



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons,

I hope you are all having a wonderful holiday season.

Unfortunately, I must report the passing of Al Fairbanks earlier this month. The details of his passing are posted in this issue of the Trib. If you are so inclined, please send Gloria a card or note. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from you.

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, now would be a good time to start thinking about what you would like to do with and for the club next year. There are plenty dive and social events on our calendar to choose from that you can both participate in and coordinate for the club. Please join in whatever capacity you can to make next year one of the best years ever for the Tritons.

Again, I wish you and your family the best for the holidays and a very Happy New Year.

Good Diving to All,

Randy

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

December, 2010

We welcome the three newest full members of the Tritons as voted in at the November business meeting:

Tricia Shields Ken Shields Ron Levin

Our current membership is:

74 full members 1 associate member

TOTAL 75 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

If any member would like a copy of the business meeting minutes to review please send a note to Pam Romund (promund@kraft.com) and she will email them to you before the meeting. Thanks

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PUT SOME FUN IN YOUR LIFE!!

Looking to add some fun and adventure back into your life? Simply sign up to become a Triton in Charge. You will instantly become popular; fellow Tritons will seek you out wanting to thrust checks at you!! Not sure if you can handle it, not a problem, we have step by step instructions to help you out. And there are many of your fellow Tritons who have done it and survived, it is easier than you think. Look over the 2011 Events Calendar and see what strikes your fancy – you won't be disappointed! Contact Dave Vemmer to sign up.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Nominating – Appointed in Fall

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Director of Training – Rich Schak

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TRITON 2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

January, 2011		
Tuesday, 1/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
*Saturday, 1/15	Pizza Get-Together Giordanos' Restaurant	Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 jhynan74@gmail.com
Tuesday, 1/25	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sunday, 1/30	Bowling & Bocce at Pinstripes, Northbrook	Needs TIC
February, 2011		
Tuesday, 2/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Sunday, 2/13	Brewery Tour & Dinner Two Brothers Brewery	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
F-S/ 2/18-20	Our World Underwater Rosemont, IL	www.owu.com - Equipment, Photo Gear, Trips, Films and more! Donald Stephens Convention Center.
Saturday, 2/19	OWU Dinner	Needs TIC
Tuesday, 2/22	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
*Saturday, 2/26	Chicago Wolves Hockey	Adolph Habich 773-625-3019 or AHabich@aol.com
March, 2011		
*Saturday, 3/5	Whirly Ball	Jon Kitts (jon13@voyager.net)
Tuesday, 3/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Sunday, 3/13	Dinner and a Show	Needs TIC
Saturday, 3/19 – Saturday 3/26	Warm Water Dive Trip St. Eustatius	Randy Skiba (847) 312-9208 cell phone (224) 392-2131 office or r_skiba@comcast.net
Tuesday, 3/22	Business Meeting General Elections	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
April, 2011		
Saturday, 4/9	Chamber Dive/LGH	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Tuesday, 4/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 4/16	Anniversary Party	Needs TIC
Tuesday, 4/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 4/30	Pizza Tour & Tasting	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
May, 2011		
Tuesday, 5/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Sunday, 5/15	Road Rally	Jon Kitts (jon13@voyager.net)
Tuesday, 5/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 5/28	Quarry Dive & Picnic	Needs TIC
Monday, 5/30	Memorial Day Bike Ride, Walk and Eat	Margy & Milt Levenberg margyspec@comcast.net or milspec@comcast.net
June, 2011		
Saturday, 6/4	Port Washington Pirate Fest	Needs TIC

*** Note Date Change** Sign up now for the event of your choice, contact Dave at DCVemmer@comcast.net!

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11



Fourteen Tritons and guests showed up for an afternoon of working at the GCFD on the south side. We were put to the task of assembling take home bags for grade school children who qualify for meals within the school day. It was found the kids went home and during the weekend didn't have enough to eat and couldn't focus on Monday because they were so hungry. So this program sends them home with a couple of granola bars, some instant oatmeal (maple & brown sugar), sunflower seeds, chicken salad makings, and more - all placed in a plastic bag and tied together so nothing falls out. We assembled 148 cases of these "take home kits" which is 2,960 bags. When you consider there are currently 3,500 students involved in the program sad to say we didn't provided enough for one weekend's worth of food!

Everyone agreed this is a fun way to spend the afternoon, not terribly taxing by any means but a great sense of having done something to help out those needing it most. For the last hour David Gross set the pace, we were moving at warp speed.

Afterwards some of us went across the street to the All Style Buffet. We opted for this one since the rain was continuing and the temperature dropping and we didn't want to venture too far from the expressway. There was everything on this buffet from tacos and pizza, sushi, crab legs, shrimp, all sorts of Asian delicacies as well as Mongolian grill, mashed potatoes and gravy, cookies, ice cream, the list was endless. After we all made numerous trip to the various buffets laid out before us we called it a day and made our way back home.

If you have never done this before please consider doing so – talk to any of us who have done this, they will all agree this is a great way to give something back and have some fun while doing so.

TIC: Jim Hynan and Alt TIC: Pam Romund

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TRITON PIZZA NITE

SATURDAY JANUARY 15 2011 – 8:00 PM

I am taking the Events Committee's idea of pizza gathering and moving it back one day to Saturday nite the 15th of January. This works a little better for me, hopefully it does for most everyone. The location:



Giordano's Restaurant
9415 W Higgins Rosemont IL 847-292-2600
Just west of River Road, on south side of Higgins

This is where we go after Wolves Hockey games, I chose a place where we have been gluttons in the past and enjoyed it. Let's gather at 8 PM and hopefully all sit together. Our chances of sitting together in a larger group at an earlier time are not good. I could only get reservations if I promised them 20 people with a minimum group charge, and I don't feel safe doing that. Please call or e-mail to let me know you are coming, so we can look out for you. I hope we get a motley crowd, maybe we can go somewhere after and drown the pizza.

Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 jhynan74@gmail.com

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WTTW CHANNEL 11

SUNDAY NITE NOVEMBER 28th

The Sunday after Thanksgiving five of us descended on Channel 11 to take to the phone lines and rake in pledge money for their programming. I wish we had more, but this weekend was not ideal, I know. Still, the five of us took in total of \$2,410 with **Frank Bintz** the leader with \$815. It was a fun and busy nite. Our most fun segment was with Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul, and Mary fame. He was in studio with us, and led a sing-along or 2 before we went on the air. He talked to several of our callers in person (Pam got a fantastic back-rub from him while he entertained one of her callers).

It was a fun and rewarding event, let's do it again next year.

TIC: Jim Hynan

BY POPULAR DEMAND RUM BALL RECIPE!!

Judi Stephens brought these wonderful rum balls to both the Holiday Express event at the Botanic Garden and the Holiday Party. This disappeared quicker than you can say Happy Holidays!!! Give the Tritons something chocolate and combine with alcohol you have a combination that guarantees ooohs and aaahs!

This recipe yields approximately 4 dozen rum balls.

Crush 12 oz. Vanilla Wafers (about 1 Box) to make 3 cups of crumbs (food processor works great)

Add 2 cups powdered sugar and ¼ cup cocoa powder. Mix the dry ingredients well.

Add 2 cups ground walnuts, mix well.

Add 6 Tablespoon light corn syrup and ½ cup rum (or bourbon), mix well.

Let stand 10 minutes.

Pinch off enough for a 1 inch ball and roll into ball in the palms of your hands.

Roll ball in granulated sugar.

Set into paper candy cups.

Store in airtight container. They will disappear quite quickly.

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TRITON HOLIDAY PARTY **Saturday, December 4, 2010**

Thirty Tritons gathered for our annual Holiday get together. It was great to see everyone and get a chance to talk to them in a more relaxed setting. Giuseppe's put together a fantastic buffet for us: Antipasto, Minestrone Soup, Salad Bar, Pasta, Vegetable, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Lemon Chicken Breast, Carved Roast Beef and More!!



We collected loads of toys for the Toys for Tots program at the Holiday Party. We received all sorts of games, dolls (including Sea World Trainer Barbie!), craft sets, and all manner of toys for everyone - very little ones all the way through to the teenagers. I did take the toys over to the drop off point (this year at the Park Ridge Fire Department) and they were astounded by the sheer number of toys. They told me their large box was overflowing, everyone has been so very generous this year. The Marine Reservists will come by and pick them up in plenty of time to distribute to all this Holiday Season.

We also had some holiday themed items as door prizes as well as some great things donated by your fellow members. Randy and Diana gave away \$40 gift certificates for a catalogue and Adolph Habich a gift certificate for a pool party for twenty at the local YMCA.

Thanks to everyone for attending, it was wonderful to see so many of you. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors wishing you all the best for this Holiday Season.

Pam Romund

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The following is reprinted from Undercurrent On-Line, December 14, 2010

SHARKS GONE WILD

In the space of a week in early December, sharks off Egypt's Sharm el Sheikh killed one person and maimed four others. Officials responded by hunting down every shark they could find, until American scientists, including George Burgess, who heads the Florida based International Shark Attack File, were flown in. They found that a single oceanic whitetip was responsible for the death and one other attack, while one or more mako sharks made the other attacks. A mako responsible for one attack was killed, but at least three other innocent sharks were killed in a panicked attempt to end the threat to the tourist trade. No one is certain why the sharks attacked, but high on the list of speculation is illegal chumming for sharks by unscrupulous tour and dive operators. Scuba diving is banned until December 14, at which time divers with more than 50 logged dives can get back into the water.



ST. EUSTATIUS WARM WATER TRIP

Come Dive the Caribbean's Hidden Treasure

**March 19, 2011 to
March 26, 2011**

If you are one of those who seek something new and also a break from our cold Chicago winters, this may be just what you are looking for. Our next warm water trip is going to be to St. Eustatius. Where the heck is St. Eustatius? I didn't know until just recently but it is in the Netherland Antilles near Saba and St. Maarten. From all the reports I have heard this is an island that has some great diving but is not that well known and thus not dove as much as other areas of the Caribbean. Here is our program for this trip.

Dates: 3/19 to 3/26/2011

Dive Operator: Golden Rock Divers

Hotel: The Old Gin Inn (near the dive shop and just south of the main town area)

What's included: garden view or ocean view room, 7 nights hotel, taxes, breakfast and 5 days of 2 tank diving. Optional will be a 3rd afternoon dive at an additional fee.

Cost for Ocean view diver package: \$1337.00/person based on double occupancy.

Cost of Garden view diver package: \$1179.00/person based on double occupancy.

Park Fee: A \$20.00/person Marine Park fee will need to be paid on the island and is not included in our pricing.

Deposit: \$150.00/person by check payable to Global Access, Inc. and due at signup.

Final Payment date: 60 days prior to departure. I will be sending out notices to all participants with this date.

I am currently holding 2 ocean view rooms and 7 garden view rooms. Both ocean view rooms are currently reserved. I have room for a total of 18 people and 7 spots have already been reserved.

You will be responsible for arranging air from Chicago to St. Maarten and then to Statia. Please talk to me before reserving the air to St. Maarten so that I can be sure your air schedule will work to get from St. Maarten to Statia. I can also help with the Chicago to St. Maarten air arrangements if you need any assistance. Currently, the least expensive air is on US Airways going through Philadelphia.

A valid passport is required and I will need your full name as shown on your passport plus your birthdate. This information is required by the reservation company for making your inter island airline reservation. Optional trip insurance is available for \$75.00/person but only covers the roundtrip air from St. Maarten plus the hotel/dive package. See me for details.

If you have any questions or need further information, call or email me.

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r_skiba@comcast.net



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NEW PROMPTNESS PAYS REALLY PAYS!!!

At the May meeting we began offering some great new prizes for Promptness Pays. The lucky winner of the \$20.00 gift certificate to Giuseppe's at the November meeting was Sam Polonetsky. Congrats Sam!!

BREWERY TOUR

Sunday, February 13 – 12:30 PM

The roving foodies within the Club have another chance to try out one of Chicago's best – the Two Brothers Brewery in Warrenville. For those of you attending the wine tasting in November, Cooper's Hawk featured Two Brothers beers. Two Brothers has been hand crafting artisan beers since 1997. The Brewery is located in the western suburbs of Chicago, off the beaten path but only a mile off I-88. I will have maps and directions at the January business meeting. Details are:

February 13, Sunday – be there by **12:30 pm**
Two Brothers Brewery
30W315 Calumet Avenue
Warrenville, IL 60555
Cost of the Tour: \$0.00 (that is correct no dollars!!!)



Even though the cost of the tour is free I need to know if you are coming to make sure we have enough places on the tour. Note: we will be sampling the beer and food at their Tap House immediately following the tour (check out their menu <http://www.twobrotherstaphouse.com/images/Menu.pdf>) . You will need to bring money for this. . .remember there is no such thing as a FREE lunch! Contact me to save your spot!

TIC: Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or Cell 847-414-4347 or promund@kraft.com

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CONDOLENCES

I am sad to report passing of long time Triton Al Fairbanks on Wednesday, December 15. Al was a member of the teaching staff and he and Gloria were fixtures at many of the social events through the years. Services and internment were private and have been held. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gloria and the rest of the Fairbanks family during this difficult time. If you care to send Gloria a note the address is:

Gloria Fairbanks
1518 Crown Dr.
Glenview, IL 60025

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Reprinted from Florida Today, 12/10/10,

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=147071620>,
not mentioned in this obituary but Dan was one of the founding fathers of the Illinois Council

DAN WAGNER



On December 7, 2010, the creatures of the sea lost a great friend when the founder of the "Mother Ocean Foundation" passed away. Dan Wagner, who was more commonly known as "Fishy Dan" by area school children, was a legendary scuba diving pioneer and underwater photographer.

Dan started his career with Dan's Diving Den outside Chicago in 1958 where he also led the Cook County Underwater Search and Rescue Team. Longing to be closer to the wonders of the ocean, he moved his family to the Space Coast in 1963, becoming a well-respected teacher/instructor of scuba diving for the YMCA.

His underwater movies and photographs are highly decorated, having been used by Real Eight, Mel Fisher, National Geographic, and the Cousteau Foundation. In 1974, Dan and a couple of close friends completed the construction of "The Impossible Dream", a dive boat running dive trips to the Bahamas. Possessing a profound love for all sea-life, Dan spent the final years of his life working to save their environment.

He is survived by his daughters, Michelle and Christine; and son, Samuel.

Many thanks to Jackie Heirbaut for sending this one to our attention.

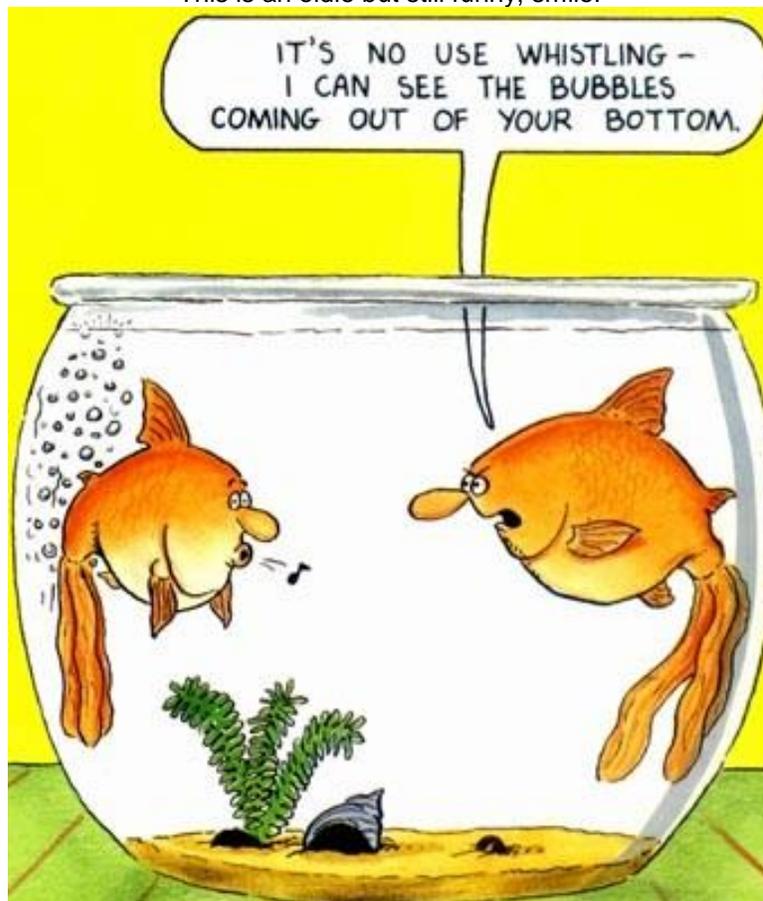
WOW! A CATCH AND RELEASE!

This Sturgeon was caught in the Pleasant Lake , Lapeer Michigan , this summer 2010. It weighed out at over 1,000 lbs and measured out at 11'1". It was 56" around the girth and took over 6 and a half hours, and 4 dozen beers, for the 4 guys taking turns at reeling it in.



Any Sturgeon OVER about five feet has to be released unharmed and cannot be removed from the water. They are brood/breeding stock and probably older than most of us. This sturgeon is still alive, just worn out from the fight. As the sports fishermen they are, they turned him loose after the photo.

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This is an oldie but still funny, smile!



JOIN THE TRITONS
FOR
WOLVES HOCKEY



CHICAGO AND PEORIA

7:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 26 2011

\$19.00

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TIC ADOLPH HABICH
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JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE GAME

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.

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847-540-7211

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Lyons, IL 60534
708-442-4388

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2738 E 2000 North Road
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815-939-7797

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Northbrook, IL
847-358-3848

DD DIVE SHOP

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Glenview, IL 60025
847-657-3483

ENTERPRISE MARINE

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

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South Beloit, IL 61080
815-389-1479

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Orland Park, IL 60467
708-226-1614

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Hanover Park, IL 60107
630-289-1680

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

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Villa Park, IL 60181
630-833-8383

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WINGS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Again this year we took charge of a family from the WINGS program. We adopted a Mom and her two children (both girls, ages 15 and 8). Their wishes were very simple: new pajamas, winter coats, gloves and hats. Many thanks to everyone for pitching in and helping fulfill their needs. We had enough to get them everything on their list and each one a new scarf, a warm sweater and gift cards too!! We appreciate your assistance in remembering those who need help the most during this Holiday season. A big THANK YOU to all!

Chris Demski
and Pam Romund



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Wishing you and yours a very Happy Holiday and a wonderful and safe New Year!

See you January 25, 2011 at

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