



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**NOTE: November business meeting will begin earlier – 7:30 PM**

Hi Tritons,

Last Saturday night at the ICSSD dinner we won “Club of the Year”, an award that we should all be proud to have received.

The Tritons offer a variety of activities and training, which makes us one of the stronger clubs. In order to keep this up, we need a strong active membership, which means attending meetings, attending social, as well as dive events, and paying dues.

Where are YOU in our club? Are you getting everything that you want? Are you giving everything that you can?

Is there anything that YOU think the club could/should do?

Please let us know.

Thanks, Steve

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

November, 2009

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

Our membership is:

74 full members 14 associate members  
TOTAL 88 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

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## ENTERTAINMENT AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

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

If you didn't attend the October meeting you missed a wonderful presentation of the many talented Triton photographers and videographers, it was just fantastic. We hope to have this shown again at the 2010 Anniversary Party.

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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Steve Leibovitz  
Vice-President – Randy Skiba  
Secretary – Pam Romund  
Treasurer – David Gross  
First Director – Dave O'Malley  
Second Director – Renee Tobias

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit – Appointed in Fall  
By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak  
Entertainment – Dave Vemmer  
Equipment & Safety – Board of Ed  
Events – Dave Vemmer  
Membership – Adolph Habich  
Merchandise – Pam Romund  
Nominating – Appointed in Fall  
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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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!

# TRITON 2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

November, 2009		
Tuesday, 11/24	Business Meeting – <b>You Don't Know SCUBA Jack Competition</b>	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
December, 2009		
Saturday, 12/5	Holiday Party	Board of Directors
Tuesday, 12/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
*Saturday, 12/19	Community Service	Jim Hynan, Jim.Hynan@occ.treas.gov
<b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS!! No meeting in December, see you in 2010!</b>		
January, 2010		
Tuesday, 1/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Saturday, 1/16	Dinner and Movie Night	<b>Needs TIC</b>
Tuesday, 1/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sunday, 1/31	Wine Tasting and Dinner	<b>Needs TIC</b>
February, 2010		
Sunday 2/7	Chinese Cooking Class and Sampling	Renee Tobias (cansculpt@ameritech.net)
Tuesday, 2/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
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 & Film Fest	<b>Needs TIC</b>
Tuesday, 2/23	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
March, 2010		
Saturday, 3/6	Wolves Hockey Game	Adolph Habich (AHabich@aol.com)
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> )
April, 2010		
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	Warm Water Dive Trip Puerto Rico	Randy Skiba (r_skiba@comcast.net)
Tuesday, 4/27	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

\*Denotes Date Change

We have immediate openings for a few TICs, no experience necessary, please contact Dave Vemmer. We are accepting sign-ups for 2010, lots of events to choose from. Many thanks!

Events Committee – Dave Vemmer, Chair  
Steve Leibovitz; Pam Romund, Renee Tobias, Rosana Vemmer

**Come on out to the annual**  
**TRITON HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**Saturday, December 5, 2009**



As always loads of food, fun & frivolity to be enjoyed by all – join in the celebration.

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person

**Time:** 7:00 PM

It Will Be a Triton Food Fest, Come Hungry!

**Where:** Windhaven Condominium Clubhouse  
Dundee Quarter, Palatine, IL 60067

This event is BYOB.

We will provide the soda and mixers.

**TIC: Your Board of Directors**

**Directions:**

**From Chicago and Vicinity:** Travel North on 94 to Dundee Road, Exit West – See below

**From Inner City:** Take 90 West through tollbooth to Route 53, Exit North to Dundee Road West – See Below

**From North Suburban Area:** Take Dundee Road West to – See Below

If you feel adventurous you can take Rand Road North to Dundee Road, turn right (East) to the first light, Baldwin Road (Mobil Gas Station on the northwest corner), turn left (North) and follow the directions to the condo clubhouse.

Baldwin Road (3rd Stop Light after Route 53) (Mobil Gas Station on Northwest Corner), turn North (right) to Windhaven Condominium (on left). Enter complex and turn to the left, follow the road to the clubhouse.

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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. There is a spot for everyone who signed the list (even the “wait list”). But it is now full, barring any cancellations. If any one who signed the list cannot go, let me know. If anyone else is interested, let me know that too, and I will put you on a wait list.

This is a very fun afternoon exercise (1 PM to 4 PM) where we join a hopping assembly line and box non-perishable food for later shipment to the needy. I guess folks will have to go to a restaurant after, again, to compound the fun. More info and directions to come at November meeting (or shortly after).

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

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**WINGS HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Again this year we will be adopting a family from the WINGS program. As of this writing we don’t know how many children or their ages. If you are interested in helping those less fortunate this holiday season please contact us and we will add you to the list. We get them things that are necessary – coats, hats, scarves, shoes, etc.

Chris Demski and Pam Romund

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**SAD NEWS**

I am saddened to report the death of long-time Triton member, Jean Causer Logsdon. Jean passed away at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha on Friday, Aug. 14, 2009 at 81 years of age. She had relocated to Bellevue, NE a year or so after her husband John’s passing. Her health had not been the best in the last several years.

Jean was active in the teaching program of the club for many, many years as well as serving in various capacities on the Board of Directors as well as the Board of Education.

## 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 new number is (919) 684-9111.**

The change, dubbed "One Call," is part of the continuing mission of Divers Alert Network® (DAN®) to increase the safety of divers. With the new hotline number, divers need only to call a single phone number to activate emergency services, regardless of what kind of emergency assistance is needed. "Over the last few years, as the benefits and resources we provided the dive industry increased, so did the phone numbers to access the assistance," said Nicholas Bird, MD, vice president of DAN Medical Services. "Divers were getting understandably confused. By simplifying the process to a single phone number, we've given divers needing assistance one less thing to think about in a stressful situation."

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. "We had a goal this year to streamline our emergency assistance resources," said Dan Orr, president and CEO of DAN. "One Call is a huge step toward that goal, and it's an extremely positive step in moving diver safety forward."

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 then call DAN.

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.

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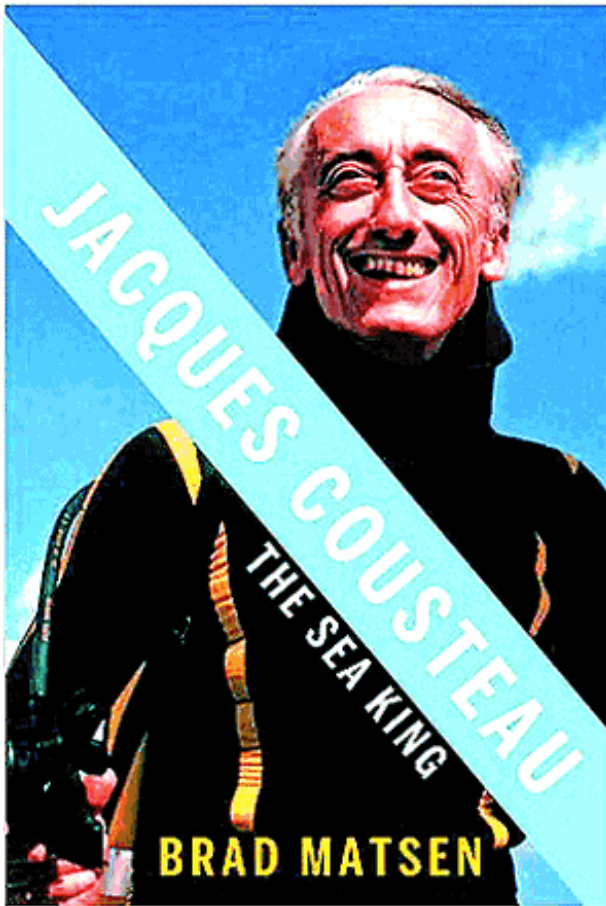
## **FLOWER GARDEN BANKS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY AMONG HEALTHIEST CORAL REEFS IN GULF OF MEXICO**

ScienceDaily (Oct. 26, 2009) — Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary is among the healthiest coral reef ecosystems in the tropical Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico, according to a new NOAA report.

The report, "A Biogeographic Characterization of Fish Communities and Associated Benthic Habitats within the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary," offers insights into the coral and fish communities within the sanctuary based on data collected in 2006 and 2007. Sanctuary managers will use the report to track and monitor changes in the marine ecosystem located 70 to 115 miles off the coasts of Texas and Louisiana.

"We found that 50 percent of the area surveyed for this report is covered by live coral," said Chris Caldwell, a NOAA marine biologist and lead author on the report. "This is significant because such high coral cover is a real rarity and provides critical habitat for many different types of fish and other animals that live in these underwater systems." The sanctuary is also unusual in that it is dominated by top-level predators, including large grouper, jacks, and snappers that are virtually absent throughout the U.S. Caribbean. Researchers looked at the relationship between physical measures of the sanctuary's habitat such as depth, slope and geographic location, and the nature of the fish community in each location.

"Ultimately our goal was to develop a protocol that would detect and track long-term changes in fish and sea-floor community structure," Caldwell said. "Once managers are equipped with this information, they can better understand how threats from climate change and other stressors will impact the ecosystem. The report cautions that despite the sanctuary's relatively healthy condition, it may be more susceptible to environmental impacts than previously thought. For example, scientists observed high levels of coral bleaching and corals severely impacted from hurricane activity. NOAA prepared the report based on data collected in 2006 and 2007, with input from scientists and managers at Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.



## 'JACQUES COUSTEAU: THE SEA KING': A LIFE IN AND ABOUT THE OCEAN

By John Hartl Special to The Seattle Times

'Jacques Cousteau: The Sea King' by Brad Matsen  
Pantheon, 336 pp., \$26.95

"I loved touching water. Physically. Sensually. Water fascinated me."

Trying to describe an early memory, of diving into a silty lake and opening his eyes under water for the first time, Jacques Cousteau was instinctively eloquent on the beginnings of a lifelong obsession.

"He was not at all frightened," adds his Vashon Island-based biographer, Brad Matsen. "The water soothed him and banished all fear."

Perhaps it was this trauma-less, literally eye-filling underwater experience that led to so many brave confrontations with death, so many narrow escapes, so many advances in the technology of underwater exploration.

When he died on June 25, 1997, Cousteau owned one of the most recognizable faces on the planet. Oscar-winning filmmaker, environmental activist, French resistance fighter and scuba diver extraordinaire, he seemed to jam many lifetimes into one very busy and public one.

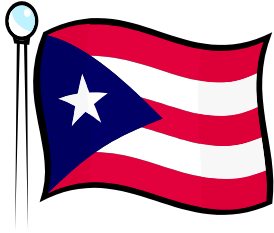
Yet, as Matsen deftly demonstrates, we hardly knew him. For all his fame, Cousteau, who had an official wife and two sons, successfully led a secret life that included a mistress and two children. Only after the first wife died would he reveal that he'd had a second family for two decades.

During his later years, Cousteau continued to accept awards, create landmark movies and make speeches for his beloved Cousteau Society. But, as Matsen so wryly puts it, "he saw few people outside his immediate families." Even then, Cousteau could be snippy. When his older son, Philippe, announced that he would marry an American, Jacques and his wife, Simone, refused to attend the wedding.

The black sheep in the Cousteau history was his older brother, Pierre-Antoine, an anti-Semitic journalist who became a Nazi collaborator. Around the same time, Jacques was spying for the other side, earning the French Legion of Honor for his work.

Possibly the strangest event in their relationship was a 1942 screening of Jacques' early movie, "Sixty Feet Down," for an audience of German officers and Vichy politicians in occupied Paris. Pierre-Antoine arranged the screening and a reception. After the war, he was nearly shot for following Nazi orders. Also after the war, Jacques' follow-up film, "Epaves," won a special prize at the first Cannes Film Festival in 1946. One decade later, he would return to take the top Cannes prize for "The Silent World," which later won a documentary Oscar. In 1965, he would win another Academy Award for "World Without Sun."

Matsen describes Cousteau's Oscar winners as huge box-office successes, yet neither led immediately to other films. Cousteau was forced to go into television — where he had his greatest success, collaborating with David Wolper, PBS and eventually Ted Turner. Each of these relationships led to problems too, partly because Cousteau's ratings winners (sharks, sunken treasures) were often followed by pessimistic programs about lead poisoning, nuclear waste and Japanese fishermen slaughtering dolphins. By the end of his life, he no longer believed that the planet was salvageable.



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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).
2. 5 days of 2 tank boat dives at a marine park just minutes from the resort
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.

## SABA – NOVEMBER, 2009



A small group of Tritons (just 5) made the trip to the lovely island of Saba in the Dutch Antilles. Saba is a five square mile island in the northeastern Caribbean, 28 miles south of St. Maarten and is a short 12 minute airplane ride from St. Maarten. You can also take a ferry across but the times are not as frequent and you are at the mercy of the seas.

The landing on Saba is the true test of getting there. The island is very mountainous and just a short area is flat enough for the runway. In fact Saba has the shortest commercial runway in the world, a mere 1,260 feet. The landing here can be a bit unnerving, it appears you are headed directly into the side of a cliff and at the last moment the pilot turns and lands on the runway. Take-off is a piece of cake, although taxiing out to the end of the runway you peer over the side of the cliff straight down to the ocean below.

From Saba on a clear day you can see across to St. Eustatias, St. Bart's, Nevis, and Monserrat. The island is made up of four villages – St. John's, the Bottom, Windwardside and Hell's Gate. Everyone speaks English, although Dutch is the official language.

Known as the "Unspoiled Queen," Saba earns this reputation from her rich, tropical, natural, beauty. At

2,864 feet above sea level, a dense rain forest often peeks out from a light, cool cloud of moisture. The island of Saba is a fine example of ecotourism in action. Tourism is relatively new to Saba, considering the airport opened in 1963, and the pier was completed in 1972. Being so small and so remote, few travelers visited before the 70's. Those who did were themselves well-traveled and found Saba to be a truly unspoiled paradise. Currently less than 25,000 tourists visit Saba annually.

Saba's beauty extends below the waterline into an exciting marine environment rich in corals and active with fish life. Saba is a dormant volcano that rises steeply from the ocean. Depths of 1000 feet and over are found within half a mile from shore. A busy population of colorful tropical fish as well as large groupers and jacks live around Saba. Lava tunnels and hot springs remind divers of the dramatic volcanic beginnings of the island. The small leeward side hosts gentle, medium depth, spur and groove formations. Along the edge of Saba's sheer wall dives, divers can sight turtles and rays of all shapes and sizes. Since the island is so small, dive boats can reach all sites within minutes.

In 1987, a marine park was established with permanent moorings, regulations of use and maintenance and a strong conservation attitude. At that time there were still few divers visiting Saba. The park is situated around the entire island and includes the waters and seabed from the highwater mark down to a depth of 200 feet, as well as offshore seamounts. The result is controlled diver impact and undamaged reef life, a powerful appreciation by locals and divers together of this pristine environment. On the island there is a four-person re-compression chamber that is administered by the Saba Marine Park and operated by a staff of specially trained volunteers. It has been operating since 1980 and serves the Eastern Caribbean region.

We stayed in Winwardside and dove out of Fort Bay – at the bottom of the mountain. We were at Juliana's Hotel and dove with Sea Saba. We were provided with a taxi to and from the dive site each day. The ride down the mountain and back up is another adventure – you look out the window and there is nothing below you, just a bit of greenery and the ocean way, way below.

The Dutch said it would be impossible to build roads on Saba but one of the locals decided he would do it anyway and sent off to the University of Chicago for a correspondence course in road building. Well he did it using just shovels, pick axes, and wheelbarrows, the road was built by hand in the 1940's. However the pitch of the roads is the unbelievable part. We dove with a couple of guys from San Francisco and they reported most of them were much worse than any in their home town.

The taxi would pick us up about 8:45 and drive us to the dive boats. We were able to have a leisurely breakfast at the hotel (included in our package) and get ourselves ready to go. All of our gear could stay on the boat for the week, no trekking it back and forth. It was rinsed each day and stowed. When we would arrive the next day, your tank was all set and waiting for your arrival. Boats were the standard 40' foot dive boats of the Caribbean, though built for 25, normally just 10 persons max were on board. We had plenty of room to spread out and relax.

Rides to the dive sites were usually less than 10 minutes, sometimes just 5 or less. Water temperature was a consistent 82°. We did have a bit of a surge while we were there (hurricane off of the Yucatan) so visibility was not the best but we saw almost everything – sharks, lobster, turtles, seahorses, frogfish, sea slugs, too many fish to count and a giant of a turtle by the name of Volkswagen – he is about that big, the largest turtle any of us have ever seen.

The highlight was diving on the underwater seamounts. You dive down to 85/90 feet (the top) and proceed down to an agreed upon depth, swim around the pinnacle and then work your way up and spend the remainder of your time at the top. Nitrox was offered for \$59 for the week and most used it.

Hiking is another reason people visit Saba – however we were cautioned about hiking the island after diving – avoid the climb to Mt. Scenery except on your non-diving days. There are nature trails around the island and for various levels of expertise. There is a trail shop located in Winwardside that can provide maps and hiking sticks.

There were three different grocery stores in Winwardside and we stocked up on things for lunch – peanut butter, crackers, sausage, cheese. These provided a hearty repast to hold us over to dinner. We sampled many of the local restaurants for our evening meal. Food was very good everywhere we went. People were very friendly and seemed genuinely glad we were there.

We all agreed we would go to Saba again, wonderful place, beautiful surroundings, friendly people and fantastic diving.

The Triton Travelers: Chris Demski, Adolph Habich, Milt and Margy Levenberg and Pam Romund

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## **Celebrating the 40th Anniversary in 2009!**

**Early Bird Tickets Now Available for the Week-End – Order tickets by 12/3/109.  
For ONLY \$65.00 Children 9-12 \$40.00 8 Years and Under FREE!**

### **WEEK-END TICKET INCLUDES:**

- **3-DAY Admission to Exhibit Floor**
- **Friday & Saturday Film Festivals**
- **Saturday & Sunday Seminars**
- **40th Anniversary T-Shirt (Design will be available soon)**

### **NOT Included:**

- **Workshops Manufacturer Clinics Training Agency Updates**

Go to [www.ourworldunderwater.com](http://www.ourworldunderwater.com) for more information and to purchase your tickets!

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.

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Aurora IL 60504  
630-820-2531

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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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***ATOCHA RING FIND***

**A rare gold and amethyst ring has been found on the Nuestra Senora de Atocha in Florida.**

The famous 1622 wreck, 35 miles off Key West, was salvaged by treasure hunter Mel Fisher in the mid-eighties, but items are still found and brought up.

Family member Kim Fisher said that the ring, found by salvage divers, was the "first ring with an amethyst found on the Atocha site".

"It has a "plain gold band with a large box-shaped gold setting on the top with amethyst inside". The "almost black" amethyst "probably would have come from a large crystal in order to be that dark".

The Fishers run diving trips to the site. Mel Fisher's Treasures - [www.melfisher.com](http://www.melfisher.com)



## *The Tritons*

FOUNDED IN 1957

P. O. Box 1025  
Des Plaines, IL 60017-1025

November, 2009

*Triton* DIVE LINE: 847-394-0975

[www.TheTritons.com](http://www.TheTritons.com)

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2009 Illinois Council Club of the Year

## *The Tritons*

**November meeting will begin at 7:30 PM**

**Presentation: You Don't Know SCUBA Jack!**

**Testing your knowledge of the marine environment and SCUBA diving!**

**See you November 24, 2009 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