



Members,

My first message of the New Year also starts with a thank you, this time, to our newest Sponsor: **Rusty's at the Port**. We welcome aboard Tere Beaudreau and Rhett Fischer to our Propeller Club Crew.

I was also gratified to see our Fall Fundraiser yield nearly \$1,000 for Scholarships. Siegrid Dixon is the one to thank for all the effort and enthusiasm required to make this event, once again, a success. We even got press in the Port Canaveral Magazine!

Also, Rosalind Harvey's award winning mime video titled "Welcome to Port Canaveral" (also mentioned in the magazine) "sounds" like a unique and creative piece of work. She has agreed to allow us to view it at one of our upcoming luncheons. (I wonder if we will have to use sign language when asking a question?)

Last fall, I attended the International Convention of Propeller Clubs which was held in Baltimore. It was a first class and very informative event attended by other Propeller Clubs from around the world. One item I would like to share with you is a letter from the, then Presidential Candidate – Barak Obama, outlining his position on maritime issues. (see attached)

We are all busy, no doubt, but I must also let you know that the SE Conference meeting this year will be hosted by the Jacksonville Club and being held at Amelia Island, March 16 – 18th. Check out the website at www.jaxportconference.com for more details. This could be your "mini-vacation" to look forward to this year.

In closing, I wish you all a Happy New Year as we "stay the course and have fun"!

Sincerely

Dennis