



The Rebel Yell



December 2018 🎄 "Celebrating Our 60th Anniversary as a Dive Club!!"

2018 DIVING REBELS BOARD

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| Kevin Schuck | President |
| Dale Romack | Vice President |
| Allen Bothwell | Treasurer |
| Johnny Griffin | Secretary |
| Jim Magnuson | Activities Director |
| Richard Sanders | Sr. Board Member |
| Cathy McWilliams | Jr. Board Member |

Appointed Positions

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| Jay Delmar | Newsletter Editor |
| Kevin Schuck | Webmaster |
| Connie Griffin | Historian |
| Elizabeth Neumann | Social Coordinator |

To contact a member of the board, please visit our website at:

<http://www.divingrebels.org/>

or send an email with your question(s) and/or comments to:

info@divingrebels.org



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – December 5, 2018

J. Gilligans, 400 E. Abrams St. Arlington, TX 76010

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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December Meeting Program

Our December membership meeting will feature **Dave Filas**, who will give us "A Look Inside the World of Technical Diving." Dave has been a certified diver since 1999. Three years ago, he became a technical diver. He holds technical diving certifications from both PADI (Tec50) and TDI (Normoxic trimix). In addition to open circuit, he is also TDI certified (trimix) on the Dive Rite Optima rebreather. In 2018, he completed his open circuit full cave certification and became a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor. In his "natural state" outside of diving, Dave is a technical project manager for IBM. Come join us in December, and learn more about tech diving!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Dec 8 Annual Christmas Party
- Dec 19 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm, Los Jimadores, Bedford
- Jan 1 Polar Bear Dive: The Scuba Ranch at Clear Springs
- Jan 26–27 San Marcos River Underwater Cleanup

2019 Board of Directors

The following members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club have been elected or appointed to serve on the 2019 Board of Directors.

President: Linda Magnuson
Vice President: Dale Romack
Secretary: Jim Magnuson
Treasurer: Elizabeth Neumann
Senior Board Member: Cathy McWilliams
Junior Board Member: Robin Doege
Webmaster: Jim Magnuson
Historian: Connie Griffin

The remaining open positions on the board will be filled at a later date.

Welcome to Our Visitors

The Diving Rebels were happy to welcome **Brad** and **Michelle Chumley** from The Scuba Ranch and **Diane Bartulevicz** to our November membership meeting! Thank you for visiting with us!

From the Editor

As you know, this is my last issue of *The Rebel Yell*. I've enjoyed working on the Diving Rebels' newsletter for the past four years, and I hope that it's been both informative and entertaining.

The club has had a lot of fun during that time, and we've all made some great memories. Here's to the club's continued success in 2019 and beyond!

Jay Delmar

Birthdays



Dec 05 David Prichard
Dec 13 Dale Davis
Dec 13 Cathy McWilliams
Dec 14 Ron Hyatt
Dec 20 Terry Crippen
Dec 24 Travis Wells
Dec 27 Roger Lee
Dec 31 Gregg Biggs

Anniversaries



Dec 03 Jim and Linda Magnuson
Dec 20 Joe and Ilana Cantu
Dec 26 Garth and Dawn Shackelford

Did we miss/make an error with your special date? If so, it's either not included or incorrect in our database.

Contact **Vice President Dale Romack** to update/correct your information!

Mark Your Calendars!

Diving Rebels Christmas Party December 8

Get your meal ticket prior to the party, and qualify for a special drawing. Tickets will be on sale at the December membership meeting!

See Details in This Newsletter!

*Merry Christmas . . .
and Happy Diving!!!*



President's Letter

Howdy!

Well, you know how I like to see what the National Day is when I write these letters. Today is not exception. Today is National Meth Awareness Day. I really don't want to know what one does to celebrate this day! Saturday is much better: it's National Rosa Parks Day and National Pie Day. I need to chat with the First Lady about eating her deliciously wonderful pie, and Rosa Parks should be celebrated every day!

This is a bittersweet letter for me as it is my last as your President. After serving many years on the board as Treasurer and President, I have decided that it is in the best interest of my family that I do not continue in a leadership role in the club. I have gained additional responsibilities at work that are fruitful for the family but demand a greater time commitment, and I need to make fewer non-work commitments to allow for quality family time. My leadership time with the club has been of great value to me, and I have learned much. It has been very much a privilege to represent the membership and to have gained their trust to make decisions on their behalf to further the mission of the club and to continue to build community.

I would like to thank the past and present board members whom I had the pleasure to work with side by side. Out of all the positions, there are two I would not have wanted: Activities Director and Newsletter Editor. My hat goes off to those who have tackled those positions. These are probably the most critical board positions for two reasons—one gets the word out about the club's outings in a professional manner, and the other makes the outings happen. As far as those that volunteered for the board as long as I was President, I have an extra special place for you (take that as you will). Without ya all, I could not have been successful!

Now in the last month that I will serve as President, I still have a few tricks up my sleeve. I have a huge surprise planned for the Christmas Party on December 8. It will be the absolute greatest honor of my leadership tenure. But ya got to be there to be a part of it, as who knows when something crazy like this will happen again. But, for sure, it will be a celebration!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

Kevin

Early Bird Membership Renewals

In past years, the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's Board of Directors has provided discounted memberships for the upcoming year if those memberships were renewed prior to the club's Christmas Party. Two years ago, we offered a deeper discount if membership dues were paid prior to the November membership meeting. Last year, we sweetened the deal by continuing to offer the deep discount until prior to the Christmas Party. The following table outlines the schedule and payments (cash discount) for Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership dues.

| | Single Diver – Regular Member | Each Additional Diver – Family Member in Same Household |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Renew Before Christmas Party | \$25.00 | \$15.00 |
| Renew After Christmas Party | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |

Note that membership dues will not be accepted at the Christmas Party.

Remember that you can pay your Diving Rebels membership dues via cash/check, credit card, Chase QuickPaySM, or another current updated electronic method. For more details on Chase Quick Pay, see the article in the January 2018 issue of *The Rebel Yell* ([January 2018 Rebel Yell](#)).

A DIVING REBELS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

When: Saturday, December 8, 2018, 6:00 pm–10:30 pm

Where: Change of Venue

Cathy McWilliams' House
5608 Oakmont Ln.
Ft. Worth, TX 76112

Cost: \$10.00 per person (purchase tickets at December meeting)

Provided: Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and green beans

Bring: Your own drinks and a side dish and dessert to share

Wear: Your ugliest Christmas sweater

Sign-up sheets will be available at the December membership meeting so you can volunteer to be a part of the Setup and Cleanup Committees. **Note:** If you can bring some folding chairs to the party, please do so.

Party Itinerary

- 4:30 pm Setup Committee Arrives
- 6:00 pm–7:00 pm Drop Off Gifts for Gift Exchange
(No gifts will accepted after 7:15 pm)
- 6:00 pm–7:00 pm Drop Off Desserts for Dessert Contest
- 7:00 pm Dinner Is Served
- 8:00 pm–10:30 pm Ugly Sweater Contest, Gift Exchange,
Camaraderie, and Conversation!
- 10:30 pm Cleanup Committee Begins Work



8th Annual Diving Rebels Dessert Competition



As air tanks and fins go hand in hand, so do the Holidays and fine festive desserts! We know that our Diving Rebels members strive to be excellent divers—now let's see if we have any master dessert chefs among us! Show us your skills—what have you got to lose? We double-dog dare you to put your dessert recipes to the test at the 8th Annual Diving Rebels Dessert Competition held during our Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 8, 2018!!

Prizes will be awarded for the best dessert entries!

We will award prizes for the desserts exhibiting the best presentation, design, originality, taste, appearance, and creativity.

Be aware of the following:

- ❖ Register your dessert for the competition between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. NO late entrants will be eligible for the contest.
- ❖ Desserts cannot be store bought. Store-bought entries will be disqualified.
- ❖ Deliver your dessert entries covered. Party-goers must not be able to determine who entered a particular dessert.

Note: As during last year's Christmas Party, attendees who aren't entering the Dessert Contest will be able to vote for their favorite desserts—so make sure you try them all, and vote for the one you like best! Questions about the competition will be answered at the December membership meeting.

No Entry Fees!

Prizes Based on Presentation & Design & Originality & Taste & Appearance & Creativity

Diving Rebels Christmas Party Gift Exchange!!!

1. Drop off and register your gift between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. A **new** gift worth between \$20 and \$25 is required to participate, and **no gifts will be accepted for the exchange after 7:15 pm.**
2. You will receive an envelope with a number inside it that will be used to determine the order in which gifts are selected by the participants. Keep the envelope closed until you are asked to open it.
3. When the gift exchange begins, you will be asked to open your envelopes, and the MC will draw numbers at random. If the first number called is, for example, #15, the person with #15 in his/her envelope will select the first gift; if the second number called is #6, the person with #6 in his/her envelope will select the second gift, and so on. These exchanges will take no more than 10 minutes!

Bring a gift to exchange, and have some Christmas fun!!!



Polar Bear Dive: The Scuba Ranch at Clear Springs

Jim Magnuson

The Diving Rebels will once again participate in The Scuba Ranch at Clear Spring's Annual Polar Bear Dive on **Tuesday, January 1, 2019**. Be among the first to make a splash into 2019!

This will be The Scuba Ranch's first Polar Bear Dive under its new management, continuing Clear Springs' long tradition of holding a January Polar Bear Dive, and the Diving Rebels Scuba Club has been noted for its high level of participation in the event. So come on out, and help us continue to maintain the tradition!

The Scuba Ranch, located at **8131 County Road 346, Terrell, TX 75161**, will be charging \$25 per person to participate, but the fee will include hot chocolate, hotcakes, and a commemorative T-shirt. In addition, proceeds will go to Diveheart, an organization that "provides safe and inclusive activities for adaptive divers to enjoy the wonders of the aquatic world" (www.diveheart.org/).

Divers will plunge into the "arctic" water at 11:00 am on January 1, but the park will open at 10:00 am. As in the past, The Scuba Ranch will offer a variety of prizes, but the categories for 2019 have yet to be determined.

For more information, monitor The Scuba Ranch's website (<https://thescubaranch.com>), or call or text them at (940) 765-DIVE (3483).








You'll be "beary" unhappy if you miss the first Diving Rebels' event of the year!!

November Restaurant of the Month Report

Elizabeth Neumann

The Taste of Thai restaurant on East Arkansas Lane in Arlington is another example of a hidden foodie's gem! Twelve Diving Rebels gathered together on November 16, 2018, to feast on a delicious assortment of authentic Thai food. Everyone agreed that this restaurant deserved high marks despite the problems we had getting there caused by the road construction that seems to be a common occurrence throughout the Metroplex.

| | Scuba Tank Rank |
|---------------------|--|
| Atmosphere |  |
| Service |  |
| Food Quality |  |
| Price |  |
| Cleanness |  |
| SCORE | 4.4 |

As you can see below, a happy, satisfied group of Diving Rebels enjoyed our last Restaurant of the Month outing for 2018. And as your outgoing Social Coordinator, I'd like to wish each of you a very Happy Holiday season!





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