



The Rebel Yell



September 2017

2017 DIVING REBELS BOARD

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Jay Delmar	Newsletter Editor
Danny Bouska	Webmaster
TBD	Historian
Cathy McWilliams	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



We are on the web in multiple locations: Click on an image to go to the site!



MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday – September 6, 2017
Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX
6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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September Meeting Program: Chinese Auction!

Bring your wrapped item (minimum value \$25) to the meeting, and participate in the bidding. It's great fun, and you can get some wonderful surprises.

See the article in this newsletter for details!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Sep 6 Chinese Auction
- Sep 15 Restaurant of the Month: Good Day Café
- Sep 16–23 Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Sep 20 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm,
Sherlock's Baker Street Pub & Grill, Arlington
- Oct 20–22 Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest: The
Blue Lagoon
- Nov 11 BBQ Contest: Cedar Hill State Park
- Dec 9 Annual Christmas Party

Nominations for 2018 Board of Directors

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club will be accepting nominations for members of the club's 2018 Board of Directors during the October membership meeting. Please be thinking about who you would like to see in those important leadership positions, and, equally important, please consider running for a position on the board yourself or volunteering to serve the club in a nonelected capacity, e.g., Outing or Meal Share Coordinator.

See the article in this newsletter detailing the duties of each elected position on the Board of Directors.

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is one of the most active dive clubs in Texas—let's all do what we can to maintain its great tradition!

Birthdays



Sep 05 Jill Bouska
Sep 09 Rita Delmar
Sep 15 Crystal Schuck
Sep 19 Johnathan Bowman

Anniversaries



Sep 06 Kevin Campbell and Sherry Hammond
Sep 10 Allen and Rhonda Bothwell

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!

Get Ready for a Frightfully Good Time!

Make plans now to join us at The Blue Lagoon in Huntsville on October 20–22 for our annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest!



See Details in the October Issue of *The Rebel Yell!*

The Diving Rebels Can Use Your Help!

If you have any favorite restaurants or diving sites that the Diving Rebels haven't visited, please let **Jeff Bennett**, our Activities Director; **Cathy McWilliams**, our Social Coordinator; or any other member of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club Board of Directors know about it. And you might also think about volunteering to coordinate or help coordinate the outing!

Why We Dive . . .





President's Letter



Hello!

During the September membership meeting, we will be taking monetary donations for the American Red Cross for Hurricane Harvey Relief. If you are unable to attend, you may send funds electronically to our Chase Bank account using treasurer@divingrebels.org or to my home address. Shoot me an email at president@divingrebels.org for the address.

I am starting off the donation drive with the first \$100.

We are still having the Chinese Auction and will discuss matching donations.

In the event that your heart is in other areas for donating or volunteering, I have included the link and text from the City of Arlington website for Hurricane Harvey Relief: <http://www.arlington-tx.gov/news/2017/08/28/hurricane-harvey-can-donate-help-disaster-relief>.

Donations:

- ☞ American Red Cross: To donate, visit <http://www.redcross.org/>, call 800-REDCROSS, or text "HARVEY" to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.
- ☞ The Salvation Army: To donate, visit helpsalvationarmy.org, call 800-SAL-ARMY, or text "STORM" to 51555.
- ☞ Catholic Charities USA: To donate, visit catholiccharitiesusa.org.
- ☞ Humane Society of North Texas: To donate, visit www.hsnt.org/donate.
- ☞ SPCA of Texas: Accepting donations of cat litter, litter boxes, towels, blankets, treats, toys, and newspapers. Donations can be taken to 2400 Lone Star Drive in Dallas, or you can donate money online at www.spca.org/give.
- ☞ United Way of Tarrant County has activated its Emergency Aid Fund, which will provide assistance for the long-term recovery of families who have been evacuated to Tarrant County. Choose "United Way's Emergency Aid Fund" in the drop-down menu at unitedwaytarrant.org/DONATE/.
- ☞ Former Arlington resident and country singer Chris Young has established a GoFundMe campaign to help raise money for those affected by the natural disaster. Funds will be donated to the Red Cross and other local Texas disaster relief organizations. To donate, visit www.gofundme.com/harveyrelief.
- ☞ North Texas Food Bank is working with partners to ensure that food needs for evacuees in local shelters are being met. The NTFB requests monetary donations, not food donations. They are also working with Feeding Texas and Feeding America to help ready Texas food banks if that assistance is needed. To donate, visit www.ntfb.org/get-involved/donate-money-landing/disaster-relief.

- ☞ Mansfield ISD is partnering with the Salvation Army to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Requested donations include cases of bottled water, cases of Gatorade, granola bars, new toothbrushes, new toothpaste, new and unopened disposable diapers, and new and unopened baby wipes. Donations can be made at MISD schools until Friday, September 8.
- ☞ Through the Mass Care Task Force collaboration, agencies like the American Red Cross, North Texas Region and the Salvation Army DFW Command are working to meet the immediate needs of families and individuals displaced from their homes by the flooding. To donate, visit www.masscaretaskforce.org/.
- ☞ Trusted World will accept new underwear; new socks; new warmups for men, women, children, and infants; toiletries/hygiene products; baby formula and baby wipes; bottles; diapers; and the Graco Pack n' Plays for babies to sleep in. Drop-off is at 15660 N. Dallas Parkway in Dallas, just north of Arapaho Road on the north side of the Parkway. Follow the signs to drop-off donations. The donations center will open daily from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. To donate, visit www.trustedworld.org.
- ☞ National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster is accepting monetary donations. Nearly 50 Texas organizations, such as the Texas Baptist Men and Samaritan's Purse are members of the organization and are providing support and donations to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. To donate, visit www.nvoad.org.
- ☞ Save the Children is on the ground in Texas, and has set up a relief fund for kids and families affected by Harvey. To donate, visit www.savethechildren.org.
- ☞ GlobalGiving, the largest global crowdfunding community, is attempting to raise \$2 million to "provide relief to survivors in the form of emergency supplies like food, water, and medicine in addition to longer-term recovery assistance to help residents recover and rebuild." Global Giving says all donations made to the fund will be exclusively used to support local relief and recovery efforts. To donate, visit www.globalgiving.org/projects/hurricane-harvey-relief-fund.
- ☞ The Texas Diaper Bank is requesting donations of cash and diapers to provide emergency diaper kits for families that are being displaced due to Hurricane Harvey. Visit the donation page at texasdiaperbank.org, and designate your donation for Disaster Relief.
- ☞ Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner established the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund after receiving an overwhelming number of inquiries from people reaching out to offer help. The funds will be administered by the Greater Houston Community Foundation and accepts tax-deductible flood-relief donations. To donate, visit www.ghcf.org.
- ☞ Portlight is working to ensure that people who require medical equipment and assistive technology have what they need after they evacuate, and to ensure that those same folks can get to safety. They accept donations via PayPal. To donate, visit www.portlight.org.
- ☞ Direct Relief USA offers prescription drugs and other medical supplies to those who need it in emergency situations and works with clinics and primary care doctors to ensure that people can get what they need when they need it. To donate, visit www.directrelief.org/usa.
- ☞ Rental site Airbnb.com is connecting evacuees in the path of the storm with free, short-term lodging. Airbnb hosts in designated areas are able to volunteer their rentals through a sign-up program where evacuees can request lodging. The program has been activated in several cities, including Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin and will run through September 1. To offer a rental for evacuees, visit www.airbnb.com/disaster/hurricaneharveyevacuees.
- ☞ Americares is collecting cash donations to provide emergency medicine, water, and basic supplies. To donate, visit Americares.
- ☞ GoFundMe has established a page for those interested in supporting individuals with verified campaigns. To donate, visit [Hurricane Harvey Relief](http://HurricaneHarveyRelief).

Volunteer:

- ☞ [Tarrant Area Food Bank](#) is seeking volunteers to help pack and sort food for distribution to local food pantries and shelters supporting Hurricane Harvey evacuees.
- ☞ Red Cross: www.redcross.org/volunteer
- ☞ Salvation Army: www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/volunteer
- ☞ Voly.org: www.voly.org/disaster/index.html

Donate blood:

- ☞ [Carter BloodCare](#): Call (800) 366-2834, or text “DONATE4LIFE” to 444999.
- ☞ [American Red Cross](#)

Let's Do Our Diving Rebels' Best to Help Out Where We Can!!



Chinese Auction

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club will hold our traditional Chinese Auction during the **September 6** membership meeting.

What is the Chinese auction? Well, it's more fun than a lake full of Diving Rebels! The Chinese auction is not only the biggest Diving Rebels fundraiser but also one of the most entertaining of our monthly meetings.



The way the auction works is this: we have a live auction for donated gifts. What makes the auction special is that the items being auctioned are wrapped and unknown to the audience. What is being auctioned might be a dive computer, fins, boxes of Girl Scout cookies, or just about anything else. **BUT REMEMBER**, the item must be new and of a minimum value of \$25. Think of it this way: you should donate an item that you would actually want yourself.

After you win an item by high bid, you have the choice of either keeping the item or forcing a trade for whatever item was won before yours. The kicker is that you have to decide to trade or not to trade before you unwrap your item. The previous bid winner may have won the bid for a dive knife that you want. If you trade, you'll trade off your wrapped item for the dive knife not knowing what you traded away. You know that you'll get the dive knife, but what did you give up for it? Maybe it's a wet suit; maybe it's a new dive computer or even a Caribbean trip. As trades can only go back to one previous round, the bid winner before you will unwrap whatever you swapped him. He cannot have it taken away nor can he force a swap for any other previously auctioned items.

Your item, whether you swap or not, may be taken from you by the next winning bidder. You also must unwrap and disclose your item to the group. If some of this doesn't make sense, don't worry—it will be explained again at the September meeting.

What we ask you to bring is a new item with a minimum value of \$25 that will be usable by the winner. (Not many people need a box of a/c air filters or 10 paving stones). The item should be wrapped in a nondescript wrapping—newspaper or paper bags are quite acceptable. Think about things you can talk your employer into donating or things you got two of for Christmas. **BUT THE ITEM MUST BE NEW AND SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOURSELF!**

Please come prepared to have fun and aggressively bid on those items you just can't live without. If you want to win a bid on an item, bring some \$\$\$\$ as the competition sometimes becomes quite fierce, the banter hilarious, and the items worth the effort it takes to win them! One last thing, **please be prepared to pay for your items by the end of the meeting** as we won't be able to track items for future payment. Thanks to all, and we look forward to a big crowd and lots of fun.

August Restaurant of the Month Report Restaurant of the Month & September



Where: Good Day Café
Address: 6204 S. Cooper St., Ste. 132, Arlington, TX 76001
When: Friday, September 15, 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 375-8662
Email: Cathy McWilliams at social@divingrebels.org

Greetings Food Fans!

Good Texas BBQ at David's



Our last Restaurant of the Month (RoM) outing took us to David's Barbecue in Pantego on August 11, where nine of us gathered for fun and grub and a taste of summer!

Summer was hot, but we've been having some unseasonal rains with Hurricane Harvey to the south of us, so comfort food might be in order for our RoM for September. On **Friday, September 15, at 7:00 pm**, we'll congregate at **Good Day Café** located at **6204 S. Cooper St., Ste. 132, Arlington, TX 76001**. The café has been serving great breakfasts and lunches for years, but the owners have recently expanded their hours



to include the dinner crowd. Their menu is a fusion of American and Mexican favorites. I had to check it out myself, and it was so good that I took my kids there a few days later for breakfast. I picked up some coupons that we can use when we visit, and I'll be bringing them to the membership meeting on September 6 so you can pick up one there.

Please let us know that you're planning to attend the September RoM by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 13**. Just respond by signing up for the event at the September membership meeting, accepting your invitation to the RoM on the club's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/96073813073/>), or contacting me directly by email (social@divingrebels.org). I look forward to seeing you there!

Bon appétit!

Cathy McWilliams
Social Coordinator

Nominations for the 2018 Board of Directors



Each year at the October membership meeting, which this year is on **October 4**, nominations for the various Diving Rebels Scuba Club Board of Director positions are accepted. Club members are urged to participate by running for a position and thereby provide valuable input into the continued growth and excellence that the Diving Rebels Scuba Club has come to represent.

Listed below are the board positions and a brief summary of the duties of each position. Per the club by-laws, to be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, a member must have been a member in good standing and have attended at least three (3) meetings and three (3) club dive outings between January 1 and the October meeting, inclusive.

Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, but the meeting time or date may be changed if a quorum cannot be present at the originally scheduled meeting. Though serving on the Board of Directors does require a little extra time each month, service can be very rewarding and is invaluable to the Diving Rebels Scuba Club as a whole.

The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer corporate officers; the Activities Director; and two General Directors (the Junior and Senior Board Members).

Duties of Officers and Board of Directors

1. The President shall be the principle executive officer of the Corporation and shall preside at all the meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the signature of any other Officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any contracts or instruments that the Board of Directors may authorize him.
2. The Vice-President shall serve in the place of the President in his inability, absence, or refusal to act. He shall also serve as New Member Coordinator and is responsible for furnishing new members with such materials that are provided for by the initiation fee.
3. The Treasurer keeps an accurate record of the Club's financial affairs and make reports to the membership and the Board of Directors when called upon to do so.
4. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose; shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; shall be the custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation and see that the seal of the Corporation is affixed to such documents as necessary and perform such other duties as assigned to him by the President of the Board of Directors.
5. The Activities Director will have the following duties and responsibilities: Be aware of all Club activities so that members can have a source of information. Attend Club and board meetings. Organize dive outing coordinators. With the Officers, organize committees necessary for Club activities. Maintain and inventory Club-owned equipment and be responsible for keeping track of members' use of the equipment.

6. The General Directors (Junior and Senior Board Members) shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors representing the general membership of the Club and provide continuity. The Junior Board Member is responsible for the 50/50 Raffle and collecting the fine from members not wearing Rebel Wear at the membership meeting along with other duties, which may be assigned by the Board. The Senior Board member is not an elected position, but one to which the Junior Board Member rolls. This was designed to keep at least one Board Member from the previous board if an entirely new board were to be elected. The Senior Board Member is responsible for Rebel Wear sales and ordering and for tracking points earned in the DRIFT points program.

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club belongs to its members, and the Board of Directors is the voice of the membership. The board can assist with directing the club and steering it toward continued growth and prosperity, but the members are who make it strong. The Diving Rebels have become known throughout the United States and particularly in Texas as a very active dive club, and that is because of the dedication and passion for scuba diving of its members. If you are interested in one of the board positions or have any questions about what serving on the board involves, please feel free to contact any current member of the Board of Directors.



Fort Lauderdale Trip

Jeffrey Bennett

It's time once again for the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's blue-water trip to Fort Lauderdale, FL!



We had a great time last year, so we decided to go again this year; we'll be there September 16–23. We've made reservations with the dive shop Sea Experience, the only dive boat and dive shop in South Florida located in a Resort Hotel Marina on the beach, for our dive trips. For information about pricing, rental gear, dive sites, and so on, check out their website at <http://www.seaxp.com/>. I've already set up a wreck dive with Sea Experience to dive a new wreck that was sunk just last week.

In terms of accommodations, a few of us are staying at the Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach (for information about the hotel, click on the following link: [Bahia Mar Hotel](#)); the dive shop and boat are conveniently located on the hotel's property so you don't have to fight to get a parking spot or make an early morning drive—it's just a short walk from the hotel to the shop and boat. Of course, there are several other nearby hotels if you'd rather make arrangements elsewhere.

If you have any questions about the dive shop or the trip in general, feel free to email me at activities@divingrebels.org, and I'll try to answer them. For those who want to take their own dive gear on the trip but are flying to Florida, contact me—I'm driving down and should be able to take a load with me.



Sea Experience Dive Boat



Bahia Mar

Join the Diving Rebels for a 2018 Cruise!

The Diving Rebels' own **Penny Johnson** is setting up a Caribbean cruise package for members and guests of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club. This 7-day Western Caribbean cruise will depart from New Orleans on November 11, 2018, and return on November 18, making stops in Cozumel, Roatán, Belize, and Costa Maya. See the itinerary below for cruise details.

Diving Rebels 2018 Caribbean Cruise



Norwegian Gem
7 Day Western Caribbean Cruise, Nov 2018

Inside Cabin - \$599 Ocean View - \$684 Balcony - \$1029.00

All above rates are based on double occupancy. Port Charges & Taxes are \$143.79 per person. Rates and availability not guaranteed until deposit made. Must be booked and fully paid by Aug.10, 2018.

Date	Port	Depart	Arrive
Sunday, November 11	New Orleans, LA		4:00pm
Monday, November 12	At Sea		
Tuesday, November 13	Cozumel, Mexico	8:00am	5:00pm
Wednesday, November 14	Roatan, Honduras	10:00am	6:00pm
Thursday, November 15	Harvest Caye, Belize	8:00am	5:00pm
Friday, November 16	Costa Maya, Mexico	8:00am	4:00pm
Saturday, November 17	At Sea		
Sunday, November 18	New Orleans, LA	8:00am	

Free at Sea Choices: (Choose 2)

- Ultimate Beverage Package
- 250 Minutes Internet Package
- Four Day Specialty Dining Package
- 20 Image Photo Package

Pre-Paid Service Charge (Gratuities)

- \$50 per port Shore Excursion Credit
- \$75 Onboard Credit

For more information about the cruise and/or to obtain a registration form, contact Penny at:

Penny Johnson, A+ Travel
 1216 Glenbury Ct., Arlington, TX 76006
 Phone: (817) 975-6106
 Home Phone (evening): (817) 422-9494
 email: dtravelinggirl@gmail.com

Midyear Outing Report: Clear Springs Scuba Park

Kevin Schuck

First off, kudos to a very smart man and dedicated Diving Rebel, **Jeffrey Bennett**. One of his most brilliant ideas, I have to say, was using the Chuckwagon Cuisine Catering Company for our Midyear Outing at Clear Springs Scuba Park (CSSP) on August 25–27. Both the event and the food were top notch. Chuckwagon owners **Randy and Susan May** and their staff were great hosts. They rolled up with a long black trailer in tow. If you ever wondered how one gets a 1895 Studebaker chuckwagon from the Metroplex to Terrell, TX, with a bunch of food, that is how it is done. The wagon weighs about 3000 lbs. A wench with a steel cable is used to lower and raise the wagon up and down the trailer ramp. Did you know that the Studebaker Corporation was the only wagon builder that successfully transitioned into building automobiles?

Once the chuckwagon was rolled into place, the accessories went on, tables were placed, Texas-themed canopies were set up, and the food went onto the tables. Ohhh, it all smelled soooo good! The spread consisted of sausage, beef, and chicken; green beans, coleslaw, and potato salad; rolls and butter; Chuckwagon's homemade BBQ sauce; and peach cobbler, Texas sheet cake, and homemade ice cream that was made on site for dessert. As the images on Facebook and below show, it was quite the setup.

Twenty-one Diving Rebels members and two guests rode out some rain under the last shelter left at the opening of the gates when **Johnny and Connie Griffin** arrived to claim a spot. The rain subsided around 1:00 pm just before the Mays arrived with food in tow, and the weather turned nice enough for a good outing. Most of the Diving Rebels in attendance dove once or twice. The CSSP staff were guests of the club for the BBQ, and they were appreciative of the invitation. In fact, they refunded \$5 to all those who paid the full \$20 entry fee. Everyone was able to get their fill of BBQ and the trimmings and to even take home a doggie bag. We had enough leftovers for me to get the food to someone in need. We have had a running theme of community and community building all year, and this event was truly a fine example of the Diving Rebels community—enjoying each other's company, diving, sharing a meal, a lack of drama, and a bit a rain!













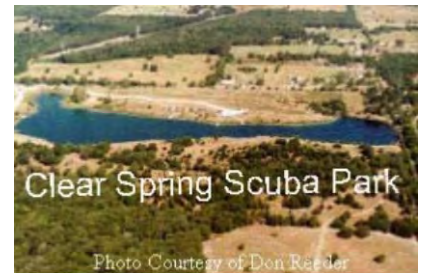
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