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Man-o-man, where did those two years go? It just seems like it was yesterday I was the district AO planning the D23 Picnic and now I am district commander. I first want to thank the outgoing members of the district bridge (2013/2014) for their work last year and congratulate the new district bridge members (2014/2015). I am looking forward to working with you all. Three cheers for Commander Mike McKinney and the Gainesville Sail and Power Squadron for a wonderful conference and loads of fun. To my knowledge and to the knowledge of our district historian I am the first district commander to be sworn-in at a district conference in Gainesville. At 53 years old a first at anything is to be celebrated.

We have a lot of new things in the works for this year. Over the next few years the way our conference meetings are ran will be changed. With the next two district commanders after me on the committee that drafted the new district conference outline I am sure it will get carried out in its entirety. I hope to change a few other things and bring some events back that were dropped in the past few years. First event to bring back was the district commander's reception after the Change of Watch ceremony. Hope everyone enjoyed the cake and champagne. One of the other points of business on my "bring-back list" is that I will be visiting one of each of the squadron's general meetings. I hope that Valerie and I get to meet some of the newer members and visit with old friends. Now that we are changing our conferences I hope to also reevaluate the many district jobs and get rid of the out-of-date and unnecessary ones. This year will also see the end of pointless written reports that no one ever reads. Anything that can be easily looked up online in just a few clicks of the mouse should not be taking up valuable time at a district meeting. I have a list of goals that I will be trying to complete this year, but I will not bore you with the full list now.

To the squadron commanders please make sure your squadron's secretary has everything updated and correct in DB2000. We will soon be starting on the district roster for this year and all of the information we use comes from DB2000. We will try to make it a bit smaller and more user-friendly this year.

See you on the water soon!

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