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**Club Meetings-**  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
of each month. Held at  
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**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year

next meeting: Nov 11

## *EARLY EDITION*

Oct meeting: 14th

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*and selected short  
subjects*

\* Support Our Troops! \*

## **OCTOBER; Underwater Pumpkin Carve Month!**

Of all SUE club events, the underwater pumpkin carve is the most fun of the year. Or should be. This is better than the underwater fireworks in July! Typically held around the end of Oct, a dive site is selected and members show up at the scheduled time bringing their own pumpkin to be worked on. Current rules stipulate there can be no designs or pre-cuts on the pumpkin. It is allowed however that the top is cut and the innards are cleaned prior to going underwater and making more of a mess. Valuable prizes are given for best carving, as determined by unbiased judges or whatever little kid is closest. Last year's winner was Fred, who won a .... Wait; what did you get, Fred?

This year's dive will be finalized at the Oct meeting, and details disseminated to everyone. If you have ideas to contribute now, call pumpkin dive coordinator Tom Fritz at 7713649. This is certainly open to non-members as well! Of course, as with all SUE get-togethers, brats and food and beverage will be shared as a finale to the carve. No pumpkin pies, though.

### **And Another Get-Together**

This is the week of Joe Jablonski's retirement! For a retirement party and social event, see the special in 'Personals' on the back page.

### **International News Item...**

It should be noted that Leni Riefenstahl died this past month; she was 101. A German, she gained fame as an award winning film maker. To cover the political correctness issue, Riefenstahl was accused but never found guilty of being a Nazi collaborator.

She learned to scuba dive in 1974. She was 72 at this time! She lied her age to get into the class; she claimed she was 52. She dove the Maldives, the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea, and New Guinea. She naturally took up underwater photography, and at the age of 100 released a film based on her diving experiences, "Impressions Under Water".

She was still diving last year at the age of 100, photographing sharks.

### **Message from the Pres...**

I am starting to make plans for the 2004 dive trip to Florida. I know that it is early, but I want to make this trip even better than the last three. I have a quick list of questions for anyone that is interested in going. It is not a commitment to go, just a list that I can use to find out democratically what everyone is interested in doing, etc. You can get a hold of me and I will be glad to email the questions to you or you can get a hold of me at the meeting and I will have one available. Thank you for your support in preparing for the best trip of the year.  
-Mike Peterson

### **Board Meeting**

President Peterson is calling for a board meeting on Oct 12 (Sun) at 7 pm at his residence. Lot of items to make decisions on; please plan on attending.

### **'03 EVENT CALENDAR**

|                 |                        |                     |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>October</b>  | <b>14</b>              | <b>Club Meeting</b> |
| <b>* TBD</b>    | <b>Pumpkin Dive</b>    |                     |
| <b>November</b> | <b>11</b>              | <b>Club Meeting</b> |
| <b>December</b> | <b>9</b>               | <b>Club Meeting</b> |
| <b>TBD</b>      | <b>Christmas Party</b> |                     |

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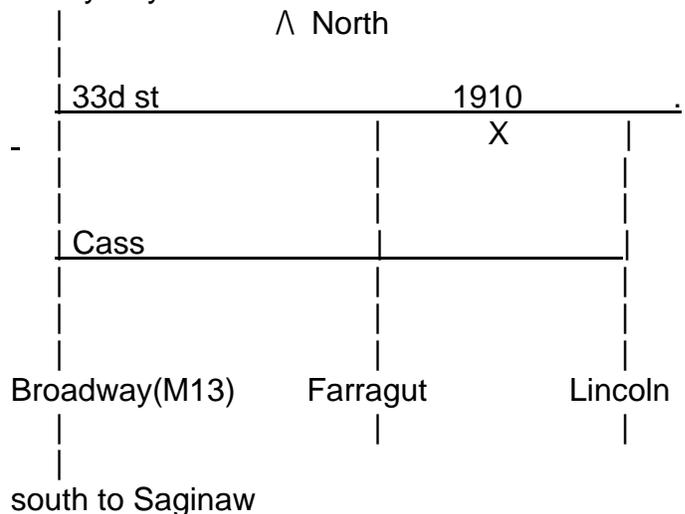
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## Personals

Retirement party for **Joe Jablonski**, and you're invited! Oct 4(Sat'y) from 2 to 5 pm, 1910 33d st in Bay City.



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