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Adopt-A-Street Green Team
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Season's Greetings



DUES REMINDER

It will soon be January and your 2009 dues will be due.

Program for December 4th

No Program For December

Annual club Holiday Party. Bring your favorite dish to share.

President's Waves



I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and that everybody is ready for the upcoming holidays.

Our December 4th meeting will be our Holiday Pot-Luck Party. Everyone is bringing their favorite dish to share. We always have a great turnout for this event, and look forward to seeing old friends.

Our only order of business for the meeting will be to elect next year's Board of Directors. The slate was listed in last month's newsletter and nominations from the floor are welcomed. At the January Board meeting, appointments to the non-elected positions on the Board will be made. If you have any interest in joining the Board, please let me know. There are a number of positions available and the Board welcomes new members and new ideas.

Our December meeting will be December 4th. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Emma Lou Olson Pompano Beach Civic Center. Social starts around 6:30 PM with the meeting at 7:00.

Glada Blench
President for 2008
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Local Diving

With Larry Baum

Saturday, December 13th
Starfish Enterprise
Lantana
Show @ 7:30 AM, Go @ 8:00 AM
Cost \$55



I know that with travel, weekend commitments and questionable conditions December is an "iffy" month for Club dives. (With a start like that you have to wonder why I ever went into sales). However, there are a number of Club members who dive year round and as one of our members so aptly put it, "You just move from 3 mm to 5 mm and add a few pounds of lead. What's the big

deal?" Remember, a December day in South Florida is, in many respects, better than a July day up North. So, being the eternal optimist, I've scheduled our final 2008 dive on Saturday, December 13 with the Starfish Enterprise, <http://www.idivestarfish.com>.



This brings us full circle for 2008 (my, how time flies) as we did our first 2008 dive with the Starfish on Easter, March 23.

Our last dive was November 15, and the conditions were surprisingly good. Admittedly, the water temperature had dipped just below 80 degrees (I had it at 79), but the air was warm up top and the conditions once under were great (and, of course, we had brownies).

I know that December 13 is a month off, but I'm betting that we'll have a beautiful morning to dive. It's a 7:30 AM show in Lantana with an 8:00 AM departure. Cost (NOT INCLUDING TIPS) is \$55 for the Club with air tanks at \$7 and nitrox at \$14.

I'll save you all the usual graphics I copy off the Starfish site, but if you haven't dove with them before please take a look at their home page. They're one of our favorite operators.

Register early and often and we'll see if we can have strong attendance for our final dive of '08.

Click on the link for a review of our most recent [LOCAL DIVE](#).

Larry Baum
VP of Local Diving
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Social Activities



If you enjoy social activities, indoors or outdoors, and you have an event that USAers might find

interesting, contact the Social Butterflies. Check USA's Calendar web page for a complete listing of club events. Click on any listed social event link for additional details and photos.

Saturday morning, November 8th, fifteen USAers and guests gathered in Deerfield Beach for USA's inaugural Adopt-A-Street cleanup event. The 1.2 mile length of Natura Blvd was divided into four sectors, i.e., northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest, thereby reducing walking distance to about 1/2 mile for each participant. Teams of 3 to 4 persons were assigned cleanup sectors. Participants donned bright yellow safety vests, hats and gloves. Each team was provided a large plastic trash bag and mechanical tongs to facilitate removing trash and debris from the roadside. By 10:00 AM, the cleanup was underway, two teams working north-to-south, the other teams working south-to-north. Earlier that morning, event organizers Russ and Julie Manhold conspired with Clare and Tony Anthon to discretely place four empty clear plastic water bottles along the roadside. Each water bottle contained two Florida Lotto



tickets. Adopt-A-Street teams discovered and collected three "booty bottles"; a local morning jogger apparently spotted and retrieved the fourth "booty bottle".

By mid day, the four teams rendezvoused at Natura Blvd's half-way point, comparing size and shape of filled trash bags. Each bag was weighed, recyclable items were

separated into clear plastic bags, and everyone posed for a group photo before heading off to Crabby Jack's in Deerfield Beach for lunch. Click [HERE](#) to see more pictures from the cleanup.

USA's next Adopt-A-Street cleanup is scheduled for February 7, 2009 on Natura Blvd in Deerfield Beach.



Thursday evening, November 13th, eight USAers met at La Bamba Mexican & Spanish Restaurant in Delray Beach for dinner and drinks before attending a USA board meeting, hosted by Chary Lynn at her home in Delray Beach.



Thursday evening, December 4th, join USAers and guests for our annual 'Pot Luck' Holiday Party at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach. For 2008, we ask each participant to bring a covered dish to share. Non-alcoholic beverages provided by the USA Dive Club. Festivities begin at 6:30 PM.

Future social events include:

- February 7, 2009 (Saturday) USA's 2nd Adopt-A-Street Cleanup
 - Natura Blvd, Deerfield Beach

Russ Manhold
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Hospitality Hut



Happy Holidays from the Hospitality Hut Elves.

We are pleased to report six guests attended USA's November 6th general membership meeting. This special group of people have something in common, i.e., they were all guests or members once before.

Mary Burnside, friend of USA Dive Club Treasurer Judy Townsend, first visited us on June 5, 2008.

Certified in 1981 in the chilly waters of Connecticut, Mary enjoys lobstering, photography and sightseeing.

Rob Colon attended his second consecutive meeting. Rob is a relatively new diver who enjoys catching lobster and diving on local wrecks. Rob's two children, aged 10 and 13, were certified along with their dad. We're very happy that Rob has decided to join our club.

Martha Fournier was a club member several years ago. Martha was certified in 1975. She has logged over 500 dives as an Advanced Open Water diver. She travelled with USAers to Belize, and her dream dive destination is Indonesia.

Lots of us already know Jim and Chris Guld. Chris is the daughter of USA's Hall of Fame member Marilyn Van Valkenburg. Jim and Chris enjoy scuba diving in the open ocean from their kayaks. These "Geeks on Tour" travel the country in their motorhome giving seminars at RV rallies and help RVers and RV parks with their computer needs. We can always expect a wonderful visit from them whenever their travels bring them back to Florida.

Paula Wall first attended a USA Dive Club meeting last October. A new Open Water diver, Paula enjoys photography and lobstering. She attended USA's 'GREASE is the Word' Fall Party and looks forward to joining our group in the near future.

Be sure to visit USA's web page and click on the [calendar](#) button for details about future club events, including local diving, overseas dive trips, and regularly scheduled non-diving social events. While visiting the web page, click on the [photo gallery](#) button to view snapshots of USA's recent and past activities. You'll notice lots of smiling faces in USA's photo gallery.

The USA Dive Club always welcomes former members and guests and encourages everyone to join us again on December 4th. We will meet in the larger room at the end of the hallway for our 'Pot Luck' Holiday Party.





Julie Manhold & Clare Anthon
Hospitality Coordinators
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USA's Overseas Diving

2009 Program:

- Land Based
 - Our committee will work on this
- **Belize Aggressor July 18-25, 2009**
 - Trip Canceled
- Dry Tortugas, August 2009
 - Not yet confirmed

Any questions give me a call.

Nils Jacobsen
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USA Calendar

- **December 4th - Regular Monthly Meeting @ 7:00 PM**
 - Emma Lou Olson (Pompano Beach) Civic Center
1801 NE 6th Street
Pompano Beach, FL
- **December 6th - Board Meeting**
 - Roger's house
- **December 13th - Local Dive @ 7:30 AM**
 - Starfish Enterprise, Lantana



Birthday greetings in December to the following club members:

Glada B, Rick D, Chuck G, Eunice H, Bob H, Rob M, Donald P, Robert S, Thomas S, Jon S

HAPPY BIRTHDAY from your friends in diving!!!

Contact Info:

Under Sea Adventurers web site: www.usadiveclub.com

Meetings: First Thursday of each month at:
 Emma Lou Olson Civic Center
 1801 NE 6th Street, Pompano Beach, FL
 Social: 6:30 PM, Meeting: 7:00 PM

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Membership Dues - - - \$40 Yearly

[Download the Membership Packet from our website.](#)

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