



Queen's Quarterly



A Q U E E N O F T H E C H E S A P E A K E P U B L I C A T I O N

COMMUNITY UPDATE

COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT:

To empower young women of the Chesapeake Bay area yacht clubs through a unified, supportive community.

SCHOLARSHIP TEAM:

Frank "Wojo" Wojciechowski
Paul Dolan
Jim Ferrari



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE:

The QOTC Committee would like to thank Commodore Mike Bruns from Baltimore YC and Commodore Larry Korpanty from Maryland YC for their contributions to our Scholarship Fund. In lieu of the traditional favors given to the guests of their Balls, they generously donated those funds to our Scholarship Program. Their combined efforts resulted in \$500 towards this year's Pageant Winners.

For further information on how you can help, contact Wojo at seahawk2022verizon.net

If you are not sure if having a Princess is right for your club; Queen Gabby would like to speak at your next GM Meeting. Her brief presentation focuses

on why a club princess is an asset to any club and how to recruit interested, eligible young women for this role. Contact a member of our

Outreach Team to schedule. Contact information, upcoming dates for QOTC activities, and the most frequently asked protocol information can be found on pg. 2.



A QUEEN'S LIFE... BY GABBY KASTRUNES

Hi everyone!
I cannot believe how quickly time is flying by! I have been extremely busy in my senior year at Notre Dame Preparatory School. I have been working on college applications, and I am eagerly waiting for responses! I am currently enrolled in 5 AP classes, so my school work has helped keep me busy. Aside from academics, I have continued to spend much of my time doing volunteer work. I specifically have continued to be a leader of Camp Umoja, a day camp for children from Baltimore's public housing. I was recently interviewed on IHeartRadio about my service work. On December 6th, I will be interviewed on WJZ. Follow my Facebook page to see a video of my

interview when it is released. I am hoping to spread my love of service with yacht club community youth. I will keep you all posted about potential events to encourage our youngest members to help serve the community and the world

around them!
I have become a member of the Student Advisory Council of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, which gives me the opportunity to discuss environmental issues with other teens who share my passion for the Bay. I am hoping to go back to the State House to address various bills regarding environmental issues. I have also discussed potential opportunities to partner with the Back River Restoration Committee to educate youth about the health of our waterways.
As Queen, I have had the opportunity to attend many balls and build friendships with the Princesses and members of the Yacht Club Community. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!



What's to come...

- ◆ **DEC 16, 2017**
Saturday 12pm
Queen's Court Holiday Party
- ◆ **FEB 25, 2018**
Sunday
Pageant Orientation
- ◆ **JUNE 16, 2018**
Saturday
Pageant Interviews
- ◆ **JUNE 22-23, 2018**
Friday & Saturday
QOTC Pageant Weekend

**IMPORTANT
PROTOCOL
TIP:**

When being escorted by your Commodore, whether at Balls or Openings, the Princess is on the left unless the Commodore is escorting a First Mate. In that case, the Princess is on the right and the First Mate is on the left. If an escort is not an officer (mother, father, etc.) the Princess is on the right. The Queen is always on the right.

**COMMITTEE
NEWS:**

Pam Chaney, Mary Dolan, Khrissie Toolan, and Janet Yordis are the newest additions to the QOTC Committee roster. We welcome their fresh perspectives and enthusiasm and we look forward to working with them in the year ahead of us.

CALLING ALL PRINCESSES

The Princess-in-Waiting Orientation, held in October was packed full of information for this year's Queen's Court. Various topics were covered; including Commodore's Ball etiquette, public speaking tips, the contestants code of conduct and a preview of the 2018 Princess program. There are packets for any Princess could not attend and paperwork that will that need to be completed and



turned in. It is so nice to see so many beautiful Princesses attending Balls and having fun. Going to Balls is a great opportunity to have fun and start the beginning of this

magical year. Queen Gabby is a great role model for this year's princesses. She will be hosting a holiday party for the Princesses on Saturday, December 16.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

When reflecting on the mission statement from the *Queen of Chesapeake Committee* "Empowering young women around the Bay," I think about how this statement guided my year as I traveled around the bay. I am **Queen Shannon Czapla 2013**. First, I must recognize my home club, Eastern Yacht Club. I cannot express how grateful I am to EYC for their love and gracious support. I would like to especially thank Past Commodore Jim Kinard, for always making me his first priority. My parents would often say, "Thanks a lot Jim, I guess we'll just deprogram her when this is over." We had a lot of fun together, making me feel like a true queen. The most valuable experience I had as Queen of the Chesapeake was



working with the charities close to my heart. After raising money for the Wounded Warriors, Second Chance, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, I saw a desperate need for change and compassion towards the way we treat others and our environment. I will always cherish being given the opportunity to help those that cannot help themselves.

I am in my sophomore year at Towson University as a jazz musician. Being a singer/songwriter has been fulfilling as well as a wonderful experience! From my experience as Queen of the Chesapeake, I realize that I can accomplish anything if I believe in myself and want it bad enough! I want to thank Maryland Yacht Club and each person that was there for me during my reign. I love you all so much! Good luck to all of the princesses and queens going forward!

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