

Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM

Benvenuto's in Fitchburg - [2949 Triverton Pike Dr.](https://benvenutos.com/)

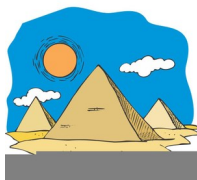
The meeting starts at 7:00pm, but you may want to arrive at 6:30pm to chat and place your order. Check out Benvenuto's website for information on their loyalty program and menu: <https://benvenutos.com/>

Speakers: Brad and Nikki Acker

Brad and Nikki Acker are Four Lakes Scuba members who were scuba certified in 2011. Since then, they've been diving all over the world, including Australia, Iceland, Indonesia, Palau, Thailand, Truk, and the Caribbean.



Last year, they visited the Red Sea in Egypt, and they'll be sharing their experience on Wednesday. When not traveling the world, Nikki is a police officer and Brad does software development.



2024 Clean Up Dives

Dates and locations have been set for our annual cleanup dives in our four lakes. We hope you all can join us!

- **Saturday, May 18, 9am:** Lake Kegonsa at Town of Pleasant Springs Boat Ramp at 2267 Williams Point Dr., Stoughton. (Non-resident permits are required, \$5 per day.)
- **Sunday, May 19, 9am:** Lake Mendota at the Lake Street boat launch near the Pyle Center.
- **Saturday, May 25, 9am:** Lake Monona at Law Park.
- **Sunday, May 26, 9am:** Lake Waubesa at the Bible Camp, 2851 Crescent Dr., McFarland.

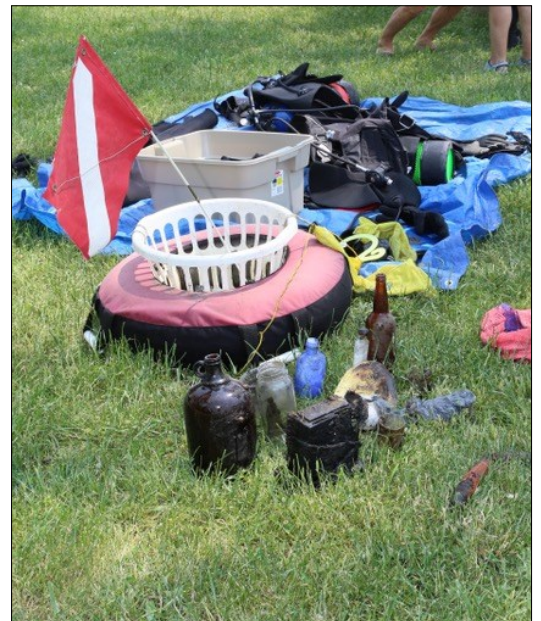
Gayle is coordinating the first weekend's dives, and Brad the second weekend.

We can use anyone's help: divers, shore support, and folks to clean the shoreline. Bring your friends and dive buddies!

For all dives, you'll need your own gear, a dive flag, and goodie bags. Mesh bags, work gloves, and lift bags are helpful if you have them. Divers need to be certified and capable of diving in the lake conditions. Please print a waiver and bring it with you to the May meeting or dive site. We can help you find a buddy.

Avoid diving under other people's floats to avoid having something heavy dropped on your head. Be careful about boat traffic.

Hope to see you there!



In Memory: Janet Michaelis

As you may have already heard, longtime club member Janet Michaelis passed away on March 17. Janet was a regular at many club events and will be missed. Here is a copy of her obituary:

BROOKLYN - Janet Evelyn Michaelis, age 73, of Brooklyn, passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at home. She was born on Dec. 18, 1950, in Portage, the daughter of Robert and Gertrude (Hibner) Nehrllich.

Janet graduated from Portage High School in 1969. She married Richard Douglas Michaelis on May 17, 1975, in Pardeeville. Janet was employed as a CNA with the VA Hospital in Madison, worked carpentry jobs with her husband, did in-home childcare for several years and was an adult caretaker for various residents in the Dane County area. She was also a member of the Four Lakes SCUBA Club in Madison.



Janet loved swimming, camping, reading, knitting, crafting, ice skating and watching figure skating. She loved playing cards and games. She was an avid Packers and Badgers football fan and loved her popcorn while watching a game. She was a collector of hot air balloons and lighthouses. She loved attending country music festivals and concerts. Most of all, she cherished the time spent with her family and friends.

Janet is survived by her daughter, Sarah (Michael Long) Michaelis; stepdaughter, Nicole (Kip) Rosenthal; sister, Jean (Dean) Simonson; two grandchildren, Austin and Connor Long; six step grandchildren, Cassidy, Kozette and Klaara Rosenthal, and Stephanie, Erika and Emily Pospichal; and step great-grandchild, Melody Pospichal. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Gertrude Nehrllich; husband, Richard Michaelis; son, Matthew Michaelis; stepdaughter, Melanie Pospichal; and sister, Joanne Schwoch.

A memorial service will be held at GUNDERSON OREGON FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 1150 Park St., Oregon, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024. A visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family would be appreciated.

Thank you, Gina!

A very big thank you to our March presenter, Gina LaLiberte. Gina gave an interesting talk about different types of algae that can be found in our local lakes. She also gave us some very helpful tips on how to distinguish between harmful types of algae and other, “nice” types. These tips are especially helpful if you have small children or pets!

Gina was kind enough to send us the slides from her presentation. If you weren't able to see her last month, I would recommend taking a look at her slides [here](#) for more information.

Reminder—Membership Dues

Another friendly reminder that May is dues month. If you'd like to get a head start, feel free to bring your checkbook and attached membership renewal form. The price remains \$24 for a single membership and \$36 for a family.

Shipwreck Day at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum

The Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc invites you to dive into the wonderful world of shipwrecks and underwater archaeology with “Shipwreck Day” on Saturday April 20th, 2024 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Join us for a day filled with hands-on shipwreck activities, including a book signing with Sunken author Kathy Groth and a Q&A with an underwater archaeologist!

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