



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Tritons.

Many thanks to Steve Leibovitz and Pam Romund. The three of us (including yours truly) gathered at the storage facility to comb through the inventory. We did an accounting of all the items to determine exactly what we had. We discarded those items no longer of any use. We will have more to report on this over the next month or so.

A sure sign of things finally returning to normal is the return of our annual awards for Dive and Social Events and Triton of the Year. The ballots are included with the newsletter. Please complete and return to the person listed on the ballot. These will be tallied at the end of the business meeting and the awards presented at the Anniversary Party on Saturday, April 6 at the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove.

Be sure to check out the Calendar to check out the upcoming events to see if there is one you might want to run. The club is a volunteer organization and we all need to help out to keep it going.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Brian Clarke, President

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

March, 2024.

Currently we have 46 members, 1 associate for a total of 47.

Any needing a roster please let me know, I will get one out to you.

Adolph Habich, Membership Chair

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## BUSINESS MEETING TUESDAY

March 26, 2024, 7:30 pm

Our March 26, 2024 meeting will be held in person and over ZOOM. We will be **meeting at Tap House Grill, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling, IL 60090.** This is located in the Ramada Plaza near Chicago Executive Airport (formerly Palwaukee Airport). Come on out early and join us for dinner.

To join the Zoom Meeting

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Brian Clarke

Vice-President – Scott Reimer

Secretary – Pam Romund

Treasurer – Jim Hynan

First Director - Joan Chibe

Second Director – Frank Cammarata

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit – Diana Skiba

By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak

Entertainment – Dave Vemmer

Equipment & Safety – P. Romund

Events – Pam Romund

Membership – Adolph Habich

Merchandise – Brian Clarke

Nominating – Margy Levenberg

Web Site – Milt Levenberg

Editor of the Trib – Pam Romund

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# 2024 TRITON EVENTS CALENDAR

## MARCH, 2024

|           |                               |   |
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| Tue, 3/26 | Business Meeting<br>Elections | Tap House Grill (near Chicago Executive Airport)<br>1090 S. Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling 60090 |
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## APRIL, 2024

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| Sat, 4/6  | Anniversary Party    | Board of Directors  |
| Tue, 4/9  | Triton Trib Deadline | Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com  |
| Sun, 4/21 | Vito & Nicks Pizza   | Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com  |
| Tue, 4/23 | Business Meeting     | Tap House Grill (near Chicago Executive Airport)<br>1090 S. Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling 60090 |

## MAY, 2024

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| Tue, 5/14 | Triton Trib Deadline                    | Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com  |
| Sat, 5/18 | Harley Davidson Museum<br>Milwaukee, WI | Adolph Habich ahabich@aol.com   |
| Sun, 5/26 | Bike Ride, Walk & Eat                   | Milt & Margy Levenberg <a href="mailto:milspec@comcasr.net">milspec@comcasr.net</a><br><a href="mailto:margyspec@comcast.net">margyspec@comcast.net</a> |
| Tue, 5/28 | Business Meeting                        | Tap House Grill (near Chicago Executive Airport)<br>1090 S. Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling 60090   |

## JUNE, 2024

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| Sat, 6/1  | Season Opener Three<br>Oaks, Crystal Lak4 | Ron Levin <a href="mailto:snappyron@sbcglobal.net">snappyron@sbcglobal.net</a>            |
| Tue, 6/11 | Triton Trib Deadline                      | Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com  |
| Sat, 6/22 | Charter Dive                              | <b>NEEDS TIC</b>  |
| Tue, 6/25 | Business Meeting                          | Tap House Grill (near Chicago Executive Airport)<br>1090 S. Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling 60090 |

**TICs needed to run events in 2024. We can help you!**  
**Please contact the Events Committee**

Events Committee  
Pam Romund, Chris Demski, Adolph Habich, Scott Reimer.

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## **ETHNIC DINNER OUTING** **BORINQUEN - 3811 N. WESTERN - CHICAGO** **SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

Have you ever had mofongo? How about jibarito? Those of us attending this outing did and loved it! This is a family run restaurant 1 block south of Irving Park Road. We enjoyed the décor - neon palm trees and lots of pictures of the island. Many families were there enjoying the goodies the restaurant offered. We all really liked the dessert, Tembleque. This is a custard made with coconut milk, it isn't overly sweet and was a wonderful finish to the meal. If you are in the area stop in and check it out for yourself. You will not be disappointed

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# **GHOST SHIPS FESTIVAL**

## **March 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> Manitowoc, WI**

This event is now hosted by the Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association. This year's festival included presentations about four new Great Lakes shipwreck discoveries as well as discussions about shipwreck documentation and underwater exploration technology, lost airplanes on the Lakes and the State and Federal institutions that help to document and tell the stories of these important nautical time capsules. There were also exhibitor booths and a chance to view some of the wrecks using 3D photogrammetry technology.

Three of us (Adolph Habich, Joan Chibe, Pam Romund) headed to Manitowoc on Saturday AM. We arrived just a bit after 11. Joan tried the 3D tour of the *Henry Steinbrenner* (ask her about it). We toured the booths and then sat, ready for the lectures:

- The Search for and Discovery of the *Henry Steinbrenner* - by Ken Merryman and Jerry Eliason
- Discovery and Documentation of the *Schooner Trinidad* - a Case Study in Managing Shipwreck Finds - by Brendon Bailod and Robert Jaeck
- All too Clear - by Yvonne Drebert and Zack Melnick. Excerpts from their new documentary on the invasive species in the Great Lakes and the effect on native species. Look for this one on a streaming service soon. It was excellent!
- He Went Down with His Ship: The Discovery of the Steamer Arlington - by Dan Fountain
- Award of the Dr. Richard J. Boyd Award for Contributions in Great Lakes Maritime Archeology presented to Brendon Bailod

On the ride home we all agreed it was a very good show and are looking forward to the next festival. We tried to stop at the Brat Stop but they wanted \$25.00 to get in (Saturday nite and they had live music). So we headed down the road and exited at Grand Avenue (by Great America). After some searching we found Portillo's and all enjoyed the Italian Beef - it was a nice way to end the day.

Your roving editor, Pam Romund

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**The sewer line is fixed, the powder room floor is fixed, the family room rug is fixed, and Margy is walking unassisted now! Yay!**

## **MEMORIAL DAY BIKE RIDE**

### **ON SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024**

**MEET AT MILT & MARGY'S HOUSE AT 10 AM FOR DONUTS**

Join the Tritons for a bicycle ride, walk, or just lots of food.

Bring your bicycle or feet, \$5, and a dish to share.

We will take a short drive to access the Des Plaines River Trail, a great, crushed-gravel bike and hike trail.

**Address, phone, & directions** for Milt and Margy Levenberg's house:

31057 Prairie Ridge Road, Libertyville (really it's Green Oaks)

847-858-1274 (Margy) 847-858-1271 (Milt)

I-294 North to I-94 North to Route 137 (turn left/west on Buckley Road)

to O'Plaine Road (turn right/north) to Guerin Road (turn left/west)

to Prairie Ridge Road (turn right/north). Veer left on the circle

to 31057 on the left. Park only on the left side of the street.

<https://wizardcraft.net/map-to-levenberg.html>

# **PROPOSED SLATE ELECTION 2024**

We are proud to present the following slate for the elections to be held at the March 26 business meeting:

- President: Brian Clarke (Incumbent)
- Secretary: Rose Cammarata,  
Pam Romund (Incumbent)
- Director: Randy Skiba,  
Dennis Stephens

We wish to thank those that have volunteered to run for the Board. Note: Anyone else who wishes to run please contact a member of the Nominating Committee to be added to the Ballot.

Nominating Committee - Margy Levenberg, Brian Clarke, Harriette Leibovtiz

## **IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE BY PROXY**

Proxy votes are limited to the election of officers. A full active member may vote a maximum of three (3) proxies. Anyone voting the proxy must also send to the Secretary, Pam Romund (promund@gmail.com), no less than 3 days prior to the election by email from the voting member's email address that is on file with the Club to allow verification of its authenticity by the Secretary.

- i. A proxy is a power of attorney given by one person to another to vote in his stead. The proxy document designates the full Triton member being given the right to vote for the officers and directors, signed by the full member granting the proxy.
- ii. The proxy can be printed or written with signature, a fax copy with signature, or an email copy. A proxy by email to the member voting the proxy must also be sent to the Secretary no less than 3 days prior to the election by email from the voting member's email address that is on file with the Club to allow verification of its authenticity by the Secretary.
- iii. Any proxy sent by email less than 3 days prior to the election can only be accepted by the Club Secretary and must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. local (Central) time on the day of the election, and will be assigned to one of the Board of Directors. These proxies will be assigned in the following order: Second Director, First Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President.

If unusual circumstances prevent paper secret ballots, a virtual secret ballot is permitted. In virtual secret balloting the identity of the member casting the vote will be known only to the Nominating Committee, who shall guarantee that they will not divulge the content of the virtual ballot.

**When voting in ZOOM go to CHAT and then a private CHAT with Margy Levenberg and vote your choice. If you are phoning in to the meeting call Margy at 847-858-1274 with your choice.**

The red part is different from last year since Brian is on the ballot.

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 21 3:30 PM**  
**VITO & NICK'S PIZZA**  
**8433 S. PULASKI ROAD**  
**CHICAGO, IL 60652**

Voted the best thin crust pizza in all of Chicago! Featured on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, Cook's Country, Anthony Bourdain, Check Please and more!! Nick founded this establishment in 1932 and his wife, Mary, began to sell pizzas in 1949. We are going to check it out for ourselves. There are other Italian specialities if pizza isn't your thing. Cost will be whatever you eat and drink.

TIC: Pam Romund 773-791-3142 [promund@gmail.com](mailto:promund@gmail.com)



## **ANNIVERSARY PARTY CONTINENTAL RESTAURANT**

**755 Buffalo Grove Rd.  
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089  
Saturday, April 6, 2024  
COST: \$45.00 per person**

Salad with your choice of Roasted Chicken, Beef Brisket or Cheese Ravioli, Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables (Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower) and Dessert.

Doors Open 6:00 pm, Dinner Served 6:45 pm

We will have a small raffle. And awards will be presented for Dive Event, Social Event and Triton of the Year! Installation of new officers.

**Send checks to:** Pam Romund 730 Creekside Dr., Unit 210, Mt, Prospect, IL 60056

**TIC:** Pam Romund 773-791-3142 [promund@gmail.com](mailto:promund@gmail.com)

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### **HOW ABOUT ONE OF THESE?**



Long time Triton Glenn Beall purchased three dozen of these buckles in 1990. He sold all of them to Tritons. The buckle in the picture is his, now 34 years old, and has never been used. The buckle is of no use to anyone in a box in a drawer. Putting it in the hands of an active Triton is a much better idea.

So we are going to be hosting an auction on-line for the best buckle. Details will be coming soon. Watch this space for all of the details.

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### **RECYCLE YOUR OLD WETSUITS**

Over the years, many subscribers have asked us how to recycle their old wetsuits. After all, neoprene is not rubber. It's not biodegradable or compostable. It's a synthetic rubber material formally called polychloroprene, with a landfill life of hundreds of years. Unfortunately, the only guidance we've answered was that all they could do was trash them. There was no commercial recycling. Now comes Lava Rubber ( [www.lavarubber.com](http://www.lavarubber.com)), a forward-thinking company specializing in recycling and transforming materials like old wetsuits into innovative and eco-friendly items like slippers, coasters, and yoga mats. It's joined with Diveheart, a nonprofit organization that provides scuba diving opportunities for people with disabilities, and Scuba.com's two retail outlets (Costa Mesa, CA, and New York City) to collect and recycle unwanted wetsuits. Scuba.com is conducting a promotion with the Beneath the Sea scuba show in Secaucus, New Jersey, March 22-24, a third opportunity to drop off old neoprene. Spend a few bucks – it's worth it given all the enjoyment you've had on pristine reefs – and send your clean, obsolete wetsuit or drysuit to Lava Rubber, Attn: Upcycle, 151 Industrial Way E #A1, Eatontown, NJ 07724

**A BIG *Triton***  
**THANK YOU!**

The following businesses support our organization and we thank them for the generosity. The next time you stop in mention you are a Triton & personally thank them for their support.

***BELOW H2O***

554 S. Route 59  
Naperville, IL 60540  
630-820-2531

***DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER***

9301 W. Ogden Ave.  
Brookfield, IL 60513  
708-442-43883

***HAIGH QUARRY***

2738 E 2000 North Road  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
815-939-7797

***PEARL LAKE RESORT***

Highway 251  
South Beloit, IL 61080  
815-389-1479

***PIRATE'S COVE DIVING***

1103 West Oklahoma Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
414-482-1430

***DIVE RIGHT IN SCUBA***

24222 W. Lockport St.  
Plainfield, IL 60544  
815-617-8400

***DIVE RIGHT IN SCUBA***

16336 S. 104th Avenue  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
708-226-1614785

***SCUBA SENSATIONS***

2475 W. Pratt Blvd  
Chicago, IL 60645  
312-404-7785

***UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER***

611 N. Addison Avenue  
Villa Park, IL 60181  
630-833-8383

***SUNKEN SHIPWRECK DAY***  
***SATURDAY, APRIL 20***  
***10 AM - 3 PM***

***WISCONSIN MARITIME MUSEUM, MANITOWOC, WI***

This event will focus on the shipwrecks of Lake Michigan. It is sponsored by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation and the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Also participating are the Wisconsin Maritime Museum and the Wisconsin Historical Society. There will be shipwreck activities throughout the Museum, ask an underwater archaeologist and book talk and signings. FREE youth admission all day.

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***IS IN PERSON!!***

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