



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons!

We're into the home stretch of the diving season so check out our events calendar to see if you can sneak in one or two more dives this year. I, along with several other members, will be doing just that as we head off to the Sea of Cortez for a week of diving on our annual warm water trek. I hope you too will be able to get in a final nitrogen fix before you pack away the gear for the season.

As we approach the end of the year, there are still many great events on tap. One in particular is not only a club event but a way for us to give something back to our communities. I am, of course, referring to the Greater Chicago Food Depository outing on November 10th. Jim Hynan has been running this for the past several years and is looking for 15 volunteers to package, sort and help out in general at the depository. So, if you have the time, I'm sure he would be happy to have you join them for this event. Give Jim a call or send him an email. I know this one usually fills up very quickly.

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I will not be at the next business meeting as I have some extended travel plans this month, but I know the other Directors are looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting. And, I will look forward to being with all of you at the October meeting.

Good diving to all,
Randy

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT September, 2012

Our current membership is:

69 full members TOTAL 69 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

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UPDATE YOUR ROSTER

New Phones for Bruce and Sue Longman:

Effective 18 September 2012 our land line – **239-542-3641 – will be cancelled. Please use our cells to contact us:**

Sue – 239-565-2898

Bruce – 239-989-7878

email address remains the same – shpwrk2@embarqmail.com

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JELLIES AT THE SHEDD

Want to spend a mesmerizing afternoon, get to the Shedd to see the Jellies exhibit. Just avoid any day the Bears are playing or any special event at Soldier Field. Sea jellies have thrived in the oceans for 500 million years, and they've done it without blood, bones, or brains. Jellies range in size from mere drops that could float in a contact lens to 100-foot behemoths. Enter their mysterious world to learn more.

TRITON 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

September, 2012		
Sat/Sat 9/15-22	Sea of Cortez Warm Water Trip/Liveaboard	Randy Skiba (r_skiba@comcast.net)
Tuesday, 9/25	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
October, 2012		
Saturday, 10/6	Underwater Pumpkin Carving – Haigh Quarry	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Sunday, 10/7	Lake Geneva Dive	Jim Hynan, (jhynan74@gmail.com)
Tuesday, 10/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
*Sunday, 10/21	*East Troy Electric RR	Jim Hynan, (jhynan74@gmail.com)
Tuesday, 10/23	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 10/27	*ICSSD Presidents' Nite Moretti's, Mt. Prospect	Contact Scott Reimer for Tickets streimer1@comcast.net
November, 2012		
Sunday, 11/4	Holocaust Musuem Skokie, IL	Harriette (847-833-8693; hjyl01@yahoo.com) & Steve (847-833-5379; kb9caw@yahoo.com) Leibovitz
Saturday, 11/10	Greater Chicago Food Depository	Jim Hynan, (jhynan74@gmail.com)
Tuesday, 11/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 11/17	Bowling Party	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 11/27	Business Meeting Photo /Video Presentation	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
December, 2012		
Saturday, 12/1	Holiday Party	Board of Directors
Sunday, 12/9	Zoo Lights, Brookfield Zoo	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 12/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com

*Date or Event change

Contact Pam Romund to sign up for an event 847-698-5490 or promund@kraftfoods.com

Just one more, looking for a TIC for the Bowling Party in November. This will complete the 2012 Calendar. Not done it before? Not a problem, we can walk you through the process. We can help you, it will be fun!!

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2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

Included with this months newsletter is the draft of the 2013 Events Calendar. We have some returning events and some brand new ones. Did we miss something you would have liked to have seen on the calendar? Let us know, we will be happy to make adjustments. This will be voted upon at the September meeting.

Thanks to everyone who submitted ideas for the calendar. Special thanks to those who volunteered to spend the evening and hammer out the details:

Chris Demski, Adolph Habich, Lea Hotton, Steve and Harriette Leibovitz, Dave O'Malley, Scott Reimer

Pam Romund, Events Committee Chair

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UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012

HAIGH QUARRY, KANKAKEE, *IL 10:30 AM START



Quarry entrance fee is \$20.00 per Diver, \$10.00 for Non-Divers
(Please - No pets or non-diving children under the age of 12)

The Triton Scuba Club along with the Illinois Council of Skin & Scuba Divers invite you to join them for a fun filled day of Diving, Picnicking, and Underwater Pumpkin Carving.

Come enjoy a relaxing day at Haigh Quarry, *"The Caribbean of the Midwest."*

Let your imagination run wild - Try your hand at Underwater Pumpkin Carving!

Prizes will be awarded based on the number of votes received from attendees (Divers and Non-Divers may vote). After carving your pumpkin, simply place on the judging table. Judging will take place at 1:45 P.M.

Pumpkins will be provided courtesy of Haigh Quarry (or bring your own.) If you are going to picnic, bring a dish to share and your non-alcoholic beverage of choice, we will have plenty of water on hand. You will need to bring a complete set of dive equipment (rentals are available. Contact Haigh for reservations.) Also be sure to bring your certification card. www.haighquarry.com

RULES

- 1) **PUMPKIN MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER.** Bring a spoon to scoop out the inside, and newspaper to set the pumpkin on while cleaning. You might want to bring a container or baggie to place your seeds in, so that you may take them home and bake them, or feed them to your backyard wildlife.
- 2) **ALL CARVING MUST BE DONE UNDERWATER.** Except for opening the top and cleaning out the inside.
- 3) **DIVERS MUST REMAIN IN BUDDY TEAMS.** Only one prize per pumpkin. Each member of the buddy team may want to carve his/her own.
- 4) **NO TIME LIMIT.** However carving must be completed during one dive.
- 5) **DESIGNS MAY BE DRAWN ON PUMPKIN PRIOR TO THE DIVE.** Bring a Sharpie
- 6) **PROPS OR ATTACHMENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE, BUT MUST BE ADDED UNDERWATER.**
- 7) **INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BUDDY TEAMS PUMPKIN(S), WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
- 8) **WEIGHTS MAY BE PLACED IN THE PUMPKIN TO HOLD IT DOWN.**
- 9) **DIVE KNIFE OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF CARVING TOOLS MAY BE USED.** Bring whatever you need.
- 10) **IF YOU PLAN TO ENTER THE CONTEST, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PUMPKIN(S) ON THE JUDGING TABLE BY NO LATER THAN 1:30 P.M.**

FINAL NOTE: You must take your pumpkin(s) home with you! These are the rules . . . If you want to change them, we invite you to host the event next year. Then you can make up your own rules, and the rest of us will be happy to follow them! After the event, photos of all entries will be posted on the ICSSD website. **Organizer – Triton Scuba Club and ICSSD.**

If you plan to attend, please contact Pam Romund via e-mail and she will be happy to add your name to the list, we need to know how many will attend so we have enough food and water on hand. Contact: promund@kraftfoods.com



SUNDAY OCTOBER 21
RIDE THE OLD RAIL CARS IN EAST TROY WI
A NEW FALL EVENT!

I thought a new and fun fall event might be in order. Let's visit the East Troy Electric Railroad and take their short (about 10 miles) trip through the fall foliage to Mukwonago WI for lunch and shopping, and then come on back to East Troy. Both these towns are vintage small town Wisconsin, and the business has resurrected some old electric rail cars for us tourists to have some fun. I have memories of the old South Shore Railroad, we might be on one of their cars.



Price (for the train alone) is \$12.50, \$10 for seniors 65+ (do we have any?), and \$8 for kids under 11. East Troy is about 15 miles due north of the town of Lake Geneva, can easily get there in 2 hours for most of us. It is home to Alpine Valley.

We will have a Noon train shove-off, and return from Mukwonago on the 3 PM or 4 PM (last one back). And perhaps have diner in East Troy. Six signups so far, with room for more. Their website is: www.easttroyrr.com

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GREATER CHICAGO GOOD DEPOSITORY
SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10



I have reserved 15 spots at the Food Depository for the 9 AM shift on November 10th. Come help pack non-perishable food for later distribution to homeless shelters and other places that serve the needy. Come and join us at this fun and rewarding event, especially if you have not been down there before with us. It is on the near SW side of the City, just off Pulaski and south of the Stevenson Expressway.

More detail to come at future meetings, this one usually books up quickly so sign up when you can. Note that this was the only slot in November I could find that does not conflict with other Triton events.

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**** LAKE GENEVA DIVE****
SUNDAY OCTOBER 7
\$35, DINNER INCLUDED

The local season finale is getting closer. This is a fun and easy way to close out the local dive season, especially for our newer divers. There isn't a easier charter dive to make. We will meet in Williams Bay on the north shore of Lake Geneva for a 10 AM shove-off and make a 2 tank dive aboard Ralph Ripple's "Divers Delight", a very good charter service. Tank rentals are a mere \$7, with weights free (unless you lose 'em!). We exit the water about 1 PM and adjourn to the house for a stressful afternoon of eating pasta, watching football, and walking down the lake. As always, first paid, first reserved.



\$35 for Tritons and \$45 for guests. Tank rentals \$7.

Sign up early and often, this is a fun event and easy divin'. 6 signed up so far.

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 1831 Mission Hills Rd., # 203 Northbrook IL 60062-5745

We received this note from Jonathan Lavan. He presented to the Club last fall on the Sea ofCortez.

EXHIBITION

Hello Everybody!

I am curating a photography show featuring my work and the other fine photographers and craftsmen listed below. I hope you will attend one of the receptions if you can and please spread the word by email, FB, twitter, linkedin, etc. However you can let people know we really would appreciate your support. I have also attached a copy of the press release. If you have any connections in the press please feel free to pass it on to them. I'll be baking some of my fabulous goodies for the receptions so don't miss it! If you live in the Chicago area or plan on being in town I hope to see you there...

August House Studio

2113 W. Roscoe Chicago IL 60618
773.327.5644

Au Natural; Images of Nature and the Natural World
Photography Show opens **Friday September 28th** Artist's Reception 6-9pm.
Closing Reception, Friday November 2nd, 6-9pm.
Regular gallery hours: Wed.–Sun. 12-5pm.

Jonathan Lavan
Mel Theobald

Karin Bornmann
Terry Bowker

Keith Pamper
Jim Couston

Greg Regnier
Stacy Wozniak

Curated by Jonathan Lavan

For information contact: Marya Veeck 773.327.5644 www.augusthousestudio.com

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Article from the KeyNoter, Posted 9/5/12, KeyLargo, article by **KEVIN WADLOW**

PYTHON 'WAS READY TO FIGHT'



A python found on Key Largo late Friday did not go quietly. At about 11 feet long, the python apparently is the largest invasive-exotic snake yet captured in the Florida Keys.

"The officers who captured it said this one was very nasty," said Officer Robert Dube, spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. That's why the wildlife agency noted the python "is not believed to be someone's escaped pet."

"Usually snakes that have been kept in cages and handled regularly are more docile," Dube explained. "This one was ready to fight."

Deputy Bryan Cross of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office was on patrol around 11 p.m. Friday when he spotted the python near mile 105. The snake slithered into a heavily wooded lot, but the deputy followed it while calling for wildlife officers.

FWC Officers Jason Rafter, Kip Hoover and Shelton Bartlet came to corral and capture the potentially dangerous reptile.

Several pythons have been captured in the Keys but numbers are not recorded. "We've probably been averaging about one a year for several years now," Dube said.

For several years, it was believed that the pythons found in the Keys probably were released or escaped pets.

However, research conducted in 2011 by U.S. Geological Survey staff demonstrated that pythons apparently have the ability to survive in salt water - meaning the reptiles may be able to swim across Florida Bay from the Everglades.

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FWC: IN MOST INSTANCES, NO LICENSE NEEDED TO NAB LIONFISH

Take the lionfish, no fishing license required. Take all you can. Lionfish are such a problem in South Florida that you now don't need a fishing license to catch them, except if by rod and reel.

That was the word delivered Monday by state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials, unveiling a new executive order to help combat the Florida invasion of the nonnative species that can ravage coral reefs. "This is a good first step," said Reef Environmental Education Foundation operations director Lad Akins. "It allows more people to remove lionfish from our waters without worrying about license restrictions."

The changes are in effect through August 2013. While the order does loosen restrictions on taking lionfish, it's not a declaration of an all-out open season.

Under the provision signed by FWC Executive Director Nick Wiley:

- No state fishing license is required to net a lionfish in state waters.
- Lionfish can be speared in state waters without a license, but only where spearfishing is legal (state waters of the Upper Keys have been closed to spearfishing for decades).
- The exemption does not apply to hook-and-line fishermen, only divers or snorkelers who specifically target lionfish. Anglers are encouraged to harvest lionfish, but need a fishing license.
- There is no limit on the number of lionfish that can be harvested by anyone.

"Lionfish are a nonnative invasive species that threatens Florida's saltwater fish and wildlife," says an FWC report. "They prey on native fish and wildlife and can reduce native populations. Lionfish also compete for food with native predatory fish such as grouper and snapper."

Lionfish, a spiny and venomous species native to the Pacific Ocean, eat anything they can fit in their mouths. They breed throughout the year and have no known natural predators in the Atlantic.

"In areas where divers are removing lionfish on a regular basis, since lionfish were first spotted in Keys waters more than three years ago, the story is pretty good," Akins said. "Divers are keeping the numbers down."

The problem is that lionfish can thrive anywhere from murky shallows to deep water far beyond the range of divers. "Those lionfish populations are still increasing," Akins said. "In the Bahamas, we definitely can see a decline in the native fish populations as a result."

For more information on the current lionfish rules, go to www.myfwc.com. A one-day lionfish derby in Key Largo will be held Sept. 8, with prizes for top collectors. go to www.reef.org for specifics.

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KANE COUNTY COUGARS GAME

Perfect setting, perfect night and we won!! What more could you ask for. . .? Nine Tritons and friends had a great time at the old ball park located in Geneva, IL. The day had cooled off and we enjoyed being out; first in the sunshine and then under the stars. The game was played and there were a lot of entertainment breaks to entertain the kids (and adults). We had great seats, third row from the field and the pitchers were warming up right in front us.

Food was very good and not all that expensive, compared to Cubs or Sox game. After the game there was a great fireworks show and most stayed put to watch. After the fireworks show the kids lined up in the outfield to walk the field – there were hundreds waiting for their chance!!

Big thanks to Paul who took over TIC duties from Adolph who was nursing his broken foot. A fun time was had by all and we all agreed we would do it again in an instant.

Your roving reporter, Pam Romund

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Join the Tritons in visiting the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center Sunday, November 4, 2012 11:00 am

Remember the Past, *Transform the Future*

The Museum is located at 9603 Woods Dr., Skokie, IL 60077, just off the Edens Expressway and Old Orchard Road. Docent-led public tours of the [Karkomi Permanent Exhibition](#), approximately 1.5 to 2 hours, begin at 11:30 and 1:30. The Museum recommends selfguided tours if we want to set our own pace. There are additional exhibits and artifacts to view, as well.

We would like to make reservations for lunch at The Bagel in the Old Orchard Shopping Center, so please let us know if you will be joining us.

Prices:

General Admission*: \$12.00

Seniors (65+): \$8.00

Students (12-22): \$8.00

Museum members: free

(The Tritons will purchase tickets in advance.)

For more information, please visit the Museum's website:
<http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/>

TIC's: Harriette (847-833-8693; hjvl01@yahoo.com)

& Steve (847-833-5379; kb9caw@yahoo.com) Leibovitz



DRIVING - FROM THE NORTH via I-94:

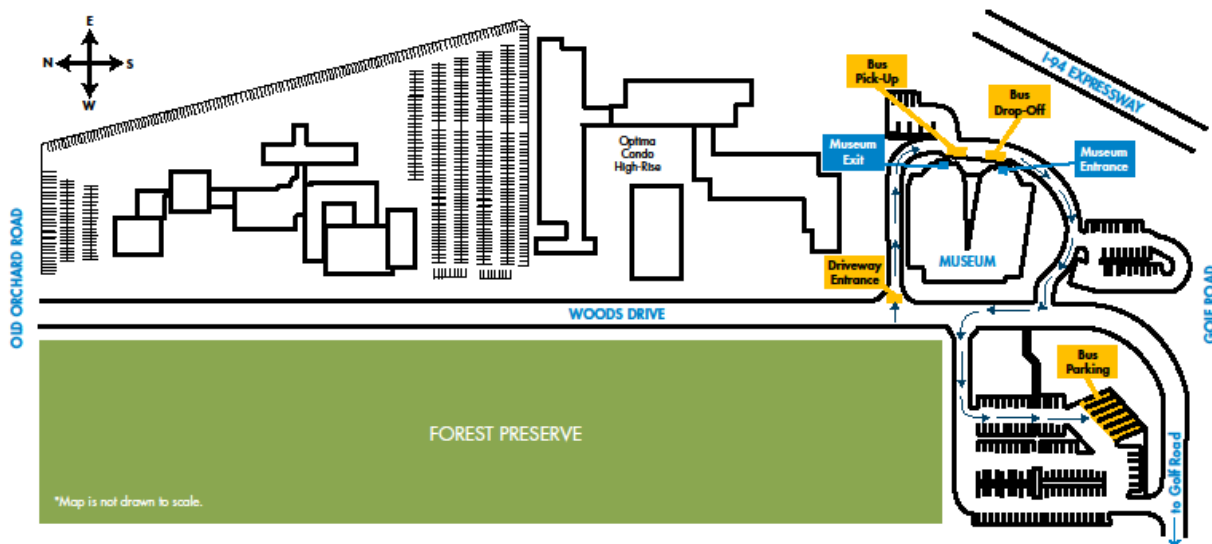
- Take the Edens Expressway (I-94) east to the Old Orchard exit.
- From the exit ramp, turn right onto Old Orchard Road.
- Turn left onto Woods Drive, about 1/4 mile down.
- The Museum will be on your left. Free parking is available around the Museum.

DRIVING - FROM THE SOUTH via I-94:

- Take the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) west.
- Merge onto the Edens Expressway (I-94) going west to the Old Orchard exit.
- From the exit ramp, turn left onto Old Orchard Road.
- Turn left onto Woods Drive, about 1/4 mile down.
- The Museum will be on your left.

DRIVING - FROM THE SOUTH via I-294:

- Take the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) north to the Dempster St. east (US-14) exit.
- From the exit ramp, turn right onto Dempster Street (US-14). Drive east about 3.5 miles.
- Turn left onto Waukegan Road. Drive north about 1 mile.
- Turn right onto Golf Road. Drive east about 2 miles.
- Turn left onto Woods Drive.



ICSSD PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

Saturday, October 27th

The annual **Illinois Council of Skin and SCUBA Diving Presidents, Night**, will be held on **Saturday, October 27th at Moretti's Restaurant**, 1799 Busse Road, Mt. Prospect, IL. The restaurant is situated on Busse Road, south of Algonquin Road. Cocktails begin at 6:30 pm and Dinner 7:30 pm.

This is our Annual dinner dance and awards will be presented to the Club, Diver and Humanitarian of the Year. There is a fantastic raffle throughout the evening featuring trips, charters, gear & more! This is always a fun evening and a great way to get to know other divers and perhaps win a prize or two. The evening features the very best raffle around, you won't be disappointed.



We are pleased to announce two of the fantastic prizes for our annual Presidents' Night festivities. The Divi Flamingo has donated a 4 night stay with 3 days unlimited use of tanks for shore diving in beautiful Bonaire (www.diviflamingo.com). And Blackbeard Cruises has donated a week's all inclusive live-aboard adventure on one of their sailing ships cruising from Fort Lauderdale to the out islands of the Bahamas. This includes all meals, snack, beer, wine and rum punch and up to 20 great dives during the week (<http://www.blackbeard-cruises.com/>).

Presidents' Night will be held on **Saturday, October 27** at Morretti's Restaurant in Mount Prospect. This is always a great, fun evening. Fantastic raffle throughout the night featuring trips, charters, gear & more! Mark the date on your calendars!

Contact Scott Reimer for tickets, cost is \$30 per person.

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Remember to bring your unwrapped **Toys for Tots to the Presidents' Night dinner Saturday, October 27th**. They cannot accept stuffed animals, toy guns or knives. Sports equipments and board games are need for the tweens and teenagers. If you are giving a gift that uses batteries please supply plenty along with the gift. These children are from underprivileged homes and money for batteries is not easy to come by.

The mission of U.S. Marines Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as holiday gifts to needy children in the community. The primary objective is to deliver a message of hope to needy youngsters and to unite all members of local communities in a common cause; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

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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.

BELOW H20

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

CHICAGOLAND SCUBA

732 S. Rand Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047
847-540-7211

DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER

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

1103 West Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-482-1430

SCUBA SYSTEMS

3919 Oakton
Skokie, IL 60076
847-674-0222

BERRY DIVE CENTER

3402 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

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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ZOO LIGHTS

Saturday, December 9

Start a new family tradition at Chicagoland's largest light festival featuring over one million twinkling lights, animated light displays and a laser light show!

Many of the indoor exhibits will be open for viewing favorite animals, including our newest, Great Bear Wilderness. In addition, the zoo restaurants and food stands will be open with full menus and holiday treats, and gift shops will have hundreds of unique items for those hard-to-shop-for loved ones.

More details and schedules will be posted closer to the event date. The Brookfield Zoo is zoo located in Brookfield, Illinois. The zoo covers an area of 216 acres and houses around 450 species of animals.

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See you September 25, 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