Jay Halling, AP



Four time winner P/C Bob Byrne, N displays the traveling trophy that he will proudly display on the wall of his office. Bob was first to win the contest three times and now holds the distinction of being the only third and fourth time winner of the elusive prize. Shown in background is the new pavilion that was greatly appreciated during the recent Corn Roast.



Predicated Log Contest Kid's Finalists (L to R): Chad Olson, Corey Olson, Dusty Rock, Greg Wuorinen, Mike Baltes and Alicia Rock.



# Corn Roast 1995

Anticipation was high as we pulled up to the dock on Friday. The lawn had never looked better, thanks to Steve Farrell and the job he does mowing.

We hung the curtains on our beautiful new pavilion. Sean Beaudin lit the bonfire and the fun began. By the time Danielle started serving smores and baked potatoes that were cooked over the bonfire, Dean Baltes, our abled dock master, had over 30 boats tied up.

0600 Saturday morning, Donny and Diana Hansen were out placing clues for the "on land treasure hunt". 1700 hours three lucky pirates shared about \$250 in treasure. Wonderful job Donny and Diana!

1730 hours the pennants were hung and the Mexican pot luck began. Ma Ma Chi Chi would have been proud. The food and margaritas were excellent.

2000 hours the music changed from Mexican to rock to begin the kids dance. The adults started gathering around the bonfire to listen to accordion music played by Marty Herman. I'm sure Ed and Mary Katzmark were smiling down on us. After a dinghy raft in the Allouez Bay, with twenty some boats, we were ready for bed.

Sunday morning started with 23 dinghies and 59 people heading up the Nemadji River to a grass hut complete with a bartender and hostess. Great job, Chris and Bruce Beste!

We arrived back at the dock at 1230 hours hungry. John and Gloria De Smedt did not let us down. The coneys were fantastic. 1300 hours, the carnival and games began, complete with our own clown from the Cinder. Thanks, Jess, you did a great job!

It rained just enough to remind us of how nice it was to have the pavilion. By 1700 hours a tired dock master reported he had 52 boats tied up, eight campers and six tents secured.

Once again, our Past Commanders were asked to serve their Power Squadron. Candy Hengel and Bruce Beste asked the PC's if they would cook the meat, and low and behold, 17 P/C chefs showed up to do the task.

Head Chef, Jack Soetebier, reported the meat was ready. Adrian Rick and crew had the corn cooked to perfection. Kathy Rick, who ordered the food and prepared it, had her crew ready and we started with Erling Hansen's home made tomato soup. There is only one word that could describe a meal like this, fantastic!

2000 hours Shelly Bergen started the dance. 2200 we stopped to make a speech and within 15 minutes had raised \$2040.00 for the pavilion fund. Corn King Richard Bibby and Queen Laurie Rock were crowned. I wonder how this next year will be living with royalty?

Monday, Dean Baltes and Harvey Hengel put on a breakfast fit for our new King and Queen. Head Chef, Smiley Meehan and crew fed 130, great job!

After breakfast, it was time to clean up and pull the curtains down on what was a story book weekend.

In closing, I would like to thank the people who helped. A special thanks to the P/C's, you really came through for the Squadron.

Special appreciation to Rhonda and Gordy Olson who made the games, got the prizes, sold the hats and necklaces, and worked tirelessly from the first meeting until the last garbage can was put away. And, thanks to Mike Billman for bringing the firewood.

Thanks seems like such a small word to convey so much!

Jerry Rock, Corn Roast Chairperson

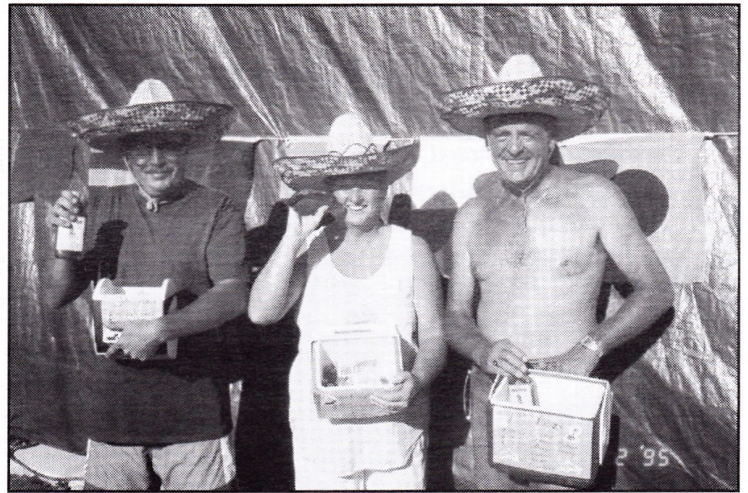
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**Members!** Don't forget to turn in your Merit Mark Information Sheets. A form has been inserted into this issue. Please return it to Commander Jay Halling, 2167 Springvale Rd., Duluth, MN 55811 by October 20, 1995.

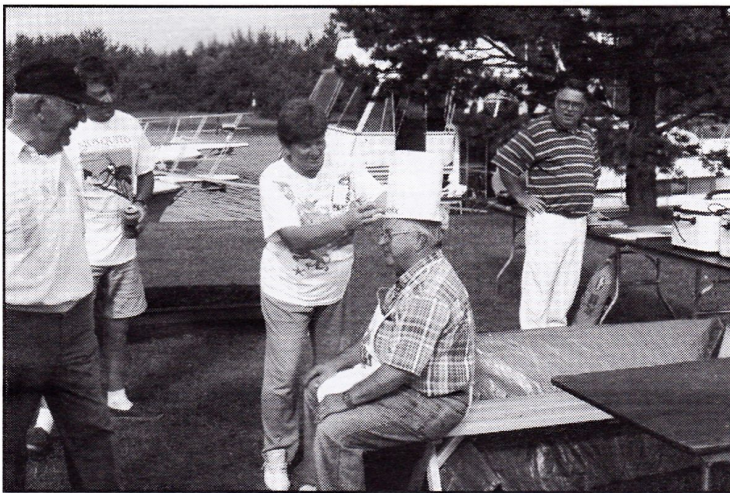




Commander Jay Halling and his wife, Pam enjoying Saturday night's Mexican Night.



Winners of the Treasure Hunt held at the Squadron Dock: 1st Place - P/C Robert Stokes, 2nd Place - P/C Candy Hengel, 3rd Place - David Stokke.



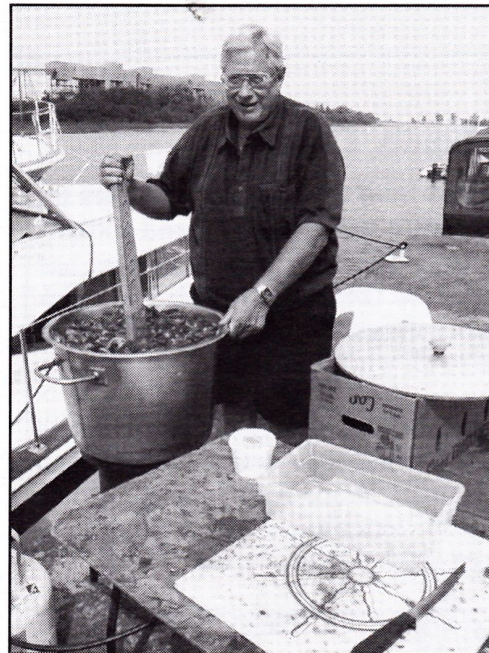
P/C Jack Soetebier being "crowned" as Head Chef by P/C Candy Hengel.



P/C's (L to R) Arne Wuorinen, Bob Stokes & Bruce Beste preparing the beef.



Corn Crew (L to R) Jerry Stariha, P/C Greg Brisky, Ken Page & Adrian Rick.



P/C Erling Hansen stirring up a batch of his famous tomato soup.



# More Corn Roast .....

The Corn Roast, which was held on Labor Day weekend, was attended by members and friends. They came by boat, vehicle and/or both. Those who stayed, either slept on boats, campers, trailers or tents.

The Squadron dock was very impressive with the 50+ water vessels that were there. Those vessels included:

Bay Rider, Jasmine Diver, Cinder, Trinity, My 3 Sons, Tips Up, Sandean, Wahoo III, Ramona, Harcan, Get-A-Way, Sunburst II, King Richard, Rhon-Da-Vous, Crystal Chalet, The Colonel's Lady, Carpe Diem, Rock-Y, Rosita, Marvelous Mary, The Beacon, Gaye Marie, Brisky Business, The Rose, Nauti-Gal II, Prime Time, Sniffer II, Sugar n' Spice, Loona Sea, Di-Vonne II, Joy Ride, Atlantis, Selchie III, Osprey, Skipper Sam II, Entre Amis, Lori Marie, Foot Loose, Arrowhead, Sheri-Sue, Night Hawk, Dolphin, Eight Ball, Equity, Sean-A-Sea, Gloria Jean, Deo Volinte, Flying Dutchman, C-Toy, Water Otter, Doug Rock's runabout, Joel Lowney's runabout, plus many inflatables.

RV's there: Howard Boyton, John De Smedt, Joel Lowney, Robert Holmes, Muriel and Gale Eskola (Rhonda Olson's Mom & Dad).

Thank you Lt. Dean Baltes for the fine job on getting the boats docked and rafted together.

Cdr Jay Halling, AP

Thanks to all these businesses and people who donated for the Corn Roast:

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Bob & Sean Beaudin for use of the popcorn popper  
Everyone who brought a cake for the cakewalk

## Thanks Thanks Thanks....

What a response from the Past Commanders for their time and expertise with preparing and cooking the beef for the Corn Roast. A great time was had by all who participated. Your enthusiastic and quick responses to help made the job of co-chairs a fun time. Our thanks to all who contributed.

P/C's: Richard Bibby, Jack Soetebier, Howard Boynton, Robert Byrne, David Carlson, Harlan Eggert, Harvey Hengel, Bruce Nimmo, Gene Rock, Robert Stokes, Ron Waterhouse, Arne Wuorinen, Mary Brisky, Greg Brisky, Don Hansen

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P/C Bruce Beste, JN  
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# Tips for Small Craft Boaters

Article reprinted from *Soundings*, June/July 1995 Issue. *Soundings* is the newsletter for the American Steamship Company.

With pleasure boating in full force across the Great Lakes' waterways, it is imperative that all boaters follow safe boating guidelines. Here are a few tips to help ensure a fun and safe summer for all those engaged in lake and river related activities.

## Might Does Make Right

Even at just two to three miles per hour, a commercial freighter requires thousands of feet just to come to a complete stop. At 10 m.p.h., that distance stretches out to a mile or more. Turning to avoid a collision is also not an option in most rivers, where vessels must remain within the narrow, dredged channel. Remember: the huge size of many modern vessels - often longer than three football fields - mean they have limited maneuvering choices. In any meeting between a commercial ship and a small pleasure craft, the commercial ship has the right-of-way under navigation rules.

## Danger

Five or more short blasts from a ship's whistle is the international signal for danger. Smaller craft should take avoidance measures immediately (in other words, GET OUT OF THE WAY!)

## Radio Channels

Pleasure boaters with VHF marine radios can establish contact with commercial ships (and the Coast

Guard) by using Ch16 (156.800 MHz). However, be prepared to change channels after initial contact - the channel is often crowded with important radio traffic.

## Thrusters

Most modern commercial ships are equipped with bow and/or stern thrusters which use powerful side-wise motors to maneuver. These can be turned on at any time and could quickly swamp a small craft near their outlets. Small boaters should keep well away from a commercial ship's bow or stern to avoid thruster wash and turbulence from the ship's main propeller.

## Visibility

Pilothouses on many newer ships are located near the stern of the vessel - an arrangement that places the navigation bridge several hundred feet astern of the bow. This creates a blind spot immediately ahead of the ship and beneath the bow. Beware - officers on the bridge may not see you if you get too close. If you can't see the pilothouse clearly, then they can't see you.

## Fog

Commercial vessels have two or more radar arrays to "see" objects at different distances. In fog, however, some pleasure boats are too small to produce a return (blip) on radar. Small boat skippers should never assume a ship's captain or mate can determine his or her location, especially in fog.



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D/Lt Brian G. Sanderson, AP; 4265 Stonebridge Circle, Minnetrista, MN 55364

## District 10 New Member Referral Program-Sweepstakes Entry Form

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