



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Tritons,

Hard to believe but I am coming to the end of my tenure as Triton President. Truth be told it has been a lot of work but also a lot of fun. I have learned a great deal about the running of this fine organization and the many hard working men and women it takes to make it all look easy. I would recommend a position on the Board to anyone – if you are interested in serving please contact Margy Levenberg. She can give you additional information on each position the will be up for election this year.

Please be sure to check out the calendar. We have just begun the new calendar and they are a few events that need someone to run them – volunteer now to be a TIC. Dave and his committee have made it very easy to run an event just follow the easy step by step directions they have put together.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President – Steve Leibovitz
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Safe diving,  
Steve

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January, 2010

No new members to report this month and no one up for vote.

Our membership is:

	59 full members	5 associate members
TOTAL	64 members	

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

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## ENTERTAINMENT AT THE JANUARY MEETING

Our entertainment at the January meeting will be a SCUBA trivia game. We will be testing how well you know the marine environment as well as your general SCUBA knowledge. Come on out and have some fun!

**Business meetings now begin at 7:30 PM.** Come out early for dinner, Giuseppe's always has some great specials.

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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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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Margy Levenberg is looking for YOU! We have some positions that will be up for vote on the Board of Directors: President, Secretary and Delegate (Dave O'Malley's position).

# TRITON 2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>January, 2010</b>		
Tuesday, 1/26	Business Meeting – Scuba Trivia Contest	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sunday, 1/31	Wine Tasting and Dinner	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
<b>February, 2010</b>		
Saturday, 2/6	CPR/AED and EFR Classes	Board of Education – Held at the ITT Campus in Mt. Prospect - Contact Rich Schak or Mike Leibovitz
Sunday 2/7	Chinese Cooking Class	Renee Tobias ( <a href="mailto:cansculpt@ameritech.net">cansculpt@ameritech.net</a> )
Tuesday, 2/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Wednesday, 2/10	Open Water SCUBA Class	Board of Education/Community 214 Continuing Education Program – Wheeling High School
Fri, Sat, Sun, 2/19 to 2/21	Our World Underwater Celebrating 40 Years!!	For tickets and show info go to: <a href="http://www.ourworldunderwater.com">www.ourworldunderwater.com</a>
Saturday, 2/20	OWU Dinner & Films	Scott Reimer <a href="mailto:streimer1@comcast.net">streimer1@comcast.net</a>
Tuesday, 2/23	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
<b>March, 2010</b>		
Saturday, 3/6	Wolves Hockey Game	Adolph Habich ( <a href="mailto:AHabich@aol.com">AHabich@aol.com</a> )
Tuesday, 3/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Tuesday, 3/23	Business Meeting – General Elections	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 3/27	Comedy Club Nite	Renee Tobias ( <a href="mailto:cansculpt@ameritech.net">cansculpt@ameritech.net</a> )
<b>April, 2010</b>		
Tuesday, 4/13	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Saturday, 4/17	Anniversary Party – Giuseppe's Restaurant	<b>Needs TIC</b> - The venue has been reserved, just need someone to run event.
Saturday, 4/24	Puerto Rico Trip	Randy Skiba ( <a href="mailto:r_skiba@comcast.net">r_skiba@comcast.net</a> )
Tuesday, 4/27	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
<b>May, 2010</b>		
Saturday, 5/1	Harley Davidson Museum Tour and Lunch	<b>Needs TIC</b>
Tuesday, 5/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Sunday, 5/16	Beer Tasting & Dinner	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Tuesday, 5/25	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Monday, 5/31	Memorial Day Bike Ride	Margy & Milt Levenberg <a href="mailto:margyspec@comcast.net">margyspec@comcast.net</a> or <a href="mailto:milspec@comcast.net">milspec@comcast.net</a>
<b>June, 2010</b>		
Sunday, 6/6	Haigh Quarry Dive/Picnic	<b>Needs TIC</b>
Tuesday, 6/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Sunday, 6/13	Frontera Farmers Market & Tasting	Rosana Vemmer ( <a href="mailto:rvmexicana@hotmail.com">rvmexicana@hotmail.com</a> ) 847.698.1727
Tuesday, 6/22	Business Meeting – <b>OPEN HOUSE</b>	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

We have immediate openings for a few TICs, no experience necessary, please contact Dave Vemmer.

Thanks to Steve Leibovitz for sending this on to our attention. Reprinted from Yahoo News, 1/12/10

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100111/ap\\_on\\_re\\_as/as\\_australia\\_shipwreck\\_film](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100111/ap_on_re_as/as_australia_shipwreck_film)

Be sure to check out the website for more images of the shipwreck.

## **AUSTRALIAN WORLD WAR II SHIPWRECK FILMED**

SYDNEY – Shipwreck hunters have captured the first underwater footage of an Australian World War II hospital ship that sank in 1943 and left 268 people dead.



A search team led by U.S. shipwreck hunter David Mearns sent a submarine robot more than 6,500 feet (2,000 meters) below the surface to snap the images of the Centaur on Sunday. The footage showed the ship's bright red cross and a corroded number 47, its identification number.

The Centaur sank off the Queensland state coast. Just 64 of the 332 people on board survived.

Australia said the ship sank after being torpedoed by the Japanese, but Japan says the circumstances surrounding the

sinking are unclear.

Mearns found sonar footage of the Centaur on Dec. 20, 30 miles (50 kilometers) east of the southern tip of Moreton Island at a depth of 6,755 feet (2,059 meters). Sunday's images helped confirm the wreck was that of the Centaur, he said.

On Monday, Mearns and his crew sent the submarine robot into the depths again to take a second round of pictures, which included an image of the ship's bell and an escape hatch that one survivor climbed through just before the Centaur sank. "We found the bell with the name on it. You can't get any better than that," Mearns said.

On Sunday, Queensland Acting Premier Paul Lucas called on Japan to apologize for the sinking. "Whilst the Japanese have certainly apologized for their actions during the Second World War, it would be appropriate for those involved to express an apology," Lucas said. "In this barbaric act, people lost their lives. Sailors, soldiers, nurses, doctors, orderlies. It was totally senseless and a wanton act."

Monday was a national holiday in Japan, and phone calls to the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo went unanswered, as did calls to Japan's embassy in Canberra.

Queensland Premier Anna Blight said the Centaur will be marked as a military gravesite and protected.

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A festival celebrating underwater exploration of our Great Lakes maritime history.

## **28<sup>th</sup> GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, February 27, 2010**

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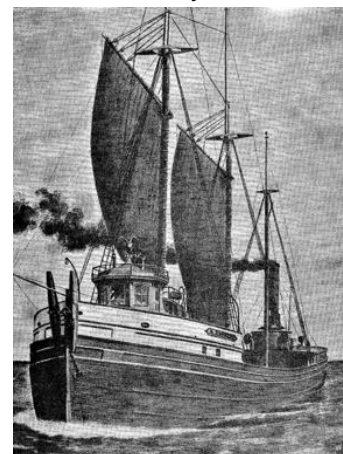
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Dear Christmas Donors,  
 Thank you soooo much for  
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 this year. You have no idea how  
 much it means to my family.  
 Thank you and Merry  
 Xmas!  
 A Wings  
 Family

## **MANY THANKS!**

Just wanted to share this with all of you that contributed to the Holiday Campaign for the WINGS program. This year the family was a mother with 4 children - 6, 10, 11 and 13. We received a thank you note from the family we 'adopted' by providing new winter coats, hats and gloves as well as \$25.00 gift certificates to Kohl's for each to pick out some new warm winter clothing. We also provided the mom of the family with gift certificates to Jewel, Walgreens and Dominick's. They are most appreciative.

I tried my best but it is still a bit difficult to read:

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*Thank you soooo much for the generous gifts for my family this year. You have no idea how much it means to my family.*

*Thank you and Merry Xmas!*

*A WINGS Family*

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**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

## **WINE TASTING AND DINNER**

**Sunday, January 31, 2010**

**Coopers' Hawk Winery and Restaurant**

583 N. Milwaukee Avenue (Just South of Lake Cook Road) Wheeling, IL

**2:30 PM**



We will begin with a wine tasting, sampling 8 different wines – one sparkling, three whites, three reds and one dessert wine. You will learn a bit about each type of wine they are sampling, they are all very good and some outstanding. They also change the wines from month to month so if you attended one on your own in December, January will be different wines.

After the wine tasting for those that would like we will head into the restaurant at Cooper's Hawk for dinner. This is a nice way to spend a winter's day. We did this twice last year and each time was more popular than the last.

Cost for the wine tasting is \$10.00. The dinner portion will be additional and will depend on what you order, you can visit their website: <http://www.coopershawkwinery.com/> to check out their menu and get directions if you are unsure of their location.

I need to make reservations for this event so please call me to save yourself a space at the bar.

TIC: Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or [promund@kraft.com](mailto:promund@kraft.com)

## ***IN FIJI, DANCING WITH SHARKS***



THERE'S a moment when the sheer awe of being arm's length from a procession of hungry sharks — so close that you lock eyes with each one as it blitzes by your head — gives way to a sudden burst of clarity, and all your thoughts coalesce into a single edifying idea: "Maybe I should duck."

Scuba diving in [Fiji](#), a collection of some 300 islands strewn across the South Pacific, poses a kind of recreational Sophie's Choice for anyone with less than a month on his hands. Do I chase manta rays across the famed Astrolabe Reef off Kadavu Island? Can I make it to

the pristine, remote waters between the big islands? What about the legendary soft corals carpeting the Great White Wall in the Somosomo Strait? Shark diving in Pacific Harbor, a couple of hours' drive from the international airport on Viti Levu, elbowed its way onto my list because it offers a fairly certain chance of seeing what any honest diver will admit to yearn for: lots and lots of big fish.

Giant trevally, each bigger than a grown man's torso, racing around in swarms. A grouper the size of a love seat. Schools of plump snapper. Stealthy suckerfish, with their eerily flat heads. And such vast quantities of smaller reef fish clouding the deep that they alone, not the raging seas above, often pose the biggest obstacle to an unobstructed photograph of the huge bull sharks lumbering by.

There is a trick to luring sharks, I quickly learned when I was in Fiji last fall, and it is deviously simple. Dive boats chum up the waters with hundreds of pounds of discarded fish scraps, drawing a storm of life from miles around. Purists may call it cheating. Biologists fret over the potential impact on shark behavior, or on the delicate balance of life around the reefs. But there is no debating its efficacy.

Kneeling on the sea floor, almost 100 feet down, I counted 10 adult bull sharks circling directly overhead on one of my six shark dives, their skin taut over thick layers of muscle. Higher up, as many as two dozen speedy, smaller sharks — gray reefs, black tips and white tips, with their catlike eyes — darted by our stunned group, close enough that I felt a swoosh of water on my face from a passing tail. Had we not been clamping down so tightly on our regulators, our mouths would surely have been agape.

But if attracting the sharks is a relatively crude affair, handling them is nothing short of an art. With no cage to protect us, professional divers flanked the group, gripping aluminum prods in case the predators became overzealous. Then the feeder would reach into his bag of fish parts and wave the sharks in, one by one. Clad in chain mail under his wet suit, the feeder would dangle and sway the waiting flesh, enticing the powerful beasts, some of them about eight feet long and hundreds of pounds, to eat right from his outstretched hand.

The smaller sharks, graceful and lithe, needed little encouragement. With surprising discipline, they took turns approaching the feeder in an orderly single file, snatching the treats and quickly swooping away, their white bellies nearly grazing our heads as they scurried off.

Keenly aware of the ritual, they then circled around for the next spot in line. When a brazen newcomer from another reef broke ranks and rushed up from behind, one of the feeders, Manasa Bulivou, a Fijian man who goes by the nickname Papa, deftly grabbed the five-foot shark, spun it around and socked it in the gut with an uppercut — a lesson in manners, Papa later explained.

But the big bull sharks, despite their reputation as aggressive man-eaters, were strangely shy. An enormous and visibly pregnant one the divers called Big Mama seemed almost finicky as she warily sniffed at the flesh being offered her before turning up her nose entirely. Some of the bulls lurked in the

distance, no more than silhouettes in the blue. Others swam languidly toward us, as if playing a lazy game of chicken before nonchalantly turning away.

R. Dean Grubbs, a shark expert at [Florida State University](#), says this is probably the safest way to encounter bull sharks, in deep, clear water, where they are far less likely to mistake you for their normal prey, as they do with swimmers and surfers in the shallows or at the surface. Some sharks, including bulls, also have space issues, so the fact that they've come to you, not the other way around, means they're less likely to feel crowded and testy.

But George H. Burgess, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research, contends that once you start luring big sharks all bets are off, pointing to the death of a tourist on a shark dive in the [Bahamas](#) last year. Still, he acknowledges that statistics don't show that chum dives are any more dangerous than normal dives. In fact, the bigger concern for researchers like him and Dr. Grubbs is the impact on the sharks themselves.

Even Papa wonders if his beloved sharks have grown a little complacent under his care, though they still adhere to many of their natural habits, like migrating or disappearing up the rivers for weeks on end when it's time to breed. And because some shark-diving profits go to the villages themselves, no one fishes along the reef or drops anchor on it, granting it a welcome reprieve from overfishing.

Some of the local divers say the reef certainly looks a lot healthier than it did before the shark diving started here 10 years ago. Long before Christianity, Papa said, the people of his village considered sharks their spiritual guardians and looked to them for protection before going into the water. Now, Papa said, he is the protector, boasting that he and his crew are deputized to impound illegal fishing boats that wander in the area to pluck from the healthy fish stocks there. He even speaks of the sharks as his children.

"They know Papa's coming," he said, heading out to sea one morning, his nickname emblazoned across his T-shirt. "They're waiting for me."

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Many thanks to Sam Polentsky for sending this one to our attention.

## **MEDICAL DEVICE CORRECTION NOTICE**

On November 13, 2009 the Cardiac Science Co. Issued an "URGENT - MEDICAL DEVICE CORRECTION NOTICE" for the following models of its Automated External Defibrillators :

**Powerheart 9300A, 9300C, 9300D, 9300E, 9300P, 9390A, 9390E;  
CardioVive 92531, 92532, and 92533,**

These units were manufactured between August 2003 and August 2009. They have recorded more than one event of the unit failing to discharge when called upon. A software update to patch this should be ready in May of 2010.

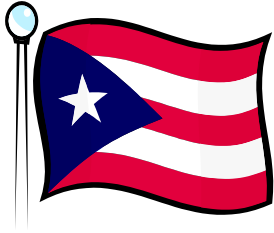
Their website [www.cardiacscience.com/AED175](http://www.cardiacscience.com/AED175) explains updated monthly and now daily maintenance procedures to be used until the new software is installed (The Rescue.Ready Lite must be checked at least once a day etc.)

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## **CLASSES OFFERED**

We are offering a CPR/AED and Emergency First Responder classes on Saturday, February 6. Classes will be held at the ITT Campus in Mt. Prospect - Contact Rich Schak or Mike Leibovitz to sign up.

Our next Open Water SCUBA class will begin Wednesday, February 10 at Wheeling High School offered on behalf of District 214 Community Education. Students should bring a swimsuit, towel, mask, snorkel, fins, and boots and be prepared to have some fun! Students 12-18 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This is real family fun! If you know of anyone interested in learning to dive please have them sign up with District 214 Community Education at: <http://hyperion.d214.org/ce/> (their Spring catalog), see page 46. Classes begin at 7:00 PM in Room 191.



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## WARM WATER TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

**April 24, 2010 to May 1, 2010**

Tired of the cold weather yet? Tired of your job pressures? Trying to forget how much money you just gave to the government? Then here is what you have been waiting anxiously to hear. Our next warm water trip will be to Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico is easy to get to with lots of great diving.

Come and join us for a week of relaxation, camaraderie and fun as we explore a new area of the Caribbean. Check out what we have to offer for this trip.

1. 7 night accommodations at the Copamarina Beach Resort and Spa (South Coast near Ponce).
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3. Deluxe garden or ocean view room.
4. Breakfast included.
5. Roundtrip transfers from the airport in San Juan (90 minute drive to the resort).
6. PADI 5 Star dive shop
7. All taxes are included in the price.

The cost for all of this is as follows based on double occupancy.

1. Deluxe garden view room with diving - \$1667.03
2. Deluxe garden view room non diver - \$1104.53
3. Deluxe ocean view room with diving - \$1758.38
4. Deluxe ocean view room non diver - \$1195.88



Airfare is additional. Based on current quotes from AA and UA the fares from Chicago range from approximately \$300.00 to \$410.00 per person. You can book your air online at the respective airline's websites. If you need any help with this, please contact me. When booking your air, be sure to get on the early morning flights so that we can get everyone on the same transfers to the resort.

To reserve your spot, I will need a \$150.00/person deposit. Your check will need to be made payable to Global Access, Inc. Final payment will also need to be paid by check to Global Access, Inc approximately 60 days before departure. Details will be sent to those who sign up for the trip. You can either give me your deposit at the next business meeting or mail it to Global Access, Inc., 309 E. Rand Road, #138, Arlington Heights, IL, 60004. I am currently holding 20 spots at the resort and 10 have already been spoken for – reserve your space quickly.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please give me a call or send me an email

I look forward to having you join us for this trip.

Randy Skiba

(847) 312-9208

[globacc@quixnet.net](mailto:globacc@quixnet.net)



The value of any freebies generated by the group will be shared on a proportional basis by all participants after the completion of the trip in the form of a rebate. This event is being run by Global Access, Inc., a profit based travel agency, Randy Skiba, Owner.



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## DIVE NEWS

**Don't Use The Cressi Ellipse Black MC5 Regulator:** Turns out you might have less air in your tank than you think. A recall issued by Cressi says, "Partial obstruction of the high-pressure port can produce an inaccurate reading on the pressure gauge, resulting in a slow descent of the BC needle in the pressure gauge. The inaccurate reading on the gauge poses a drowning hazard to divers." About 200 regulators have been recalled, in the wake of Cressi-Sub USA receiving three reports of inaccurate pressure readings. "Cressi MC5" and "Cressi Black" are printed on the faulty regulators. If you have one, return it to a Cressi-authorized dive shop for a free repair, or call 800-338-9243.

**And Stop Using Your Dive Rite Wings BCD:** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a recall of 16,000 Dive Rite Wings because the overpressure valve springs could rust and fail, allowing the BCD to leak and posing a drowning hazard. The affected models include the Travel, Venture, Rec, Trek, Classic, Nomad and Super Wings, and were sold in red, blue or black. Faulty springs were used on wings that have an opaque white or blue-tinted bladder and welded in flanges. Wings with a black bladder are not affected. Only the Dive Rite wings that have a serial number ranging from 42,000 through 72,000 and were sold from June 2006 to October 2008 are included in this recall. If you have one of them, return it to an authorized distributor or call Dive Rite at (800) 495-1046.



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# **GHOST SHIPS FESTIVAL 2010**

**March 5, 2010 Milwaukee, WI**

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



## **Odyssey Marine Exploration to Headline March 5, 2010 8:00 to 9:30 PM**

Odyssey Marine Exploration's historic discoveries have captured the world's attention. Odyssey searches the oceans of the world for treasures and artifacts once thought lost forever, and takes great pride in its responsibility to share with the public the material culture and valuable knowledge recovered from its deep-sea expeditions.

As the Curator of Collections for Odyssey Marine Exploration, Ellen Gerth has had the exceptional opportunity to research and document the vast assemblage of artifacts recovered from Odyssey's global deep-ocean archaeological excavations, beginning with its 2003 momentous find, the wreck of the Civil War-era SS Republic. Ms. Gerth looks forward to sharing some of the company's fascinating shipwreck discoveries, while presenting an overview of the pioneering technology and methodology employed by Odyssey during its deep-sea survey and excavation projects. Her presentation will include a unique display of historical shipwreck artifacts selected from Odyssey's permanent collection.

For more information and tickets visit their website: [www.ghost-ships.org](http://www.ghost-ships.org)

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## **GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY SATURDAY DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

This event booked up at the October meeting, thanks to the sales pitch by Judi Stephens. Twelve Tritons and friends gathered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on the South Side. We were all eager to learn our assignment for the day. There was great conjecture, what would it be - assembly line packing emergency boxes for the city, repacking pasta, personal care items – we went over the list of possibilities. We were chosen to repack cereal, corn flakes to be exact, we would be working along side one of the other volunteer groups to form a large repacking operation.

For those of you that have never been to the GCFD it is an experience. We were stationed in a clean room, plastic aprons, face masks, hair nets and rubber gloves – a very attractive look. The cereal comes in large totes of 290 lbs. each - that is a lot of corn flakes! There are two folks that shovel (yes I do mean shovel) the cereal into smaller trays and these are then taken over to a table where it is then scooped into individual plastic bags. These are then handed off to a set of tables behind this station where the bags are weighed and then sealed. In turn these go to yet another set of tables and the bags are placed in cartons which are sealed, labeled and placed onto a pallet.

We managed to repack 8 totes or 2,320 lbs. of corn flakes, well over a ton! The staff at GCFD were very happy, the group that had been there in the AM which was larger than ours only did 6 totes. Everyone worked very hard, we had a system and stuck to it.

After all that physical activity we then adjourned to the New Warsaw Restaurant for some hearty Polish fare. We feasted on Pickle Soup (quite good), pierogi, dumplings, potato pancakes, and more – no one left hungry.

Many thanks to Judi Stephens for taking this one over for me. We will do it again, plan on joining us.

Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 [jim.hynan@occ.treas.gov](mailto:jim.hynan@occ.treas.gov)

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**DAN NEWS**

**DAN 24-Hour Diving Emergency Hotline Gets NEW PHONE NUMBER**

Effective immediately, the phone number for the DAN 24-Hour Diving Emergency Hotline has changed. The **DAN Emergency Hotline (919-684-9111)** is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. It can be reached by collect call or from outside the U.S. The new number replaces the need to decide whether to call DAN, TravelAssist to facilitate emergency evacuation, or a medical facility. Simply call DAN at the new hotline number, and all emergency assistance will be triaged and facilitated from there. DAN's previous hotline numbers will remain in effect for a transitional grace period. However, all divers are encouraged to update their emergency contact information and emergency assistance plans as soon as possible. As always, in the case of an immediate life-threatening emergency, contact 911 (or the equivalent emergency response system), and call DAN.



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