



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring!

If Pam is her usual punctual self, you will be receiving your email copy of the Trib on the 21st. I hope you are all looking forward to a great year of diving, travel or just plain having a good time. As you are most likely aware, this month we have our annual Triton Board of Directors election. So, plan on being at the Business Meeting on the 27th. If you are unable to attend, you need to give your proxy to someone who will be there. Please read the notice later in the Trib regarding the proper way to exercise a proxy to make sure your vote gets counted.

We on the Board are also looking at another way to publicize our club and club members by posting articles about member activities for events held outside of the club on our Triton website. This new section would deal with stories about charity events or community events that Tritons participate in to help out

worthwhile causes or that help to improve their community. Everyone in the club will be invited to share their activities to let prospective members know that they are joining a group of truly caring individuals. Just recently Pam Romund volunteered to have her head shaved for St. Baldrick's Day to help raise money for cancer research for children. I know you will enjoy reading about her experience and the foundation that sponsored this event. The tentative name we have for this section of our website is "Tritons Over and Above", but if you have a suggestion we would love to hear from you.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President – Randy Skiba
- Vice-President – Mike Leibovtiz
- Secretary – Pam Romund
- Treasurer – Ed Littel
- First Director – Dave O'Malley
- Second Director – Tricia Shields

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Audit – Diana Skiba
- By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak
- Entertainment – Dave Vemmer
- Equipment & Safety – S. Leibovitz
- Events – Jon Kitts
- Membership – Adolph Habich
- Merchandise – Pam Romund
- Nominating – Margy Levenberg
- Publicity/Web Site –Mike Leibovitz
- Director of Training – Rich Schak
- Editor of the Trib – Pam Romund
- Illinois Council Delegates – Chuck & Margo Miller

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I hope to see you all on the 27th.

Good diving to all, Randy

MEMBERSHIP REPORT March, 2012

Many thanks to all for getting their membership dues in to the Treasurer.

Our current membership is:

69 full members TOTAL 69 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

ELECTION TIME

Not only is it time to elect new officers to the Board of Directors but it is time to select the Events of the Year –both Social and Dive Events and it is also time to select the Triton of the Year. Note sure who/what to vote for, talk to fellow members, discuss it among the group, you will get some good ideas. However, unlike Chicago, you only get to vote once, not multiple times – make your voice heard.

TRITON 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

March, 2012		
Tuesday, 3/27	Business Meeting – General Elections	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
April, 2012		
Tuesday, 4/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 4/21	Anniversary Party Chessie's 111 Grille	Judi Stephens 847-296-6421 55 Years!!!
Tuesday, 4/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
May, 2012		
Saturday, 5/5	Dinner & Show	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 5/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 5/22	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 5/26	Season Opener – Haigh	Scott Reimer
Sunday, 5/27	Memorial Day Bike, Walk & Eat! (Chez Levenberg)	Margy and Milt Levenberg margyspec@comcast.net or milspec@comcast.net
June, 2012		
S&S, 6/2-3	Training Weekend/Pearl	Board of Education
Sunday, 6/10	Frontera Farmers Market And Tasting	Rosana Vemmer (rvmexicana@hotmail.com) 847.698.1727
Tuesday, 6/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
*Saturday, 6/16	Rush Arena Football Allstate Arena Rosemont	Chris Demski 630-698-9410 cdemski@radiometeramerica.com
Saturday, 6/24	Charter Dive Waukegan	Ron Levin
Tuesday, 6/26	OPEN HOUSE Invite Guests	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
July, 2012		
Saturday, 7/7	Zip Lining Lk Geneva WI	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 7/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Friday, 7/13	Concert in the Park	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
F-Sun – 7/20/22	Dive Mermet Springs	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 7/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 7/28	Charter Dive - Chicago	TIC Needed
August, 2012		
Saturday, 8/4	Howard/Etherton Day Pearl Lake	Board of Education – Contact Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Sunday, 8/12	Segway Tour, Chicago	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 8/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 8/18	Minor League Baseball	Adolph Habich (AHabich@aol.com)
Sunday, 8/26	Wreck Dive, Milwaukee	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 8/28	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

*Date change

Sign up now for the event of your choice. Contact Pam Romund promund@kraftfoods.com or 847-698-5490.



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RUSH ARENA FOOTBALL

When: Saturday June 16, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Allstate Arena

Cost: \$20- \$25 (we need a minimum of 10 people to get a group rate)

TIC: Chris Demski

630-698-9410

cdemski@radiometeramerica.com

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CONDOLENCES

I am very saddened to report the passing of Dave Meyer, long time Triton and all around good guy. Dave died on Sunday, February 26. There will be no services held but a celebration of his life will be on Saturday, March 31st. from 2:00-5:00 at the Lamplighter Inn at 60 N Bothwell St, Palatine, IL — (847) 991-2420, and it will have an tropical theme – breakout your island attire. Dave would love it!

Dave was one of those rare individuals who could defuse a tense moment with just right comment or keep us in stitches retelling a story we had heard before. It was always great fun to see him up on stage and he seemed to be having a ball!

Dave is survived by his beautiful wife, Dorothy. If you would care to send Dorothy a note, send to:

Dorothy Meyer
157 Central
Wheeling, IL 60090

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VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE

Enclosed with this month's newsletter are the Ballots for Triton of the Year and Event of the Year. These awards will be presented at the Anniversary Party in April. The ballots must be returned no later than the March 27 business meeting so we can get them all counted. Thanks!

ELECTIONS

It is that time of year again, elections for our Board of Directors will be held at the March Business meeting. The preliminary slate is as follows:

President: Rich Schak
Randy Skiba
Secretary: Dave O'Malley
Scott Reimer
Director: Chris Demski
(Vote for One) Ron Levin
Pam Romund

If you would be interested in running for an office or would like more information on what is involved please contact a member of the Nominating Committee or a member of the Board of Directors. You may still be added to the ballot. Thanks!

Margy Levenberg, Dave Vemmer, Renee Tobias

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ELECTIONS RULES

If you will be bringing a proxy to the meeting to vote from someone else, remember there is a limit of three (3) proxies per member. A proxy must bear the individual's signature. And anyone nominated from the floor must be present to accept the nomination or have previously given their permission in writing.

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APRIL 13 & 14, 2012

Wyndham Hotel & Convention Center, Milwaukee, WI

The Ghost Ships Festival is Wisconsin's largest trade show devoted to **Scuba Diving** and **Great Lakes Maritime History**. Exhibits, workshops, and presentations cover just about every aspect of Great Lakes maritime history and scuba diving. You can listen to and interact with leading dive industry professionals, extreme explorers, maritime historians, and Great Lakes authors!

The 2012 Ghost Ships Festival will once again be held at the Windham Milwaukee Airport and Convention Center directly across from General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee.

New this year for Ghost Ships Festival 2012, Friday Night Amateur Film Festival. We are inviting the public to submit your scuba diving home video to be presented in the inaugural Amateur Film Festival, Friday night April 13, 2012. This is your chance to have your scuba diving home movie viewed by hundreds of people.

The Film Festival will begin at 7:00PM and ends at 9:30PM and will be in the center ballroom. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the show and will be good for all presentations on Saturday as well.

Please send your submission to:
2012 Film Festival c/o Cal Kothrade
14330 Beechwood Trail
New Berlin, WI 53151

For more information on the Festival or to purchase tickets go to: <http://www.ghostships.org/>

**CHECK YOUR CALENDAR - THIS YEAR'S BIKE RIDE IS
SUNDAY!!!!!!!**

MEMORIAL DAY BIKE RIDE

ON SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012

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)**

847-680-1223 (Margy at home) 847-858-1271 (Milt on cell phone)

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.**

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

Bring a cell phone or walkie-talkie to communicate on the trail

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MIDWEST DIVING DESTINATIONS TO OPEN SOON

Spring is almost here and everyone's thoughts turn to diving in our own backyard. Before heading out on one of the big lakes take some time to get reacquainted with your gear and sharpen up your diving skills. Good news both Haigh Quarry and Pearl Lake will be opening soon:

Haigh Quarry, Kankakee, IL: <http://www.haighquarry.com/>

2738 E 2000 North Road, Kankakee, IL 60901 - P: 815-939-7797 - F: 815-932-4183

Open weekends only beginning April 7th. In May they will be open for the regular schedule 6 days per week, closed on Tuesdays. Call for reservations for weekday diving. *Note: Haigh will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th, 2012.*

Pear Lake, South Beloit, IL: <http://www.pearllake.com/>

1220 Dearborn Ave (Hwy 251), South Beloit, IL 61080 – P: (815) 389-1479

Open for business beginning April 20th at 8:30 AM for diving and overnight camping on April 26th. The Restaurant will not open until April 27th at 5:00 PM. Open late April thru mid-October, 7 days per week (8:00 AM per dusk). Night diving on Friday and Saturday only.

WINE TASTING AND DINNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 4



Choosing between the various tasting menus.
Photo courtesy of Scott Reimer

It has been a while since we gathered to taste some of the fruits of the vine so twelve adventuresome Tritons traveled to a new venue, Cooper's Hawk in Arlington Heights (in the old Pappadeux space). What a great way to lighten up the winter doldrums!

We were now offered choice of several different tastings: the normal tasting menu featuring the wines of the month, a sweet tasting or a Lux tasting – something for every palate. Many thanks to Matt for putting up with all of us and our numerous questions -including asking for the Spanish word for Grandma (Dave, Rosanna, Lourdes where were you when we needed you?)

After we conclude the various wine tastings we were shown to our table for dinner – we had the room to ourselves for a bit – our reputation must have preceded us.

This is always a great time – good wine, good food and good friends, who could want more on a chilly March day in Chicago?

TIC: Pam Romund



The "Sweet" Tasting Crew enjoying one of the many sweet treats. Photo courtesy of Scott Reimer.

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DINNER AND A SHOW

LEADER OF THE PACK is the story of Ellie Greenwich, whose doo wop sounds skyrocketed to the top of the sixties charts, includes "Chapel of Love," "Be My Baby," "Then He Kissed Me," "Do Wah Diddy" and more!

The show will be at **Prairie Lakes Theatre 515 E. Thacker Street Des Plaines, IL 60016 at 8:00 PM, Saturday, May 5 at 8:00 PM.**

Tickets are approximately \$28 per person. If we have 15 or more we qualify for a group discount. For anyone interested we will go out for a bite and/or beverage before the play, this time Mexican or Chinese.

TIC: Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraftfoods.com



TRITON 55TH ANIVERSARY PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

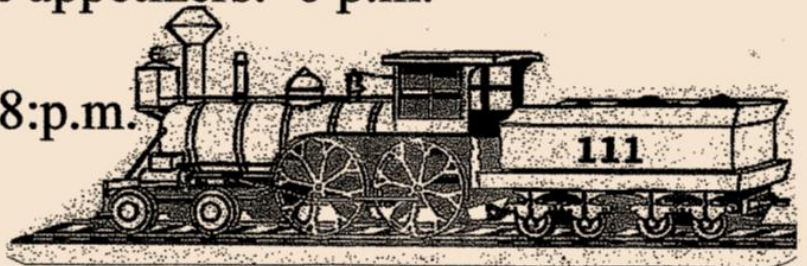
Chessie's/111 Grille

Offering a unique experience
stepping into yesteryear, dining in
Barrington's 1915 train station
located in the historic heart
of Barrington, Illinois
at 200 Applebee Street

Drinks (cash bar) & appetizers: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m.

Program & raffle: 8:p.m.



Cost: \$32.00

R.S.V.P. to Judi by April 15

(847) 296-6421

Select one: London broil/chicken piccata combo

or

Bourbon salmon

(vegetarian dinner also available)

HERE IS ONE NOT TO MISS!!

This April is the 100th anniversary of the Titanic tragedy. Because the RMS Titanic remains in our consciousness a century later thanks to films and books this anniversary will be commemorated with a special program sponsored by the Friends of the Loyola University Chicago Libraries.

We have invited Mr. Emory Kristof, National Geographic explorer and photographer, to give a talk with slides and video taken by him of the wreckage. The flyer explains the time, date, and location.



Exploring the RMS Titanic

An event in remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic



Photograph by Emory Kristof

Public lecture by Emory Kristof, National Geographic photographer and explorer, presenting close-up still photos and video of the wreckage

The inaugural Gregory and Rosalind Terry Lecture

Generously underwritten by Loyola University Chicago alumni John and Terese Terry

Friday, April 13, 2012
7 o'clock in the evening

Mundelein Auditorium
Loyola's Rogers Park/Edgewater campus
1032 W. Sheridan Road

Tickets: \$10 general public; free for Loyola students, faculty, and staff (with ID)
Available at the door or in advance online: LUC.edu/Titanic

For more information: 773.508.2641

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630-820-2531

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7840 W. Ogden, Suite #9
Lyons, IL 60534
708-442-4388

HAIGH QUARRY

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

PIRATE'S COVE DIVING

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Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-482-1430

SCUBA SYSTEMS

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Skokie, IL 60076
847-674-0222

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756 Frontage Road
Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-356-7826

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3042 N. Milwaukee
Northbrook, IL
847-358-3848

DD DIVE SHOP

1039 Waukegan Road
Glenview, IL 60025
847-657-3483

ENTERPRISE MARINE

420 Michael Court
Des Plaines, IL 60016
847-640-8113

PEARL LAKE RESORT

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

SCUBA EMPORIUM

16336 S. 104th Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60467
708-226-1614

SEA LION DIVE CENTER

422 Springsouth Road
Schaumburg, IL 60193
630-289-1680

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

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

Reprinted from Undercurrent OnLine Update, March 18, 2012

Another Knock against Shark Fin Soup - It's a deadly threat to the human brain. A study in the journal *"Marine Drugs"* reports high concentrations of the neurotoxin BMAA, linked to Alzheimer's and Lou Gehrig's disease, in shark fins. University of Miami researchers tested seven species of shark, including blacktip, bull and hammerhead (they clipped tiny fin samples off their living subjects so not to harm them). Says co-author Deborah Mash, "The BMAA concentrations in the samples are a cause of concern, not only in shark fin soup but also in dietary supplements and other forms ingested by humans."

A Successful Protest against Selling Manta Ray Leather - Like sharks, manta rays are nearing extinction as they are prized for their body parts (their skin is made into leather, and their cartilage is used as a filler in shark fin soup). The nonprofit Oceana discovered that Alibaba.com, the world's largest business-to-business commerce website was selling manta ray leather and started a petition to stop the company from doing so. Nearly 40,000 people signed it, and earlier this month, CEO Jack Ma announced that it would no longer sell manta ray products. It has also taken down its listings for shark fins.



The Tritons

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March, 2012

Triton DIVE LINE: 847-394-0975

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The Tritons

See you March 27, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Giuseppe's

**1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL
(847) 824-4230**

The restaurant is situated on Lee Street, north of Algonquin and south of Northwest Highway