



February - 2020

General Meeting - Mon - Feb 10th

Karl Huggins - Immersion Pulmonary Edema.

Board Meeting - Wed - Feb 20th

Lancaster location

Beach Dive - Sat - Feb 22nd

Dive-Against-Debris certification.- Catalina Cleanup

Boat Dive - Sat - Mar. 14th

Spectre - Lobster Dive



Guest Speaker - Karl Huggins

A.V. Desert Divers

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Bonnie Cardone, passed away on January 14, 2020

Many knew her & many club members dove with her

She was a speaker for the club for more than one meeting

A lover of the sea, she will be missed...

(Tribute inside)



Presidents message for February

WOW! The year has just started, and we have so much going on. I think instead of listing all the things we have coming up; I will restate my goals for this year. Last year I told you my main goal is to give back to the club that I love so much. I believe we have started to accomplish this by providing new opportunities with new dive boats that Ken our dive coordinator worked out, We fill your tanks, offer Hydro's and can get your tanks a visual inspection, We have another dive shop Suba Steve's Dive Adventure offering great deals on equipment, and we also became affiliated with the WAVES Project.

This year's promise is to continue to find ways to give back to you guys, but we also have ways for you to get more involved as a club member. We have started to use committees and have been very successful using them. We have the 50-year committee and the WAVES fundraiser committee as our starting point, I believe we have learned some good lessons both good and bad to take forward into the future. Our plan is to continue to use committees to help keep things organized and on track.



Thanks to the promoting done for the WAVES fundraiser, we have done more outreach about who the AVDD is and what our club is about in the last two months, then we did all last year. Great job everyone!

Thank you again for your trust and support of not just me, but each one of our board members. I had asked a lot of them last year and they rose to the challenge and delivered.

I look forward to diving with you all soon

Jeff Carlon



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AVDD Upcoming Club Dives 2020

- Feb. 22- Catalina Clean Up
- Mar. 14- Spectre \$105.00- members \$115.00- non-members
- Apr. 11- Cee Ray \$105.00- members \$115.00- non-members
- May 9- Sundiver Express - price determined by how many divers, must sign up through Ken.
- June 13- Clam Chowder Dive Location TBA
- July- 4th of July Pool Party Date and Location TBA
- Aug. 8- Raptor to Santa Cruz Waiting for price
- Sept. 5- June Lake Clean Up
- Oct. 10- Sundiver Express Waiting for price
- Nov. 7- Annual Catalina Weekend
- Dec. 12- Deer Creek



Guest Speaker for February

Karl Huggins is the Director of USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. Huggins has celebrated many scientific contributions to the diving community. He developed a set of decompression dive tables he titled “New No-Decompression Tables Based on No-Decompression Limits Determined by Doppler Ultrasonic Bubble Detection”, renamed the “Michigan Sea Grant Tables” by the Scientific Diving community, and then the “HUGI Tables” by his friends. Karl is an esteemed member of the diving community. He also developed the decompression algorithm that was used in the EDGE, the “first modern commercially successful microprocessor-based electronic dive computer. More about all that he has accomplished will be elaborated on at AVDDs February 10th monthly meeting along with a brief presentation about Immersion Pulmonary Edema.

WAVES Fundraiser



Hello AVDD, as many of you know, our club became an official affiliate of the WAVES Project last year as part of our mission statement of educating and giving back to our community. WAVES stands for Wounded American Veterans Experiencing Scuba. They are a Non-Profit that was established to provide an opportunity for American Veterans with service connected disabilities and their families to experience scuba diving. Each veteran and a dive companion of their choice can experience the freedom of scuba diving for free. WAVES Project takes each candidate and their dive buddy through open water certification. From classroom to open water dives, they experience the many benefits to scuba...regardless of their injury. WAVES Project works with all levels of the military from brain trauma, double and triple amputees to PTSD. They help Veterans heal through adventure and service projects underwater. Per studies, PTSD divers find an up to 80% decrease in their symptoms!

Friday night was our fundraiser to raise money for our chapter of WAVES. To say this event was a success would be an understatement. It was an overwhelming success! The night started off with our local State Senator Scott Wilk and State Assemblymen Tom Lackey presenting us a certificate of recognition for the partnership of the AVDD and WAVES Project. The beer we made “Under the WAVES IPA” was a winner and tapped out by the end of the night, it was well received and Bravery Brewing Co. confirms we will be making it again.

When people heard what we were doing and why we were doing it, they wanted to help, and we had some great donations. The necklace Hodgkin’s Jewelry donated was gone quick. Others who couldn’t donate showed up in droves just to support the cause. If you were one of them, then you know that some had to park as far away as the DMV. Others set up tables to help us out, like the Bombshell Betties and Monster Doughnuts, and helped spread the word about us.

The final numbers have not been made official yet, but it looks like we helped raise almost \$10,000 that night. All of the money raised will go towards the educational program for the AV Chapter of the WAVES Program. Though this is a lot of money, keep in mind it cost WAVES Project about \$350 per student to certify them as an Open Water Scuba Diver.

Saturday morning we were in the pool with next class of Veterans and their buddies and they are outstanding people. It is an honor to be in the pool with them and help open up a new world of opportunities to them. I hope you are as proud of what we as a club have accomplished as I am, because without your help either directly or in spirit, this night would not have been possible. The AVDD has done a lot of good for a lot of people over the years, and our partnership with WAVES Project continues the tradition in a big way.



Thank you all for all of your great support!



Dive Coordinator

Mar. 14- Spectre \$105.00- members \$115.00- non-members Going to Santa Cruz Island

Still lobster season!

Attempted to retrieve the thermograph on 12/21 and while conditions were excellent and the reef life abundant, upon looking at my download of our track we missed the thermograph location by approximately 80° SW. So the next dive when conditions improve will be back to Deer Creek. Don't forget to sign up for the February Avalon Cleanup .



Ken White

Conservation Officer

I'm excited about the 39th Annual Wrigley Institute of Environmental Studies/Catalina Conservation Divers Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup. This year AVDD is going to partner with PCH Scuba at Casino Point. Our Pres, Jeff Carlon and the Pres of PCH Scuba Brett Bovard are teaming up to offer PADI Project Aware - Dive Against Debris Training. To get your C-Card it will cost you the price of a Pic-card. More good news! This cert is good toward your Master Scuba Diver certification. Look for an email soon that will direct you to the registration site for the 39th Annual WIES/CCD Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup. You can also send an email to Jeff or Brett to set up your DAD rating. Jeff, Bret and the entire team at AVDD/PCH extend an invitation to come dive with us!

We are planning some local conservation events for the spring; more to come on that. But daily we can all make a difference environmentally by re-examining our use of "single-use" items. Reduce - reduce our use of "single use" items. Recycle - EVERYTHING that can be recycled. Reuse - There are some items I don't recommend this for.

REDUCE-RECYCLE-REUSE

Remember February 22nd, 2020á 39th Annual WIES/CCD Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup Register dive at Casino Point & Register to train for your Dive-Against-Debris certification.



Stay wet divers!

Don Nipper

AVDD Conservation Officer

ISN'T IT NIFTY, STILL DIVING AT 50

ANTELOPE VALLEY DESERT DIVERS

50TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION BANQUET

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

6PM SOCIAL HOUR 7PM DINNER

GINO'S RESTAURANT

819 W PALMDALE Blvd Palmdale, CA 93551

RAFFLES

SILENT AUCTION

70'S COSTUME CONTEST

PHOTO BOOTH

DANCING



COME AND HELP CELEBRATE AVDD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY. DRESS IN YOUR GROOVIEST 70'S OUTFIT (COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL). COME SAY GOOD BYE TO THE OLD BOARD MEMBERS AND HI TO THE NEW, WATCH THE AVDD YEAR IN REVIEW SLIDE SHOW, HAVE A GREAT TIME, GOOD LAUGHS, GREAT FOOD AND WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES.



\$35.00 P/P

FULL BAR IS AVAILABLE (ALCOHOL NOT INCLUDED)

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW, ASK ANY BOARD MEMBER OR BUY TICKETS THRU THE AVDD STORE ON THE CLUB WEBSITE. PLEASE RSVP WITH THE # IN YOUR PARTY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED A HEAD COUNT.



Bonnie J. Cardone February 21, 1942 – January 14, 2020

It is with profound sadness that we share the news that our Sea Sister, Bonnie Cardone, passed away on January 14, 2020. She will be greatly missed by us all and words are hard to find to express how much. The following is a beautiful tribute to Bonnie that we received from her son Michael and daughter Pamela:

Michael Cardone and Pamela Cardone

”On the south side of the entrance to Bonaire’s Harbor Village Marina is a dive site not known for its topside beauty, but for the incredible abundance and variety of marine life that school just offshore. In the shallows, I stalked squid with my 15mm lens and spotted a giant Cubera Snapper with an entourage of baitfish. During a dusk dive, we revisited a place where two orange frogfish had been lounging. This time, though, there was only one, which sat motionless while I took its portrait. A steady, seemingly unending parade of Creole Wrasse streamed past us, a prowling Sharptail Eel hot on their tracks. Spotted Morays peeked out from rocky lairs to witness the brief commotion and then slipped away silently, oblivious to my flashing strobe.

This isn’t how I expected to spend my summer. I planned to sit at my computer day after day, writing mystery novels. Instead, I spent nine and a half weeks on Bonaire: diving, reading, housesitting, taking care of two dogs, four cats and a jungle of plants...and then, diving some more...”

So begins one of Bonnie Cardone’s numerous diving stories, this one titled, “9 1/2 Weeks on Bonaire,” which she published in an on-line dive journal.

It shows her attention to the details of the underwater world, which she began writing about after becoming a certified diver in 1973. Three years later, Bonnie began working for Skin Diver Magazine, and retired 22 years later as Executive Editor. Bonnie wrote more than 900 articles and published thousands of photos during her 22-years with Skin Diver Magazine, while at the same time she was writing articles about women diving pioneers for the Historical Diving Society’s magazine and authoring two books, Shipwrecks of Southern California (co-authored with Patrick Smith), and Fireside Diver, a compendium of diving writers she chose to make up into a fascinating collection of underwater stories including her adventure of being shipwrecked on a deserted island in the Philippines and extracted by the US Navy. She was principal photographer for Diving and Snorkeling in Southern California & the Channel Islands.

What a hard worker Bonnie was! Her writings have appeared in California Diving News, The Journal of Diving History, Canada’s Diver Magazine, Alert Diver, Sport Diver and several e-zines. In 1999, Bonnie received both the Women’s Scuba Association’s Women Diver of the Year Award and St. Brendan Corp’s California Scuba Service Award. She was one of the original inductees of the Women Divers Hall of Fame and is a member of the California Wreck Divers Hall of Fame. In 2009, she was awarded a NOGI for the Arts by the Underwater Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Fireside Diver and her work for Skin Diver Magazine is a tribute to how Bonnie gathered not only information, but the works of friends and divers. Her gentle nature was welcoming to all, and just as she put pages together of a monthly publication, she put divers together with divers, people together with people, and friends with friends. Her career required her to be selective and critical, but her attitude was soft and nonjudgmental. Her sense of adventure went to the air when on her 50th birthday she did a tandem sky dive over Bakersfield.

Sometime after leaving Skin Diver Magazine, Bonnie moved from the Los Angeles area to Santa Maria and picked up on her big (hidden to most) love of writing murder mysteries. She is the author of the Cinnamon Greene Adventure Mysteries, which at the time of her passing included three books: The Bride Wore Black, Murder Dives the Bahamas, and Murder Dives the Caribbean. All of these books remain available on Kindle/Amazon.com, with followers who had written praises of her “short story caper(s)” and “fun, engaging repertory.”



We bid farewell to our underwater Boswell, and see her writing in the clouds, while her work on earth remains in the iCloud.