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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: Feb 8

**This Meeting- 11<sup>th</sup>**  
OUR CP HOST  
(Thanks Terry and Laurie!)



*Christmas Party Story*  
*South-Side Story*  
*Nominations Alert*  
*Pool Swim Schedule*  
*Convenient Dues Form*

*also selected short  
subjects*

***Remember Our Troops!***

***Inside....***

## Christmas Party Highlights

Again, Terry and Laurie Lisk opened their house to the dive club to share a fine Christmas party with them. To keep things official, the Dec monthly meeting was held about 7. Everyone present was pretty much in an amiable mood, so there wasn't any serious arguing. After major business was settled, and noticing the fine food in the background, motion was made and accepted to adjourn. Shortly after, the food was sampled. What a delicious selection! There was just plain too much to try some of everything. Some got filled up on the first plate, but the really dedicated among us went back for seconds. Certainly for the many deserts! Of course, after a good meal, the body starts to relax. Time for socializing! (party pics by Val)



Guest; modeling helmet  
(Terry in background)



Melissa; making the  
helmet look good!



Men in front,



Fred and Tom in relaxed mode



Women in back

Terry got his dive helmet out and shared it with the guests. This is a real collector's item to start with, so it was a great opportunity to try it on. Understanding this thing weighs a lot even underwater, Terry had to give some support so that it didn't cause noggin bumps-



Always willing to help; Terry supplying Fred

**NOTE- Nominations open this month for coming election of officers! Step up to the plate!**

## Pool Swims '05 Take Note!

**Sunset-Side Stories by Jill part III- last installment of 3-day dive.** (Recall the group has tried for 2 days to get to the 'deep boat'.

Sunday's dive  
 Baptist Lake again. I would really like to make it out to the deep boat.  
 Buddy groups: Jill and Kirk, Lisa and Henderson  
 Since all the buddy groups got separated on Friday evening and no one made it out to the deep boat, the plan is that both buddy groups stick together. Henderson was claiming on Friday that his compass works fine on the surface but at depth it doesn't (yeah right?!). And Kirk states that there is really no big deal about navigation . . . but declines to lead the group to the platform. Lisa doesn't own a compass. So I am the dive leader to the platform . . . then we're going to get into our buddy groups and head out.  
 We descend in a triangle formation (the way geese fly together). I lead, swimming at a 150\* compass heading. After a few minutes, there it is . . . the exact center of the platform- what awesome navigation. I look over at Lisa and spread my arms towards the platform (Taaa Daaaaaaa)-she claps her hands for me.  
 At the beginning of the dive when I cleared my ears (plug nose completely, hold breath and blow out) some thing felt funny. Now a few minutes later my nose is feeling warm inside my mask. I signal to Lisa "You look here" (at my nose) . . . so I tip my head back and chin up towards the surface . . . when I lower my head, I can see by the look on Lisa's face that my suspicion is confirmed . I have a nose bleed. We're only in 15 feet of water but I know as we ascend and the (water) pressure lessens my nose is going to be really really bleeding. I signal to Kirk "here, take the flag NOW". Henderson, my regular dive buddy, can see my adamant gesture and I can tell he knows something's up. He is paying close attention. I signal to him "You and Kirk are a buddy group. Lisa and I are a buddy group, and Lisa and I are going to the surface".  
 On the surface I decide that my dive is over and tell Lisa to continue with the guys. Meanwhile the guys surface. The plan is . . . they are going to watch me swim to shore and get out of the water and then continue the dive.  
 While I am swimming in I can hold my nose to try and stop the bleeding. When I get to shallow water I have to let go of my nose to take off my fins and walk on to shore. I let go of my nose and things are a mess-thank goodness, no sharks around :). I am hoping that there are no people in the park area when I exit . . . I don't want to scare anyone . . . luckily no one's around. I got out of my gear and waited for my buddies. I thought I had washed my face off really well until some people showed up and asked me if I was o.k. (apparently there was still blood on my forehead). Well, my buddies came back . . . and sure enough, they made it out to the deep boat (without me!).

(ed- This is certainly a frustrating ending to what started as a good diving adventure, but we've all been there. FYI, Jill has offered to coordinate a dive for our group out in her area; I would suggest we reciprocate- what can we plan?

Warm water diving/swimming/exercising is again being offered in the Bay City YWCA pool on the following dates- Jan 16, Feb 13, and Mar 13. These are Sunday swims, from 3-5. The YWCA is located at 3405 E. Midland Rd; just west of Euclid (Bangor Twp)

Along with the idea of warm water- **California Divers!**



California seals....



Lori and Chrissy (twinkies!)

### S.U.E. '05 Event Planner

Jan	11	Club Meeting(nominations)	Jul	12	Club Meeting
	16	Pool swim		TBA	Picnic ?
Feb	8	Club Meeting(elections)	Aug	9	Club Mtg
	13	Pool swim			
Mar	8	Club Meeting	Sep	13	Club Mtg
	13	Pool swim			
	TBA-	Awards Dinner?	Oct	11	Club Mtg
Apr	12	Club Meeting	TBA-		Pumpkin Carve
May	10	Club Meeting	Nov	8	Club Mtg
Jun	14	Club Meeting	Dec	13	Club Mtg
			TBA		Christmas Party

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