

# THE SEAFARER'S HOPE *is Jesus*

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The Anchor House mission is to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of international seafarers.



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## 20 YEARS

Please review other banquet events on the reverse side.

Honored Volunteers

Original Board members

## Port Manatee is a friend of seafarers.

Thanks to our port, 240 guests of Anchor House celebrated this local international outreach which has continued for the past 20 years. On March 21, the former cruise terminal was converted to a "Celebration by the Sea." We are glad you chose to attend. It was thrilling to welcome you to our mission field.

A highlight of the evening was a testimony by a 24-year-old seafarer from Estonia. Bude is the Third Officer aboard the M/V Ouro Do Brasil, which was in port taking on orange juice from Port Manatee. Bude eloquently addressed us about what Anchor House (a seamen's center) means to him.

Individuals and business friends of Anchor House who gave to the silent auction contributed to a very successful evening of fundraising in addition to our table sponsors and everyone who enjoyed bidding. God blessed Anchor House with \$15,500.

Thanks to the First Baptist Palmetto youth for serving and to their church for donating tables. Also thanks to the Christian Reform Church for donating their chairs and for all the assistance with set up and take down.

Rev. Ron Baker, who served as the first Anchor House board president gave our key note message. He challenged us to offer our seeds, even if small, with faith that God will multiply our efforts and do something fruitful.



Thanks to Michael Alligood, Fred Chubb and Lamar Parrish and James Bass (above) for the great seafood and to the youth servers.



## Statistics for Jan – April 2013

Countries Served	19
Ships in Port	56
Seafarers transported	323
Seafarers in Center	833
Meals Served	1,703
Bibles Given	126
Jesus DVDs	42

## Honored for Length of Service

Volunteers who have served Anchor House for more than 15 years included the following: (L to R) Roger Peekstok, congratulated by Trish Alligood; and his wife Doris, Naomi Frushour, current board president Bill Oostendorp, and Will Wichers, a faithful transporter of seafarers for 18 years.



## Honored Guests

Original Anchor House Board and men with vision from God pictured L to R:

Bill Oostendorp, Rev. Howard Carter, Rev. Ed Donnelly, Tim Huppert, Rev. Cliff McDonald, Rev. Don Carter, Jim Bode, and Rev. Ron Baker.



## Prayer Request

Pray for a seafarer named William onboard the M/V MSN Douro. During docking of his vessel, a line used to secure the ship while in port, broke and hit him in the face. He was taken to the hospital. Trish visited him there. I followed up with him when he returned to the ship. Anchor House put phones on the ship for the crew. He was eager to call his family and let them know that he was doing well. This relieved his fear and brought comfort. Thank God that it rained for two days, delaying the departure of the ship so we were able to check on William a few times before they sailed. Pray for his continued healing and wellness while at sea.

## Prayers

**Thank God for the great response to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet. \$15,500 in donations were raised.**

➡ **Pray for a volunteer, Reatha Brink recovering from a stroke.**

➡ **Thanks to Betty Hughes and Custom Surfaces, Inc. for the new pebbled epoxy floor in our screen room.**

➡ **Thank God for the donation of new tires for the Anchor House van.**



*Mark your Calendar for the 2013 "Golf for the World" Tournament at Imperial Lakes Golf Course. Sat. June 22. 8 a.m. Sign In*

**We will miss you!** It is the time of year when many of our "snowbird" volunteers return to their homes and the congregations they leave while in Florida. We are thankful for the commitment of our seasonal volunteers who make their work at Anchor House something they faithfully return to each year.

They come from a variety of states and Canada. We are so grateful for their contribution.

