

THE LOG

SEAMEN'S CENTER of WILMINGTON Incorporated

PORT OF WILMINGTON • P.O. BOX 405 • WILMINGTON, DE 19899 • (302) 575-1300 • FAX (302) 575-0956 • www.scwde.org

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

WINTER 2022

President's Corner

We asked, you answered!

By: Lisa B. Himber, SCW Board President

Long-time members of SCW know that the founders' vision was to establish a community-supported, volunteer-driven Center. For more than 30 years, volunteers have kept the Center doors open 7 days a week to give our seafarers the assistance they need in the increasingly shorter turnaround times they are in port.

For this reason, and a few others, we have consistently turned to volunteers to help meet our mission.



Attracting and keeping volunteers is eternally challenging. In the wake of a global pandemic, it's been downright near impossible. Unfortunately, a number of our most loyal volunteers were unable to return once we re-opened our doors to seafarers with shore leave. And as seafarer activity in the Center increases, keeping those doors open as long and as often as we need them to be has been a constant struggle.

So, using every communication vehicle at our disposal, we put out a call for new volunteers. And it's so exciting to report that the community responded with enthusiasm. We now have about six potential new volunteers in the pipeline.

This will go a long way toward getting the Center back to a normal schedule.

So to our SCW community, a warm, heartfelt "Thank you!"

What's most interesting is that "word of mouth" has turned out to be the best way to reach potential new drivers and building hosts. So please keep it coming. Talk to your relatives, friends, colleagues, neighbors—just about anyone you know—about the rewards of extending a helping hand and offering a smiling face to the continually beleaguered seafarers who reach our shores.

With tongue only partly in cheek, allow me to quote my beloved grandmother, "If some is good, more is better!"



SEAMEN'S CENTER of
WILMINGTON Incorporated

PORT OF WILMINGTON
P.O. BOX 405 • WILMINGTON, DE 19899
(302) 575-1300 • FAX (302) 575-0956
www.scwde.org
Email address: scw@scwde.org

Board of Directors

President

Lisa B. Himber

Board Members

Joe Cruise

John J. Deemer

Michael L. Hershey

David Lennon

Kelly A. McCandless

Kherunnissa Merchant

Kherun Merchant

Christopher M. Rowland

Lisa A. Stapleford

F. L. Peter Stone, Esq.

Executive Director

Christine Lassiter

Bulletin Board

Like Gardening?

SCW is proud of our
welcoming landscape.

**Please consider
volunteering at the Center
to help keep the flowers
blooming.**

**For Info, Call 575-1300 or
email scw@scwde.org**



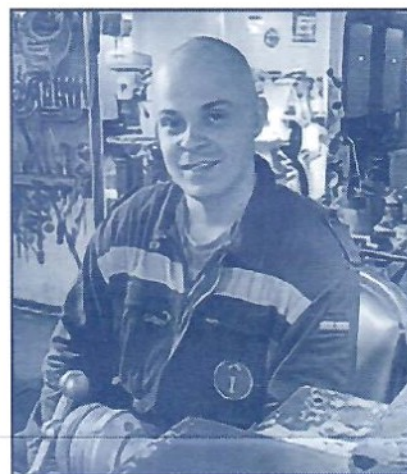
Keeping to our Mission

SCW pivots to help Ukrainian Crew

By: Executive Director Christine Lassiter

If you look on our website, you will see the SCW Mission Statement: ***to meet the needs of the seafarers who visit the Ports in the State of Delaware. Our goal is to make their time in port a rewarding one by providing personal, practical, and spiritual assistance. A warm welcome to ease the pain of loneliness and isolation and to offer a respite from the hazards of the sea.***

Not far below that on the same page you will see a video - **THE BEST!** - all the seafarers in the video are Ukrainian. They are return callers, that we see every 2 weeks. This vessel and many of the same crewmembers came into the Port of Wilmington February 23 and we took some of the men out shopping as we usually do. A regular day for all. Then, I saw them again the next day, February 24, after news had broken that their homeland had come under attack. Their faces had turned to worry, their body language had changed, you could tell they were simply stunned and fraught with anxiety. Mykola "Nick" (not in the video) confided that he was worried about his family and friends and that he felt helpless.



Later I spoke to another Ukrainian gentleman that came in on a ship delivering lumber to the port. He was all choked up as he told me that he was the only Ukrainian onboard and that he had just signed on the month prior. He hadn't been able to get in contact with his family for the past six days, and if he had known this was going to happen, he never would have left home.

My heart broke and then I had the feeling of helplessness. Nothing I can say will make them feel better or assure them that their loved ones are going to get help.

We donated, through John Landoll's LSG Fencing company (<https://www.facebook.com/landollsalesgroup>), 87 ditty bags with a hat, bar of soap, and a toothbrush, and some clothing that was unsuitable for ship life. Instead of easing the pain of loneliness from the sea we are now trying our best to ease their pain of helplessness. SCW continues helping the seafarers anyway we can.

<https://www.scwde.org/#/>

Thank you Crystal Trust Foundation

You will soon be seeing signs like these at the Center...



Through a generous grant from the Crystal Trust Foundation the Seamen's Center will be able to make much needed repairs to our seafarers home away from home.

We are thankful, blessed, and soon to be a mess.
STAY TUNED FOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Welcome New Volunteers

Volunteers are truly the life-line between ship and shore for the visiting mariners. They are the folks that keep our building open 7 days a week. Their efforts make the welcome that seafarers so appreciate at the Port of Wilmington and it is their desire to help others that keep them travelling to Oceanport and the Delaware City Refining Company. We are pleased to welcome 3 new volunteers to our crew. Won't you consider joining this dedicated corps?

Nancy Green
Peter Hyde
Diane Olin White

A special thank you to our sponsor
for this issue of The Log

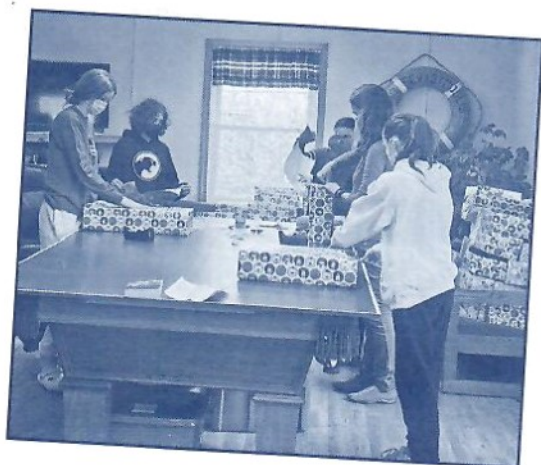
*Happy to support the
important work of the
Seamen's Center of Wilmington*



Serving the Eastern United States Ports

(800) 542-1542 or (610) 595-2100

www.westernfumigation.com



Angelica Schulte – Thank You

Dear sirs

During our last port stay in Delaware City we were provided with Christmas gifts for all crew members prepared by your good Center.

We would like to express thanks and appreciation for your generosity and the fact, that you are there for us.

Those gifts mean a lot to us and reminds us, that there are good and kind people, that think and care about us gratuitously. This alone improves morale on board.

Thank you for bringing a spirit of Christmas to us and making this seasonal celebration on board much enjoyable.

We hope you will have wonderful Christmas!

Gracious crew of Angelica Schulte

Thank You

Best regards

Alexander Peregodov

Master of M/T "Angelica Schulte"

CHRISTMAS AT SEA 21-22

1,060 Ditty Boxes Delivered well past the holidays to the delight of all

The generous spirit of over 127 contributors – church groups, clubs, scouts, businesses, individuals, families, and numerous anonymous donors – made the 2021 Christmas at Sea program a resounding success. In all, 1060 ditty boxes were packed, and gift wrapped, with delivery to ships starting on November 16 and ending February 7th. By the end of December, we found that the port had received 15 less ships than the same time frame the previous year. That equates to 350 gifts still on hand in January. The crews that received those gifts were elated because many had not received a gift during the holidays.

Christmas at Sea – quite literally – would not be possible without the thoughtfulness and often yearlong preparation of our charitable supporters - knitting, collecting boxes, collecting items for boxes. The list of contributors does not begin to tell the story of how much care and effort is put forth to make sure these men and women know they are appreciated and not forgotten – **Thank you!**



Bison Express – Thank You

Good day,

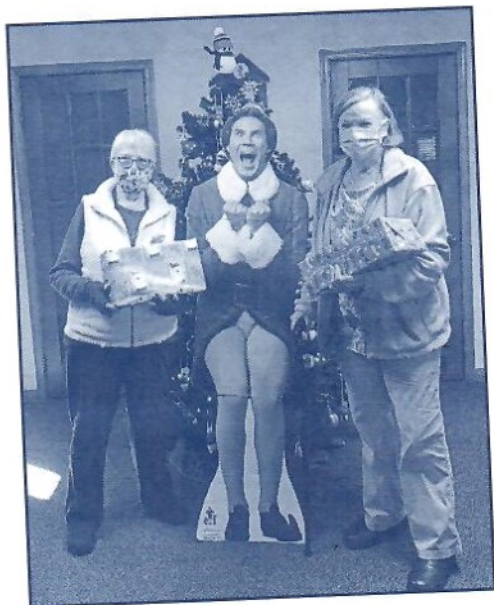
I and the rest of the crew wishes to express our sincerest gratitude for the lovely gifts we had received from you. A valuable keepsake for everybody after enduring the rough seas of Atlantic during the Christmas. Thank you very much for your effort and kindness.

Happy New Year and God bless you all!

Kind Regards,

Capt. Murphy Tamooy

Master - M/V Bison Express



Qian Kun – Thank you

dear sir/madam

good day, this is to confirm ship's crew had received the gifts on DEC/27/2021 after ship got alongside Wilmington.

all crew were very happy to receive holiday gifts on firm land and deeply moved by your thoughtfulness. thanks for each of the volunteers and members of your community. wish you happy life and say happy new year to all of you.

cannot express our appreciations with my poor English, thanks for remembering seaman.

B.rgds

Master of MV QIAN KUN: Sun houwang



OSG Horizon – Thank you

Christine, I would like to thank you and the Seamens Center of Wilmington for the "Ditty Boxes" you sent our crew of the OSG Horizon over the Christmas Holidays. Words can't express how thoughtful the gifts in the boxes were received by the crew. You and the Seamens Church are an asset to the entire Marine community. I look forward to doing volunteer time with you when I retire.

Our very best to you
James G Jennings Jr
OSG Horizon 351, Master

Vancouverborg – Crewmember Ronald Golez - Thank you

Thank you very much for the xmas gift from the crew of Vancouverborg

Merry Christmas.



Dole Colombia – Thank you

Dear Christine, Ana,

On behalf of the crew, thank you for the Christmas gifts that were delivered to our vessel on 13th December.

In addition, thank you for the efforts taken throughout the year to ensure that our crew got vaccinated and remained safe.

We all join in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful year ahead.

Warm regards,

Master and crew
M V Dole Colombia



InterlinkSolidity – Thank you

Hi
Good day. I can't thank you enough for what you have done for us.

It was really pleasure to be here and have your hospitality.

Thank you so much.

Mehedi Hasan



Christmas at Sea Contributors - 2021

Ms. Tina Albanese
 Ms. Ethel Anderson
 Anonymous
 Avenue United Methodist Church
 Bear 4-H Club
 Mr. Richard Belote
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Beran
 Bethesda United Methodist Church
 Mrs. Kathryn Bradley
 Brandywine Naamans Rotary Club
 Mr. & Mrs. James Bray
 Mrs. Kathy Burke
 Calvary Baptist Church
 Christ Episcopal Church
 Christ the Cornerstone-Elsmere
 Mrs. Jennifer Christy
 Ms. Alfreda Clinton
 Cokesbury Village
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Colburn
 Community Lutheran Church
 Concord Presbyterian Church
 Conley's United Methodist Church
 Mr. David Corbishley
 Country House-ACTS Retirement-Life Communities
 Ms. Lisa Cristofich
 Cub Scout Pack 123 - St. George's UMC
 Mrs. Clara Davis
 Rick & Nancy DeDonato
 Mr. & Mrs. Clem Dinsmore
 Mrs. Phoebe Doherty
 Dole Fresh Fruit Company
 Mr. & Mrs. William Endicott
 Episcopal Church of the Ascension
 Mr. Robert Fenimore
 Freedom Dental Management, Inc.
 Girl Scout Troop 50220 Swarthmore
 Girl Scout Troop 547-Smyrna
 Glasgow Lions Club
 Ms. Sue Gleason
 Grace Episcopal Church
 Grace of God Lutheran Church
 Mrs. Nancy Green
 Captain & Mrs. J. Stuart Griffin

GT USA Wilmington, LLC
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hall
 Ms. Ann Helms
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hershberger
 Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Hess
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Higley
 Ms. Jean Hitchens
 Holly Oak Calvary U.M.C.
 Ms. Jody Hutchinson
 Immanuel Episcopal Church, Highlands
 Jenner's Pond Knit/Crochet Club
 Mrs. Ceil Jones
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kashman
 Mr. Thomas Keefer
 Mr. & Mrs. John R. Keim
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kelly
 Kingswood UMC Knitters
 Ms. Jane Kipp
 Ms. Angela Larotonda
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Lassiter
 Mrs. Joyce Lawless
 Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Lester
 Ms. Elizabeth Levine
 Ms. Emily Bray Levine
 Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church
 Mrs. Janet Lund
 Lutheran Church of St. Ambrose-WELCA
 Knitters
 Ms. Kaye Majoch
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mallough
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martineau
 McCormick and Associates, Inc.
 Mr. James Miller
 Ms. Marjory Milligan
 Mrs. Donald Muyskens
 Mrs. Conee Nelson
 New Castle Presbyterian Church
 BSA - Troop/Cub Pack #255 Newark United
 Methodist Church
 Mrs. Diane Olin White
 Ms. Linda Outlaw
 Captain Deb Peretz - Vane Brothers
 Mr. & Mrs. Owen Peterkin

Pike Creek - Hockessin Lions Club
 Mr. Michael Pohlen
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Preisendanz
 Captain & Mrs. James Pyle
 Mr. Frances Quayle
 Quota International of Wilmington, DE
 Rotary Club of Southern New Castle County
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ryan
 Mr. & Mrs. Justin Ryan
 Salem United Methodist Church
 Ms. Tammy Salerno
 Ms. Jan Sashihara
 Ms. Marilyn Siebold
 Spring Arbor Knitters
 St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
 St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
 St. George's United Methodist Church
 St. Jude the Apostle Parish
 St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church
 St. Polycarp Roman Catholic Church
 Mr. Donald Stitz
 Mr. Reade Tompson
 Tree of Life Lutheran Church
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 Trinity Presbyterian Church-Knitters
 United Methodist Church of the Atonement
 Ms. Gale Warren
 Ms. Doris Weaver
 Ms. Kay Webster
 Mrs. Debbie Wersinger
 Western Fumigation
 Ms. Holly Wetherill
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wetherill
 Mr. & Mrs. David Wharton
 Women's Club of Odessa
 Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Wright
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Yabroff
 Wilmington Tug



Thank You!



The generous donations of hats, scarves, toiletries and miscellaneous items make it possible for the Center to remember over 1,000 seafarers each December. This would not be possible without the support of folks throughout our community. We value each and every one of our contributors and have made every effort to list each one. If we have forgotten to include you or have made a mistake, please accept our apologies and let us know so that we can correct our records.

In Memoriam

The Seamen's Center Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers mourn the loss of:



Craig Hannon Barker

Bob Bracken

Dick Burkhard

Dennis Rochford



We are grateful for having known and worked with each of them. Their service, friendship so freely offered and dedication to SCW will long be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones.



ALL ABOARD!!!



*After two years at dry dock the
SCW Annual Tugboat Cruise is back on!*

JOIN US FOR A TUG BOAT CRUISE ABOARD WILMINGTON TUG'S MADELINE

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Guests arrive at the Port of Wilmington by 17:30

~ Leave the Dock promptly at 18:15 ~ Return to the Dock promptly at 19:30

Wine, beer and light hors d'oeuvres included

\$100.00 per person

Capacity is limited to 80 passengers

RSVP SEAMEN'S CENTER of WILMINGTON • P.O. BOX 405 • WILMINGTON, DE 19899

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____

No. Attending _____ Amount Paid _____

Please provide a complete list of all those that will be attending.

Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of check and must be used as admission to port property



SEAMEN'S CENTER
of WILMINGTON Incorporated
PORT OF WILMINGTON
P.O. BOX 405
WILMINGTON, DE 19899

Non-Profit
Organization
US Postage
PAID
Wilmington, DE
Permit No 2034

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Mission Statement

SEAMEN'S CENTER of WILMINGTON Incorporated

The mission of the Seamen's Center of Wilmington, Inc., is to meet the needs of the seafarers who visit the Ports in the State of Delaware. The goal is to make their time in port a rewarding one by providing personal, practical and spiritual assistance. A warm welcome is extended to ease the pain of loneliness and isolation and to offer a respite from the hazards of the sea.