



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Tritons;

Welcome to the first 2015 edition of the Triton Trib. I must say our editor Pam is much more reliable in publishing than I am in column writing. But she keeps me on my toes.

Next week is the first meeting of the year, and there is business to conduct. We will have a report from our illustrious nominating committee and the chairman made good on his promise of not running for any office.

We will continue to take signups for the EFR, Primary and Secondary First Responder class to be held January 31. We already have enough to guarantee the class will be held.

Is there any other class you would like to hold? Do you want a Dive Emergency Management Provider Class maybe? This is the time of the year to do these classroom type classes so we won't lose any diving time when the snow melts.

Next month is Our World Underwater starting February 27. Volunteers will receive access to the exhibit floor on the day they attend. Let Chuck or Margo know if you are interested. Also ICSSD needs some

Volunteers for their booth. Both positions are very satisfying.

Also please talk up the Open Water Diver Class which will start in March. They are always fun.

Remember the Triton Instructors are all Volunteers do it for the personal satisfaction and are not paid except in smiles and thank-you's.

Enough from me, time to read the really interesting stuff inside the Trib!

See you soon - Mike Leibovitz

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January, 2015

Our current membership stands at:

67 full members

1 Associate

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

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee.

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WANTED TICS

Many thanks to all who have volunteered to run an event but we are still looking for a few TICs (Triton in Charge) to help run an event. It isn't difficult, talk to someone who has run one and get their opinion.

We need someone to run:

May 16 Fisher House Cooking for Vets

Contact Pam Romund promund@kraftfoods.com ,thanks!

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TRITON EVENTS CALENDAR

January, 2015

Saturday, 1/24	Pizza Get Together Gino's East, Chicago	Angi McKeon (ammckeon@sbcglobal.net)
Tuesday, 1/27	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

February, 2015

Tuesday, 2/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 2/21	Wolves Hockey	Adolph Habich (ahabich@aol.com)
Tuesday, 2/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
F-S 2/27 - 3/1	Our World Underwater Consumer Dive Show	Stephens Convention Center – Rosemont Tickets: www.ourworldunderwater.com
Saturday, 2/28	OWU Dinner – TBD	Margo Miller margomiller@sprynet.com

March, 2015

Saturday, 3/7	PED Walkway Tour	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 3/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 3/21	Distillery Tour	Leticia Huerta L.Siguenza@Comcast.net
Tuesday, 3/24	Business Meeting – General Elections	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 3/28	Anniversary Party	Ed Littel and Mike Leibovitz EE2littel@sbcglobal.net or wa9evf@comcast.net

April, 2015

Sunday, 4/12	Comedy Club Outing	Mary Van Houten mary_vanhouten@yahoo.com
Tuesday, 4/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Sat-Sat 4/18-25	Cozumel, Mexico Trip	Randy Skiba [r_skiba@comcast.net]
Tuesday, 4/28	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

May, 2015

Saturday, 5/2	Dinner & Show – HAIR	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 5/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 5/16	Fisher House Cooking	Need TIC
Sunday, 5/24	Memorial Day Bike, Walk & Eat!	Milt & Margy Levenberg 847-680-1223 (Margy home) 847-858-1271 (Milt cell phone)
Tuesday, 5/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

June, 2015

Sunday, 6/7	Dive & Picnic – Haigh	Brian Clarke & Lea Ann Hotton
Tuesday, 6/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 6/13	Neighborhood Tour	Chris Demski (cdemski@sbcglobal.net)
Tuesday, 6/23	Business Meeting – OPEN HOUSE	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
S & S 6/27-28	Training Weeked	Board of Education

NEW YEAR'S EVE BOWLING PARTY 2015



Eight Tritons met at the Dragon Inn North for a New Year's Feast. We had plenty of appetizers followed by seven different main courses, thank goodness there was a large lazy-susan in the middle of the table. You could just spin it to get whatever you wanted - beef, pork, chicken, shrimp – you name it we had it! The food was great and all had a super time.

We followed dinner with a New Year's Eve Bowling Party at the Niles Brunswick Zone. We rang in the New Year with a buffet and cosmic bowling. For sure no one went away hungry after this evening.

A nice evening I am looking forward to next year.

TIC: Dave O'Malley

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Hey, its Saturday in January, and what else are you going to be doing? Shoveling snow, cleaning out your sock drawer, instead you can meet your fellow club members and have a great time! If you have not already signed, contact Angi. Looking forward to seeing you all!

TIC: Angi Mckeon 847-217-2224 or ammckeon@sbcglobal.net

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE^Æ

Help save the lives of your

family, friends and neighbors
Get prepared with Emergency First Response



Recent world events have proven that the ability to manage medical emergencies is critical when disaster strikes and emergency services are overwhelmed or nonexistent. Now you can get prepared to save the lives of your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors by taking Emergency First Response CPR and first aid courses. Please sign up before the next meeting to assure we have enough training materials.

Contact your local Emergency First Response Instructor:

Michael Leibovitz
WA9EVF@COMCAST.NET
Home 773-465-0981, Cell 773-251-7463
Class Date: Saturday January 31, 2015
This will be a Emergency First response and First Aid class
Cost: Triton Members \$65 Class will last 6 -8 hours.



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Many Thanks to Steve Leibovitz for sending this to our attention. Reprinted from: http://news.yahoo.com/treasure-hunters-mysterious-shipwreck-lake-michigan-155138271.html?soc_src=mediaccontentstory&soc_trk=ma, Article by Laura Geggel, January 17, 2015.

TREASURE HUNTERS FIND MYSTERIOUS SHIPWRECK IN LAKE MICHIGAN

Beneath the cold waves of Lake Michigan rests an aging shipwreck, its wooden planks encrusted with brown-and-gray zebra mussels, that may be the remnants of a 17th-century ship called the *Griffin*, two Michigan-based treasure hunters say.

French explorer René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle built the *Griffin* in 1679, but it was lost in Lake Michigan the same year.

In 2011, Michigan-based treasure hunters Kevin Dykstra and Frederick Monroe found a shipwreck as they were searching for the \$2 million in gold that, according to local legend, fell from a ferry crossing Lake Michigan in the 1800s, they told WZZM, a western Michigan news station.

Their sonar caught a mass below, and Dykstra dove into the water to take video. "I didn't go down there with the expectation of seeing a shipwreck — I can tell you that," Dykstra told Live Science. When he and Monroe later reviewed the video, they realized it might be the *Griffin*.

But other experts aren't convinced that the wreck is the *Griffin*. Rather, it may be the remnants of a tugboat that was scrapped after "steam engines became more economical to operate," said Brendon Baillod, a Great Lakes historian who has written scholarly papers on the *Griffin*.

The wreck's discoverers agree that more evidence is needed.

State archaeologists reviewed the footage, and "They've been very diligent to say, 'This is really interesting; these are some neat pictures,'" Dykstra said. "Can we call this the *Griffin*? Certainly not — not without a lot more information — but these are very compelling."

Le Griffon

La Salle sailed the *Griffon* through the Great Lakes and crossed into Lake Michigan in an effort to reach the mouth of the Mississippi River, Baillod said. But the explorer ran out of money, so he disembarked with the other expedition leaders, leaving the ship and its crew to pay off his debts with furs. La Salle never saw the *Griffin* again. La Salle returned to the area in 1682, to try again to locate the Mississippi's mouth. But members of the Potawatomi tribe brought pieces of the ship to the explorer, including some moldy beaver furs and a pair of sailor's britches, said Baillod, who translated La Salle's journal from French to English.

The Native Americans told La Salle the crew planned to sail toward the Straits of Mackinac in stormy weather. "The [American] Indians told the captain not to sail out, to wait the storm out, but he wouldn't listen to them," Baillod said. The captain lost control of the ship as strong winds blew it away from shore, southward, toward islands in the distance.

"They lost the ship from sight," Baillod said, "and that's the last anybody has ever seen the *Griffin*."

Shipwreck spotted

About 30 adventurers have claimed to have found the *Griffin*, usually by happenstance, Baillod said. "They're looking for something else, they find an old ship and they've heard of the *Griffin*, so they pronounce it the *Griffin*," Baillod said.

Moreover, Baillod said he hasn't heard of anyone looking for the *Griffin* near the Beaver Island archipelago, which is likely the area mentioned in La Salle's journal, Baillod said. But the latest finding, made popular again by [Wreck Diving Magazine](#) in its latest issue, holds a number of clues about the ship's past.

"There was no rudder on the boat," Dykstra said. "That was kind of telling to us that the ship probably weathered a storm; otherwise, there would probably be a rudder on it." They also found a part of the ship that they said could be a mussel-covered griffin, the mythical beast carved onto the ship's bow.

On a subsequent dive, Dykstra took a magnet with him to help determine the metal composition of the ship. Unexpectedly, a nail attached itself to the magnet, and the treasure hunters only discovered it later, once they were above water.

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"When we had it looked at, they [the archaeologists] could tell that the nail was very old," Dykstra said. "It was a hand-forged nail, which helps date it back to that time period, we feel."

The state of Michigan has rules stipulating that artifacts found on state land, including the land at the bottom of the Great Lakes, are state property. The two men did not bring up the nail on purpose, and they plan to return it to the state, said Dean Anderson, the state archaeologist for Michigan.

About 1,500 shipwrecks have been found on the bottom of Lake Michigan, Anderson said, and it's unclear whether this one is the *Griffin*.

"It's very difficult to access a wreck based on photo and film footage," Anderson said. If the state underwater archaeologist were to look at the wreck, he would look for artifacts that could be dated, such as ceramics or glass.

Unsolved mystery

Baillo said he is "99 percent sure" that the wreck is not that of the *Griffon*. The figurehead likely isn't the remains of a griffin, he said, but a "big encrustation of zebra mussels," on burned wood. He noted that the wreck is near the western Michigan coast, not near Beaver Island, the area mentioned in La Salle's journal.

But Dykstra and Monroe said they'll wait until they hear the final word. They're not going back to the wreckage for a while, so they don't make the site vulnerable to other treasure seekers. In the meantime, the duo plans to continue their hunt for the gold bullion.

"It's a mystery ship that got in our way," Dykstra said, "and now, we're going for the gold."

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee met and developed the following slate for the March election of the Board of Directors. We thank these members for agreeing to step up and run for office:

Vice President
Ron Levin (incumbent)
Brian Clarke

Treasurer
Lea Anne Hotton

Director
Scott Reimer (incumbent)
Janice O'Malley

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Leibovitz, Chair
Brian Clarke, Jim Hynan, Pam Romund, Rosana Vemmer

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TRITON ANNIVERSARY PARTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

CONTINENTAL RESTAURANT

**DUNDEE POINT SHOPPING CENTER, 788 SOUTH BUFFALO GROVE ROAD,
BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089**

Plans are underway for another fantastic, fun-filled evening. We will again be at the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove (the scene of last year's event). Contact Ed Littel or Mike Leibovitz for tickets.

- APPETIZERS** BBQ Meatballs, Egg Rolls, BBQ Ribs
- SALADS** House Salad choice of Ranch, Thousand Island, Balsamic Vinaigrette
- SOUP** Minestrone
- ENTREES** Your Choice of Chicken Breast Marsala, Salmon [Broiled] or Roast Prime Rib
- POTATO** Baked
- DESSERT** Assortment MINI PASTRIES [mini éclairs, mini cannoli's, mini cheesecake, carrot cake, mini yellow cake, Greek baklava]
- BEVERAGES** FREE Soft Drinks, Coffee, Iced or Hot Teas, Juice, Pink Lemonade and Cash Bar

Bottom Line [tax, gratuity included] **\$35.00 p/p**

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VIRUS IMPLICATED IN MASSIVE DIE-OFF OF NORTH AMERICAN STARFISH

The leg of a purple ochre sea star is shown disintegrating as it dies from sea star wasting syndrome ...



WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Scientists investigating a huge die-off of starfish along North America's Pacific coast have identified a virus they say is responsible for a calamitous wasting disease that has wiped out millions of the creatures since it first appeared last year.

The scientists said on Monday they identified the pathogen as the Sea Star Associated Densovirus, or SSaDV, after ruling out other possible culprits including certain bacteria, protozoans and fungi.

More than 20 species of starfish, also called sea stars, from southern Alaska to Baja California are dying from a wasting disease that causes white lesions to appear before the animal's

body sags, ruptures and spills out its internal organs.

"They basically fall apart into a pile of goo on the bottom of the seafloor," said Cornell University biological oceanographer and microbial ecologist Ian Hewson, who led the study in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. SSaDV is a parvovirus, a tiny form of virus that can cause illness in animals and people.

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The researchers detected it in older starfish samples, museum specimens from as early as 1942. They said it may have been present at low levels for years and only recently became a large-scale threat due to some kind of viral mutation, environmental trigger, starfish overpopulation or other factor.

"It's probably the largest epidemic in marine wildlife that we know of," Cornell ecologist Drew Harvell said. "That's the million-dollar question in all this: Why now? What is it that changed that created the conditions for this outbreak? And we don't have the answer to that. But certainly a viral mutation would be one explanation," Harvell added.

The disease was first spotted in June 2013 and has shown no signs of slowing. "There are 10 million viruses in a drop of seawater, so discovering the virus associated with a marine disease can be like looking for a needle in a haystack," Hewson said. "Not only is this an important discovery of a virus involved in a mass mortality of marine invertebrates, but this is also the first virus described in a sea star."

Scientists prefer calling them sea stars rather than starfish because they are not fish but rather echinoderms, cousins of sand dollars, sea cucumbers and sea urchins. Most have five arms, although some have more.

The disappearance of so many starfish threatens to disrupt coastal ecosystems because they are important predators in the waters between the shoreline and open sea, the researchers said.

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FAMED DIVER LOTTE HASS HAS DIED

Women Divers Hall of Fame member Lotte Hass died on Jan. 14 at the age of 86. Called by some the "First Lady of Diving," she was the first underwater model and one of the first female underwater photographers, according to her bio on the [Women Divers Hall of Fame website](#). She began diving in 1949 as the only woman on husband Hans Hass' crew during the filming of "Adventure In The Red Sea," during which she learned how to use a Drager closed circuit rebreather.

The first woman to dive with autonomous diving equipment, Hass opened up a formerly male-dominated field to women. In spite of heated opposition, Hass worked as an underwater photo model before becoming the first female professional underwater photographer. During the 1950s, Hans Hass filmed her diving with sharks. Lotte and Hans were married for more than 62 years until his death in June 2013. Her autobiography, "A Girl On The Ocean Floor," was adapted into a movie in 2011.

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