

**PARTY! PARTY! DRC XMAS EVENT HAS GREAT FOOD AND PLENTY OF AWARDS!**

# The Blade



## Annual Meeting Brings New Board of Directors, Dues Increase and Defined Goals for the year 2001

A positive atmosphere prevailed at the DRC's November 18th Annual Meeting which saw the election of a Board of Directors with plenty of new faces, ideas and rowing skills plus the passage of the previously announced dues increase for the year 2001.

President **Amy Molenaar** presided over the happy affair and got the meeting off to a pleasant start by having all those in attendance introduce themselves and provide a short personal profile. Following this opening activity the meeting moved to the election of officers and directors. Candidates for club president, **Joe Wintz** and **Amy Molenaar** were given the opportunity to briefly state their goals for DRC if elected (see Amy, page 2) and balloting followed.

While ballots were being counted, a dues increase for both members and schools was discussed and the increase was approved. The attendees dealt with some homework matters involving the Club's non-profit status being correctly identified for the IRS and a clarification of private shell owners' insurance responsibilities when storing their shells in the DRC boathouse.

Vice-president, **Mary Thomson** (formerly Brown) announced that on December 14th the DRC would host a recognition dinner at the City Club in downtown Dallas to honor Missy Ryan and Karen Kraft, Bronze Medallists in the women's' pair at the Sydney Olympics. (see separate story). Both girls began

their initial training at the DRC in 1999 and are both well known and immensely popular rowers at our boathouse.

Final election results were announced, handshakes all around, photos taken and the meeting adjourned.



### Newly Elected Officers & Directors

President	Amy Molenaar
Vice-president	Mary Thomson
Treasurer	Nessim Rafael
Secretary	Chuck Ford
Boat House Captain	Troy Howell

Directors:	
Herman Bockelman	Karen Hixon
Bob Houston	Evelyn Ireland
David Kramer	David Margolis
Nancy Moran	Tony Palms
Kristen Resor	Nelson Spencer
John Vorhies	J.D. Werle
Jon Werner	Fritz Woeste
Clay Ziegler	

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## FROM AMY.....



Dear Members,

It's been over a year since I became President of DRC, and the experience has taught me how to do a better job for you. Your opinions are valued so don't hesitate to speak to me or email me with suggestions and opinions on improvements. Volunteers are needed for our projects so if you do contact me I may

ask for your help. Planning for 2001 is underway now, and I wanted to share my thoughts and goals with you so you can jump on board and help. These were presented at the annual meeting, but they need refinement and board discussion to come up with a plan for 2001. See you at the Club.

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### GOALS 2001:

**Equipment:** Replenish inventory of level 4 shells, aggressively market the sale of DRC's unused shells, and begin replacing the club's Macon oars with Concept II adjustable hatchets.

**Facilities:** Create more boat storage space and plan to upgrade facilities to include a 4th bay.

**Rowing Skill Development:** Conduct 3 clinics with outside instructors.

**Training:** Begin scheduled training times for women/men/new members.

**Social:** Conduct 3 new social functions for all members.

**Racing:** Increase racing participation by publishing a racing schedule for the year 2001 to better inform and encourage members.

**Junior Rowing:** Create a committee to address the interests and needs of the junior programs. The board would act on these recommendations.

**DRC Manager:** Continue to investigate the practicality of a paid club executive to handle equipment and rowing instruction.

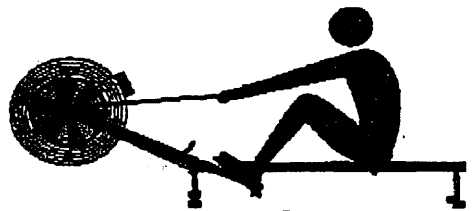
**Volunteer Recognition:** Develop a recognition program to reward DRC volunteers who contribute time and effort supporting the Club.

## S.W.E.A.T. Regatta Provides Great Competition but Better Spectator Entertainment!

On Saturday, February 3rd the annual **SouthWest Ergometer Amateur Tournament** will take place at the Episcopal School of Dallas, 4100 Merrell Rd.

ESD coach and DRC board member, **Troy Howell** and his juniors stage this fabulous indoor racing event yearly. This is one of dozens such regattas across the USA and outstanding entries can qualify for the national finals in Boston. More importantly, it is a fine event for DRC members to enter and find out how well conditioned you are.

Entries are taken at the door on race day and the fee is \$7.00, cash only. You should arrive one hour before your scheduled race time. Teams from UT-Austin, SMU, ESD, Greenhill, St. Marks, Austin Rowing Club plus dozens of DRC rowers make the morning and exciting time for participants and spectators. It is impossible for rowing spectators to view a 2 M meter race



on the water from start to finish, but the SWEAT regatta has all ERGs tied into a computer system which allows the spectator to stand behind the participants and cheer them on while watching all the participants on monitors which transpose them into boats racing side by side in 6 lanes as if on the water. It's the most exciting spectator event in rowing and if you don't want to ERG, come on out and cheer your fellow members on. The distance is 2000 meters.

The ESD gymnasium is located on the South side of the school at Midway and Merrell Rd. Plenty of parking available.

### Schedule:

8:30 AM Masters Men (30+)  
 9:00 AM Masters Women (30+)  
 9:30 AM Open Men  
 10:00 AM Open Women  
 10:30 AM Junior Boys  
 11:00 AM Junior Girls  
 11:30 AM Collegiate Men

## DRC Checkout Procedures Firmly In Place...Schedule Set for 2001

The DRC's checkout program to determine members' rowing skills for purposes of advancement in addition to setting the acceptable rowing level of new members who have rowed previously will continue into 2001.

To better organize the effort and to let new members know exactly when the checkout sessions will be held, the Board has selected the third Saturday of each month to conduct the tests. Next session will be February 17th.

Troy Howell, assisted by the checkout committee, will head up the activity. Please sign up for the session applicable to you in the boathouse so Troy will know what the workload will be. Prospective new members who have previously rowed are reminded that they must be checked out before joining the DRC if they wish to actively row club equipment.

# PARTY! PARTY! DRC XMAS EVENT HAS GREAT FOOD AND PLENTY OF AWARDS!

The Dallas Rowing Club's annual Christmas Party was held on December 9th at member Jon Werner's condominium tower community room.

John Vorhies was in charge of food and it was first class with everyone nibbling throughout the evening as the program progressed with an interesting lineup of awards.

As always, the ever enthusiastic Bob Houston made the award presentations for Regatta Performance, Miles on the Water, and Meters on the ERG. Here are your winners for the year 2000.

## POINT TROPHY (Regatta Wins)

First Amy Molenaar  
Second David Sperry  
Third John Vorhies

## MILES ON THE WATER

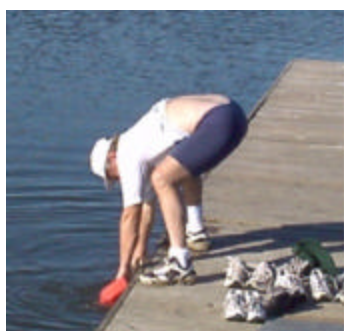
First Troy Howell 844 miles  
Second Bob Houston 841 miles  
Third David Sperry 734 miles

## METERS ON THE ERGOMETER

First Nessim Rafael 627,600 meters  
Second Amy Molenaar 527,800 meters  
Third Troy Howell 327,000 meters



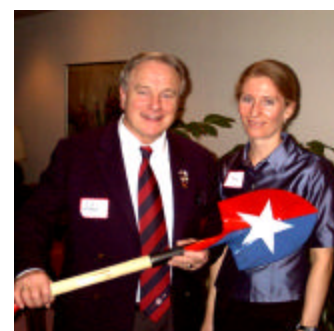
Here are your trophy winners for the Points, Miles, and Meters competition along with J.D. Werle, Volunteer of the Year winner. LtoR, Dave Sperry, J.D. Werle, Amy Molenaar, Nessim Rafael, Bob Houston and John Vorhies. John left the kitchen briefly for this shot.



**THIS WILL GET YOU**

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, J.D. WERLE

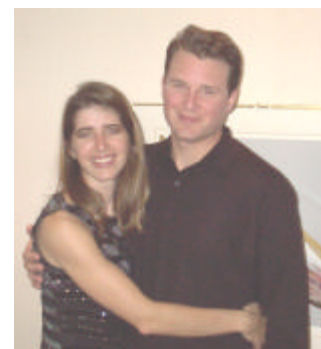
J. D. Werle received the first annual Volunteer of the Year award at the Xmas Party. The presentation was made by **Herman Bockelman** who recounted (as if we needed to be reminded) the untold hours J.D. has spent cleaning the boathouse, the docks, the lakeshore, and all the nearby grounds for at least 10 years. A great example for all of us. Congratulations J.D.!



**THIS!**



Left, Club President **Amy Molenaar** is pictured with DRC Vice President **Mary (Brown) Thomson** with a beautiful recognition gift from the Board of Directors for Amy's yearlong investment of time, energy and enthusiasm for DRC's many activities. Right, we have newlyweds Mary Thomson and husband, Matt. The couple were married in Canada in September. Congratulations!



# Dallas Rowing Club Honors Olympic Bronze Medalists



The evening's honorees, Missy Ryan (l) And Karen Kraft. Olympic Bronze medalists and USROWING'S Female Athletes of the Year 2000..



National Masters Gold Medalists in the Pair -, John Vorhies (l) and Mike Morschauser, the evenings presenter for the Dallas Rowing Club



Missy Ryan and J.D. Werle, DRC Volunteer of the Year 2000.

The DRC hosted a wonderful dinner December 14th honoring Missy Ryan and Karen Kraft, 2000 Olympic Bronze Medalists in the Womens Pair, without cox. The evening received a wonderful publicity boost when both girls were selected that week as USRowing's Female Athletes of the Year for their wonderful performance throughout the year. Mike Morschauser, himself a Masters Gold Medalist in the Mens Pair, without cox, addressed the attendees with wonderful remarks about how he saw the disappointment on the girls' faces in 1996 as they stood on the medal stand after having lost the Gold medal by a scant 12", but amazingly witnessed the glow on their faces in 2000 when winning the Bronze Medal. The girls gave a heartwarming explanation for the apparent disparity and spent 30 minutes sharing the most wonderful and personal thoughts about their training, their introduction to the DRC, their hard work and share of disappointments along the way, what their plans are for the short term and most welcome was their praise of the DRC for its members opening their arms to both girls when they began their training with us in 1999. The DRC presented both with Lifetime Memberships in the club. Missy, along with husband Tim, will remain in Dallas while Karen is in Spokane, Washington where she is attending school. Both admitted to being a bit worn out from rowing and enjoying a pleasant respite which neither cared to end for the moment. They are two charming, intelligent, witty and beautiful girls and a credit to rowing around the world. The entire evening was enjoyed by all, and the girls passed their medals around for all to try on.

## Happy Scenes from the City Club atop the Bank of America Building, site of the evening's dinner.



IS THIS A PARTY OR WHAT?



Julie Sperry (l) with Diane and Bob Houston



Mary Thomson (l) with Nikki O'Neal and Amy Molenaar. Mary and Amy arranged the evenings program. Nikki came down from Tulsa.



One of the few times to see Richard and Karen in standard attire. Are they glamorous or what?



No, Doctor John.....you do not have to do the kitchen bit this time!



Good evening...I am Herr Bockelman. Are you both members?

GRAND EVENING.....LOTS OF FUN.....GREAT FOOD.....MARVELOUS HONOREES.....

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## Stuff You Need to Know....

### January Board of Directors Meeting

DRC's newly elected Board of Directors had their initial 2001 meeting on January 6th. A total of 17 Directors and Officers attend the initial meeting which provided the following actions:

1. Board members will be emailed prior to each meeting to acquaint them with the forthcoming agenda.
2. Checkout evaluations would be scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month with a possible 4th Saturday if there is a rainout. Troy Howell will create and post sign up sheets for rowers wishing to be checked out.
3. Herman Bockelman was appointed liaison to the editor of the Blade.
4. Dan Ellinor was appointed editor of the Blade.
5. Safety concerns were addressed regarding rowing after dark and in low temperatures. No club equipment is allowed on the water 20 minutes after the shore lights come on or 20 minutes before they go off. Also, the Board strongly advised no rowing during a lake wind advisory or when the temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Additionally, if a board member is present he or she may suspend all rowing if conditions are deemed dangerous.
6. J.D. Werle is appointed Boathouse Lieutenant
7. Annual dues are waived for the DRC Treasurer, Secretary, Boathouse Captain and Lieutenant.
8. Joe Wintz's ladder competition program was approved
9. Nelson Spencer was appointed chairman of a committee to address the needs for expanding the boathouse. Nessim Rafael, David Kramer and Amy Molenaar will serve on the committee.
10. A committee was appointed to handle the "learn to row" classes. Nessim Rafael, chairman, and Nancy Moran plus two additional members to be contacted.
11. Bob Houston was appointed away regatta chairman
12. The board resolved to make a gesture of support for the Muschenheim family of the Woodlands (see separate story).
13. The Blade will be published every other month
14. Dock committee was appointed to investigate options for increasing our dock space. Bob Houston, chairman, plus Herman Bockelman.
15. Equipment committee was formed to address new boat needs as well as selling older shells. Troy Howell, chairman plus Amy Molenaar.
16. Next meeting will be on February 17th.

# RACING .....



Bob Houston and Dave Hirsch departing for Oakland CA.



President Amy holds the Moran Cup to be presented at the National Masters. Tony Palms, Bob Houston, Herman Bockelman and Dave Hirsch, left to right.

## DRC'S NATIONAL MASTERS ENTRANTS BRING HOME MEDALS IN 9 OF 14 EVENTS

Bob Houston and Dave Hirsch provided the labor to transport the Club's boats, along with Ft. Worth/Woodlands/Tulsa Rowing Clubs boats, to Oakland CA for the National Masters, August 17-20. Total distance 3670 miles with only a flat tire in Seligman, Arizona to interrupt the trip.

Thirteen DRC members and former members attended, rowed in 14 events and won medals in 9. Ft Worth's Lee Smith medaled with DRC's Fritz Woeste in the 2x and also medaled (after 3 disappointing years) in the Mens Lwt 1x. (see results) Perennial Gold Medal winners in the Mens Pair, without, John Vorhies and Mike Morschauser, repeated for the Gold in 2000.

The 2001 National Masters will take place in Indianapolis in August and the DRC will have another competitive contingent on hand.

### RESULTS

**GOLD MEDAL: John Vorhies/Mike Morschauser**, Mens Pair, without cox.

**SILVER MEDAL:**

**Amy Molenaar**, Lwt Women's A 1X  
**Molenaar/Nikki O'Neal**, Womens A 2X  
**Houston/Warren Spirduso**, Mixed F 2X  
**Molenaar/Nikki O'Neal**, et al Mxd A 4X  
**Rich Lavoy/Anderson**, Mens D pair, without

**BRONZE MEDAL:**

**F. Woeste/Lee Smith**, Mens G 2X  
**Vorhies/Morschauser/Anderson/Lavoy**, Men's D 4+  
**Houston/Woeste/Hirsch/Sperry**, M F 4X



Dave Sperry, above, had a most successful Fall Head racing season with medal performances in every race entered. He began with the Head of the Charles where he and partner L. Anderson won Silver in the 50+ 2X event. Dave followed with double wins in the Head of the Chattahoochee and the Chattahoochee Chase where he rowed in the Mens Grand Master 1X against 12 others. He ended up with double wins in the Head of the Red winning in the 1x plus the Mens 2X with L. Anderson. J. Vorhies and M. Morschauser followed Dave in the 1x event. Great job, Dave.

## Pumpkin Head is Fall Favorite for DRC Rowers Led by Amy Molenaar

Club President Amy Molenaar led 13 DRC members with three gold medal wins in this perennial Fall event on Town Lake.

Four members of the DRC Juniors plus one youngster from Cistercian also medaled. Kimberly Howell, Troy's wife, won Bronze in her very first racing attempt in the Womens Rec Single. DRC Juniors won Gold in the WJr1X and Bronze in the WJr4X. Jason Mitura of Cistercian won 3 medals with Gold in MJr1X, Bronze in Mens Open Lwt 1X and Mens Novice 1X Great job, juniors.

### RESULTS

**GOLD:**

**Amy Molenaar**, W Open Lwt 1X  
**Troy Howell**, M Master 1X  
**Molenaar/Resor**, W Open 2X  
**Houston/Molenaar/Resor/Morschauser**, Mxd M 4X

**SILVER:**

**John Vorhies** M Veteran 1X  
**Jenevein/Young** M Open 2X

**BRONZE:**

**Kimberly Howell**, W Rec 1X  
**Troy Howell** M Open 1X  
**Mike Morschauser** M Veteran 1X  
**Vorhies/Morschauser** MM2X

## MARATHON MADNESS FOR 11 YEARS

This rowing madness, a 26 mile pleasure jaunt, found the DRC in it's eleventh event. (that's all there's been). Rowed over the Cane River in Natchitoches, LA, on November 11th in calm water the event found DRC's Dave Hirsch plus 5 juniors from Cistercian and Ursuline Academy participating in their first ever marathon event. Thirteen rowers from the DRC won Gold Medals in their events. In addition, Bob Houston, rowing in his 10th consecutive event, was awarded a plaque by the events Regatta Committee to commemorate his durability.

### GOLD MEDAL RESULTS

**Jason Mitura**, M Jr 1X  
**Nessim Rafael**, M H 1X  
**Kristen Resor/Mary Thomson**, W A 2X  
**Amy Molenaar**, et al, W Open 4X  
**A. Schoenfeldt/L. von Reyn/P. Chen/A Marshall** W Jr 4X  
**Bob Houston/Hirsch/Werle/Woeste** Mens F 4X

## CITY OF DALLAS HAS BACHMAN LAKE DREDGING PROJECT WELL IN HAND AND IT'S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER!

Lloyd Denman, project director of the Bachman Lake dredging project, brought your Blade Editor, Dan Ellinor, up to date this week on the dredging project we have so long awaited. The news is exciting.

According to Denman (a fellow White Rock Lake Marathoner and a weekly, around-the-lake runner) the project is divided into three phases: (1) The Diagnostic/Feasibility phase (2) The Engineering phase (3) and the actual Dredging phase. Here's the scope and status of all three stages.

**Diagnostic Phase:** Completed in 1999, this phase includes determining how much dirt comes out of the lake and the environmental quality of the removed material. Here's the scoop:

- A. Lake will be dredged to a constant depth of 8 feet. Where already 8 feet or more, no work will be done.
- B. Dredging will occur from shore to shore and will begin at the Lemmon Ave. bridge. Banks will be sloped on a 3' to 1' ratio.
- C. Areas, such as the corner by our boathouse where lake is already filled in with soil and waste, will be cleared out also.

- D. The engineering company on this project is Carter and Burgess, the firm who did the White Rock Lake project last year. According to this firm the removed soil shows no contaminants.



**Engineering Phase:** Currently in progress but nearing completion, this phase includes the negotiations with property owners who would receive the removed material. Denman expects this phase to be concluded shortly.

**Dredging Phase:** Here are the steps involved: (1) Soil will be removed by dredge and transported to disposal site by pipeline. The pipeline will follow the railroad right-of-way at the

West end of the lake to the Stemmons industrial area where it will be accumulated and graded on property in that area. (2) There will probably be a secondary pumping station to assist in the removal. The installation of the pipeline, dredging and related equipment is called the staging phase and will occur before actual dredging begins.

**Time Frame:** As is always the case in public contracts the Notice of Bids and Receipt of Bids schedule is required. The city expects the actual dredging activity to begin this Summer and continue for 9-12 months.

Denman will pay DRC a visit to explain further details when he completes the current Phase 2. The contractor will also make a presentation to the DRC to explain safety requirements involving distance away from the operation once it begins. The DRC's Joe Wintz will be the club's liaison with the eventual contractor.

### DRC's Good Friends, Leann & Jay Muschenheim, Face New Challenge With Son's Aplastic Anemia

Jay and Leann, longtime stalwarts of the Woodlands Rowing Club, need your prayers and thoughts on behalf of their son, Matthew, diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. Matthew, 7, is now under treatment for this malady, and Leann and Jay are expecting their third child in May. DRC members interested in donating to the Aplastic Anemia Foundation can do so through the DRC. Contact John Vorhies. Bob Houston is in constant email contact with Leann who updates Matthew's condition weekly. Bob can provide you with all the information. Meanwhile, continue to pray for Matthews recovery.

### NEW LADDER PROGRAM TAKES DRC ROWERS IN A GREAT, NEW DIRECTION

Joe Wintz has presented DRC rowers a new and exciting program designed to raise rower interest in rowing faster and better and achieving notoriety for doing so.

Joe has a new Ladder Program which is too lengthy to include in its entirety for the Blade, but printed information kits are available in the boathouse. Most importantly, the deadline for entering the new program is March 25th and involves you establishing a 1000 meter ERG time.

The principal of the program is to involve club members in challenging a rower who is above you in the standings, and, if successful, you move up the ladder. At the end of the program prizes are awarded in a number of categories.

Competition begins on April 1 and ends June 30, 2001. Joe's info kit contains equipment categories, race types and length, how you move up the ladder and the various prize categories. Do yourself a favor and read the information sheets carefully. There's a lot of fun in this, and it will encourage all of us to improve. The next issue of the Blade will contain more specific details of the program.

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## Dallas Rowing Club Membership Schedule, 2001



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Membership Type	Description	Paid Trimes- ter Dues	Paid Annual Dues
YOUTH	14-17 years of age, use of club equipment with adult supervision	\$65.00	\$150.00
JUNIOR	18 to 26 years of age; use of club Equipment; voting privileges	\$75.00	\$190.00
REGULAR	27 years of age or older; use of club equipment; voting privileges	\$100.00	\$250.00
FAMILY	Entire family, regardless of age; use of club equipment; voting privilege of one	\$150.00	\$375.00

Members: It's time to renew your membership for 2001. Everyone has received an invoice by now, and Chuck Ford, club secretary, will change the boathouse combination on Thursday, February 1, 2001, so be sure and respond as soon as you can. Thank you and welcome to another year of rowing at the DRC.