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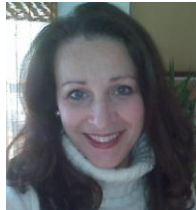
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Message from the Executive Director



Kathy McDonald

Greetings, volunteers! We are pleased to announce the return of the Barnacle Chronicle, the newsletter for WAVE Volunteers. Our promise is to communicate effectively the news and information that matters most! You should already be receiving weekly email updates from Jenny Greber to keep you on top of time-sensitive issues such as job postings and exhibit information. If you have not received these, please let the Volunteer Office know so we can update your records.

We received a great response for the Volunteer Committee and met twice. I am pleased to announce the members of the 2011 Volunteer Committee: **Rob Grossheim, Catherine Wendt, Paula DiFlora, John Klear, Marty Hammersmith, Mark Wegmeyer, David Burley, George Hood, Lesa Scheifele, Tami Thompson, and Scott Farwick.** Congratulations to you and many thanks for the great ideas and lots of enthusiasm. This issue contains more information on committee activities and if you have any great ideas, feedback or input, please don't hesitate to contact any of the members of the Volunteer Committee (or me directly).

Volunteer Appreciation Event, Sunday April 10: A sub-group of the Volunteer Committee has been working closely with Jenny Greber to create a "new and improved" Volunteer Appreciation Event. Based on feedback from the surveys and based on conversations with committee members, we are taking the more formal dinner presentation to a looser, more interactive event to allow volunteers to get to know each other better and to explore the Aquarium. The event will start in the Riverside Room at 7PM with an Awards Presentation then move downstairs for the remainder of the event with food and drink stations, animal encounters and more. We hope you like the changes and will be asking for your feedback.

"Where's my t-shirt?" We have been working with Newport Aquarium to prepare new shirts in time for the new Penguin-Palooza exhibit. Everyone should have received this year's specialty t-shirt with their department or volunteer role identified into categories: Dive Crew, Animal Care, Exhibit Volunteer, etc. You should wear those shirts in place of your volunteer polo shirt, but the polo is still an acceptable option if you are *not* working on the floor. For those waiting for news about the Dive Crew shirts, fear not! Jen Meeks and I are working on the triumphant return of the Dive Crew t-shirt, which can be purchased separately (optionally). Those should be ready for distribution at the Volunteer Appreciation Event on Sunday, April 10th!

As always, thanks so much for all you do to support the WAVE Foundation and the Newport Aquarium.

Sincerely,

Give your Little One a Chance to Explore the Aquarium



Beginning in March, join us for our new and improved Preschool Programs: Guppy Adventures and Tadpole Time.

Introducing Tadpole Time and Guppy Adventures! Tadpole Time is for ages 18 months to 3 years and Guppy Adventures are for children ages 3-5. Each encounter includes a story and animal encounter and 3 to 5 year olds get to make a craft to take home. All programs start at 9:00 a.m. Tadpole Times costs just \$7.00 and Guppy Adventures costs \$10.00. Here are some upcoming dates:

Tadpole Time: Wednesday, March 30th

"P is for Penguins": Come learn about the "coolest" animals in the Aquarium. Our penguin exhibit is scheduled to re-open at the end of March and your tadpoles will be some of the first guests to see it. We'll spend some time checking out the new and fun things to do in the exhibit and will learn more about our chilly friends!

Guppy Adventures: Saturday, May 21st

"Movin' and Groovin' Under the Sea": Come boogie with us as we wake up your guppy with some fun ocean music. They will get to slither like a snake, waddle like a penguin and take a dancing tour around the Aquarium. We'll wrap up the morning with a fun craft to take home.

For more information or to register please contact Siobhan Slone at sslone@wavefoundation.org or call 859-815-1442 for details.

Dive Station goes Paperless

That's right, folks! The Dive Station has gone paperless. Gone are the half-dozen clipboards stuffed with soggy, wrinkled tank sheets – an outdated, disorganized mess! Welcome the new, dry-erase Dive Board. It's divided into sections for Coral Reef, Amazon, Shark Tank and so on. The sections are formatted just like the tank sheets, so volunteers are filling in the same information – but now, that information is entered into a nice, neat Excel file. For example, if Husbandry wants to know how many times a diver has hydro-cleaned Amazon in the last six months, they can access that information with the click of a mouse instead of digging through stacks of messy papers (not to mention the benefit of saving trees!). Our apologies to the left-handed, but we hope that you will agree that the new Dive Board is a clean, efficient improvement!

Don't Miss Summer Camp 2011

Summer Camp is right around the corner! Don't let your kids (ages 7-12) miss this year's activities.

Session 1: June 20–June 24

Session 2: June 27-July 1

Session 3: July 11-July 15

Session 4: July 18-July 22

All sessions run M-F from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Special volunteer rate of \$140/week per child. Contact the Education Department today at 859-815-1442!





EVENT SCHEDULE

June 16
THE MENU

June 23
SOUL POCKET

June 30
J.D. SHELBURNE

July 7
JOHNNY CLUELESS

July 14
NAKED KARATE GIRLS

July 21
WHAMMIES

July 28
THE MENU

August 4
THE RUSTY GRISWALDS

Volunteer now for THE hot fun volunteer opportunity of the summer (and support WAVE!)

Do you want to listen to great live music, enjoy the summer weather AND help support the WAVE Foundation? Well, sign up now to help out with this season's "LIVE at the LEVEE." Proceeds from beer sales go to WAVE in exchange for managing the beverage booths.

We will need volunteers to sign up to bartend, be runners, assist with restocking and more. Jenny Greber has established a sign-up in Volgistics so you can begin scheduling your hours now. Free t-shirt to all volunteers! *(And we know how much you love a t-shirt...and it **isn't** royal blue!)*

We will need 25 volunteers per event so there is plenty of opportunity for everyone to take a turn (or two). TIPS training will be provided to anyone interested in becoming a bartender – the training date(s) will be announced later. In the meantime, here are some descriptions of what to expect:

Bartenders: 2 per beer stand at all times (6:00pm – 9:30pm) with at least one back-up to allow for breaks and to assist when needed.

Ice & Beer Runners: getting additional ice and beer for carts when running low

Setup and tear down: all volunteers will assist with setting up beer carts, tearing down and recycling! Yes, we will be recycling! Set up can start as early as 5:30pm.

Bar Captain: to rotate breaks and assist bartenders when needed.

All volunteers must be 21 years of age or older and cannot consume alcohol while working the event. If you have friends or family who meet that requirement and are interested in helping, we can bring them on to volunteer! Please call the Volunteer Office. There will be TIPS training offered and all bartenders will have to take this training. Position descriptions and additional information about volunteer expectations will be sent out soon via Jenny Greber.

Say hello to our newest members of the WAVE Board of Directors



Rob Grossheim
Owner and Lead Advisor
Family Wealth Advisory Group
(and Diver Extraordinaire!)



Libby Shaffer
Attorney at Law
Dinsmore & Shohl



Anthony Sperelakis
Senior Vice President
Citi Consumer Marketing



Michael Driver
Engineer
L-3 Fuzing & Ordnance Systems



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

VOLUNTEERS

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|--------------------|----------|
| Bob Higginbotham | April 1 |
| Kelly Zilli | April 2 |
| CJ Freeman | April 7 |
| Ashley Houston | April 9 |
| Sabine Kavesh | April 10 |
| Vicki Lambert | April 10 |
| Jason Deuer | April 12 |
| Glenn Brockschmidt | April 12 |
| Kathy Dye | April 13 |
| Karen Berger-Ducat | April 15 |
| Mark Beck | April 16 |
| Delores Williams | April 25 |
| Jacqueline Saile | April 25 |
| Chris Cortez | April 27 |
| Lesa Scheifele | April 27 |
| Trenton Godar | April 29 |

STAFF

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| Jacklynn Matthews | April 4 |
| Erin Cochrane | April 5 |
| Matthew Johnson | April 6 |
| Nicholas Poe | April 8 |
| Hannah Altic | April 8 |
| Lauren Hehman | April 10 |
| Raymond Foley | April 10 |
| Christina Nobbe | April 12 |
| Jennifer Norman | April 16 |
| Michelle Fry | April 19 |
| Misty Craig | April 21 |
| Lauren Blum | April 24 |
| Rachael Ackerson | April 26 |
| Shelley Haas | April 28 |

If we missed you, let us know so that we can update our records!



For the most up to date news and information, become a friend of WAVE and join the fun!

Volunteer Committee Hard at Work!

The brand new Volunteer Committee has hit the ground running on a variety of projects and responsibilities. The Committee will be responsible for the Volunteer of the Month (VOM) Award, which includes reviewing nominations and selecting the winner. They have been reworking the criteria for nomination, editing the VOM form and the overall process. Coming soon, it will be made available both in hard copy and on the website for your convenience. We'll let you know when its available in an upcoming weekly email. This group will also select the Volunteer of the Year Award (formerly known as the "Pearl of the Sea," which is comprised of the year ending's VOM's.

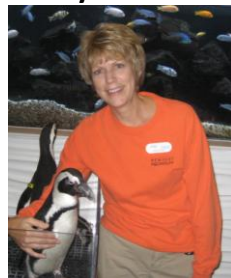
A sub-group of the committee formed to assist with the planning and execution of the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Led by Catherine Wendt and Lesa Scheifele, this year's event promises to be a fun, festive way to appreciate all the hard work of our volunteers.

A mid-year survey will be distributed to gauge feedback on activities and overall satisfaction with the Volunteer Program. The committee will be addressing the current Rewards and Recognitions for volunteers to ensure that they remain viable incentives and benefits for all.

Should an opening become available and you would like to serve on the Volunteer Committee, please contact Kathy McDonald at kmcdonald@wavefoundation.org.

Meet our 2011 Volunteers of the Month so far!

Cindy Richmond



January VOM

Ashley Houston



February VOM

George Hood



March VOM

Congratulations to Cindy, Ashley, and George for their excellent work!

Conservation News and Activities

The Conservation Committee is always hard at work, looking to find meaningful projects and initiatives to invest our funds. Here are some highlights:

Visit with Lauren Waller: Last summer, the Conservation Fund sponsored the International Penguin Conference in Boston, which is a gathering of experts from throughout the world. WAVE's lead sponsorship of this prestigious group allowed us to showcase the efforts of the Newport Aquarium's world-class penguins and to bring awareness of our mission. We brought Lauren Waller, a penguin expert from Dyer Island, South Africa, to the conference as our guest and she was able to spend a few weeks with us here to educate us on her work. A public lecture, sponsored by Duke Energy, and an essay contest for area school children was a wonderful use of her stay here. Winners of the essay contest were visited by Ric Urban, Siobhan Slone and our famous penguins!

Cottonwood Tree and Learning Garden: every year, we commit conservation funds to landscape, maintain and improve the Learning Garden and to ensure the health of the 100+ year old tree along the banks of the Ohio River. Did you know that you can purchase a personalized brick for just \$100 (*special discounted price of just \$50 for volunteers) and support the Conservation Fund? See Julie Uffman for details at juffman@wavefoundation.org or 859-815-1418.

Sea-turtle Tagging: Each year, we try to sponsor at least one nesting female sea turtle through seaturtle.org. Once tagged, the turtles are monitored via an innovative, state-of-the-art web called www.seaturtle.org. The data the turtles provide is helping researchers determine why the population of sea turtles has decreased dramatically in the last few decades.

Penguin-Palooza! In 2010 and early 2011, the Conservation Committee embarked on its first-ever in-house conservation-education project by sponsoring the Penguin-Palooza interactive wall and Penguins of the World mural. The WAVE Foundation invested \$15,000 to ensure the inclusion of an educational component to the new exhibit, which is SURE to be a smash hit! We hope that you will visit the exhibit and see these displays, which include fun things to do and two video screens with information about penguin conservation.

Anyone with a project or idea to submit to the Committee for consideration may complete a "Request for Proposal." These may be obtained from Kathy McDonald and we will be placing the forms on the website for added convenience.

Are YOU interested in serving on the Conservation Committee? Meetings are held monthly at the Newport Aquarium and are open to both Cast and to Volunteers. Current members of the Conservation Committee are: Michael Stevens (Chair), Keri Siegert (Past Chair), Dan Hagley (Vice Chair), Anne Ogonek, Jenny Greber, Rodger Pille, Joe Wallace, and Chris Lorentz (WAVE Chairman of the Board).

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Earth Day on April 17th – WAVE will have a booth at the Earth Day Celebration
Riversweep on June 18th – come clean up the riverbanks and have a great time



Ric Urban with Paul Burkart, one of five excited Essay Winners, at his school. Essay winners received \$100 for their school to use for a conservation project.

Welcome, Volunteer Educators

We are pleased to announce the addition of 6 new volunteer educators to assist the WAVE Finstitute with outreach and classroom activities. These folks will be assisting WAVE Educators Anne Ogonek, Siobhan Slone and Misty Craig with teaching classes and outreach programs, assisting with animal encounters, behind the scenes activities and more.

Our new educators are: Lesa Schiefele, George Hood, Toni Hughes, Larry Flinner, Darian Bauer and Barb Dock.

Interested in becoming a WAVE Educator or learning more about what it involves? Contact Siobhan Slone at sslone@wavefoundation.org or 859-815-1442.

Shop for a Cause

Try our E-Store! Looking for that perfect gift? Did you know that you can support WAVE by purchasing a variety of items on our website? You'll find animal adoptions, penguin art, Kentucky Wild Cards, conservation ribbons, note cards, tote bags and shark tooth necklaces...all with a few clicks of a button.

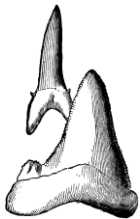


While you're shopping to support conservation, consider purchasing a Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Card. Simply purchase a card from us and use the card for your purchases at Kroger. WAVE will earn 4% on the total sales. Cards are \$10 and \$20 and are pre-loaded and re-loadable. Every time you shop, you help WAVE's mission to excite, engage and educate the public about the wonders of aquatic life and the importance of conservation.

Finally, don't forget about **Goodshop**. Before you click on that favorite retailer website, go to www.Goodshop.com, click on the link and a portion of your sale will automatically go to WAVE if you choose us as the charity. And don't forget to set your search engine to Goodsearch.com. Select WAVE as your charity and we will receive a donation for every internet search you do!



Divers collect shark teeth for a cause



In a collaborative effort between our divers and Biologist Jen Hazeres's brother, Tim Swope, we are now selling one-of-a-kind VERY cool shark necklaces online and in the retail shop at the Aquarium.

Shark teeth are being collected regularly and Tim is creating handmade necklaces using hemp rope, beads and of course, teeth, to create this summer's hottest fashion statement! The necklaces are \$25 and proceeds will go to the Conservation Fund to support shark research and initiatives.

We also keep a few in the WAVE offices so if you want to check one out, stop by! THANKS to all who are assisting with this effort.

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 7!



The Summer Naturalists are Coming!

Announcing our 2011 SN Crew! This ambitious group of teens will be joining the team this summer and ready to learn. They are:

Thomas Ambrum, Amanda Anderson, Abby Armstrong, Destiny Bachman, Sarah Bier, Anastasia Botto, Maria Broderick, Michael Clark, Katelyn Collins, Jackson Cooper, Jenna Davenport, Jena Doelman, Dayna Duckworth, Caleb Engel, Alexander Ervin, Andrew Ervin, Ryan Frohlich, Taylor Gibbins, Kemi Goode-Mayo, Nia Goode-Mayo, Ian Gorby, Noah Gripshover, Lydia Grote, Savannah Gulick, Megan Harrison, Gabe Ibanez, Elizabeth Kinslow, Molly Kirn, Johanna Loepke, Haley McDermott, Elizabeth Meyer, Caroline Miller, Anna Miller, Hailey Miller, Haneefa Muhammed, Madison Murphy, Cassandra Nance, Leah Neff, Kelly Nichols, Lillian Pinhas, Tony Pisacano, Sydney Pitts, Jordan Rahschulte, Megan Rawe, Katie Rieman, Kayla Sadler, Sara Schrecengost, Maya Sekhar, Kaitlyn Smigielski, Matthew Sparling, Lauren Sprague, Rebecca Thaman, Lizzy Truesdell, Ellen Uhl, Matthew Vieth, and Sarah Youkilis.

Congratulations to our Day Captains!

Please welcome this year's hard-working Day Captains for 2011:

Josh Mansfield, Rachel Stock, Nolan Snyder, Kat Cheng, Stephen Haffner, Lynn Wolz, Joe Proietti, Courtney LeDonne, Abby Kenner, Logan Wegmeyer, Monica Campbell, Denise Hore, Nancy Marsh, and Kelli Zilli.

We hope you will have a great season with us!