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The Presidents' Corner by Mike Cassetta

2011 has come to an end, and as I do each year, I reflect upon events of the previous year, and look forward to the New Year. We were saddened this past year with a loss of several close friends and family members. We also welcomed some new members of the FCDA Family.

Our November meeting took place one week earlier than usual because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Our own Paul Gacek was kind enough to recent video footage.

Recently, we had the Annual FCDA Holiday Party. As always, a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Mark Shannon for organizing the festivities.

Our January meeting will take place on the last Friday of the month. I will be making a presentation regarding diving opportunities at the Maritime Aquarium. Video will be provided by Mel Rich and topics will include the interactive dive within the Open Ocean Tank, "shark dive," as well as the feeding of the cold water

fish, including the large Halibut.

It is also at the time of year to think about renewing your membership for 2012. FCDA membership is reasonable and makes an excellent holiday gift.

Additionally, we will be holding our annual elections at the January meeting. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please let us know, and I am sure we can find a position for you.

If anyone has interesting dive footage or someone they think would be an excellent speaker "good or above average is also OK" for one of our meetings, please let Matt or me know.

What ever you celebrate this holiday season, I hope you enjoy yourself. I hope everyone is safe and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and a special shout out to my druid friends for the winter solstice.....your most humble servant....

Dr Mike

Thank You!

To my fellow members of the Fairfield County Diving Association,

I would like to thank all of you for the gift basket of cookies you sent to me during my recovery from minor burns I received at work. The support from friends, co-workers and the community has been tremendous. Each call, email, card, and message is greatly appreciated by me and my family. I am fully healed and back at work. I look forward to seeing all of you at the club or making bubbles.

Sincerely
Mark Shannon



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Annual FCDA Holiday Party Raffle Winners

After a delicious buffet at Cinzano's Restaurant the club held its regular raffle to support our DAN Platinum sponsorship.

The winners were: Sun Glasses donated by New England Dive Center - **Toni Morgan**; 2 Nitrox Fills donated by Rex Dive Center - **Toni Morgan**; PADI Nitrox Course donated by Rex Dive Center - **Andy Cummings**, Oceanic

Fin Bag donated by Orbit Marine Dive Center - **Ed Arsenault**, Acoustik Aquasonic donated by New England Dive Center - **Kate Rickard**; Mask Scubapro Fin Bag donated by New England Dive Center - **Toni Morgan** and an OMS Dive Mask donated by Orbit Marine Dive Center - **Matt Rownin**.

Thanks to New England Dive

Center, Orbit Marine Dive Center and Rex Dive Center for donating tonight's raffle prizes for our DAN raffle.

Remember, you can't win if you don't buy tickets and you can't buy tickets if you don't get up and come out to FCDA events and meetings!

Events of Interest to FCDA Members

Saturday, February 25, 2012 — The Boston Scuba Show, Marlboro Holiday Inn, Marlboro, MA - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. For more information and tickets go to <http://www.easy-diver.com/2012BostonScubaShow.htm>

March 9-11, 2012 — Boston Sea Rovers Show 2012, CoCo Key Hotel & Water Resort in Danvers MA. For more information and tickets go to <http://www.bostonsearovers.com/>

March 23-25, 2012 - Beneath the Sea 2012 - Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, New Jersey. For more information and go to <http://www2.beneaththesea.org/index.html>

April 14, 2012 - Diving Medicine Conference - Creasy Auditorium, Danbury Hospital, 24 Hospital Avenue, Danbury, CT - 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Morning program: Diving Emergencies, Situational Awareness, Bounce Diving, When to Retire the Diver - \$30.00 includes lunch. Afternoon Program: DAN Oxygen First Aid for SCUBA Diving Injuries and On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers - \$65.00 PER COURSE OR BOTH FOR \$100.00. For more information and reservations: Call 203 739-4964 or email gina.lacey@wcthn.org

FCDA Member Ads

Hey - have you got a non retail-diving business that you'd like to share with fellow members of FCDA? Get your business card size ad in the FCDA monthly newsletter "*Surface Interval*" for only \$50.00 for one year. Give your business a boost and help support the production of our monthly newsletters. For more information, write to FCDA, P.O. Box 3005, Fairfield, CT 06824 or email to fcda@aol.com.



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Diving Medicine Conference at Danbury Hospital

Saturday, April 14, 2012 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM - Danbury, CT

The Diving Medicine Conference is made up of two sessions.

The morning program will offer insight and education in key topics in Diving Medicine led by experts in the field of diving medicine.

The afternoon session will offer certification courses in both advance oxygen and neuro assessment by Divers Alert Network.

Faculty

Nicholas Bird, MD
Chief Medical Officer
Divers Alert Network

Richard Sadler, MD
Diving Medical Physician
Davenport, Iowa

Matthew Partrick, MD
Institute of Diving Medicine
Manahawkin, New Jersey

David Charash, DO
Medical Director Wound Care Hyperbaric Medicine
Danbury Hospital

Conference Program
Morning Program

Participants will be eligible for 3 CME/CEU credits

Diving Emergencies given by Dr. Bird

Situational Awareness and the Psychology of Diving given by Dr. Sadler

Bounce Diving given by Dr. Partrick

When to Retire the Diver given by Dr. Charash

Afternoon Program

Pre-requisites for the afternoon program: Students must have a current/up-to-date, full CPR certification

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2012 FCDA Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday	January 27, 2012	8:00 PM	January Meeting
Friday	February 24, 2012	8:00 PM	February Meeting
Saturday	February 25, 2012	10:00 AM	Boston SCUBA Show
	March 10-11, 2012		Boston Sea Rovers 2012
	March 23-25, 2012		Beneath the Sea 2012
			No March Meeting
Sunday	April 22, 2012	11:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM	Underwater Easter Egg Hunt/Beach Cleanup Registration (High 12:46 9M) Water Cookout
Friday	April 27, 2012	8:00 PM	April Meeting
Friday	May 18, 2012	8:00 PM	May Meeting (Moved — Memorial Day)
Saturday	June 2, 2012	7:00 PM	“Kick Off the Season” Clambake
Friday	June 29, 2012	8:00 PM	June Meeting
Friday	July 27, 2012	8:00 PM	July Meeting
Friday	August 24, 2012	8:00 PM	August Meeting (Moved — Labor Day)
Friday	September 28, 2012	8:00 PM	September Meeting
Friday	October 26, 2012	8:00 PM	October Meeting
Sunday	October 28, 2012	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Underwater Pumpkin Carving/Beach Cleanup Registration (High 10:51 AM) Water Cookout
Friday	November 16, 2012	8:00 PM	November Meeting (Moved - Thanksgiving)
Saturday	December 1, 2012	7:00 PM	FCDA Holiday Party



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Diving Medicine Conference at Danbury Hospital (continued)

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and must complete the online pre-course modules prior to attending the course

Divers Alert Network will offer two certification courses:

Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries - Online Module

Neurological Assessment for Divers - Online Module

When completing the online module, you will be asked to enter a trainer email on the login page, please enter oxygen@dan.org

Students who participate in the afternoon program will have the option to earn both certifications

Target Audience

Recreational and technical divers
Public Safety Divers

Medical Providers (Physicians, NP's, PA's, EMT's, RN's, Paramedics)

Cost/Fee

Morning Session: \$30 includes lunch

Afternoon Session: Certification Courses are \$65 per course or \$100 for dual certification.

Registration Deadlines

Morning Session: Registration must be received by April 10th.

Afternoon Session: Registration must be received by April 1st.

Contact Information

For questions or to register, please contact Gina Lacey at (203) 739-4964.

Location

Danbury Hospital
John C. Creasy Auditorium
24 Hospital Ave
Danbury, CT 06810

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2011 FCDA Financial Report

Balance as of 12/31/2010

\$3,035.69

DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSE	GAIN/(LOSS)
Ads	\$100.00		\$100.00
Dues	\$760.00		\$760.00
Speakers		\$205.00	(\$205.00)
DAN Raffles	\$1,091.00		\$1,091.00
DAN Sponsor		\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Refreshments	\$224.00	\$413.91	(\$189.91)
Easter Egg Hunt	\$46.00	\$74.67	(\$28.67)
Pumpkin Carving	\$31.00	\$81.75	(\$50.75)
Clambake	\$874.00	\$933.75	(\$59.75)
Holiday Party	\$832.00	\$901.19	(\$69.19)
Xeroxing/Supplies		\$167.62	(\$167.62)
Postage		\$130.52	(\$130.52)
Blu Ray Player		\$105.99	(\$105.99)
TOTALS	\$3,958.00	\$4,014.40	(\$56.40)

Balance as of 12/31/2010

\$2,979.29

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Hunt".

Treasurer



Next FCDA Meeting

Friday January 27, 2012 - 8:00 PM
Coast Guard Cottage, South Benson Marina, Fairfield, CT

"Diving Opportunities at the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium"

a presentation by

Mike Casseta

An introduction to diving opportunities at the Maritime Aquarium.
Video will be provided by Mel Rich and topics will include the
Interactive Dive within the Open Ocean Tank, "Shark Dive," as well
as the feeding of the cold water fish, including the large Halibut.



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