



## District 10 Spring Conference

6 - 8 April 2018

Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI



## 2018 Spring Conference Events / Seminars / Workshops

Your District 10 Bridge has planned the 2018 Spring Conference to be fun, interesting and educational for everyone. Here's a brief description of what's going on:

### **Wine & Cheese Tasting**

*Friday 6 April, 5:00 to 7:00*

*Location: Grand Ballroom*

As you arrive for the conference, enjoy a different sort of social hour. You'll be able to sample a selection of international fine wines and cheeses as you meet and greet old friends and new.

*\$5.00 (pre-register); hosted by D/C-Nominee Dave Fine*

### **Departmental Workshops**

*Saturday 7 April, 8:00 to 9:15*

*Locations: Varied, Refer to Agenda*

These workshops – a combination of information-sharing and open discussion – are intended for current Squadron bridge officers as well as any members who have a position or role in the Exec, Admin, Education, Secretary or Treasurer departments of their squadrons. Additionally, they are open to anyone who has an interest in these aspects of squadron business.

*Each facilitated by the corresponding 2018-19 D10 Bridge Officer*

### **District Conference**

*Saturday 7 April, 9:30 to 12:00*

*Location: Grand Ballroom*

Plan to attend the business meeting that is the focal point of our Spring Conference. The agenda will include: election of officers for the 2018-2019 watch year; updates on America's Boating Club and D10's Living the Logo initiative; highlights of reports as submitted by Squadron Commanders and Bridge Officers; and reports from committees. We'll also hear the latest about the 2018 National Governing Board Meeting being held in Minneapolis, and a message from the Chief Commander's representative, our own Greg Korstad, R/C of the National Nominating Committee.

*Led by D/C Bill Dohr*

## **Field Trip to the H.H. Bennett Studio**

*Saturday 7 April, 1:30 to 3:30*

*Location: Off-site. Meet in Hotel Lobby, then Carpool*

More than a photographer, Henry Hamilton Bennett (1843-1908) was an inventive visual historian whose pioneering use of technology with impeccable composition skills created an enduring legacy for Wisconsin Dells. His stereoscopic views of the dells of the Wisconsin River attracted visitors from across the country and truly made him the man who made Wisconsin Dells famous.

The H. H. Bennett Studio has the distinction of being the oldest operating business in Wisconsin Dells. Today the studio and museum house Bennett's original homemade cameras, darkroom equipment, glass plate collection, studio props and equipment. Learn more at the Studio website:

<https://hbbennettstudio.wisconsinhistory.org>

*Admission fee - \$7.00, seniors \$6.00; no D10 registration or reservation required. Host TBA*

## **Blended Learning: Adult First Aid / CPR / AED (American Red Cross)**

*Saturday 7 April, 1:30 to 2:45 **Independent Pre-Work Required***

*Location: Grand Ballroom*

Join your friends for a fun and informative course that will prepare you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing and cardiac emergencies involving adults. This is a blended learning course, which meets OSHA/workplace requirements including both an online portion and an instructor-led classroom skill session.

**The online portion must be completed prior to attending the in-class portion** and must be taken on a PC or tablet with a high speed Internet connection. (Allow approximately 2 hours to complete the online portion.) Upon successful completion of this course you will receive a digital certificate for Adult First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years. Students must bring proof of completion of online program in order to attend the hands-on session. Students should use the following link to set up an account with the Red Cross and complete the online training before the class on Saturday.

<http://redcrosslearning.com/course/02b6b8e0-c611-11e6-81f6-a5a76b229f34>

Instructor Cdr John Raby, JN-CAN, is the owner of a Safety Training Consulting company. He has been training CPR and First Aid for over 30 years.

*Fee - \$75.00; instructed by Minnetonka Cdr John Raby*

## **Workshop: Member Retention**

*Saturday 7 April, 1:30 to 2:30*

*Location: Mt Blanc Front*

Join us Saturday afternoon for an informational How-To guide, on Member Recruiting and Member Retention. Receive insight on designing a pro-active Member Involvement program that best fits your squadron. Share with the group ways that you have improved your Squadron's Overall membership. We will supply an example of the MIRA application process, a national award your Squadron can apply for through the USPS.

**Increase your Membership!** Learn how to recruit new members through social media, email and phone trees. Get information on how to approach other clubs in your area like Rotary Club.

**Membership Retention Techniques!** Start a "Squadron Buddy" Program! Most importantly get your members involved while having fun. Adopt and continue to improve ways you can keep the quality members that you currently have.

**Apprentice Member Program:** Do you have kids or grandchildren under the age of 18? What a great way to get the younger generation involved in boating – and increase membership at the same time!

*Facilitated by Minnetonka P/C and DAO-Nominee Kevin Wehrmann*

### **Seminar: ReDeFine Traditions / America's Boating Club**

*Saturday 7 April, 2:45 to 3:45*

*Location: Matterhorn*

This session will discuss the 2018-2019 Bridge theme and goals, as well as provide an overview and discussion of the America's Boating Club branding activity and D10's Living the Logo initiative.

*Led by DAO, D/C-Nominee Dave Fine*

### **Workshop: Instructor Development Promotion**

*Saturday 7 April, 2:45 to 3:45*

*Location: Mt McKinley*

USPS has a deep offering of educational opportunities and your involvement is needed to promote education. This session will be an introduction to the requirements for becoming a certified USPS instructor. The process has been revised and will be outlined during the workshop. A formal class of Instructor Development will be offered shortly following the Conference.

*Facilitated by DEO Wes Koplitz*

### **Fun & Games: Nautical Skills and More**

*Saturday 7 April, 4:00 to 5:30*

*Location: Mt Blanc Front*

Back by popular demand! Get a team of at least 5 people together and come to test your boating skills & knowledge, and your dexterity & ability to perform under pressure. How could we possibly top the prizes awarded last fall in Duluth? You'll have to come and see for yourselves. (No telling what will Nautical Skills will be tested, but ping-pong balls and Solo cups are sure to be involved at some point.)

*Advance team sign-up and coordination recommended; facilitated by DXO Kris and P/D/C Al Harmon*

### **Entertainment: The Dakota Kid**

*Saturday 7 April, following dinner and program (approx. 8:00)*

*Location: Grand Ballroom*

From the plains of North Dakota and the lakes of Minnesota, the Dakota Kid is bringing his one-man band to the Wisconsin Dells and District 10. Plan to linger after dinner to enjoy a great time listening to Minnetonka's Arlan Opstedal's renditions of country and classic rock.

*Sponsored by the D10 Spring Conference Committee*

### **Breakfast with the Bridge / Open Forum / Idea Exchange**

*Sunday 8 April, 8:00 to 9:15*

*Location: Mt Rainier*

Bring your breakfast or grab some coffee and join your newly-installed D10 Bridge, Chief's Rep R/C Greg Korstad and other District members for an informal gathering over breakfast.

*Facilitated by the D10 Bridge*

**Seminar: Boat Operator Certification and Jump Start**

*Sunday 8 April, 9:30 to 10:30*

*Location: Mt Blanc*

On-the-water training is one of the best ways to connect with new boaters and potential members. Join Kevin and John for an informal overview of the new Jump Start program, and learn more about Boat Operator Certificates. You don't have to be an instructor or affiliated with the Education department to attend this seminar – just swing by and learn how easy it is to get on-the-water training active in your squadron.

*No fee. Led by Minnetonka SEO Kevin Shutes and Cdr John Raby*

**Workshop: DB2000 Knowledge Share**

*Saturday 8 April, 9:30 to 10:30*

*Location: Mount Rainier*

This short workshop will be an open forum for demonstrating the varied uses of DB200. Experienced users are invited to share their knowledge with novices (and frustrated users).

*Facilitated by P/D/C Kris Harmon*