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Christmas Tree Worms. Photo by Matt Barton

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January Meeting Program: January Program Features Club Videographers

The program for January features members of our club who combine their diving with capturing highlights of the dive on video. Featured members are Bob Weybrecht, Larry Townsend, Marilyn Van Valkenburg, Larry LePage and Mary LePage.

*Ray McAllister
VP of Programs*

President's Waves



2005 is here! Happy New Year everyone. Let's make it a 2005 resolution to "do more diving" and invite fellow divers to join Under Sea Adventurers. Grab some business cards and take them on dive boats with you. Hand them out and have the divers check out our website. Invite them to a meeting to find out we are fun to be with and we have fascinating monthly programs.

Under Sea Adventurers offer trips to the Caribbean and exotic trips to far away places. These trips come on a payment plan with the expense spread over several months. Our Vice-President of Overseas Diving, Nils Jacobsen, makes sure that no detail is left to chance on these trips. Because of his years in the Oceanic community, Dr. Ray, our Program V-P, gets very interesting programs for our meetings such as FAU Human Submarine Races and The Wreck of the Concepcion. We can always count on Kim Whaley, our Social Vice-President to come up with fun stuff whenever it occurs plus snacks and soft drinks at our meetings. Larry Baum, our Vice-President of Local Diving, plans local dives on various dive boats. He welcomes your suggestions if there is someone you would like to dive with or somewhere you would like to go. We are also open to other adventures.

At the December meeting, we passed the revised By-Laws. Although changes to the content are minimal, the changes make the document flow better. The By-Laws and Club Rules will be added to the web page in the near future. Thank to you the members of the committee who worked with me to put these changes together – Robert Shearer, Gary Sharp, and Larry Baum.

Congratulations are in order for Board Member, Ann Stambaugh. She has become a member of the USA Hall of Fame. This means that Ann has served on the Board for 7 years. At present she serves as Awards Coordinator. She is in charge of the design on the service plaques presented to Board Members for their efforts on behalf of the club.

Matt Barton will no longer be doing the Web Page and newsletter. He did a superb job in designing the new look of both documents and will be sorely missed. Please be patient with Larry LePage who is taking over. He is looking for articles or information on upcoming events from everyone. His e-mail address is webmaster@underseas.org.

Looking forward to seeing all of you Thursday, January 6th for our social get together at 7:00, meeting at 7:30.

PS : PAY YOUR DUES THIS MONTH

Mary LePage
USA President for 2005

Local Diving

with Larry B

Not much to say about Local Diving over the winter months which hasn't already been said.

Except.....there's still a number of us who would be interested in diving over the winter season before we formally begin our Club diving again next April. While I don't expect to plan any formal Club dives, please let me know if you're interested in diving between now and March. We can always pull together an informal dive, nothing fancy (maybe not home made baked brownies and cookies for these dives) but a chance for Club members, old friends, and guests to see each other and get in a dive or two before next year. I know that favorable conditions (or lack thereof) are always an issue this time of year, but please let me know if you're interested and we can set something up.

My plans are to get my advanced certification before we start diving again next year (and special thanks to Robert Shearer for his recommendations in this area) so I plan to dive one way or the other. Being with friends from the Club on recreational dives as I pursue the certification will be an added bonus for me.

Once again, thanks to Linda Grist for helping me get the Local Dive program off and running for 2004 and thanks to all of you for your continued support.

Larry Baum

VP Local Diving lbaum@us.ibm.com

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USA's Overseas Trips for 2005



The program will be announced at the January 6 meeting. Due to me being busy – both at work and trying to start a construction project – the written program is a little later than normal. We expect to post the complete program on the website Tuesday morning. If you prefer to get a copy by email (pdf) please let me know by email Monday night (w/ or w/out pictures?). If you receive a hardcopy Newsletter, please call me and we can snail-mail or fax you a copy.

Program: (subject to change)

- Cozumel: May 21-28
- Cayman Aggressor, June 18-25 – Sold Out - waiting list only
- West End Dolphin trip or Bimini, Cat Cay /Orange Cay, Easy Goin', July 24-30 - Going Fast
- Dry Tortugas, Playmate, Sept 8 (night)-12 - (roll-over from 2004) - One spot open
- Irian Jaya, Raja Ampat, Sorong (on Pelagian: boat dates: embark/disembark: Nov 1-12); 3 nights in Manado Lembeh Straits; dept Thursday Oct 27 – back Sunday Nov 13
- o Plenty of options for extensions, such as arriving in Manado earlier, say 6 or 8 nights and/or returning via Bali ...

VP Overseas Diving: Nils Jacobsen
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Also, please note that to be ready for signup in January, you must be up to date on dues and pay 2005 dues no later than at signup.

Membership benefits

If you plan on doing your own trip with one of our major providers, please call me first so you get the best deal ...

VP Overseas Diving
Nils Jacobsen

USA Overseas Dive Program 2005

CAYMAN AGGRESSOR IV
JUNE 18-25, 2005

5 DIVES A DAY INCLUDING FABULOUS NIGHT DIVING.



Bloody Bay Wall at Little Cayman; Tibbetts, a 330-foot Russian destroyer at Cayman Brac; Stingray City and other Grand Cayman sites.

Check out is 8:00am Saturday morning.

Cost is \$1950.00 without the airfare. Estimated airfare is \$425.00

Persons Signed Up: Ronnie Farr, Nils Jacobsen, Chary Lynn, Linda Caldwell, Linda Ianniello, Bob Weybrecht, Theresa Shaner; Clare Anthon, Russ Manhold, Julie Manhold, Joanne Morgan, Frank Morgan, Hank Resch, Bob Horin, Kurt Kohler, Nancy Woods



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<http://www.underseas.org/trips/2005/cayman/>

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**2005: Live-aboard: Pelagian Irian Jaya, Raja Ampat
Indonesia: leaving Oct 27 (or earlier) - returning
Nov 13 (or later)**

Manado: Oct 29 (-or earlier) Nov 1; Irian Jaya, Raja Ampat, Pelagian, (on the boat: Nov 1-12) Option: Bali or ?



The key exotic destination chosen by the dive committee in 2003 is Irian Jaya (the Indonesian end of the PNG-Island). It remains "the place to go". We spent some time deciding when and how, settled on a live-aboard and found the Pelagian, a 12 passenger luxury vehicle, in first half on November - so we can be back for the holidays

M/Y Pelagian cruises Eastern Indonesia from Bali to Irian Jaya (Papua); twice a year they make round trips out of Irian Jaya (Papua), also described as Sorong, taking varying routes, exploring the waters of the Raja Empat Islands, Misool, Batanta, Fam, Ju/Minyaifun, Waigeo, Kawe, Wayag, Kofiau and beyond. The captain at this time is Australian.

Pelagian requires dive accident insurance and strongly recommends DAN's "Master Plan" and/or PADI Diving Accident Insurance.

The name Irian Jaya conjures up images of headhunters and adventurous sailors crossing the Banda Sea during the heyday of the Spice Trade. It is now part of Indonesia, renamed Papua, and in recent years has gained international recognition for offering some of the world's finest diving, with the richest and most bio-diverse coral reefs found anywhere, and in Dec 2002, the Nature

Conservancy expedition "confirmed that the area contains the richest reefs in the world".

Recently (August 2003), a workshop was held in Raja Empat to extend results of the survey to local stakeholders; results of this workshop are included in this report.

Some important conclusions:

- This survey brings the total number of fish species found in Raja Ampat to 1,074. At 50% of the sites in Raja Empat, the fish species count exceeded 200, which is a benchmark for excellent diversity. The Raja Empat Archipelago harbors one of the most diverse reef fish assemblages in the world.
- A total of 488 scleractinian corals were identified in the field. To date, Raja Ampat is known to have the highest diversity of hard corals for an area of similar size anywhere on earth
- Evidence of turtle nesting was found at 17 of the 23 beaches surveyed. Green turtles and hawksbill turtles were observed during the survey, and local people confirmed the presence of leatherback turtles.
- The Raja Empat Archipelago is one of New Guinea's most unusual floristic environments. Highly endemic forest communities lie alongside some of the most diverse reef ecosystems in the world.
- Threats that are widespread in Indonesia (destructive fishing practices, over-exploitation, illegal logging) are also common in Raja Ampat. Fortunately, the reefs in Raja Ampat are still in a relatively good condition.
- There are substantial prospects for future taxonomic discovery.
- Local people are aware of threats to sustainable use of natural resources, and are extremely concerned about the influx of fishers from other areas in Indonesia.
- The people of Raja Ampat take great pride in their newly acquired status as a separate regency or kabupaten. This status gives the people of Raja Ampat more control on how resources are managed.

To get there we have tentatively chosen Singapore Air Lines/Silk. Our ticket agent is working to confirm that this is indeed the optimum combination of the best routing and the lowest price ... (Staying with a single airline and its partners saves luggage surcharges for at least all connections tagged to the long haul). Flying into to Singapore and straight on to Manado the same morning so far looks the most convenient.

To get all the way to Sorong we need at least one night in Indonesia. For logistic reasons, say to ensure that any late luggage can catch up prior to us leaving the port of Sorong, we really need 3 days. Given that the choice of place to stay is Manado on Sulawesi. The trip is priced based on a 3 night stay in Manado, but you can add additional nights at your own convenience, so your total night in Manado becomes 6, 8, 10 or more (3 weekly flight from Singapore) Here, your primary choices are to dive Lembeh Straits and/or Bunaken Marine Park or take land excursions or just relax. I am working w/ Eco-divers, an operation that operates both sides of NE Sulawesi, both Lembeh Straits out of KBR (Kungkungan Bay resort) and Bunaken Marine Park out of

Tasik Ria Resort (this resort might be the best located for many of the sightseeing trips). I hope I can make an arrangement w/ the two resorts, so that we only need to pick the number of days (arrival date) now for airline ticketing purpose and then later decide where to dive or where to go sightseeing ...

Land based day trips (options):

- In the city there are Buddhist temples and museums
- Tomohon, Minahasa Jungle, Mt. Lokon volcano (all close to Tasik Ria)
- Several waterfalls, both next to KBR and on the middle of the peninsula
- There are also natural hot springs, and in the tropical rainforest, you might see – and hear – the endemic Maleo bird
- For overnight trips (south and west) offers even more exotic options
- Next to KBR, is a preserve, Tangkoko-Batuangus-Dua Saudura that hold the worlds smallest monkey ...

I have a travel book for Sulawesi that has about 30-40 pages on the region we are visiting. You are welcome to borrow it (it was bought in '93 so I am also checking to see if I can get a newer one)

Practical arrangements: First we decide how many days we each want to stay (so we can book outbound tickets, then we try to decide if we can do something common the last 3 days where every is there and then we pick individual options for any remaining days)

Another option - homebound is to take -“a small detour” via Bali

A few people are considering returning through Bali... To the extent desired I can help w/ the arrangement or just give some contact info (Aquamarine, ENA, ...). If you plan to stay in Indonesia for more than 30 days, please contact me first.

Pricing and schedule: The pricing is approximate at this point. We “lost” our first airfare estimate and is now working w/ a new agent. Also the prices are based on 3 days on Manado. Tips and taxes are included. Some Manado prices are in Euro, hence subject to change based on the dollars further demise.

Approximate price per extra day of diving in Manado is (based on double occupancy): \$170. This includes covers full diving with tips on the Lembeh side; Bunaken is slightly cheaper; most land trips I have seen so far are also cheaper than a full day of diving ...

Minimal trip duration (assuming leaving Ft Lauderdale to Singapore via New York), Singapore Manado and Manado Sorong and back: Depart Thursday 10/27 afternoon; return Sunday 11/13, afternoon

Estimated price (w/out air):

Master: \$3960; Deluxe: \$3650; Standard: \$3120

VP Overseas Diving, Nils Jacobsen

Other boat details:

- Rooms: The boat has 3 different room types, each priced accordingly: One Master suite; 3 Deluxe rooms (w/ a double and a single bed); 2 Standard rooms (2 twin beds)
- On board equipment: Includes camera workshop and charging facilities, TV and video player in the salon, an extensive VCD collection, music CD's and book library, new shaded seating area on upper deck with barbecue pit, Bauer K-14 compressors, Nitrox membrane system, and full navigational, communication and safety equipment.
- 6 Sea Kayaks
- Pelagian's Tenders: Pelagian has two fantastic new custom made 5.8 meter white rigid hull inflatable dive tenders with tank racks, secure stainless steel ladders, camera bins and D.A.N Oxygen kits on board. These tenders are comfortable and very easy to enter and exit the water from. We do some diving off the main boat but mainly off the tenders as they allow divers to go directly to the dive sites.
- Dives: Divers can go with our experienced Dive Masters, or in certain situations can buddy up by themselves, although in some areas they will not be allowed to go off in buddy teams due to environmental or logistical conditions. The Dive Masters know the reefs well and are experts in finding marine life, so we encourage guests to go with them. They will see a lot more and get the maximum out of each dive.
- Weather: The weather is at its best from March to December which is M/Y Pelagian's season in Indonesia.
- Underwater: The water temperature is 82°-84°F (28°-29°C) year round
- Electricity onboard: Outlets are the Standard American flat prong plugs. Pelagian's electrical current voltage is 220v/50Hz. There are also 110 adapters in the photo room for charging equipment.
- E6 Photo Processing: M/Y Pelagian has E6 photo processing available on board
- NITROX: is available on board per trip \$ 150.00

Update – Airfare and Land options, Manado

For Manado there are two options for the people staying only 3 days. Stay on the South Side/ Lembeh and primarily dive (there is little else to do on that side, except for a night jungle tour to see the nocturnal Tarsius mini-monkey).

On the other side of the peninsula, north, there are more options. If relaxing is the primary option, maybe land tours, the new 5-star Minahasa Lagoon was highly recommended by our new agent. (If we can handle the extra cost or stay 3 or 4 people in a 700 sqf room to keep the price the same, this is preferable). Minahasa is on the edge of jungle and closest to most of the sightseeing. Tasik Ria could still be a compromise if both price and privacy is an option? I would hope that we as a group could decide to only split between two hotels?

For the people who stay longer, there is a choice of diving both sides of the Island. If the reason to go to the north side is primarily diving rather than sight seeing, the operation, Thalassa, closest to the marine Park is also an option.

The first Key choice is when to arrive (we need to book airlines as soon as possible; the next urgency is to book at KBR, because that sells out early ...

Pricing and schedule: The pricing is still approximate at this point – and can change w/ fuel surcharges. We got a new airline agent that also handles our land bookings in Manado (and Bali).

Approximate price per extra day of diving in Manado is (based on double occupancy): \$170. This includes covers full diving with tips on the Lembeh side; Bunaken is slightly cheaper; most land trips I have seen so far are also cheaper than a full day of diving ...

We were also given the option (space available) to go directly from New York non-stop to Singapore for an additional \$550. Saves outbound time, later departure, but bring us home later (3/4 of a day in Singapore). Let me know if you want to consider that option?

Estimated price (w/ air):

Master: \$5600; Deluxe: \$5290; Standard: \$4760

VP Overseas Diving, Nils Jacobsen

Links:

<http://www.diveasiapacific.com>

<http://www.diveasiapacific.com/boats/index.htm>

<http://www.divekbr.com>

<http://www.eco-divers.com>

<http://tasikria.com>

BAHAMAS/BIMINI-LIVE-A-BOARD Paradise Charters – Easy Goin’ July 24-30 (5 1/2 days) Bimini to Orange Cay OR Dolphin trip at West End



We plan to go to Bimini/Bahamas again times this summer. This trip only holds 6-7 divers. It is on a 62' feet boat called Easy Goin'. The boat is equipped with the latest in navigational, communications, and safety equipment. It also has a full galley where delicious meals and snacks are prepared, and a comfortable dining area where you can kick back and enjoy your meals. The cooking is to die for. The key risk is the extra pounds. And when it's time for bed you'll sleep comfortably in air-conditioned quarters (double occupancy accommodations). For your enjoyment they also offer satellite TV, VCR, and stereo, or for the more

This boat, and in particular its owners – Chuck and Peg – and crew – Mark continues to receive excellent ratings, by fellow divers, see Rodale's Scuba magazine and Undercurrent's (just got 2005 volume in the mail – nothing but praise) annual report. Many who went last year said they wanted to go back. The boat leaves on Sunday night 7pm and travels across. We dive 5 days Monday to Friday and arriving home Saturday morning.

The people already interested in going are flexible between two options; hence the remaining members joining the trip can help decide:

Option 1: Dolphin Trip – West End: Each morning, the boat will roam the water NE or West end for dolphins. That should give plenty of opportunity to swim and snorkel with the dolphins. The afternoon and nights will be spent diving west end sites.

Option 2: Bimini – Orange Cay: This brings us to well know sites: Tuna Alley, Sapona, "Rita (wreck)" Victory, Nodules and hopefully this year all the way (we are two weeks earlier in the season this year) to Orange just north of Cay Sal

The price includes meals, snacks, taxes (now \$65), tip, and is based on double occupancy and 6 divers (cheaper if we fill the boat ...). Boat is docked in the Bahia Mar area.

Website: <http://www.paradisearcharters.com>

Departs: Sunday, July 24, 7:00pm

Returns: Sunday, Saturday July 30, 7am

Package Includes:

6 nights on M/V Easy Goin' 5 days diving 4-5 dives a day

Tanks & weights included All meals, snacks, soft drinks

Beer or wine with dinner

Trip Lead: Chary Lynn: 561-330-7490

Price \$1770

Cozumel!!!



Join USA'ers to the Caribbean's most popular dive destination. Enjoy relaxed drift dives in the warm currents of a protected park. This underwater paradise is home to an abundance of sea life, towering coral pinnacles and a labyrinth of caves. Normal visibility is 100 feet and frequently more.

Cozumel has been rated in the top 5 in the Caribbean for the following categories by the readers of Rodale's Scuba Diving Magazine:

- o Visibility
- o Marine Life
- o Healthy Marine Environment
- o Wall Diving

We will stay at the beautiful Scuba Club Cozumel, formerly known as the Galapago Inn. Scuba Club Cozumel was voted Top Five: Top Value, Top Ten: World's Top Dive Resort by the readers of Rodale's Scuba Diving Magazine in 2003

In 2002 Scuba Club Cozumel was voted the #1 Best Value - Dive Operators,

#4 Best Value Resort, #9 Best Dive Operator, and #9 Best Dive Resort by the readers of Rodale's Scuba Diving Magazine. Cozumel was voted the #1 Best Overall Destination, #2 Best Value, #1 Best Visibility, #5 Healthiest Marine Environment, #3 Best Advanced Diving, and #2 Place You'd Return to!

Check out their site at: <http://www.scubaclubcozumel.com>

Scuba Club Cozumel is only a 15 minute brisk walk to San Miguel, a mecca for shopping and night life.

This is one of the most affordable trips USA is offering this year! A GREAT value!

Dates: Saturday, May 21 – Saturday May 28, 2005

Price: \$1397.00 diver pp dbl based on 10 participants

Includes: 8 days, 7 nights 5 dive days, 2 dives/ day

Unlimited shore diving

All meals

Airfare

Taxes, transfers and tips

Not included: Optional afternoon, dusk, and night dives

Optional day tours

Trip Leader: Ann Stambaugh

Dry Tortugas on the Playmate

September 8-12

One spot open



This will be my "4th" year in a row that I have been diving on the Playmate. This trip is a hunting trip for lobsters and spear fishing. The boat is 60 feet long with a twenty foot beam. Holds 9 passengers in four separate air conditioned staterooms, plus two bathrooms with showers. The fine cuisine is prepared to your approval using only the best cuts of meat, poultry, and fresh-caught seafood. Other amenities include: Sun deck, satellite TV/VCR/Stereo, water maker, DNAX Nitrox, shaded back deck, cut out transom with platform, 2 electric onboard air compressors. Prices Include: 4 breakfasts 4 lunches 3 dinners snacks, water and lemonade. Bedding Tanks, weights All tips.

Prices are: \$1,100.00 Air, \$1,200.00 Nitrox, \$1,240.00 for tanks over 80 or own tanks.

We board the boat after 7:00pm, Thursday night, September 8th. The boat leaves the docks while we sleep at 5:00am. We wake up to the smell of fresh coffee and are served a full hot breakfast. We start diving around 8:00am. We average 6 dives a days, diving on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday 3 dives, and returning to the docks on Monday the 12th around 3:00pm.

This boat books up fast! And this time we rolled over most of the members who missed 2004 while Ivan went around South Florida.

People going: Ronnie Farr, Nils Jacobsen, John Baron, Chuck Goby, Otto Fernandez, Kim Whaley, Bob & Gail Cistrelli

Trip Leader: Ronnie Farr

Overseas Trip Payment Schedule

	Trip Dates	Deposit	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Cayman 2005	June 18-25	\$1,030	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230						\$1,950
Cayman 2005 plus Airfaire	June 18-25	\$1,240	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$280						\$2,375
Cozumelel	5/21 - 5/30	\$200		\$399	\$399	\$399						\$1,397
----non diver	5/21 - 5/30	\$200										TBD
Dry Tortugas	9/8 - 9/12	\$100		\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200				\$1,100
----- w/nitrox	9/8 - 9/12	\$100		\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220				\$1,200
Irian Jaya												
--- Master	10/17-11/13	\$500		\$640	\$640	\$640	\$640	\$640	\$430	\$430	\$620	\$5,600
--- DeLuxe	"	\$500		\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$590	\$5,290
--- Standard	"	\$500		\$540	\$540	\$530	\$530	\$530	\$530	\$530	\$530	\$4,760

PLEASE mail your trip signup forms **to:**
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A REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE PELAGIAN IRIAN JAYA TRIP

A REGISTRATION FORM FOR ALL OTHER OVERSEAS TRIPS

[2005 Trip Registration.pdf](#)

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Show Your Colors!



Proud to be an Under Sea Adventurer? Show your pride, and advertise your club, by wearing our logo. We are now offering custom embroidered items bearing the distinctive USA emblem. Items available, and there are hundreds of them from A (aprons) to Z (zippered tote bags), include fishing type shirts, tank tops, t-shirts, fleece, thongs, sweatshirts, denim shirts, shorts, jackets, and more. Long sleeves. Short sleeves. No sleeves. Whatever. Now you can get the style you want, in the color you want, in the size that you need! And all are name brand, quality, products like Columbia, Wrangler, Anvil, Outer Banks, and Champion to name a few. Prices are comparable to the stores and include the embroidery. Simply select what you want from the catalog, which will be available at the regular monthly meeting. We'll place the order and notify you when it's ready. With the holidays just around the corner, what a perfect time to treat your most favorite person (you) to a new outfit. You can get an early start with an online version of the catalog available at <http://store.webstorepackage.com/wearables>. So take a look and make your shopping list.

Show Your Colors! - Part Deux



To further promote and advertise our club, we have had vinyl decals printed up. These decals can be placed on your tanks, bumpers, SUV rear windows, dive boats, dive resorts, your local dive shop, local watering hole, and anyplace else you can think of (and can get away with). The idea being to have others, who are not members, get curious about the club, visit our web site, come to a meeting, and join us! To help in this endeavor, we are asking you, the members, to purchase these decals from the club. They are packaged

10 to a bag and are \$5.00, which comes to \$.50 each and is what they cost us to have made. We will be selling them at the meetings and hope to see them everywhere very soon. If you can't get to the meetings, e-mail me and we'll work something out. Please support your club.

Bob Weybrecht
bw999@bellsouth.net

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Holiday Gala



Over forty members, former members, and guests got together for the Under Sea Adventurers Annual Holiday Party. Kim Whaley, our Social Vice President, provided a 5-**** turkey for us to enjoy. She has a secret recipe and may be persuaded to share it with you. Members also shared appetizers, ham, several hot vegetable dishes, salads, and, of course, deserts. Based on the amount of noise in the room everyone was having a good time catching up on past activities. Based on the amount of food left over, we brought our appetites as well. One of the highlights of the evening was the stunning photographs on display, products of our club photographers Bernie Meier, Chary Lynn, Linda Ianiello, Carol Schurtz, Patrice Marker, Rob Myers, and Kay Chung. Kurt Kohler presented his photographs on his new, fantastic laptop and treated us to memories of the Tobago trip earlier this year. Kudos to all of you for great food and a great time.

Christmas Morning 2004 Gathering



On Christmas morning a hardy group of USA dive club members got together to welcome the sunrise. Donuts, rolls, and cookies were shared by all.

Old Friends Get Together



A dozen Under Sea Adventurers got together at Rosie's Grill in Boca Raton for a reunion with Mary May Angelil. Still a member of Under Sea Adventurers, Mary May, and her husband Ed, moved to Virginia several years ago and were in the area to visit a new grandchild. Everyone had a good time eating wings, burgers, fries and other healthy entrees and reminiscing about old times. We are looking forward to another reunion during their next visit.

USA Calendar

- **Jan 6th, Thursday**
6:00pm - Dinner
7:00pm - Social
7:30pm - General Meeting - Pompano Beach Civic Center
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- **Jan 13th, thursday**
 - Board meeting- - Linda Ianniello
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DAN website: www.diversalernetnetwork.org

Meetings: First Thursday of each month at
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Social: 7:00 PM, Meeting: 7:30 PM

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