



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Tritons,

The end of another year but there is always a new one to look forward - new opportunities and experiences await. Check out the Events Calendar on the next page to see what might be of interest and make your plans. Contact a member of the Events Committee with any questions.

Coming in next month's Trib will be the ballots for Events of the Year and Triton of the Year. Give some thought to the past year, talk to other members, they may have an idea or three.

We are enjoying our new home - North Branch, 4520 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025. If you haven't yet made it to a meeting come and check it out. We have a room all to ourselves and North Branch has great food!

Remember no meeting in December, see you in January.

Brian Clarke  
President

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

December, 2025

Currently we have 46 members and 0 associates.

Anyone 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 January 27, 2026, 7:30 pm

**There will not be a December meeting.** Our January 27, 2026 meeting will be held in person and over ZOOM. We will be **meeting at North Branch, 4520 W. Lake, Glenview, IL 60025.** This is located at the just east of the corner of Euclid/Lake and Milwaukee. Come on out early and join us for dinner.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Brian Clarke  
Vice-President – Scott Reimer  
Secretary – Rose Cammarata  
Treasurer – Jim Hynan  
First Director - Dennis Stephens  
Second Director – Steve Leibovitz

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit – Diana Skiba  
By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak  
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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To join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88063880581?pwd=Z1Z6Ni82WVRhaytzUUFKWjFKSjRoZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 6388 0581 Password: 999424

One tap mobile +13126266799,,88063880581#,,,0#,,999424# US (Chicago)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88063880581?pwd=Z1Z6Ni82WVRhaytzUUFKWjFKSjRoZz09>

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# 2026 TRITON EVENTS CALENDAR

## JANUARY, 2026

Tue, 1/13	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sat, 1/24 *	Pizza Get Together	Ron Levin 630-202-6252 snappyron@sbsglobal.net
Tue, 1/27	Business Meeting	North Branch, 4520 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025

## FEBRUARY, 2026

Tue, 1/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sun, 2/15	Lunar New Year Dinner	<b>NEEDS TIC</b>
Tue, 2/24	Business Meeting	North Branch, 4520 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025

## MARCH, 2026

Sat & Sun 3/6 & 7	Ghost Ships Festival	Manitowoc, WI
Tue, 3/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sat, 3/21	Wine Tasting	<b>NEEDS TIC</b>
Tue, 3/24	Business Meeting	North Branch, 4520 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025

## APRIL, 2026

Sat, 4/11	Anniversary Party	Board of Directors
Tue, 4/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Wed-Wed, 4/22-29	St. Croix, US Virgin Islands	Randy Skiba <a href="mailto:rskiba13@comcast.net">rskiba13@comcast.net</a>
Tue 4/28	Business Meeting	North Branch, 4520 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025

## MAY, 2026

Sun 5/3	Cheney Mansion Tour Oak Park, IL	<b>NEEDS TIC</b>
Tue 5/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sun 5/24	Bike Ride Walk & Eat	Milt & Margey Levenberg
Tue 5/26	Business Meeting	North Branch, 4520 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025

## JUNE, 2026

Tue 6/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sat 6/13	Season Opener	<b>NEEDS TIC</b>
Tue 6/23	Business Meeting	North Branch, 4520 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025
Sun 6/28	Charter Dive	<b>NEEDS TIC</b>

## JULY, 2026

Sun 7/12	Johnson Wax Building Tour, Racine, WI	<b>NEEDS TIC</b>
Tue 7/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Sat 7/25	Charter Dive	<b>NEEDS TIC</b>
Tue 7/28	Business Meeting	North Branch, 4520 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025

\*Denotes Date Change

**TICs needed to run events in 2026. Please contact the Events Committee**

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

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## **HOLIDAY PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Twenty-three Tritons gathered at Moretti's Restaurant in Mount Prospect for our annual Holiday Party. We were in the porch area (it is inside). It was a festive atmosphere, thanks to Scott for tracking down the outlet to plug in one of the trees. The table next to the tree was piled high with the Toys for Tots that had been donated. I did drop them off on Monday, December 8 at one of the official collection points.

For dinner there was a buffet featuring: Bruschetta, Toasted Raviolis, Garden Salad with House Vinaigrette, Rosemary Lemon Chicken, Italian Roast Beef w/au jus and Italian bread, Penne Pasta w/Marina, Chef's Fresh Vegetable Medley, and for dessert Vanilla Ice Cream and Mini Cannolis.



Joan Chibe serving cannolis.

TIC: Pam Romund

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Reprinted from Ocean Conservancy SPLASH Newsletter, Winter 2025, [oceanconservancy.org](http://oceanconservancy.org)

### **GLOBAL TOP TEN ITEMS COLLECTED**

For more than 40 years each September Ocean Conservancy engages volunteers and organizations to remove trash from local waterways through the International Coastal Clean-Up. In 2024, ICC volunteers around the world collected a whopping 17.8 million items. The top ten collected items are:

1. Food wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) 1,442,860
2. Beverage bottles (plastic) 1,284,225
3. Cigarette butts 1,227,124
4. Bottle caps (plastic) 979,400
5. Food containers (plastic) 532,998
6. Other Bags (plastic) 480,371
7. Grocery bags (plastic) 468,394
8. Cups, plates (paper) 444,485
9. Cups, plates (plastic) 436,397
10. Food Containers (foam) 404,636

Other global highlights:

Volunteers – 486,706  
Pounds – 7,467,721  
Kilograms – 3,387,301  
Miles – 15,304.3  
Kilometers – 24,629.8

Besides the USA, Canada and Mexico teams collected items in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mozambique, Panama and many other countries.

**LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION  
THE YEAR OF THE HORSE  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026  
6:00 PM  
WONTON GOURMET  
1405 ELMHURST RD  
DES PLAINES**

Let's make this the second New Year's celebration of 2026. We have been to this restaurant before for the same occasion, the atmosphere and the food are quite good. We would like to see a good number of Tritons and their guests at another vintage Triton Food event (I never miss one). It is nearby, on the east side of Elmhurst Rd/Rt 83. North of Oakton and south of Algonquin. Pay the restaurant directly that nite.

Sign up early and often

Jim Hynan  
312 – 402 – 1506  
Jhynan74@gmail.com

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**TRITON JANUARY PIZZA PARTY**

The annual Triton "Kick of the New Year" Pizza Party will once again be held at the Lou Malnati's in Schaumburg. They have been very good about giving us a private area.

This year, once again we will meet at Lou Malnati's in Schaumburg. I have an area reserved for us, same as last year. It is always great to get together to kick off the new year with lots of good food, drinks and great Triton fellowship!

I need to get a head count so please respond to my email and let me know if you are attending and how many. Family are always welcome.



Our reservation is for 6:30 PM Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Lou Malnati's  
1 S. Roselle RD.  
Schaumburg, IL 60193  
847/985-1525

[The Best Pizza Restaurant in Schaumburg, IL | Lou Malnati's](#)

Let's have a big turnout and make it bigger and better than last year

TIC: Ron Leviin  
Cell: 630-202-6252  
Email: [snappyron@sbcglobal.net](mailto:snappyron@sbcglobal.net)

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## **ST. CROIX IS CALLING YOU!**

Here is the opportunity of your diving lifetime. OK, maybe that's a bit dramatic but you know you haven't been there or at least not recently and could use a good dive vacation next year. If this is you, then here is what you need to know about our next club trip.

**Where:** St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

**When:** April 22-29, 2026

**Resort:** Cottages by the Sea

**Dive Operator:** Cane Bay Diver Shop

**What's Included:** 5 days of 2 tank boat dives

1 night dive off the Frederiksted cruise pier

Unlimited shore diving

7 nights at The Cottages by the Sea, Frederiksted, St. Croix

As Cottages by the Sea prices each room category they have available at different rates, the cost of the diver package and non-diver package varies. As of now I have only 2 rooms still available in the group I have reserved. Here are the choices.

- Chocolate with a diver price of \$1945.00 and non-diver price of \$1115.00.
- Cockle Shell with a diver price of \$1945.00 and non-dive price of \$1115.00.

Chocolate has 1 king bed and a kitchen area plus an ocean view.

Cockle Shell has a queen bed, a twin bed and a full kitchen with a property view.

You can review the resort and room categories at <https://caribbeancottages.com/>. If there is a different room you are interested in, I can check for availability and pricing. Also, if you are interested in a single, please contact me to discuss pricing.

Should you have any questions or like further information, please email me at [rskiba13@comcast.net](mailto:rskiba13@comcast.net).

Hope to see you in St. Croix.

Randy Skiba

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The following review is excerpted from the Wall Street Journal, Books Section, October 4-5, 2025. Review is by John J. Miller, Director of the Dow Journalism Program at Hillside College.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **"THE GALES OF NOVEMBER"**

#### **AUTHOR JOHN U. BACON**

"We will never know the whole story of the Edmund Fitzgerald's final day," writes John U. Bacon in "The Gales of November". His book takes its title from the Gordon Lightfoot's "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," the 1976 folk-rock song that romanticized and immortalized the disaster. The story has been told and retold but never as it been told better than by Mr. Bacon in this colorful and compelling book.

Mr. Bacon is an accomplished sportswriter who has written extensively about the Michigan Wolverines. This is his second book on a maritime calamity, following "The Great Halifax Explosion" (2017), about a deadly incident during World War I. In "The Gales of November," he blends the talents of a narrative historian with the skills of a journalist, in an account that covers the economics of the Great Lakes, the evolution of mining technology and the mechanics of canal locks. It also touches on poignant personal details about the crewmen of the Edmund Fitzgerald and their families.

**Editor' Note:** Put this on your Holiday reading list! And I also recommend "The Great Halifax Explosion". I am looking forward to seeing what subject he tackles next.

# A BIG *Triton*

## THANK YOU!

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

<b>BELOW H2O</b> 554 S. Route 59 Naperville, IL 60540 630-820-2531	<b>DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER</b> 9301 W. Ogden Ave. Brookfield, IL 60513 708-442-43883
<b>DIVE RIGHT IN SCUBA</b> 24222 W. Lockport St. Plainfield, IL 60544 815-617-8400	<b>DIVE RIGHT IN SCUBA</b> 16336 S. 104th Avenue Orland Park, IL 60467 708-226-1614785
<b>ELMER'S WATER SPORTS</b> 1310 Oakton St. Evanston, IL 60202 847-475-7946	<b>HAIGH QUARRY</b> 2738 E 2000 North Road Kankakee, IL 60901 815-939-7797
<b>JERRY'S SILO MARINAS</b> 1103 West Oklahoma Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53215 414-588-9612	<b>PEARL LAKE RESORT</b> Highway 251 South Beloit, IL 61080 <b>815-389-1479</b>
<b>SCUBA SENSATIONS</b> 2475 W. Pratt Blvd Chicago, IL 60645 312-404-7785	<b>SCUBA U</b> 7113 W. 79 <sup>th</sup> St. Burbank, IL 60459 708-599-2630
<b>UNDERWATER SAFARIS</b> 2950 N. Lincoln Ave. Chicago, IL 60657 773-348-3999	<b>UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER</b> 611 N. Addison Avenue Villa Park, IL 60181 630-833-8383

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## MR ZELLE HAS JOINED THE TRITONS

Yes, you can now use the Zelle feature attached to your personal checking account to pay Triton dues or make payments for any events (assuming your bank is in the Zelle network, most are). It is fairly simple to activate in your account, if you do online banking. Go to the "transfer funds" option and follow the prompts to activate Zelle. Simply send payment to the e-mail address that is listed in your dues notice and your friendly Treasurer will pick it up. We choose not to publish that address here, as hackers are everywhere. If you would like to get that e-mail address outside of your dues billing, simply call or e-mail Jim Hynan.

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December, 2025

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*There is no meeting in December.*

*Our next meeting will be held Tuesday,*

*January 27, 2026 at 7:30 PM*

***IS IN PERSON!!***

***North Branch***

***4520 W. Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025***

***Located just east of the corner of Milwaukee Ave. and  
Euclid/Lake on the north side of the street.***