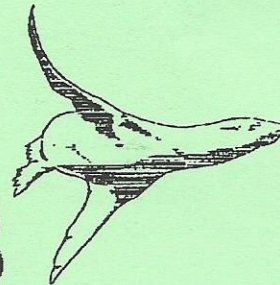




THE SEA DIVERS



IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FEBRUARY ENTERTAINMENT

PAT SMITH - Author/Lecturer/Researcher

Patrick Smith will be our December speaker. Pat co-authored *Shipwrecks of Southern California* with Bonnie Cardonne and has written numerous articles on maritime subjects for variety of diving and nautical magazines. Pat is a native Californian, has been a certified diver for over 34 years and a NAUI Instructor for 16 years. In his "spare" time, Pat gives lectures on maritime/history subjects and is a research consultant to a plethora of Federal, State, Educational, and Diving Industry organizations.

Peter Landecker 'volunteered' to perform the Entertainment Chairman's duties for part of 1996. He did such a great job that his 'volunteer' status was extended through January 1997! Pat Smith will round out a full year of excellent speakers and entertainment that formed the "Landecker Series". So come on down to Cathy's Deli on Tuesday, December 3rd and listen to Pat Smith share some of his extensive knowledge and experiences on Southern California diving.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE ELECTION....

It's time to get our Executive Committee in place for 1997. Note that most of the 1996 Execs have volunteered to continue into 1997. Exceptions leave open Treasurer, Program Chair and Beach Dive Chair (typically OPEN). Should anyone wish to volunteer or nominate (with nominee's agreement) someone for any of the Executive positions, please write the name in the table below (or facsimile thereof) adjacent to the position and mail to The Sea Divers, P.O. Box 2415, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, no later than 13 December 1996.

		A.P.	
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997 VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>OTHER 1997 NOMINEE / VOLUNTEER</u>
PRESIDENT*	Allen Parker	Allen Parker	_____
VICE-PRESIDENT*	Kathy Dacey	Kathy Dacey	_____
TREASURER*	Sharon Hale		_____
SECRETARY	Michael Borden	Michael Borden	_____
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	Carolyn Routledge	Carolyn Routledge	_____
DIVING OFFICER	John Mowrey	John Mowrey	_____
BOAT DIVE CHAIR	John Tadlock	John Tadlock	_____
BEACH DIVE CHAIR	(OPEN)	(OPEN)	_____
BOAT DIVE RESERVATIONIST	Kathy Kalohi	Kathy Kalohi	_____
PROGRAM CHAIR	Peter Landecker		_____
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Kathy Dacey	Kathy Dacey	_____
HOSPITALITY CHAIR	Kathleen Bennett	Kathleen Bennett	_____
LONG RANGE PLANNING	(OPEN)	(OPEN)	_____
GLACD REPRESENTATIVE	Phil Bergeron	Phil Bergeron	_____
KING HARBOR CLEANUP	Nancy Cook	Nancy Cook	_____

*Elected Official

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORY

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR	KATHY DACEY	814-6131	540-1044	812-9976
HOSPITALITY CHAIR	KATHLEEN BENNETT	648-7036	714-645-1195	N/A
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WRITING FOR THE SEA DIVERS NEWSLETTER

If you would like to write an article for the newsletter or you have an idea to improve it, please write to Editor Kathy Dacey, P.O. Box 2415, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, or call me at the above numbers. I am always in need of Lessons Learned articles and new graphics or cartoons. Inputs should be typed, but can be handwritten (not responsible for errors caused by illegible handwriting). Inputs may also be given to me via floppy media in any of the major word processing program formats or e-mailed to me at kathy.dacey@trw.com. Permission is given to reproduce in whole or in part. Please credit the author and/or The Sea Divers Newsletter.

GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7:00 PM the first Tuesday of every month. A no-host social half-hour precedes the meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and a feature presentation follows the business portion of the meeting. The meetings are held at Cathy's Deli, 1828 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach - (310) 379-4282. Exit the San Diego Freeway (405) at Inglewood Ave. and travel south approximately one block to Manhattan Beach Blvd. Turn west (right) on Manhattan Beach Blvd. Cathy's Deli is on Manhattan Beach Blvd. approximately 1/2 block west of Aviation Blvd. on the south (left) side of the street. Parking is street parking only.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Held at 7:00 PM on Thursday the week following the General Meeting at Roberto Al Mare (formerly Nelson's Landing) at King Harbor (at the corner of Harbor and Beryl), across from the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME PHONE (_____) _____ WORK PHONE (_____) _____
ADDITIONAL NAME (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE (_____) _____
EMPLOYER _____
CERT NUMBER _____ TYPE [PADI, NAUI, ETC.] _____
CERT DATE _____ LACC ADP _____ DATE _____
(or equivalent)
NUMBER OF DIVES LOGGED _____ DATE OF LAST DIVE _____

Do you want your name on a dive buddy list? [] YES [] NO

Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin _____

[] SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$18.00 (to 6/30/97)

[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP* \$27.00 (to 6/30/97)

*single household

(Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/\$36 family and are prorated quarterly for NEW members)

Please make your checks payable to THE SEA DIVERS and mail to:

THE SEA DIVERS, P.O. BOX 2415, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278

WESTWARD WE GO

30 Nov/1 Dec 1996 (Sat/Sun)

Channel Islands → West

PEACE

Members \$180*

(INCLUDES AIR, BEVERAGES & GOURMET FOOD!)

Boarding: 7:00 PM (11/29)

*Early Payment \$160 by 10/31

Departure: 1:00 AM (11/30)

Non-Members \$195

The final Sea Diver charter for 1996 is on the way. The dive for the San Miguel Passage and the September *Peace* two-day dives, a spot in the world, San Miguel. Many opportunities for sea divers. Any opportunity to make a trip should provide many opportunities.

As this is our pre-1997 year, awards at no expense. We provide heavy duty diving. Leisurely with 3 or 4 dives. Hopefully some more adventures this year.

Bunks will be pre-assigned on a first come basis. Call Kathy (Kalohi) at (310) 719-1816 for sign-up, and if we receive payment before 31 October, you get 15 bucks off the member price. Great deal, great trip.

SOLD OUT!!!
Thanks for your support
Reservations now being taken for
1997 boat dives. See the new
schedule on page 7.

The dive calendar has listed the dive. It cooperates as it did in our May and is not noted as the greatest lobster. The dives are spectacular and offer a lot of fun. For the game takers this is a great trip. There are some of the best

extra goodies and amusing (hopefully) diving. Standing and plentiful. The first day will have as many dives as possible. The second day will be more leisurely. The dive areas are suitable for relative beginners and a wide range of diver desires. Pinnacles have been "in" this

A NEW COMBINATION

2 February 1997 (Sun)

SANTA BARBARA

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$85*

(All inclusive!)

Boarding: 7:00 PM (2/1)

Non-Members \$95

Departure: 2:00 AM (2/2)

Typically our February charter has been on *Charisma* to San Clemente. This year as a part of our revamped schedule *Great Escape* (formerly known as *Charisma*) will take us to Santa Barbara Island instead. We did our first trip with *Great Escape* on 2-3 November 1996 to Cortes Banks. The new owners are friendly, knowledgeable and extremely accommodating. Consequently, we're anticipating a very pleasurable trip.

As most of you experienced divers know, Santa Barbara diving provides the very best in underwater topography, marine life, and generally high visibility. Sea lions abound and are always ready to "play". Black sea bass have been sighted on numerous occasions as have relatively large rays. The reefs are ideal for photography or just looking. Typically we will circumnavigate this relatively small island to pick off four or five choice spots.

For the game takers there are a variety of fish, scallops, and a smattering of lobster. Diving conditions in February are usually pleasant and typically the ocean is cooperative. This dive is suitable for all skill levels. Beginners should check with our divemaster to ascertain the specifics of each dive. *Great Escape* is one of the largest dive boats in the L.A. area and provides an extremely comfortable diving platform. The "verandah" (k.a. sun deck) also provides for sun and relaxation on the ride home. Call Kathy (Kalohi) at (310) 719-1816 to sign up for this all inclusive trip on a great boat to one of the best islands. You may pre-select your stateroom / bunk on receipt of full payment. CALL NOW!

ESCAPE TO CORTES

Made the Grand Slam this year with the *Great Escape* (a.k.a. *Charisma*) run to Cortes Bank. Saturday dawned just beautiful with bright sun, clear skies and a flat ocean. Cortes was still a couple of hours away but who cared! We arrived and anchored over the 9-spot which is on the southwest portion of the bank. Needless to say the reef came up to about 55 feet then dropped away to near 100 feet. Visibility was in the 50-60 foot range, no current or surge and a 'balmy' 60°F temperature. Bugs there were, not many and a lot of kids and short adults. Scallops were there but few and far between. For photophiles and looky-loos great!

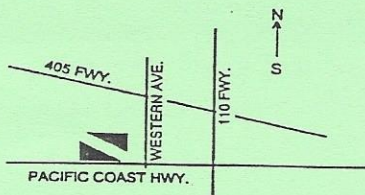
We moved east for the second dive closer to the buoy. Depths to 80 feet with slightly reduced visibility and some surge above 40 feet. Same bug results. Nice canyons and reef formations. The third spot was adjacent to the wreck *Abalonia* a constant source of bugs. Surge was a major factor as it nearly always is. Entry into the wreck was more than sporty - most, if not all, chose not to. IF you were into FLYING this was your dive!!! Some discussion followed with skipper/owner Roy K. as to whether to stay at Cortes - "for as long as you want, overnight if you're so inclined" - or retreat to San Clemente. We chose to stay for one more dive then decide. Dive four in up to 50 feet of ocean was also surgey and things were picking up.

The run to San Clemente was about 4 hours. We arrived there about 8:00 p.m. and anchored in Seal Cove. Dinner had already been served and the night divers were anxious to bug hunt. Diving was "OK", with few bugs observed, none taken. Depths to 45 feet in 20-30 feet visibility and 59°F water. Sometime during the night rock and roll set in causing a short move for *Great Escape* into a better lee spot. Sunday dawned gray with some fairly healthy swells 8-10 feet or so outside the anchorage. So much for diving 4-1/2 Fathom and the like. We plunged towards the west end with several on board feeling the effects, especially those that chose to party, some until late!! We tucked into West Cove on the backside and found divable water. At up to 55 feet on depth the 58°F water was calm, little surge and not bad visibility at about 30 feet. Lots and lots of bug kids, teenagers and new adults. One almost felt sorry for these guys with no mums, dads or grandparents!! The second dive was about one half mile south east in similar conditions. More kids etc. Several 3-3/16s were caught and released. The third and final dive was on the frontside just south and east of Northwest Harbor. Much the same for conditions and less bugs all around, but a nice spot.

In summary our first trip on the *Great Escape* was not outstanding from a diving point of view although we did make Cortes. The owners, both on board, were VERY accommodating, the crew very helpful and friendly and the food fare above average. Saturday dinner was excellent. Rhonda from the *Atlantis* is the cook and always works from scratch - hard work for one person on a boat this big. She worked 16 hours Saturday!!! Anyhow, this will be our boat of choice to replace *Atlantis*, *Encore*, and *Charisma* (sort of), in 1997. The Exec Committee will decide the final cut at the November meeting. Nice to have a full boat for once!!! Thanks.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



AMERICAN DIVING is a full service scuba diving facility. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff has been committed to excellence in customer service for more than 30 years. Our education department offers quality diving courses sponsored by NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors), an internationally recognized diver training organization. Our instructors offer courses at all levels from Openwater I through Assistant Instructor, plus a variety of Specialty Courses are available either at a group rate or by private instruction. We also offer local and international dive travel and can assist you in planning your adventures from day trips to the local islands to your wildest diving fantasy.

CHARISMA'S GREAT ESCAPE QUOTES...

"If I lose 35 lbs. she pays for a trip anywhere in the world..."

"...is she going too?"

"No lights, but I have lots of batteries."

"What a crappy day. The only bad thing is it's not a work day."

"Some marry for love, some for lust, and some for medical benefits."

"I forgot to turn on my electronics. I hate that."

"Well he's alive - mostly."

"Also got part way down before he remembered to connect the inflate hose."

"Nice lady but in the wrong job."

"I'm not sure I'd lone her a light. She's the kiss of death on lights this weekend."

"It's a bit dim!"

"These guys must be into swimming."

"Doesn't it bother you that the only tool kit is a knife and a can of WD40?"

"Good fill, a whole 1000 PSI."

"If you like flying that was a good dive."

"Surgy or what?"

"Looks like major stirfry."

"Nothing wrong with a vibrator. It's just another media of a multi-media presentation."

"It's better when a blonde smears it on his face."

"Well mine's in a lot better shape than yours Billy."

"Maybe you're saving yourself for nothing."

"Keep it in case it doesn't work out."

"Oh! A twofer!"

"What were you doing with the huggie in the head?"

"Oh! There's a whole other side, start licking!"

"That EA6B is flapping it's wings."

"Find your own glass."

"San Clemente, the Land of the Shorts."

"Whatever!"

"You'll have to be good to keep me awake 'til 9:00 PM."

"Allen's doing OK!"

"If I'm lucky I'll make 7:30."

"It's shy. It's a dive light wanna-be."

"I'm going to auger in. See you in several hours."

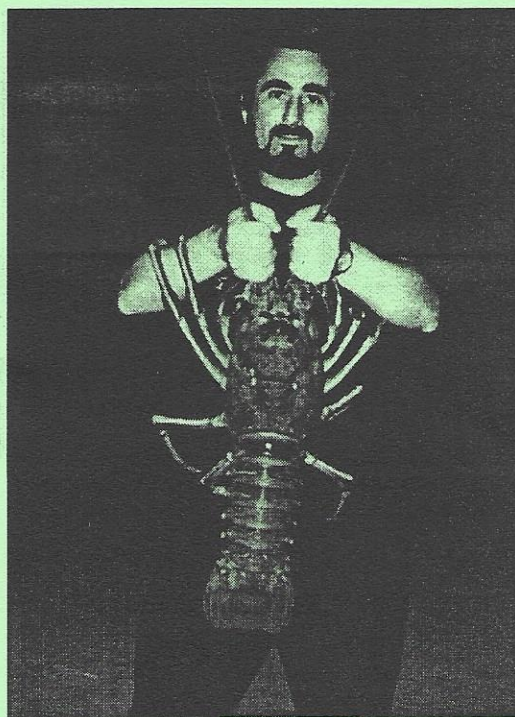
"Vertical wasn't cutting it. Horizontal was calling."

"Breakfast of Champions: bacon, Carmello bar, bagel with kerosene cheese and a Diet Pepsi."

"Time for a nap."

BIG BUG!!!

Fred, a 12-1/2 pound lobster was caught by long-time Sea Diver Phil Bergeron on November 1 at Long Wharf, about 2-1/2 miles north of Santa Monica Pier. Says Phil, "I wasn't looking for bugs, but old bottles and china on the old pier pilings. All of a sudden, there was Fred standing besides a piling like he was waiting for a bus!" Phil decided to accommodate Fred's (last) wish and give him a ride. According to Phil, Fred tasted just fine and his shell has been preserved and donated to the Meadows School in Manhattan Beach.



LA BUFADORA AFTERMATH

November 8-10, 1996

Six divers and four bubble-watchers ventured south to La Bufadora for a weekend of quality diving and fun. This was the first club trek down south in several years and the gods smiled upon us the entire weekend. Friday morning the Kalohi's and Nesheim's drove down and just past Tijuana and encountered the most wicked Santa Ana's blowing from the east. We hoped it would not be this way at La Bufadora but the winds stopped just north of Ensenada. We pulled in and checked with the dive shop on the cliff and within an hour were in the skiff and heading into the 6 inch surf.

The first dive was just north outside the bay at one of the white guano pinnacles. The surge was still with us even though the seas were the flattest we have ever encountered in this area. Visibility was good - 30 feet with some murkiness in the distance and water temperature ranged in the mid to upper 50s. The sun was shining all three days which made the photographers of the group quite happy. The second dive was along a wall south of the bay along the coastline. Again a great photo spot and a lot of surge. That evening (Friday) the rest of the group showed up and we all stayed in the house available for rent except for one brave man.

Saturday morning we all went out in one skiff and dove two southern pinnacles - one submerged and one with at least 3 feet exposed at high tide. Both were again hot spots for photographers and those who wanted scallops found them easily. The 3 photographers of the group were so impressed with the conditions that we did another afternoon skiff dive. Just as we were coming in from the third and fourth dive of the day, the others were just leaving to do some shopping in Ensenada and have dinner. They returned in time to see the dying campfire Joe Kalohi had built and enjoy the clear sky and multitude of stars.

Sunday morning we again had the skiff to ourselves and decided to try some of the pinnacles almost to the point of Punta Banda. The first spot had even cleaner water and scallop hunters came back happy. The second pinnacle had a lot more shear wall with tons of marine life fighting for space - color everywhere! When we came back to the beach we started packing up our gear while John and Rebecca Mowrey and friends cleaned scallop shells - they did good. Traffic was not too bad heading back north and the Santa Ana's had died. It was a wonderful weekend of diving and getting together with other club members.

If any of you want to go down to La Bufadora on your own, call me and I will give you any information I may know to help you out. The diving can be wonderful!

Kathy Kalohi

HOW ABOUT A WRECK DIVE?

The following account is an excerpt from an article entitled "The Good, the Bad, and the Just Plain Ugly" in the October 1996 edition of In Depth / Undercurrent.

Burton E. Fineberg found that Dive BVI offered a unique dive trip while he was staying at Little Dix Bay in August 1996 — wreck diving on his dive boat. "The boat was a 31-foot Bertram Sport Fisherman; seven divers, captain, and divemaster. Took 10 minutes for divers to get into the water and drift line was only long enough of three people; the rest of us bobbed in the water. Everyone aboard went down, leaving the boat unattended. Twenty-five minutes into the dive, I saw what looked like our dive boat sitting on the bottom of the ocean. I thought I was imagining the whole thing, but then I saw something float out of the boat. Once on the surface, some divers decided to go back down to retrieve their belongings. I inflated my BC and bobbed in very rough seas. After 10 minutes, I was picked up by a boat that had been anchored at a close site. We were later told that the bilge pumps were left on when we all entered the water and no one remained on the boat to watch what was happening. I have been diving in Cozumel, Caymans, Bonaire, Curacao, Hawaii, Ft. Lauderdale, and Aruba, and they all left someone on their boats."

1997 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
97-1	SUN	2 FEB	SANTA BARBARA	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
	SAT	15 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-3	SAT	12 APR	FARNSWORTH BANKS / CATALINA	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-C9	WED	7 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 9 / CATALINA	\$65*	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-4	FRI/SAT	9/10 MAY	SAN MIGUEL	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
97-5	SAT	31 MAY	SAN CLEMENTE EAST END	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-6	FRI/SAT	25/26 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NICOLAS	\$190	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-SB	SUN	17 AUG	PALOS VERDES	\$20*	(Small Boats)	KING HARBOR
97-7	FRI/SAT	12/13 SEPT	RICHARDSON'S/WILSON ROCK	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
97-8	SUN	TBD OCT	SAN NICOLAS	TBD	TBD	TBD
97-9	SAT/SUN	1/2 NOV	CORTES BANK	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-10	SAT/SUN	29/30 NOV	SAN MIGUEL PASSAGE	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA

*Prices are all inclusive (air, food, and beverages). Non-members add \$10 for single day and \$15 for two-day dives.
Dives 97-C9 and 97-SB do not include air, food, and beverages.

Great Escape - 22nd Street Landing

South on Harbor freeway, left on Gaffey, left on 22nd Street, down the hill and park in designated areas.

Peace - Ventura Marina

North on Ventura freeway to Victoria Ave. in Ventura. Turn left onto Victoria and continue to Olivas Park Drive. Turn right and continue all the way down toward the beach and across Harbor Drive, go to the left onto Spinnaker Drive. Look for Milano's Italian Restaurant and turn right into the parking area. If you get to the end of Spinnaker, turn around and take the second left. Park adjacent to the berth (Slip #20) to unload, then park overnight in the last row adjacent to Spinnaker Drive.

DIVE BOAT POLICY

Club member may, but is not required to, have a boat deposit on file with the club. A club member may make a reservation on an upcoming dive as follows:

- A) Unconfirmed reservations may be made for any boat dive at any time. To confirm a reservation, payment in full must be received.
- B) For single day dives, divers holding an unconfirmed reservation will be called 3 weeks prior to the dive and advised that payment in full is required no later than 15 days prior to the dive to be confirmed. Dive boat deposits will be considered as payment in full.
- C) For two day dives, divers holding unconfirmed reservations will be called 5 weeks prior to the dive and advised that payment in full is required no later than 30 days prior to the dive to be confirmed. Dive boat deposits may be used as part of the payment in full.
- D) If payment in full is not received by the deadline, the diver may be replaced by a wait listed diver who has paid in full.

Any reservation may be cancelled two weeks prior to a dive with a full refund. Cancellations will not be accepted within two weeks prior to the dive unless a diver holding a reservation can sell or transfer their reservation to another qualified diver. The dive reservationist will assist in this process, but is not responsible for providing paying alternates. When confirmation is received by the dive boat reservationist that a cancelling diver is being replaced by another qualified diver, the replacement diver is then fully responsible for the cost of the dive.

If a diver has a deposit on file with the club and uses that deposit to secure a reservation on a boat dive, he may not use that deposit to secure additional dives until he has paid the club for the first dive. Two years after a diver has ceased to be a member of the club, his unclaimed dive boat deposit will be forfeited to the club. Only club members of The Sea Divers and members of other selected clubs may make boat dive reservations prior to one month before a scheduled boat dive. Partial refunds from single day boats which do not make the advertised dive location will be passed on to members who request them within two weeks of the dive.

BOAT DIVE RESERVATION FORM

DIVE DATE: _____ DESTINATION: _____
NAME OF DIVER(S): _____
PHONE (DAY): [] _____ (EVE) [] _____ COST OF DIVE \$ _____
MEMBER [] YES [] NO DATE OF LAST DIVE* : _____

Please make checks payable to THE SEA DIVERS and mail to:

THE SEA DIVERS
P.O. Box 2415
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(310) 719-1816

* Please include date of last dive for each diver.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November 30/December 1 Boat Dive: San Miguel Passage/Santa Rosa - *PEACE*
 December 3 General Meeting - 7 PM - Cathy's Deli
 December 12 Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Roberto Al Mare

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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January 7 General Meeting - 7 PM - Cathy's Deli
 January 16 Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Roberto Al Mare

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