



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Tritons,

This month business meeting we will be electing new members to the Board of Directors. Margy Levenberg and her team have put together the slate for the March election. You can see the entire slate on Page 3 of this newsletter. If you weren't contacted and would like to volunteer to run for an office contact a member of the committee.

Review the rules if you will be casting a proxy vote. The details are reprinted on Page 3.

Also with this issue of the Trib are the ballots of Triton of the Year and Event of the Year. These awards are presented at the Anniversary Party in April. Be sure to give some thought. Don't have any ideas? Talk to your fellow Tritons, they may have a suggestion or two.

.BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President – Mike Leibovitz
- Vice-President – Scott Reimer
- Secretary – Joan Chibe
- Treasurer – Lea Hotton
- First Director – Leticia Huerta
- Second Director – Brian Clarke

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

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If you haven't already review the list of events on page 2. Dive season is coming, we need folks to TIC events.

On the last page of The Triton Trib you will find directions to our new location for this month's meeting. It will still be in Des Plaines, about a mile from where we were meeting. Members of the board and committees have shopped around and we have decided to try this place first. If we like it, we'll stay. If not we have some others to try.

Mike Leibovitz, President
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773-465-0981

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

March, 2018

I have made up a new roster, members please let me know if you want me to e-mail a copy to you.

Our current membership stands at:
59 full members 1 Associate Total Membership 60

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee.
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UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Chuck and Margo Miller
214 N. Olbirsch Rd
Harvard, IL 60033
1-815-887-5002

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2018 TRITON EVENTS CALENDAR

March, 2018

Saturday, 3/24	Feed My Starving Children	Ron Levin
Tuesday, 3/27	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM

April, 2018

Sunday, 4/8	Chamber Dive - LGH	Scott Reimer
Tuesday, 4/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Saturday 4/14	Anniversary Party	Board of Directors
Tuesday, 4/24	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM
Saturday. 4/28	Dinner and a Show	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com

May, 2018

Saturday, 5/5	Cinco de Mayo, Dinner at Mexican Restaurant	Rosana Vemmer
Tuesday, 5/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Tuesday, 5/22	Business Meeting	TBD - 7:30 PM ????
Sunday, 5/27	Memorial Day Bike, Walk & Eat	Milt & Margy Levenberg

June, 2018

Saturday, 6/2	Dive Season Opener	TIC NEEDED
Tuesday, 6/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
S & S, 6/23 & 24	Training Weekend	Board of Education
Tuesday, 6/26	Business Meeting OPEN HOUSE	TBD - 7:30 PM ????

July, 2018

Saturday. 7/7	Bus Tour - Chicago Neighborhoods	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Tuesday, 7/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Saturday, 7/21	Charter Dive	Steve Leibovitz 847-833-5379 kb9caw@gmail.com
Tuesday, 7/24	Business Meeting	TBD - 7:30 PM ????

August, 2018

Saturday, 8/4	Howard/Etherton Day Pearl Lake	Board of Education
Tuesday, 8/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Saturday, 8/18	Charter Dive - Chicago or Milwaukee	TIC NEEDED
Sunday, 8/19	Illinois Railway Museum	Randy Skiba
Sunday, 8/26	Architectural River Tour	TIC NEEDED
Tuesday, 8/28	Business Meeting	TBD - 7:30 PM ????

Our Calendar for 2018 was approved at the September meeting. Look it over, some new events and plenty of old favorites, the entire calendar is posted on the Triton web site. Many thanks to Joan Chibe, Adolph Habich, Scott Reimer and Randy Skiba for their help.

Pam Romund promund@gmail.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2018 Triton Nominating Committee has put together the following slate

President:

Scott Reimer
Rich Schak

Nominations for Vice President if Scott Reimer is elected President

Steve Leibovitz
Randy Skiba

Secretary:

Joan Chibe (incumbent)
Pam Romund
Rosana Vemmer

Director:

Brian Clarke (incumbent)
Joe Leibovitz
Renee Tobias

We will be happy to add your name to this list. Please remember that this is a volunteer organization, and we all need to participate. If you are not going to be at the March meeting you may vote by proxy. See below for instructions on casting your vote by proxy, remember you must copy Joan Chibe joanchibe@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Triton Nominating Committee for 2018
Margy Levenberg (Chair), Jim Hynan, Harriette Leibovitz

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IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE BY PROXY

- 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.

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TOY AND EVENTS BALLOTS

Enclosed with this month's Trib are the ballots for Triton of the Year and Events of the Year. For the Events ballot vote for **one dive** event and **one social** event. It is very important that you complete these and return them at the meeting or send to the name and address on the ballot. These must be received no later than Tuesday, March 27.

Each year the TRITONS honor one of their members with an award for outstanding service to the Club. The recipient of the award is the "TRITON OF THE YEAR" and is presented with that honor at the annual Anniversary Party. Every TRITON member should vote for the TRITON OF THE YEAR. It is your way of saying "thank you" to the person whom you believe has made an outstanding contribution to the Club this past year and/or years.

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HYPERBARIC CHAMBER DIVE "DIVE DRY"

**GIVEN BY OUR FAVORITE HYPERBARIC TECHNICIAN:
DAN MAZZONLINI JR., RRT-ACCS**

Where: Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
775 Dempster St, Park Ridge, IL 60068
When: Sunday, April 8, 2018, 9:00am to 11:30am
Cost: Is still only \$20!

Get Educated and Saturated!!!

Dry Dive limited to a maximum of 13 divers. Must be a certified



diver and you must bring your C-card. The chamber will be pressurized to an equivalent maximum depth of 130 ft. We will plan to go out and eat afterwards. If you have not been on one of these, please consider coming, you can safely experience narcosis and get to talk funny too!

We will meet at 9am in room 1064. Take the B elevators to the 10th floor.

TIC: Scott Reimer, Email: streimer1@comcast.net,
Mobile: 847-561-2272



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TRITON ANNIVERSARY PARTY

**Continental Restaurant
755 Buffalo Grove Rd.
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089
847-459-4095**

Our annual Anniversary Party will be held this year on **Saturday, April 14th**. We will be thanking the outgoing Board of Directors and welcoming the new Board. We will also award the Dive and Social Events of the Year as well as recognizing our Triton of the Year. Please join us for a fun evening.

Time: 6:00pm till 10:00pm

Salad: Will be served tableside

Dinner: Will be served buffet style

Desserts: Several for you to choose from - yum!

Beverages: Coffee, Soft Drinks {Coke Products} Hot & Iced Teas

All above is all yours for just **\$40.00**. This includes the Tax and Gratuity!

Bar Drinks Available for Purchase: Beer , Wine, Mixed Drinks.

Try to match these prices anyplace else. Also bring your treasured gifts you no longer treasure for our famous "RAFFLE"

TIC: Ed Littel ee2littel@sbcglobal.net

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DINNER AND A SHOW
CHICAGO

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - 7:30 PM

**Prairie Lakes Theater
515 E. Thacker Street
Des Plaines, IL 60016**

From the composers of *Cabaret* and *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*. Another sexy and sophisticated Kander & Ebb romp! This sharp-edged satire featuring a jazzy score and astonishing dancing will razzle dazzle you. This Tony and Oscar winner is one of Broadway's longest running and most popular shows!

Note: Themes within Chicago may be considered mature material, including profanity and violence. If you are easily offended you might want to reconsider.

Cost: Final cost is TBD but will be between \$25 and \$30 per person. We will also have dinner before the show, - the cost will depend on what you order to eat and drink. At this writing I am leaning toward Moretti's in Mt. Prospect but that is open for discussion.

TIC: Pam Romund 773-791-3142 promund@gmail.com

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**DIVE THE WILLY AND
DREDGE**

**Saturday July 21, 2018
12:00 PM AT JERRY'S DOCK
IN MILWAUKEE**

THE "WILLIE" IS THE MOST POPULAR SHIPWRECK IN THE AREA. SHE IS LAYING ON HER STARBOARD SIDE AT A DEPTH OF 45 to 110FT. THIS STEEL CARGO SHIP IS 258FT LONG AND SANK IN 1954.

THE DREDGE #6 OR #906 IS ANOTHER POPULAR AND UNIQUE SHIPWRECK. SHE LIES AT A DEPTH OF 30 to 70FT. SHE IS 120FT LONG AND SANK IN 1956. SHE IS LAYING UPSIDE DOWN ON HER STRUCTURE AND YOU CAN SWIM EASILY BENEATH THE DECK.

We have booked A&J dive Charters out of Milwaukee. We have the 1:00pm Afternoon dive for 6. This is a fast boat that accommodates 6 divers, leaving from the same dock as the Lender. I have chosen the Prinz Wilhelm and the Dredge; however this is flexible and open for discussion. Fee is \$90.00 per person BYO air tanks. Their website is: ajdivecharters.com, check it out, there is information on all the shipwrecks in the Milwaukee area. Their boat, the Sarah Jane is a 35 ft. Owens Concorde. She was built in 1971 but don't let her age fool you, she has been re-powered with twin 454 Mercruiser engines and has a top speed of 35 MPH make her one of the fastest Scuba charter boats in the Milwaukee area. This dive is filling up fast. If you did not already sign up, please email or call me. \$100.00 Will hold your spot. Please bring your checks to the meeting.

Steve 847-833-5379 kb9caw@gmail.com

Dozens of Octopuses Marched Out of the Sea

When Brett Stones and his dolphin-watching tour group [SeaMor](#) finished their evening excursion last Friday in Wales, it was already dark out. In the distance, they spotted something with an indiscernible yet familiar shape.

"It looked like a bit of a blob," said Stones. When the group approached, they saw that it was a curled octopus, a species commonly found off the beaches of Ceredigion.

Roughly a foot long, the animal was crawling about 30 feet inland. And it wasn't alone. As they walked through the area, they found 20 to 30 more octopuses seemingly crawling on land, in a space about half as big as a soccer field.

"It sort of brings out this mothering instinct. You just want to save them," said Stones. "It's quite emotional to see them flailing."

He and several others who were nearby inspected the octopuses for signs of injury and found no visible evidence of harm. Stones has lived in the area all his life, but he says he's never seen anything like it.

Using plastic containers, Stones and the others at the beach scooped up the octopuses and carried them to deeper water, where they plopped them back into the ocean.

Over the next couple of nights, Stones said he returned to the same beach in the morning and found several of the same species dead.

Octopuses are nocturnal, meaning more may have crawled onto land while the local people slept.

Even more baffling to Stones is how energetic the octopuses seemed when they were moved back to sea. "Every one we found was quite alive. Their tentacles were coming around and grabbing hold [of our hands], but in the morning, we found more dead. No bites or damage," said Stones. Just inexplicably dead.

Unknown Cause of Death Without a physical examination of the octopuses, it's difficult for scientists to speculate exactly what may have prompted the rarely seen behavior.

Octopuses are some of the world's most curious invertebrates, and it's not the first time they've emerged from the water on their own volition. In 2015, video caught an octopus hopping out of a tidal pool to attack a crab and drag it back down into the water.

"When I was a student, one jumped out of a tank and traveled down the hallway," said Jenny Hofmeister, who's now a postdoctoral scholar at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego. In 2016, an octopus named Inky became a legend when it slipped out of its tank, slithered down a pipe, and escaped into the ocean.

Hofmeister speculates that overcrowding from booming populations could have prompted the octopuses out of the water en masse. One study published in *Current Biology* in 2016 found that, as fishermen take more and more of the large animals that feed on octopuses, their populations have boomed. This means the invertebrates would have to travel farther to find food, and perhaps equally important to an octopus, shelter. And that drive could have pushed them toward land, Hofmeister speculated.

End of Life? "It could be that they're undergoing senescence," said Wood, who wrote a paper on the topic in 2002. The term refers to the end stages of an octopus's life when it begins to feed less, exhibit less coordination, and wander around without direction.

Octopuses tend to live for only a year and die soon after they lay their eggs. Graham Pierce from the U.K.'s Marine Biological Association confirmed that October is around the time of year that curled octopuses in Wales finish spawning and begin to die.

So far, none of the corpses have been examined to determine if they had laid eggs or were still carrying them.

Hofmeister agreed that senescence could be one possibility, but based on the vigorous movements of the octopuses filmed by Stones, she thinks it's more likely they were in search of shelter.

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 H20

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

CHICAGOLAND SCUBA

890A South Rand Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047
847-540-7211

DD DIVE SHOP

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

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

SCUBA EMPORIUM

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

SCUBA SENSATIONS

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

TOUCAN DIVE CENTER

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

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

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

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NEW WWW.THETRITONS.COM

We now have a new Host for the "www.TheTritons.com" website. Our old web site was a Hodgepodge from many contributors and was well... a mess. Now is the time to clean this up. Milt is building a clean logical web site. Things that were not logically associated to data were not put on the new site. Milt transferred the web site and there may be a few broken links so if you find any please let Milt know at milspec@comcast.net. Be sure to check it out.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

We examined the financial transactions that occurred during our 2017 Fiscal Year - Event Reports, bank statements, etc. We reported our results to the Board of Directors, all is in good shape.

2018 Audit Committee
Diana Skiba (Chair), Margy Levenberg, Renee Tobias

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March, 2018

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See you Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:30 PM

TAP HOUSE GRILL

1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Off Miner Street (Route 14) turn north on to Lee Street and then right into the Market Place parking lot. On your left is a large parking garage (free) or circle the lot, park and come on in.

This is a new meeting place. Let us know your thoughts