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This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, November 14th, 7:30 PM
Babe's - 5614 Schroeder Road

Speaker: Vivian Weber

Vivian Weber is a native of Wisconsin, a retired public school Speech Pathologist and Clinical Supervisor in the University of Wisconsin system. She has been engaged in recreational diving for 23 years in the Caribbean (Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Bonaire, Roatan, Utila, Curacao) and the South Pacific (Raja Ampat, Ambon, Bali, Lembeh, Bunaken). Vivian's certifications include Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Rescue Diver, and Divemaster. She has had the dubious honor of rescuing two divers, which resulted in a hyperbaric chamber ride and a ruptured eardrum. She has been involved in underwater photography for over ten years and has shared her work at UW-Stevens Point Life

Program Presentations and to local clubs and organizations, and was the featured artist at the Riverfront Arts Center in Stevens Point. Vivian describes her affair with the ocean in this way:

"The ocean is my passion -- its force, depth, indescribable blue, and its secret life of brilliant corals and odd creatures. There is nothing quite like floating, suspended in a column of water, sunlight glistening from above as the wonders of the sea spread below. Words cannot adequately communicate the exhilaration of gliding over the edge of a coral wall and peering into the abyss or staring into the gaping mouth of a 30' whale shark as it surfaces or intruding on the private life of squid engaged in their mating dance.

Jacques Cousteau says it best:

'The Sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever.'"

Presentation:

It starts out this way -

Plover to Madison
Madison to Minneapolis
Minneapolis to San Francisco
San Francisco to Jakarta, Island of Java
Jakarta to Manado, Island of Sulawesi
Manado to Lembeh Island

The sheer travel exhaustion makes you question the decision to journey this far to dive along the mucky Ocean floor with not a coral wall in sight. But a good night's sleep and 5 minutes on that Ocean floor already makes it worth the arduous trip.

During our 40 minutes together, I'd like to take you on a journey to NAD Resort in Lembeh, known for its abundance of unique ocean critters and its 2:1 dive-guide-to-guest ratio. There we will meet some of the beautiful, quirky, intelligent creatures that reside in these waters and explore characteristics of their behavior and symbiotic relationships.

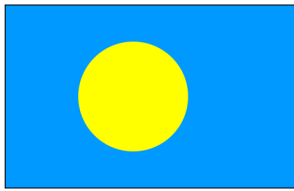
2018 Holiday Party—Register Now!

Please join us for our annual holiday party on December 12! We will have a family-style chicken and fish dinner. Please note registration for the party is required. The cost is \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members with club membership included until May. This will be a social event with no formal speaker. Please bring any dive photos and stories you would like to share! Hope to see everyone there!



Palau Sunscreen Ban

The island nation of Palau recently made news with its decision to ban certain types of sunscreen.



Much of the nation's tourism is based around scuba diving, and the move is intended to protect its coral reefs. The ban could be especially important to Jellyfish Lake, a popular snorkel site suffering from a severe decline of the unique jellyfish species. You can read the whole story from the [New York Times](#).

Support Diveheart This Holiday Season!

If you or anyone you know is looking for a charity to support this giving season, please consider contributing to Diveheart. Diveheart is a great nonprofit organization that helps improve the lives of people with disabilities through scuba diving therapy. Visit their [website](#) to learn more and make a donation!

Thank you!

A big thank you to our very own Team Jellen for sharing their Indonesia trip pictures and videos with us in our October meeting!



In the News

-[Ancient Shipwrecks Found in Greek Waters Tell Tale of Trade Routes](#) (MarineLink) (Thank you to Danny for sending this story!)

-[Mystery solved? Shipwreck may be oldest found in Lake Erie](#) (Associated Press) (Thank you to Randy for sending this story!)

-[8-Year-Old Girl Pulls Pre-Viking Sword From Lake in Sweden](#) (The New York Times) (And thanks Randy for sending this as well!)

-[Sea of Change Foundation Gala at DEMA Show 2018](#) (Dive News Wire)

-[DAN Supports Dive Shops Affected by Wildfires](#) (Dive News Wire)

-[Scuba Diving's 2019 Readers Choice Awards Rank the World's Best Diving](#) (Scuba Diving Magazine)

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