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January 11
7:30 PM
Babes

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Elections

The Four Lakes Scuba Club needs your help. It's that time of the year again where



we elect our new officers. We are currently looking for President, Vice President and Treasurer. We also have three appointed positions that need to be filled; the Newsletter Writer, Webmaster, and Safety Officer. In addition to the board members we also need a charity dive coordinator or two and a Stake in the Lakes Coordinator. Our current board has done a great job, but some of them are not running this year. Ellen has many suggestions for speakers for next year. The board meetings are at 6:30 before the regular meeting, therefore board members meet one night per month. The time commitment isn't all that great. Please consider donating a little of your time to keep the club fresh with new Ideas and to keep it alive. Thanks!!!

Speaker

This month's speakers are John Fafinski and Ellen Evans. They will be giving a presentation on their spring trip to the Galapagos Islands and the Ecuador rainforest. John received his open water certification in 1982 from the



YMCA. He is a PADI certified dive master and has many specialty certifications. John started taking pictures in 1991 with a borrowed Nikonos camera. He enjoyed it so much he bought a Sea and Sea Motor Marine II film camera. The digital revolution



then took hold and he moved on to an Olympus 5050, then a Canon G10 and he is currently using a Canon T3i with a Nautica housing. He enjoys shooting most things but spends a lot of time with his

Calendar 2017

January 11th—John and Ellen—
Galapagos Islands

February 24th—Our World Under-
water

March 10th—Ghost Ship Festival

macro lens.

Ellen received her open water certification in 1989 from NAUI. She is also a certified dive master with several specialty courses. Ellen shoots video. Her current camera is a



High Definition Sony HDR-CX560V in an Aquatica housing. She enjoys capturing behaviors, in particular reproductive behaviors.

Ellen and John met in Red Granite quarry at night. Since then they have dove the world together from the Yahara chain of lakes, Great Lake ship wrecks, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

They hope you enjoy their presentation.

The Presidents Corner

Ellen Evans

Thanks for the Memories I have had a wonderful time over the years as president of Four Lakes Scuba Club. I have met new friends, had the chance to do some new things, tried some equipment

new to me, have had the opportunity to get behind the scenes at times, been a fly on the wall at other groups' meetings, got to have private conversations with speakers, learned more about the business of diving and being a dive professional, got trip ideas resulting in some of my most memorable vacations, took the opportunity to bring in a few speakers of special interest to me, joined in some super fun activities such as Dive, Eat, Float and the Lake Wazee dive, felt part of the community during the cleanup dives and charity events, learned about an amazing number of topics, went to fantastic conferences I might not have otherwise, etc., etc.

Now it is time for the club to have some new ideas and fresh faces or things will get stagnant. I will be at the first few board meetings at least to help with a transition. I will have a calendar of things that need to be done each year and templates for the meetings if you want them. There are 5 or 6 people committed to speak next year and I have a long list of ideas to help someone start a search for the rest of the year. There doesn't have to be a speaker each month. This is a chance for someone to come up with new activities for the club and make their own memories.

Facebook for Divers

Deepblu—Everything under the sea in the cloud is now in beta. Deepblu is the online community where scuba divers and freedivers continue their diving adventures above the surface.

Deepblu allows you to showcase your diving memories and discover dive-related content and news. Expand your scuba knowledge, share your underwater experiences and engage with other people like yourself—divers with stories to tell.

Deepblu was designed specifically to give divers multiple channels to connect and interact. Add people to your buddies list, tag them in your dive logs and interact by liking, sharing and commenting on each other's posts and dive activities.

If interested you can sign up at deepblu.com. They have platforms for iOS, Android, and PC

Dive Shows

Our World Underwater is scheduled for February 24th–26th at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL. This is always a great show and we usually have a large group from our club attend. Check out ourworldunderwater.com for more information.

Ghost Ship Festival is March 10–11 at Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel. For more information check their website

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

Raffle Prize

This month we have a print of a fish morphing into a diver, and a knife wrap, 2 tickets for a buck. See Howard at the intermission for a chance to win.