



From Mike Zinszer, President

My first year has past. We have worked hard and seen many milestones come to fruition. How wonderful it is to see our museum improve with each passing month. Man in the Sea Museum is important in that it represents diving worldwide, but it is with purpose that we located the museum in Bay County, Florida, on beautiful Panama City Beach. Bay County is indeed fortunate to have the Navy Experimental Diving Unit, Naval Diving Salvage Training Center, Florida State University underwater programs, Dive Lab, and many other ocean research and support programs that have contributed much to advance our military, scientific and commercial presence throughout the world's oceans. We are entrusted to preserve and present that history at the museum. One of our goals is to reflect our rich ocean heritage as well as to honor the men and women who contributed to accomplishments in ocean research and exploration. As important as funding is...and it is important (see donation link)...it takes dedicated people to determine the difference between success and failure. I want to identify Leslie Baker and Mike Degroote as individuals that have made the difference. Their dedication and commitment to preserving our heritage in diving has greatly enhanced our museum as a place worth seeing.

Their dedication has helped inspire businesses and individuals to donate time and money. We all want to be part of successful enterprises and as Man in the Sea Museum gets its second wind more people will want to take part.

The Museum is definitely on its way to recovery. Our new sign should be in place this month. The inside of the museum is being rearranged and the exhibits are slowly but surely being cleaned up and modernized. We are about to purchase the vacant lot next door which we plan to use for a parking lot. Our gift shop is being expanded, so be sure to shop for your favorite diver at the museum. Membership has improved, but not at the pace we need to make the improvements needed. Our goal is to increase membership at all levels starting with a 500 member increase in 1 – 3 years and at least 25 lifetime members. Money is an important factor for **Man in the Sea** to remain a viable part in preserving the history and heritage of diving. Please join and encourage others to do so. You can become a member and make donations through our new web site www.maninthesea.com or www.maninthesea.org and yes, we accept all major credit cards. Finally I want to thank you for your continued support in helping us to preserve the history and heritage of mans struggle to live and work in our ocean world.

Respectfully,
Michael A. Zinszer, President

September 4, 2009 Raffle - Get Tickets Now!

Get your tickets now for our raffle to be held September 4, 2009! The artwork is a signed, numbered 1996 Limited Edition Wyland 32 X 24 Serigraph entitled "Save the Whales" (#352 of 450). Wyland is a world-renowned artist specializing in sea life. He has painted murals on over 100 buildings throughout the country, including the Mid-Bay Marina in Destin. The artwork is valued at \$3,855.00. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.



Check Out Our New Website!

Don't forget to check out our website! Man in the Sea now has a new state-of-the-art logo and website, including an on-line store and the ability to join the membership of the museum. We are looking forward to having interesting and historical information about each of our exhibits in the near future, available to everyone doing research on diving and underwater exploration. We know this website will help us reach our goals for improving the museum and transforming it into a historical and educational facility that our entire community can be proud of. And, thanks again to David Goldflies of CYber SYtes and his amazing team!

New Sign

Well, it didn't happen before this tourist season, BUT, John Bell of LB Signs has given us a great deal and assures us our sign will be up soon. We have seen the panels and they are beautiful! A new sign will be a tremendous help in bringing walk-in visitors. We are very excited about this much anticipated event!



Naval Surface Warfare Center Helps Out

In case you missed the May-June issue of Panama City Living, a great two page article with photos appeared on page 74! The article highlighted a visit from Commander Capt. Andrew Buduo III and 13 volunteers from NSWC who painted the Remote Minehunting Systems prototypes, which the Navy Base donated to the museum years ago. A special thanks to everyone who helped, especially Senior Enlisted Advisor, Senior Chief Jason Tebault who organized the effort.

Community Friends

Man in the Sea has been very fortunate to obtain the assistance of several individuals and businesses in our attempts to improve our facilities. We would like to thank them for their interest, assistance or donation. We are also asking our members to thank them when they see them on the street or visit their place of business, so...

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

Sherwin Williams for donating red paint for the inside of Sealab
Books-A-Million for donating shelves for our Treasure Chest Gift Shop
Capt. J. Logan Main for hauling off our trash & getting trash pick-up for the museum.
Kenny Jett at Bonefish Grill for donating 2 dinners for the golf tournament
Donald Adams at Chick Fil-A for donating sandwich coupons for the golf tournament.
Neill Davis of Lynn Haven Rotary for assisting us in getting a generous donation.
John Robbins and Dan Duda of Bay Solutions for donating to our sign.
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The National Association of Cave Diving for the great article and ad in the NACD Journal.
Capt. Brian Max Friedman for donating books to our library.
Andrew Wardlow of the News Herald.
Elizabeth Prann of WJHG TV for her amazing story which aired on Channel 7.
Daniel Carson of the News Herald for his great article on Sealab 7/30/09.
George Stewart for looking at our electrical system.
Key Electric for providing florescent bulbs and ballasts at a great price!
The Bay County Chamber of Commerce for supporting our efforts.
The Panama City Coastal Cruisers for supporting us with a generous donation.
James Morris and the Lynn Haven Rotary for their generous donation.
The Navy League for holding our first annual golf tournament!
Jerome Fleeman for his many hours of working on our aquariums.
Mike & Dale Mandeville at Emerald Coast Corals for help with our aquariums.
Cliff Asselin with Lowe's in Marianna for help in obtaining donations.
Home Depot for their donations.
All of our members for their continuing support.
All of our board members for donating their time to manage the museum.
John Bell at LB signs for saving us a small fortune on our new sign.
Everyone who visited the museum.

The above list is by no means exhaustive. There have been so many people involved in the clean-up, planning, on-going operation and brain-storming for the future of the museum that I'm sure we're leaving someone out. If you are that someone, please know that we appreciate you. Feel free to call and remind us of your contribution so you can be listed in the next issue of the newsletter.

Donation from Dr. Bob Thompson of Sealab I

Dr. Robert E. Thompson was a 1960 graduate of the Diving Medical Officer Course at the U.S. Naval School located at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington D.C. In honor of his 81st birthday, he donated \$1,000.00 to Man in the Sea Museum. He also donated a copy of his Deep Sea Divers Certificate of Completion and pictures for our archives. Thanks so much to Dr. Bob Thompson for his generous donation.

School Groups

The Museum of Man in the Sea is offering the following special programs for elementary through high school classes. Due to our size, we are limiting the number of students to a maximum of 30 students at a time. The cost is \$5 per person. Programs can be scheduled by calling Man in the Sea at 235-4101 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays). Although we are closed on Mondays, we will schedule and conduct school groups on Mondays at no additional charge.

1. This program provides information about the largest sunken treasure ever discovered. It was found by Mel Fisher in 1985 off the coast of Key West, Florida, after his 20 year search for the Spanish Galleon, the *Atocha*. The elementary program is based on the Reading Rainbow book "Sunken Treasure" by Gail Gibbons, and they are given a booklet of sheets and information they can take home, study and color. The middle and high school program is based on more advanced research. Both programs cover science diving principles, including equipment, systematic search techniques, artifact collection, documentation and restoration in easy to understand language. Students are shown some actual artifacts from shipwrecks just like the ones in the books. This program can also be brought to your classroom if you can't make it to the museum!

2. Interactive/Hands-on equipment tour. Includes entering a commercial submarine, and an explanation of the controls and what the sub was used for. Students are able to climb in, sit at the controls, and move through the submarine. Then, students are invited to "try on" an actual metal Mark V diving helmet and have their picture taken. A demonstration is then given of currently used scuba diving equipment, including wetsuit, booties, buoyancy control device (BCD, or vest), scuba tank, regulators, mask, fins, snorkel, and gloves and dive knife. Elementary students are given a booklet of sheets and information they can take home, study and color.

3. Docent tour of dioramas depicting the history of diving and explanations of the equipment that was used and how that equipment has changed. A demonstration is then given of currently used scuba diving equipment, including wetsuit, booties, buoyancy control device (BCD, or vest), scuba tank, regulators, mask, fins, snorkel, and gloves and dive knife. Then, help "Feed the Pacu." The Pacu is our big freshwater fish from the Amazon river. He is related to the Piranha, but he is a vegetarian. Watch him eat cherry tomatoes, grapes, peanuts, lettuce and cucumbers. At first, it appears he has no teeth, but he does!

4. This program is for middle and high school classes only, and includes scientific demonstrations on the following subjects:

Relays are a very important part of our technological, modern-day life. Behind the scenes, they control the operation of refrigerators, air conditioners, automobiles and just about anything electrical. Can you imagine what your life would be like without these things? Modern society would not function without relays. The demonstration includes light emitting diodes (LEDs) and a level switch.

The **Cyclone Generator** shows how water is turned into steam and how a cyclone is formed right before your eyes in less than 10 minutes.

The **Propeller Demonstration** is for high school classes only. The efficiency of a propeller is far from 100%. The energy that does not go into producing useful work generates heat inside a plastic container (polycarbonate). Whenever converting different types of energy (such as electrical energy into light), much heat is generated. This demonstration shows how the propeller rotates and what happens to the excess energy.

We are excited about educating students about the exciting world of diving and ocean exploration!

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