



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons

First, I would like to welcome our 2 new Board of Director members. Our new Treasurer is Ed Littel and our new director is Tricia Shields. We are also privileged to have Mike Leibovitz returning for a full 2 year term as our Vice-President. I would also like to express my thanks to David Gross and Jackie Heribaut for their service to the Board. David has been Treasurer for the past 5 years and Jackie has been a Director for the past year. Please thank David and Jackie when you see them at the next business meeting and welcome Ed, Tricia and Mike as they begin their new term of office. Pam Romund will continue as Secretary and Dave O'Malley continues as our other Director. I know we have a super team directing your club for the next year.

Now that we are quickly approaching dive season, I would recommend you review our club calendar for upcoming dive events. If you don't see something you like and have a dive you would like to do, talk to any Board Member or Dave Vemmer and we will look at adding it to the calendar. We will also be hosting many great social events so be sure to sign up early to avoid being disappointed as some of them have limited capacity. And, if you meet any other divers who may be looking for a great organization to dive with, let them know they are welcome to attend any of our business meetings and find out what we are all about.

Wishing you all a Happy Passover or a Happy Easter!

Good diving to all, Randy

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April, 2011

Our current membership is:

71 full members 2 associate members

TOTAL 73 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

If any member would like a copy of the business meeting minutes send a note to Pam Romund (promund@kraftfoods.com) and she will email them to you before the meeting. Thanks
official results are in:

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ELECTION RESULTS

Vice President: Mike Leibovitz

Treasurer: Ed Littel

Director: Tricia Shields

Many thanks to all for volunteering to run.

Margy Levenberg, Dave Vemmer, Renee Tobias - Nominating Comm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Randy Skiba

Vice-President – Mike Leibovitz

Secretary – Pam Romund

Treasurer – Ed Littel

First Director – Dave O'Malley

Second Director – Tricia Shields

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit – Dianna Skiba

By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak

Entertainment – Dave Vemmer

Equipment & Safety – S. Leibovitz

Events – Dave Vemmer

Membership – Adolph Habich

Merchandise – Pam Romund

Nominating – Margy Levenberg

Publicity/Web Site – Mike Leibovitz

Director of Training – Rich Schak

Editor of the Trib – Pam Romund

Illinois Council Delegates – Chuck
& Margo Miller

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TRITON 2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

April, 2011		
*Saturday, 4/23	Dinner and a Show	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
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 promund@kraftfoods.com
May, 2011		
Tuesday, 5/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Sunday, 5/15	Road Rally	CANCELLED
Sunday, 5/22 New Event	Arena Football – Chicago Rush	Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 Jhynan74@gmail.com
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
Tuesday, 6/7	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 6/12	Frontera Farmers Market & Tasting	Rosana Vemmer (rvmexicana@hotmail.com) 847.698.1727
Tuesday, 6/21	Business Meeting OPEN HOUSE	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sat & Sun 6/25-26	Training Weekend Pearl Lk, South Beloit, IL	Board of Education
Saturday 6/25	Quarry Dive & Picnic Pearl Lake, Sth Beloit, IL	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
July, 2011		
F, S & S 7/1-4	Florida Wreck/Reef Trip	Steve Leibovitz 847-833-5379 or kb9caw@yahoo.com
Friday, 7/8	Concert in the Park	Needs TIC
Tuesday, 7/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 7/16	Renaissance Faire	Needs TIC
Wednesday, 7/20	Mid Week Mental Health Dive – Pearl Lake	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 7/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sunday, 7/31	Jim Haigh Memorial Dive Haigh Quarry	Needs TIC
August, 2011		
Tuesday, 8/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 8/13	Dive the Northerner	Needs TIC
Sunday, 8/20	Howard/Etherton Day	Board of Education
Tuesday, 8/23	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sunday, 8/28	Chicago Buccaneer Dive	Needs TIC

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

DINNER AND A SHOW!!!

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

April 23, 8:00 PM

Something a bit different this time, we will be going to the theater and seeing a play.



The Drowsy Chaperone, a “musical within a comedy,” debuted on Broadway in 2006 and was an instant hit, winning seven Drama Desk Awards and five Tony Awards. To chase his blues away, a modern day musical theater addict known simply as 'Man in Chair,' drops the needle on his favorite LP, the 1928 musical comedy The Drowsy Chaperone. When the record begins to play, the musical magically bursts to life on stage, telling the tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married, her producer who sets out to sabotage the wedding, her chaperone, the debonair groom, her Latin lover and a pair of bumbling gangsters.

Details are as follows:

- When:** **Saturday, April 23 (Note date change)**
- Where:** Prairie Lakes Theater, Des Plaines Park District
515 East Thacker, Des Plaines (just west of Wolf Road)
- Cost:** \$23.00 per person (if we get more than 15, we can get a group rate)
- Time:** 8:00 PM
- TIC:** Pam Romund Hm 847-698-5490 Cell 847-414-4347 or promund@kraftfoods.com

We will then head for some refreshments after the show, this is an additional cost, place TBD

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PLAN AHEAD

Our club is going to celebrate our **55th Anniversary in 2012**, what a milestone! So what could make the occasion extra special? How about a way to share and remember all the pleasant moments, fun times and great people? If every member shares one story / pictures, with the rest of the group we can make a nice CD or DVD. Don't keep all these experiences just in your memory, share with your fellow Tritons. Send your input to: LAlonso@stepan.com Deadline February 15, 2012.

Thank you,
Lourdes Alanso

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CONDOLENCES

If you traveled with the Tritons over the last 10-15 years chances are you met Bob DeWilkins. Bob was Linda Korbus' long time friend and companion. They were together almost 30 years. I am saddened to report Bob passed away on Tuesday, April 5 from the complications of a stroke.

Although he didn't dive, Bob was always one to greet the dive boat on the return – in his traditional vacation attire: shorts and a t-shirt, with a book and cigar in one hand, waving with the other. He was always there to welcome us back. Now it is our turn to say goodbye to Bob and to let him know we will be watching over Linda for him. There will be a memorial service held in Chicago after Linda returns from Arizona.

If you care to drop Linda a note or card:

Linda Korbus
7043 Emerson St.
Morton Grove, IL 60053

54TH ANNUAL TRITON ANNIVERSARY PARTY!



Photo Courtesy of Adolph Habich

It was a very cold, blustery evening, more like February than April as we gathered at the Birch River Grill in Arlington Heights. We all agreed the venue was an excellent choice, beautiful facility, wonderful food and great service. We were able to choose from one of three entrees: Yankee Pot Roast, Pan Roasted Chicken Breast, or Mushroom Ravioli.

We had an array of items to raffle off to benefit the Marsh Howard Fund. The entire Leibovitz clan seemed to take home a great portion of the prizes (we are splitting them up next year!). We bid farewell to the outgoing board and welcomed the two new Board members, Ed Littel and Tricia Shields. The big winners of the evening were:

- Best Dive Event – Jim Hynan for the Prins Wilem Dive
- Best Social Event – Rosana Vemmer and Jan O'Malley for Fiesta Mexicana
- Triton of the Year – Dave O'Malley

Next year we will celebrate 55 years as a club, we have already begun to plan. See Lourdes' ad below, be sure to get her your Triton memories.

Your Board of Directors

Randy, Mike, Pam, David, Dave and Jackie

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ENTERTAINMENT AT THE APRIL MEETING

Can you believe that a mermaid, an Ironclad Warship and a Czar all have something in common? We all know that many of you are fans of scuba diving and shipwrecks but were you aware that a Civil War Era Ironclad was found after being lost in the Baltic for over 100 years? Does this sound like something Dirk Pitt and the folks of NUMA might investigate? Got your curiosity piqued? If so, come on out to the April meeting to see part 1 of a two part presentation and get the full story. Hope to see you at the meeting!

SINT EUSTATIUS

Article by Your Roving Editor, Pam Romund

Whenever I told anyone I was going to Sint Eustatius (Statia for short) their response was always, "Where the heck is that?" My standard reply "It is located near St. Kitts, St. Barts, St. Maarten and all those other saints no one has ever heard of. . ." It is actually a wonderful place, and it is great no one has ever heard of it, what a nice escape! Five Tritons and one guest bravely headed where none had gone before.

First it is small (8 square miles), only 3,400 people live there full time and there are less than 100 hotel rooms available on the entire island. Statia was sighted in 1493 by Christopher Columbus. Throughout the tumultuous colonial era that followed, the island changed hands at least 22 times. During the 17th and 18th century, Statia was a major trading center with some 20,000 inhabitants and thousands of ships calling at her shores. Statia was the primary arms supplier to the colonists during the Revolutionary War and the first to recognize our government officially. There are several plaques to commemorate these events all over the island.

Today the island is primarily a distribution center for the rest of the Caribbean. At one end a large fuel storage area, where large ships come directly from the Middle East and off-load their oil. Then smaller ships take on the oil and deliver to the other islands. At the exact opposite end of the island is a large port. There containers are unloaded and then the contents are placed on small ships to be delivered to places with smaller ports. The island is also home to medical school.

We stayed at the Old Gin House, a converted cotton gin that was stunning. The common areas were just as one would imagine plantations in the Caribbean, lots of shutters to open to the air, dark wood and cool tile on the floors. There was a wonderful pool in the courtyard and just across the road (albeit a very small road) the bar with the ocean just off the patio. We enjoyed a scrumptious breakfast there every morning before we walked the three to four minutes down to the dive shop.

Diving is offered three times during the day: 9:00, 11:00 and 1:30. It was great the first day we were able to dive at 11:00 so we didn't have to get up early and rush (since most of us had gotten up at 4:00 AM the day before). After a full day of travel we all loved this arrangement. Also with this flexible schedule we arranged a tour of the island mid week (there was supposed to be a storm) and we then rescheduled Wednesday's second dive for 9:00 on Friday. This worked quite well.

The dive shop was very accommodating; we used Golden Rock Dive Center, great service!! We could rinse our gear with a fresh water hose right there at the dock, hang it up to let it dry. At night, everything was moved inside and placed under lock and key. It was great not having to haul your gear back and forth. On Tuesday night they offered, for \$25.00, a seafood cookout – lobster, conch (the best I have ever eaten), trigger fish, parrot fish, rice and beans, veggies and more, what a feast!

The underwater volcanic fissures and canyons are interesting to dive. In many places there are lots of overhangs where the fish hang out – on one dive there were two large grey angels just posing under a ledge. They didn't move and let each one of us come along and take all the photos we wanted. There was a large ship – *the Charles Brown* – a cable layer, we dove this wreck one morning. Sitting on the deck oblivious to all the action around him was a large turtle. We did the entire dive and as we were going up the line we could see he was still sitting there on deck, taking a snooze I guess.

One evening, sitting at the bar, I looked up and saw a cow walk by, everyone said "of course, have another drink". But then another and then another and yet another. The road dead ends at the dock and pretty soon here come the cows, heading back, racing for their life being chased by an SUV honking his horn trying to get them back into the hills. There was quite a bit of wildlife – cows, goats, chickens, sheep, pigs – all just wandering everywhere. They do have a beach where the turtles come to lay their eggs fenced off so they can't go there. We weren't allowed on the beach either – this was the season the turtles come back ashore and the government wants their nesting sites undisturbed. Also, there was a beautiful pair of red, green and blue Macaws that would sit in the fig trees near the hotel and chomp on the figs a great portion of the day. The one was very loud, calling almost constantly, wanting to make his presence known.

We all agreed we would come back to Statia, it is a great place, quiet and off the beaten track – wonderful people, nice accommodations, good food and diving, what could be better? It was a great way to spend a week away from the March cold and snow happening here.

CHAMBER DIVE

Saturday, April 9th, was one of the best days of spring so far. Thirteen Tritons and a guest decided to spend the day indoors at Lutheran General Hospital and then go in the hyperbaric chamber there.

Dan Mazzolini did a superb job of giving us an update on all the dead Englishmen rules (physics). He did this in an informative and easy to understand manner, even with all of our innumerable questions (Scott!). We had both veterans of the chamber dives as well as several newbies. They weren't quite sure what to expect but all agreed it was an educational time and even fun. All were amazed how often we had to clear our ears, almost non-stop in the first 20 feet or so. And everyone loved the way our voices sounded like munchkins once we got below 75 feet. That added to the festive time – talking like cartoon characters, batting balloons away (so they wouldn't break in front of your face) and probably getting a bit narked, it was a free for all in there for a bit.

Many thanks to Scott Reimer and Mike Leibovitz for all the toys they brought into the chamber. There were tennis balls, ping pong balls, balloons, styro foam, a banana, an apple, neoprene items and more. We had a large bucket courtesy of Steve Leibovitz to place all the computers and watches in and cover with water. Scott even brought in a video camera, so you may see snippets of this at a future meeting.

Actual quotes heard in the chamber:

"Mike, stop playing with Scott's banana!"
"Steve, you are dripping."

"Brian, your two are really small. . ."
"Mine is still intact" so said Lea.

"Scott, don't touch that!"

After the dive we headed out for some sustenance, just across the street from the hospital to Portillo's. The menu there is varied and we sampled a great deal of it. Thanks to all who came, it was a learning experience for us all and a great way to spend a Saturday morning. It was a great dive and no one had to go home and rinse off their gear.

TIC: Pam Romund

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WRECK TREK TO THE FLORIDA KEYS

JULY 1 TO JULY 9

BRING YOUR \$100.00 DEPOSIT TO THE APRIL MEETING!

ONLY 8 SPOTS REMAIN

We are returning to the Keys!!!

From July 1 to July 5 we will be diving with the Florida Keys Dive Center located in Tavernier, and staying in condos at Ocean Pointe Suites in Key Largo. www.oceanpointecondos.com

We will dive the Spiegel Grove, Duane, Eagle, and Benwood (both day and night), as well as some shallow reefs

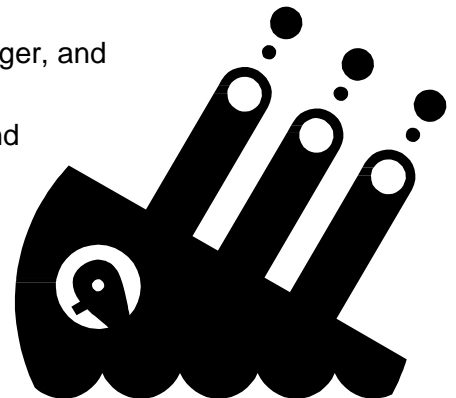
We will then drive to Key West to dive the, Vandenberg, Cayman Salvager, and several other wrecks & reefs.

The approximate price for trip is approximately ~\$1,800.00 for diving and housing based on 4 people sharing a 2 bedroom condo with a queen bed in the 1st bedroom, 2 twin beds in a 2nd bedroom, and a sleeper sofa in the living room in Key Largo. Hotels in Key West are still being worked on, more to come.

Airfare and auto rental is the responsibility of the participants.

I should have more info at the April meeting..

Steve
847-833-5379
Kb9caw@yahoo.com





SLICE OF CHICAGO PIZZA TOUR AND TASTING SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH 2:30 PM 29 E. OHIO AT PIZZERIA UNO

We have done beer, wine, chocolate and now PIZZA! The roving foodies in the club are off again on another adventure! We will sample three of the best Chicago style deep-dish pizzas, without long lines or waiting times, the pizza will be hot and ready. You will learn all about Chicago Pizza history and its legendary creators. Enjoy the sights and sounds of downtown Chicago while burning off the calories that you consume!!

You will be able to compare several different Chicago style deep-dish pizzas: the crusts, cheese and sauce, all while learning the history of the restaurants, their owners and the pizza ingredient suppliers. We will visit three of the best; among the pizzerias we may visit are Pizzeria Uno, Giordanos, Pizano's and Pizzeria Ora.

We will be sampling cheese pizza, however if you have a particular favorite topping on your pizza let the TIC know. Depending on the size of the group we might be able to accommodate some other toppings. I recommend you wear comfortable shoes, temperature appropriate clothing, bring bottle of water and a healthy appetite. You will be able to purchase beverages at each restaurant but bring some water with you, you can work up a thirst. We will be covering approximately 1.2 miles on our walk around the city.

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

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**SAVE THE DATE
SPLASH INTO SUMMER
FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011
12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
BALLYDOYLE PUB & RESTAURANT
5157 MAIN STREET
DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515**



This event will be held at the Ballydoyle Pub and Restaurant and is not to be missed. There will be entertainment: live music, raffle, silent auction, children's activities, clown and face painting, and so much more. The Grand Prize being a \$1,000 Visa Gift Card! Or you could win one of the six other prizes - additional Visa gift cards. Tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00, great deal! For more information or to purchase your raffle tickets contact Janice.s@diveheart.org or 630-964-1983.

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DIVEHEART RAFFLE

I will be selling raffle tickets at the April meeting for Diveheart's big spring fund-raiser. It is at Ballydoyle Pub and Restaurant in Downers Grove on May 1st (see ad above). You DON'T have to be present to win. But I do need your particulars on the raffle ticket stubs. Tickets are \$5 each and 5 for \$20. Prizes are VISA Gift cards ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

See me at the meetings. Or you can send me funds and I will fill in your stubs and send you the tickets. Sure helps a great (and tax-deductible) cause in the dive industry. Jim Elliott sends his thanks.

Jim Hynan 8100 Foster Ln # 310 Niles IL 60714-1159 847-967-1738
Jhynan74@gmail.com



CPR – AED Training

May 2nd, 7:00 p.m.
 or May 7th, 10:00 a.m.
 Date or dates will depend upon
 the overall demand.

Training will be at
 ITT Tech
 1401 Feehanville Drive
 Mt. Prospect, IL
 \$35.00



If you are interested in this class contact a member of the Board of Education.
 Rich Schak, Mike Leibovitz, Steve Leibovitz.

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CHICAGO RUSH ARENA FOOTBALL !! **SUNDAY MAY 22ND** **3:00 PM** **COST \$27**

This is a substitute of sorts for the Road Rally that had to be cancelled. Let's go see an entertaining football game at the Allstate Arena on Sunday May 22 (the team is on the road the weekend before). These are usually very high scoring affairs on a short football field, like watching schoolyard football except that these are professional players in pads. Typical score is 55 - 50.

The best group rate I could get in the lower level seats is \$27. Need at least 10 game-watchers to get this rate. I'm sure we can do that. Invite friends, enemies, and family. Car-pool to the extent that you can, as parking at the Arena is a mere \$11 per car. Giuseppe's parking lot across the street is a good place to meet and drop a car or 2.

Please be prepared to pay at the April meeting, as this event is before the May meeting. Let's go have us a good time, and perhaps go out to Rosemont for pizza after.

Jim Hynan
 847-967-1738

Jhynan74@gmail.com

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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

2950 Ogden Avenue
Aurora IL 60504
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

TOUCAN DIVE CENTER

756 Frontage Road
Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-356-7826

BERRY DIVE CENTER

3042 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

SEA LION DIVE CENTER

1158 Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60107
630-289-1680

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

611 N. Addison Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181
630-833-8383

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CALLING ALL DIVERS

Bob Foster from the Chicago Park District has requested help from the Illinois Council. He would like us to work together in gathering information about the waters surrounding Northerly Island. He has volunteered to help us and include the resources from the park district, both their boats and divers. The Park District would like video taken of the west and south walls and some still shots of the area around the walls. All divers that are interested in assisting with this project please email me your name and phone number. The project would take place sometime in June with a meeting before hand.

Thank You!!!
Margo Miller, President, Illinois Council
margomiller@sprynet.com



The Tritons

FOUNDED IN 1957

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April, 2011

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The Tritons

**ENTERTAINMENT: Come on out and discover
what a mermaid, an Ironclad Warship and a
Czar all have in common**

See you April 26, 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