

# UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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*Next KDA Meeting:*

**HAS BEEN MOVED TO...**

**FRIDAY, December 11, 2009**

**BRING YOUR OWN**

*White Wine, Beer &*

**COOKIES PARTY**

*At Dudas Diving Duds*

*104 Bartram's Lane, West Chester, PA*

**6 PM – 'till?**

**Features kick-off of The BIG Holiday SALE @ DDD, bottomless bowl of shrimp, Caesar salad & endless conversation!**

*Next KDA Event:*

**Sunday, December 6**

**Christmas Dinner**

**Mendenhall Inn**

**Route 52 between Route 1 & DE state line**

**5 – 9 PM!**

**\$50/person (incl. tax, tip)**

***(Reservations HAVE been made!)***

**Features hors d'Oeuvres from 5-6 PM, cash bar, buffet dinner at 6 followed by the "bad" Pollyanna – bring a gift valued @ \$25 if you want to "play the game!"**



**Buster Says:**

*Holiday Cheer  
buckets of beer  
Talk of dive times  
bottles of wine!*

***[www.dudasdiving.com](http://www.dudasdiving.com) for a  
COMPLETE dive schedule!***

**Last KDA Meeting: November 4, 2009!**

In honor of Halloween past, we enjoyed a spooky evening at our favorite haunt, *Barnaby's*, sipping spirits while listening to Randell Spackman speak of spirits.. His 200-acre haunted property c. 1709, *Thornbury Farm*, on South New Street in West Chester, was featured recently on the the SyFy channel's "Ghosthunter!" Cold, dark springs, hand-dug wells, passageways, quarries, and two cemeteries, the site of two mass burials the result of heavy losses on both sides of the final troop engagement of the Battle of Brandywine, the largest land battle of the American Revolution, the final stand of the Continental Army under George Washington – all contributed to the paranormal activity destined to keep the *SPIRIT* of Halloween ALIVE for just a few more days! We followed along with the *Ghosthunters* investigating the banging of stalls in the Barn, the spirit of a POW in the large deep spring house once used to hold prisoners, a small child's spirit in a bedroom and that of a soldier in the living room of the main house which had been used as a hospital where the limbs of hurt soldiers were thrown from the window after gruesome surgery practices of the time. The original house and the 1812 farm house – across the driveway – were once part of the Underground Railroad! And I finally found out what that large rectangular door was for that you see on the outside wall on the second floor of old houses: it's the *coffin* door – and it leads to the bedroom so the body can be taken out directly to the waiting coach after the spirit has gone to the great beyond! And speaking of ghosts - I think that was **Brian Walsh** sitting at my table! **Steve Boyko** won the 50-50 (for probably the 50<sup>th</sup> time!) Hey, let's do EBD's house next – there's GOT to be LOTS of Ghosts just hanging out. Expect a visit from the ghost of shipwrecks past admiring the plethora of paranormal artifacts about!"CU 12-11-09 @ DDD & 12-6-09 at the Mendenhall Inn!

**The KDA has gone virtual on FACEBOOK:**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Keystone-Divers-Association/109216253318>

**Say, you get those regs in for overhaul yet?? Spring is coming and you don't want to be waiting behind all the OTHER procrastinators! Salt on the roads is bad enough! Call Dudas Diving Duds (610) 436-0176 or email: [Mail@DudasDiving.com](mailto:Mail@DudasDiving.com)**

## upcoming KDA events & special stuff

Come one; come all to the Next KDA Events...

### Friday, December 11 @ 6 PM

\* Bring your own wine, beer & cookies party @ DDD! *Begin Holiday shopping!*

### Sunday, December 6 @ 5 PM

\* Holiday Dinner & "Bad" Pollyanna!

### Mendenhall Inn: Buffet @ 6 PM

*Rt 52 between Rt 1 & DE state line!*

*(\$50/person – reservations HAVE been made.)*

**MEETING/RETURNS TO BARNABY'S JANUARY 6, 2010!**

## Our 2009 KDA officers:

*President* ..... Michael Richardson  
*Vice President* ..... Kathy Ondrasik  
*Treasurer* ..... Noreen Brown  
*Secretary* ..... Lisa Bennett  
*Newsletter Editor* ..... Jayne Revid  
*Speaker Chair* ..... Evelyn Dudas  
*Fundraising Chair* ..... Tracy Rogers  
*Newsletter Circulation* ..... Bill Savage

*SPECIAL THANKS TO BILL FOR HIS EFFORTS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS!*

➤ **KDA Email address:**  
[mail@dudasdiving.com](mailto:mail@dudasdiving.com)

➤ **The official KDA Web address:**  
[www.dudasdiving.com/kda.html](http://www.dudasdiving.com/kda.html)



**GUESS WHAT FOLKS...**

**Time to go SOUTH! DIVE WARM WATER!**

**Let Dudas Diving Duds take you there!**

**Please contact Dudas' Diving Duds (610) 436-0176**

**or email us at [mail@dudasdiving.com](mailto:mail@dudasdiving.com)**

**GREAT NEWS MEMBERS: FREE AIR (air only) as long as you are a current KDA member. Come by Dudas Diving Duds and ask about all of the *TERRIFIC* KDA Member Specials on selected diving gear and accessories!**

**Normal Meeting Place: *BARNABY'S OF AMERICA (BUT NOT THIS MONTH!)***

15 South High Street, West Chester, PA

(610) 696-1400

## Keystone Divers Association 2010 Membership Application

New Member

Renewal Member

(\$25/ea. - \$40 couple)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Nite: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer# \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Certifying Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address (for online newsletter): \_\_\_\_\_**

The KDA *NORMALLY* meets at Barnaby's of America (top floor) the FIRST Wednesday of the month beginning at 7 PM, 15 South High Street, West Chester, PA (610) 696-1400. The speaker begins at 8 P.M.

**NOW: Friday, December 11** – *Bring Your Own Cookies & White Wine or Beer and Eat Lots of Shrimp and Caesar Salad Party @ DDD!* Plus the Kick-off for the BIG DDD Holiday Shopping Sale! 6 PM – till? (*in lieu of regular meeting*)

**Sunday, December 6** – **Holiday Dinner @ Mendenhall Inn Rt. 52 S!** *Only 45 seats available, your reservations are in and your money is paid!* Cash Bar cocktail hour 5 – 6 PM; Buffet Dinner @ 6; Pollyanna after dinner!

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010** We return to *Barnaby's!* Happy New Year! Mtg @7 EBD on Grenada @ 8!

**Wednesday, February 3, 2010** *Barnaby's!* Meeting @7. Brian Miller, *Aqua Lung* rep @ 8 PM!

**Wednesday, March 3, 2010** *Barnaby's!* Meeting @7. Side Scan Capone (Vince) @ 8 PM!

## DIVER'S ED

Scubadiver @Malvern & WC YMCA Weekend Class w/ EBD .....Sat. Dec. 5th

Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCA.....Tuesdays January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCA .....Sundays January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Scubadiver @ UMLY.....Mondays January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Nitrox@ DDD.....Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>

CPR/First Response..... Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup>

Divemaster ..... Call for details

❖ *Other Specialty Diver Classes being scheduled – call DDD (610) 436-0176! Private & semi-private lessons upon request!*

**\*\* \* EBD's ACCELERATED SCUBA & SCOOTER CLASS! \* \* \***

## Starting Sat. 12/5

## DIVE TRAVEL

**Ginnie Springs, North Florida, Cave/Cavern Dive with Santa & Evelyn**

**Call DDD (610) 436-0176 to go along and get Cavern & Cave Certified!**

**Next trip: Christmas & New Years 2010 (party like it's 1999)!**

Bonaire.....**SOLD OUT!!** (but upgrades available to ocean view rooms)..... January 23-31, 2010

Bonaire OCEAN VIEW ROOMS \$1895.00 pp, dbl occupancy ..... January 23-31, 2010

Key Largo.....January 15-18, 2010

Key Largo ..... February 18-22, 2010

Boston Sea Rovers ..... March 5, 6, 7, 2010

St Vincent & Grenadines – *Muck Diving with Bill Tewes*..... March 13 – 20, 2010

Beneath the Sea ..... March 26, 27, 28, 2010

Grand Cayman..... May 16 – 22, 2010

St. Lawrence ..... August 21-22, 2010

Roatan..... Sept. 11 – 18, 2010

Truk Lagoon..... One or two weeks Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 2010

Turks & Caicos on the Explorer II.....November 6 – 13, 2010

St. Lucia.....2011

Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia .....Spring 2012

**DAN Trip Insurance:** Cover Your Dive or Dream Vacation! Go to the DDD website and click “Travel Diving,” and look for the link on the left that says “Dive Travel Insurance!”

# KDA Christmas Dinner



And Evelyn's *FAMOUS Pollyanna*\*!

\* \$25 value if you want to "Play the Game!!"

## Sunday, December 6

### 5 – 9 PM at the Mendenhall Inn

Route 52 between Route 1 and the Delaware State Line

[www.mendenhallinn.com](http://www.mendenhallinn.com)

**Dinners \$50/person** (incl. tax, tip and dinner) – cash bar extra!

Space is limited to 45 members!

**Please call the shop NOW to R.S.V.P.!**

**(610) 436-0176**

**or email: [mail@dudasdiving.com](mailto:mail@dudasdiving.com)**

**Deadline for reservations: (was) 11/21/09**



*Butlered Hors d'Oeuvres to be served from 5-6 PM. Dinner will be served at 6 PM to include:*

*Mushroom Bisque and Mixed Field Greens w/Balsamic Vinaigrette (served to the table)*

*Followed by a buffet of Chef Sliced Roasted Prime Rib of Beef au Jus, Chicken Marsala, Salmon En Croute Farfalle, Pasta Carbonara with Asparagus, Vegetable Du Jour, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Bread, Assorted Desserts Station, Coffee & Tea.*

*Cocktails are available at the cash bar.*

## KDA Christmas Dinner Coupon

\$50.00 per person (incl. tax, tip and dinner) – cash bar extra! \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dinners

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Nite: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this coupon to Dudas Diving Duds, 104 Bartram's Lane, West Chester, PA 19382  
Along with your \$\$\$ A.S.A.P. (NOW) to reserve your spot! (610) 436-0176**

**Cash or Check payable to: KDA (Keystone Divers Association)**

Keystone Divers' Association  
c/o Dudas Diving Duds, Inc.  
104 Bartram's Lane  
West Chester, PA 19382  
(610) 436-0176

# FIRST CLASS

**NEXT MEETING: Fri, December 11, 2009 @ DDD**

**NEXT EVENT: Sun, December 6, 2009 Holiday Dinner**

*The Keystone Diver's Association presents:*

## **Holiday Happenings 2009**

*In lieu of the regular meeting, join us on*

**Friday, December 11, 2009 @ 6 for the  
Cookies Party at Dudas Diving Duds**

*Then make reservations and send \$\$\$ to, join us on*

**Sunday, December 6, 2009 @ 5 for the  
Christmas Dinner at the Mendenhall Inn**

*Located on Route 52 between Route 1 and the Delaware State Line*



It's been another WONDERFUL year of diving! We've spent quality time with our favorite dive buddies & met some new ones along the way! Now's the time to get together with ALL of them! Do some eating, drinking, shopping & general merry-making & don't miss the opportunity to make big plans for NEXT year, too!