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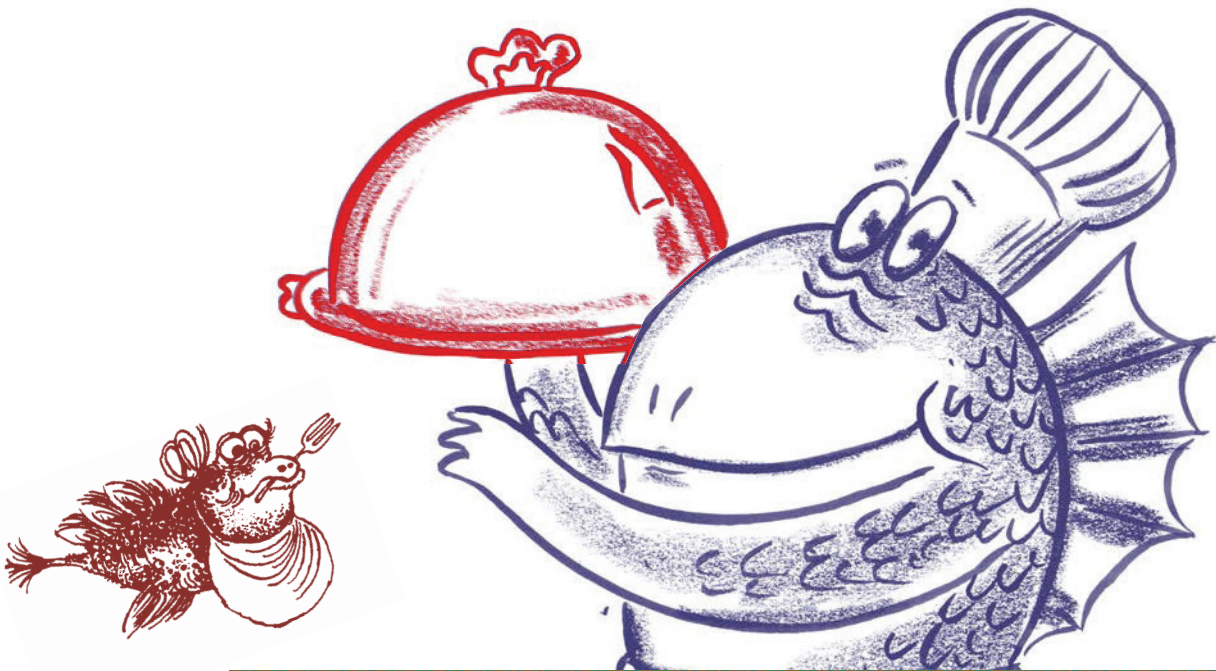
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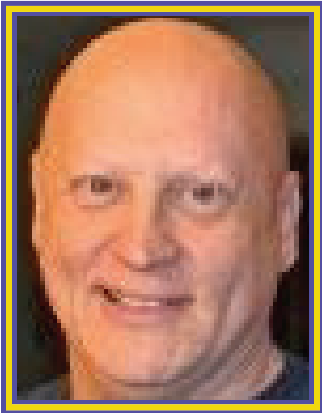


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(DETAILS ON PAGE 2)



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another successful month on the books -- but why not; we have been having successful meetings for 105 years because that's what we do. Even when we have speakers fall through at the last minute as this time, we had our own **Joe Graffagnino** fill in with a great talk on killifish. Joe is a member

of the American Killifish Association (AKA) and part of his membership benefits is the ability to download a killifish presentation to give to local clubs. As a bonus, the presentation comes with a free AKA year's membership to a club member, which we raffled off at the meeting.

Next month is our annual holiday party. This year's event will be on Friday, December 16th at the Bridgeview Diner on 3rd Avenue & 90th Street in Brooklyn. We have a private room and we will present our awards for the past year to our hard working members. And, lest we forget, we will once again play Fish Bingo after the awards presentation.

There is still time to purchase tickets at \$25 each. Contact our 2nd Vice President Marie Licciardello at 1292 East 10 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230-4719. Payments must be received no later than December 2, 2016. (See page 4 for details)

At this meeting, the members voted for where they want to go for a club bus trip next Spring. We were going to wait until January to provide the results, but it was almost unanimous that your decision is to go to the **Baltimore Aquarium** on a Saturday in either April or May. We shall also visit some of their wonderful fish stores on the return trip. We are working on a price for the trip and will have that information early next year.

We continue to have several vacant slots for our Officers and Board members. The open-

ings are 1st Vice President, Exchange Editor and Treasurer. Also there are several Board slots open. Having these positions unfilled creates a negative impact on what the club can do for our members. As with any organization, less people means less gets done. This is your club and we are asking you to step up and help out. Vacancies in vital positions make a huge difference as to what we can provide to you, our members! Please help out. With no treasurer, one thing we must drop is our 50/50 for livestock at our April and November events.

Remember, if you want to see different speakers and learn about different aquatic systems, fish, plants and marine life, please let me know. The elected officials of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society are here to serve YOU! Let us know what you want and why because it's helpful to everyone. It is important that you visit and patronize our sponsors and show them your membership card. It goes full circle: by helping them, they are also helping you as hobbyists and everyone is helping the Brooklyn Aquarium Society, so help us to help you!

For more info, please call our **BAS Hotline** at (718) 837-4455, or visit our modern website at www.brooklynaquariumsociety.org.

Steven

Steven Matassa,
President

**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON AND A
GREAT NEW YEAR FILLED
WITH JOY AND LOTS OF
HEALTHY BREEDING FISH!**

CONGRATULATION!

The winner of the one year membership to the American Killifish Association (AKA) was
Arvin Chin.

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There will be no meeting on December 9th. Instead the Brooklyn Aquarium Society's Holiday Party will be Friday December 16th, starting at 7:30pm at the Bridgeview Diner, 9011 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11209 (Phone 718-680-9818).

We'll have a large private room and our own serving staff.

There is still time to purchase tickets at \$25 each. Mail checks to our 2nd Vice President Marie Licciardello at 1292 East 10 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230-4719. Payments must be received no later than December 2, 2016.

Refunds will be made up to December 13th.

THE EXTENSIVE MENU INCLUDES:

Choice of Soup, Penne Vodka or Salad

Soups: Crème of Chicken, Chicken Noodle, Chicken Rice or Manhattan Clam Chowder.

Salad: Your choice of Dressings.

Entrees: Poached Salmon with carrots, zucchini and broccoli. Roast Prime Rib of Beef with potatoes and vegetables.

Baked Chicken Oreganato with potatoes and vegetables.

Childrens menu: Chicken Fingers with French fries.

Frankfurter with French fries.

Hamburger with French fries.

Sliced roast turkey with French fries.

Spaghetti with meatball.

Soda (free refills) and Dessert choices: Ice cream, black forest cake, chocolate layer cake, fruit salad.

Alcoholic beverages are available at member's cost.

We play Fish Bingo for aquarium-related prizes. We also honor members with awards who have served the Society for the past year, and members who have written articles for *Aquatica* and award them with aquarium books.

If you have written for *Aquatica* or the *BAS Bulletin* or if you have helped the Society in the past year, you might be one of the people we honor that evening.

There's plenty of free parking in the large parking lot in the rear of the diner, so join your BAS friends, bring your family or significant other for a fun filled evening and enjoy some great food.

Train directions: Take the R train to 86th Street & 4th Avenue, walk to 3rd Avenue & 86th St., then walk 4 blocks, to 3rd Ave. & 90th St. to the Bridgeview Diner.

See you at the Holiday Party.



BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016 ~ 2017

DEC 9 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes
 • BAS awards presentations. (See page 3 for details)

2017

JAN 13 Michael Barber ~ Tropical Fish Collecting & Wildlife Expeditions ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

FEB 10 Pat Donston ~ Biodiversity Practices for Reef & Planted Exhibits ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAR 10 SPEAKER TBA Fresh ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

APR 14 SPEAKER TBA Marine ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAY 12 Giant Spring Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55-gallon tank & stand.

JUN 9 SPEAKER TBA Fresh ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

SEP 8 SPEAKER TBA ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

OCT 13 Giant Fall Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a brand new 55-gallon tank & stand.

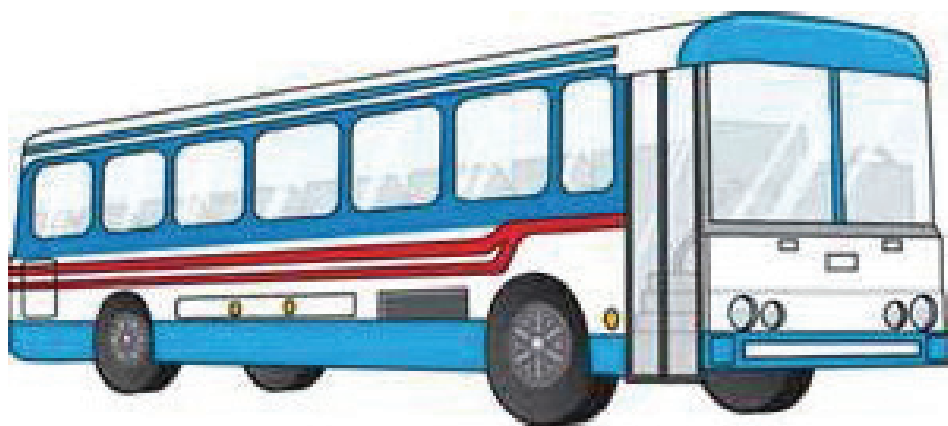
NOV 10 TBA ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

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All BAS meetings begin at 7:30pm.

No members, other than those donating their help setting up or items for the auction, will be allowed in before that time.

BAS BUS TRIP IN 2017



At the November meeting, it was almost unanimous that the membership's decision is to go to the **Baltimore Aquarium** on a Saturday in either April or May of 2017. We'll also visit some of the wonderful fish stores on the return trip so members can buy fish.

We are working on a price for the trip and will have that information early next year.

If you wish to join us on this trip, watch this space for updates.

Steve

P.S.

BAS will provide coffee, donuts, bagels and juice, leave & depart from NY Aquarium and will pay a portion of the cost for the bus.

COMING EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2017



JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 3 2017 RIO NEGRO EXPEDITION. An expedition to the Rio Negro River in Brazil, an experience of a lifetime to observe all the aspects of the home aquarium fishery. The trip includes:

- 2 weeks on a well appointed live-aboard boat.
- Visit biological hotspots.
- Visit fishing communities.
- Participate in the Ornamental Fish Festival of Barcelos.
- Visit home aquarium fish export facilities.
- Visit the world-famous Manaus Opera House.

Contact **Scott Dowd** for more information and to reserve your spot for the expedition. **SDowd@NEAq.org** or (617) 973-5243

JANUARY 15 - DANBURY AREA AS 32nd ANNUAL AUCTION of fish (all species), aquarium equipment and related dry goods. Held at the Knights of Columbus - Carmel, NY. Registration: 8:30 AM TO 11:15 AM. Viewing of goods: 10 AM to 11:15 AM.

AUCTION: 11:30 AM to 5 PM. No Pre-registration: 1 red dot, 1 additional dot per 10 bags, 50/50 split, 60/40 for 6 or more lots, please label your bags. DAAS invites all to attend! For more info:

<https://www.facebook.com/event/904174969713268/>

FEBRUARY 19 - PIONEER VALLEY AS ANNUAL AUCTION Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 460 Granby Rd., Chicopee, MA 01013. Auction starts at 11:30AM. Doors open at 9 AM for viewing and registration. Auction is open to the public free of charge. For more info: **Chuck Pixley cpixley16@comcast.com** or **Michael Liu mike@berkshiredesign.com**

MARCH 10 - 12 - NORTHEAST COUNCIL OF AQUARIUM SOCIETIES 42nd ANNUAL CONVENTION, held at Sheraton Hartford South, 100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Take I-91 North or South to exit 23. Turn right off the exit. Hotel is on the right. To make reservations at our convention rate of \$105/night rate (plus tax) please either reserve online or call the hotel at 1 888 627 8263 and mention the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies 2016 Convention. We are able to offer a special convention rate of \$105 per night (plus tax) for the nights of March 10 - 12, 2017. This special rate will be available from Thursday March 9, through Sunday, March 12. Check-in 3:00 PM Check-out 12:00 PM. Speakers: **Bill Allen, Ted Coletti, Steve Edie, Gerald Griffn, Ruben Lugo, Tony Orso, Karen Pattist, Greg Steeves.** American Labyrinth Fish Association (ALFA) Inaugural Meeting **Speaker: Mark Denaro.** All-day Sunday auction of fish, inverts, plants & dry goods. Weekend conservation silent auction, vendors & manufacturer hall: fish, plants, equipment & hardscape. Nightly hospitality room. Raffles, prizes, free samples. For more information visit: **www.northeastcouncil.org**

MARCH 25 - THE 19TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST AQUARIUM KEEPER EVENT Held at La Quinta Inns & Suites 2510 W Greenway Rd (NE corner of I-17 at Greenway) Phoenix, AZ 85023. Sponsored by the Arizona Rivulin Keepers, serving killie-keepers and aquarists in the great Southwest since 1998!

Speakers: Drs. Ron Harlan and Tom Wilkinson - Bolivia 2016 Dr. Roger Brousseau - Keeping and Breeding South American Annual Killifishes.

Dr. Joe Meinholz - Tips and Tricks for the Aquarium Hobbyist. Sam Murphy - Going Natural, The Walstad Aquarium.

For more information and updates, see:

<http://forum.azrivulinkeepers.org/index.php?topic=1114.0>

MAY 4 - 7 - AMERICAN LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION (ALA) CONVENTION.

Held at the Holiday Inn Airport West - Earth City. Room rates are \$99, includeS Breakfast buffet for up to 2 people per room, per day. Two more can be added for \$10 each. The cut off date to reserve a room is 4/27/2017. After this date, it is open to the public. Reservations made by phone. You must mention the American Livebearer Association Convention. Call (877) 320-8454 or (314) 291-6800 **Speakers: Les Wilson, Mike Hellweg, Dr. John Lyons, Shelby Bush, Charley Grimes, James Alderson DVM, Rusty Wessel, Gene Anderson.** Sunday Auction. For info.

AQLASTL2017@GMAIL.COM

MAY 26 - 28 AKA CONVENTION 2017 - Held at the Crowne Plaza, Chicago Northbrook, 2875, N. Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062. A huge fish show with killifish from all over the world. **Speakers: Dalton Nielsen,** Collecting & maintaining the killifish of Brazil.

Jan Willem Hoetmer, Collecting & raising Killifish.

Jack Heller, Rainy season collecting trip to the Peruvian Amazon. **Ron Harlan,** Collecting Killifish in Bolivia.

Richard Pierce, Killifish of Madagascar.

Saturday Morning killifish sale. Saturday evening banquet & awards program. Giant Sunday auction with hundreds of pairs of killifish including many rare and seldom seen species. For more information email: **convention@aka.org** or watch or web site: **www.aka.org** or follow us on Facebook.

JUNE 22 - 25 INTERNATIONAL BETTA CONGRESS BETTACON 2017 held at the Orlando Clarion Inn & Suites, 5927, Caravan Ct, Orlando, FL 32819. \$94 per night plus tax.

To reserve call 407-351-3800, Early bird convention package: \$175 (after May 1 \$190) Includes: Workshop & meetings, president's reception, Fri. breakfast, lunch & dinner. Sat. breakfast, lunch & banquet. Sun. breakfast. Hospitality Fri. & Sat. T-shirt (&10 extra for collar/polo shirt).

For more info: **aurelio@aol.com** or **cinemery@gmail.com**

NEWS & NOTES



Our speaker of the evening, Joe Graffagnino, getting started on his talk Introduction to killifish.



Two of our younger members and their dad with their prize fish of the night.



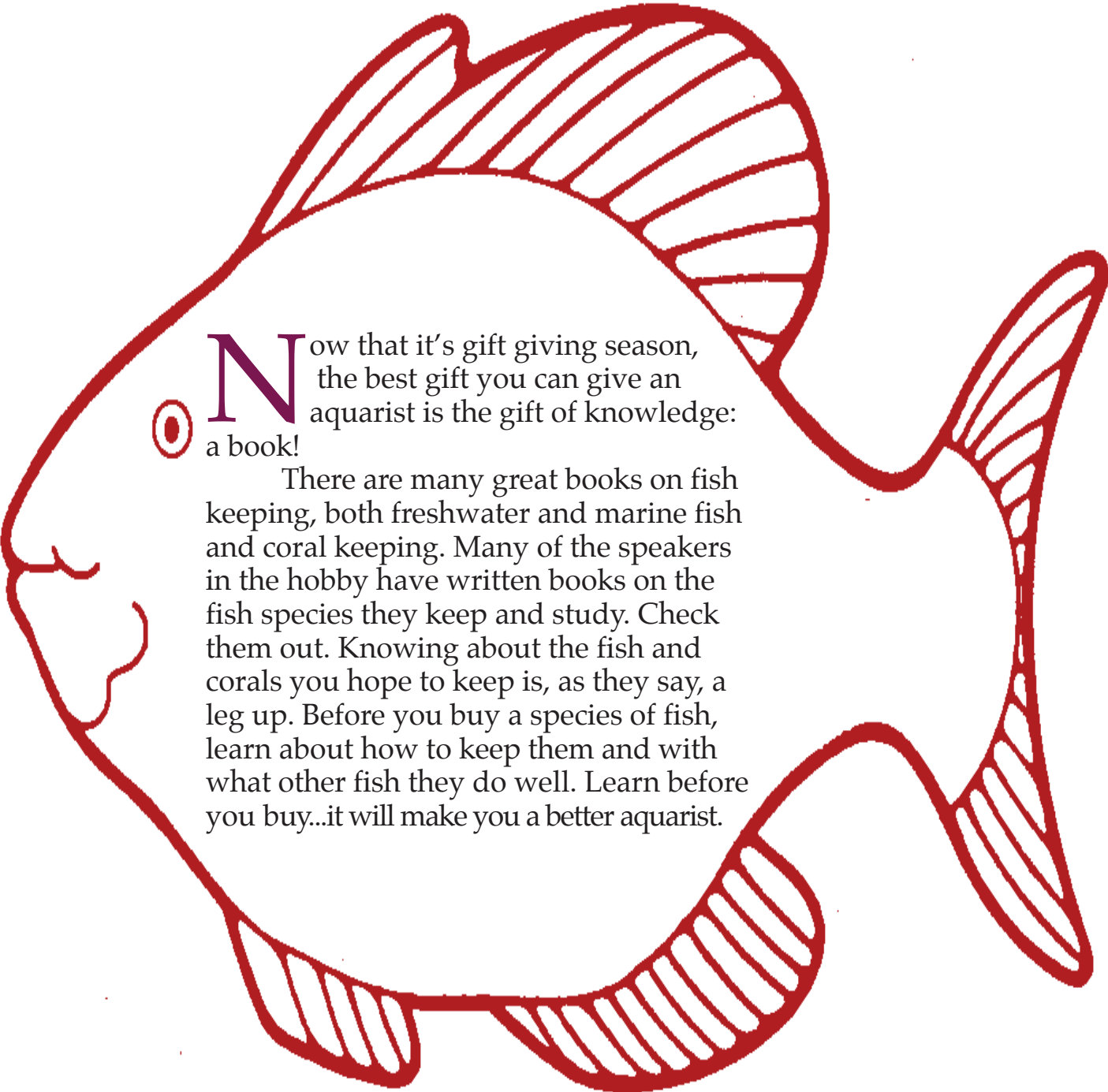
Steve Matassa's son chilling out at the meeting. Deaming about keeping killies?



The Officers and Board of the BAS extend their very best wishes to all our members for a great Thanksgiving and for a safe and happy holiday season.



TIP OF THE MONTH



Now that it's gift giving season, the best gift you can give an aquarist is the gift of knowledge: a book!

There are many great books on fish keeping, both freshwater and marine fish and coral keeping. Many of the speakers in the hobby have written books on the fish species they keep and study. Check them out. Knowing about the fish and corals you hope to keep is, as they say, a leg up. Before you buy a species of fish, learn about how to keep them and with what other fish they do well. Learn before you buy...it will make you a better aquarist.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE OCTOBER AUCTION

INDIVIDUALS

Norman Benjamin
CapStreeter
John Fox
David Hinds
David Manual

Scott Peters
Dorothy Russell
Barbara Tubbs
Al Turco

STORES & COMPANIES

- Absolutely Fish, West Clifton, NJ
- Aquarium Village, Westbury, NY
- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
 - Fauna
- Monster Aquarium Inc., Flushing, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NY
Petqua New York, NY
- World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY

NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS NOVEMBER 2016

NEW MEMBERS

Brenton Greenwood
Grigory Altzman
James Hill
John Frassetto
Lisa Mangar
Ronald Harris



RENEWALS

Al Turrisi
Donita Maynard
Lita Goldberg
Norman Benjamin

The BAS thanks
Pauline Griffin
for her generous tax deductible donation of
aquarium tanks, supplies and equipment to the BAS.

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society is a federally registered 501(C) (3) nonprofit organization.
Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS - 2016

List your society events FREE in the monthly *BAS Bulletin*. E-mail a copy of your announcement to: TODDYBAS@AOL.COM at least 1 month in advance of your event.



CHECK ALL TIMES AND DATES BEFORE ATTENDING

If listed **TBA** (to be Announced), the Society has not gotten a speaker or has not updated their calendar of events.

THU. DEC 1 - BUCKS COUNTY AS • TBA

Meetings begin @ 7:30 pm. Doors open @ 7:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of every month except August, at The Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA. Annual membership is \$20 for single membership, and \$10 for each additional family member who wishes to have voting privileges and the ability to participate in the BAP program. For directions, visit our web site: bcasonline.com

SAT. DEC 3 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION • HOLIDAY PARTY @ LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM 7PM

Generally meets 1st Friday of the month @ 8:00pm at Acan Lighting, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725. For directions & info: <http://www.LongIslandReef.org>

TUE. DEC 6 - PIONEER VALLEY AS • TBA

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the The First Congregational Church, 20 Lathrop St, West Springfield, MA @ 7:00pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. For more information email: Jacob.Guinasso@pvas.net or Martha.Morris@hotmail.com. For directions go to pvas.net

WED. DEC 7 - GREATER CITY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY & AWARDS BANQUET, FLAGSHIP DINER 138-30 QUEENS BLVD, BRIARWOOD, NY

Meets 7:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Queens Botanical Garden, except for January and February. The public is welcome! Speakers, publication, bowl show, raffles, door prizes, refreshments, plant and fish auctions. For information, please contact **Claudia Dickinson** at: ivyrose@optonline.net or (631)-668-5125, or visit www.greatercity.org

THU. DEC 8 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEETING, LOCATION TBD

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall, 73 Pearl St. in Essex Junction, VT starting @ 6:30pm. Free door prizes, bowl show (warmer months), monthly auction, fish discussions and a good time! New members are always welcome! For more information contact **David Banks** at dbanks@together.net or www.tfcv.org

TUE. DEC 13 - NASSAU COUNTY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY - MEMBERS ONLY

Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY @ 8:00pm. Meets 2nd Tue. of the month. Check web site for directions. <http://ncasweb.org/directions.php>. General meetings open to the public. Guest speakers, fish related events, raffles, mini-auction. Info: **Mike Foran** (516)-798-6766, or at info@ncasweb.org

MON. DEC 12 - JERSEY SHORE AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Knights of Columbus, 70 E. Main St., Freehold, NJ. @ 8pm. Speakers, auction rare & exotic fish, aquatic plants, door prizes. For more details: www.jerseyshoreAS.org; or (732)-859-5595; mws71@yahoo.com

THU. DEC 15 - NORTH JERSEY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

Usually meeting held @ 7:45pm every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Quality Inn, 10 Polito Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ. NJAS one of the largest and most well respected aquarium clubs in North America. Since 1953, NJAS has provided a friendly outlet for the exchange of aquarium-related ideas and information and recognizes the accomplishments of local hobbyists. For more info: www.njas.net/

THU. DEC 15 - NORWALK AS • TBA

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month @ 8:00pm at Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center, 10 Woodside Lane, Westport, CT. Open to public. Info: Norwalkas.org

FRI. DEC 16 - LONG ISLAND AS • HOLIDAY PARTY TBA

Usually meets the 3rd Friday of the month. Meetings are now held at SUNY Stony Brook's Maritime Science area, Room 120 in Endeavor Hall (After you enter building, take hallway on the right. Room 120 is first room on the left) on the State University at Stony Brook Campus, Stony Brook, NY 11794. Doors open @ 7:30pm, meeting starts @ 8pm. Speakers, auctions, refreshments, free parking. For info. www.liasonline.org

FRI. DEC 23 - DANBURY AREA AS • TBA

Meets 4th Friday of the month at 7:30pm at Laura Sprain Memorial Cornerstone park, 1 Fair St. Carmel, NY 10512. For more info: **Rich Litsky** (845) 228-0372 or **Joe Masi** (845)-896-4793 or daas@notheastcouncil.

TUE. DEC 27 - GREATER HARTFORD AS • TBA

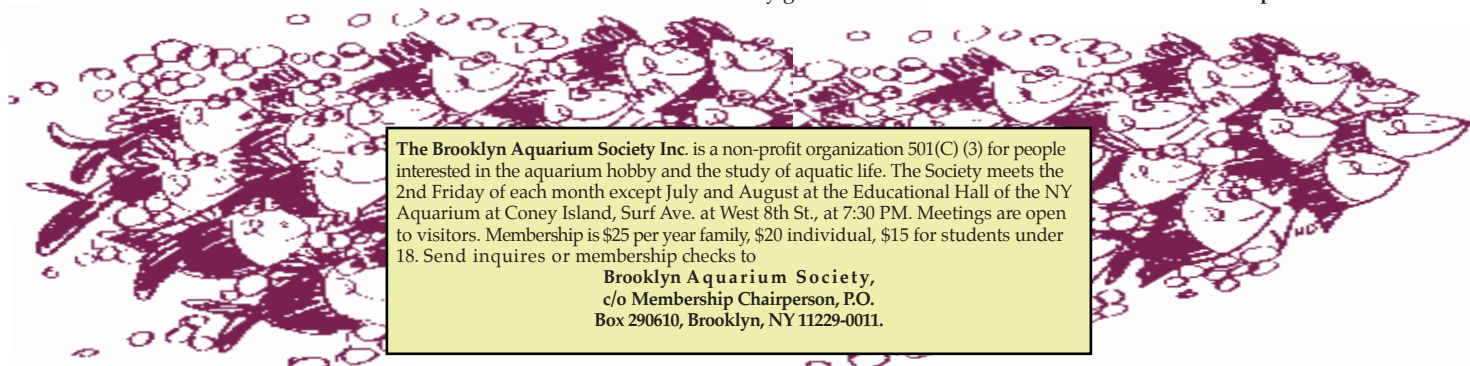
Meets 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7pm at the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St. Manchester, CT. Call: (860)-643-0949

WED. DEC 28 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)

• TBA
Meets 4th Wednesday of the month @ 8pm at the Meadowlands Environmental Center in Lyndhurst, NJ. Speaker and auction of fish eggs, plants and dry goods. Refreshments served. Info: SLMACK@compuserve.com

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Brooklyn Aquarium Society,
c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O.
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ONLY \$10 You can purchase yours at our events



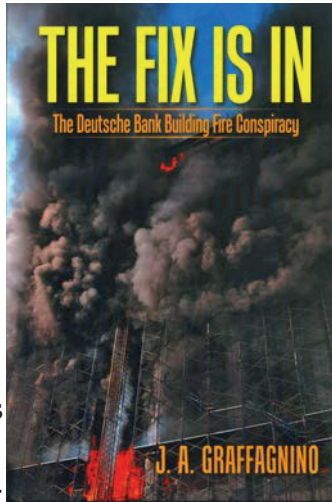
JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S NEW BOOK ~ THE FIX IS IN ~

The fire that consumed the Deutsche Bank building was one of the worst fires in New York City's history. The 9/11 damaged building at 130 Liberty Street, near the apex of the World Trade Center, quickly became out-of-control and escalated into a seven alarm inferno that killed two firefighters, and injured 105. One of the firefighters

killed was author

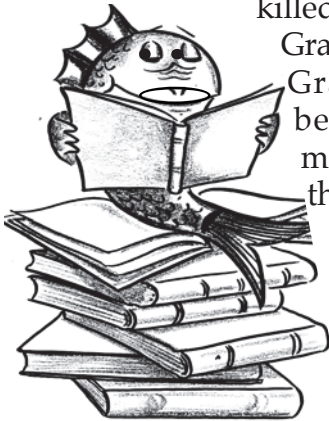
Graffagnino's son.

Graffagnino refused to believe what decision makers told the public – that the fire was an accident.



The brave men who entered that blazing inferno walked into a deathtrap – unknown internal fans spread the fire. Water outlets, both inside and outside the building were bone dry.

After eight years of relentless research in pursuit of the truth – interviewing firefighters on the scene, government officials, observers, whistle-blowers and eyewitnesses – Graffagnino uncovered the disturbing truth about a calculated conspiracy that involved governmental agencies, corporate leaders and organized crime figures.



Hard Cover \$32 - Soft Cover \$21 - Kindle/Nook \$4

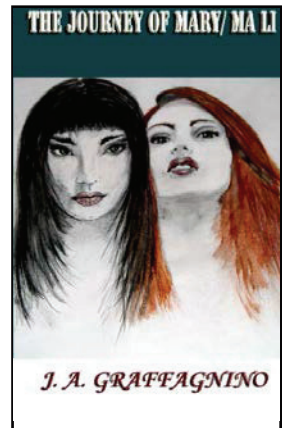
FANTASY & HORROR SHORT STORIES

In addition to his fantasy/adventure novel *"The Journey of Mary/Ma Li"*. His latest book has 13 short stories under the title of *"Fantasy & Horror Short Stories"*. These 13 stories draw readers into a compelling web of intrigue and suspense. Some are funny, others sad, and still others capture

the inner conflicts that torment us yet hint at hope for a brighter tomorrow. Readers immediately identify with the bigger-than-life fictional characters that make us ponder our inner selves, fantasies, dreams and passions, and question how far we're willing to go to get what we want.

"Fantasy & Horror Short Stories" is available at all book retailers and is available in hardcover, softcover and electronic editions. **Amazon has it in Kindle and Barnes and Noble has it in Nook versions for \$3.99.**

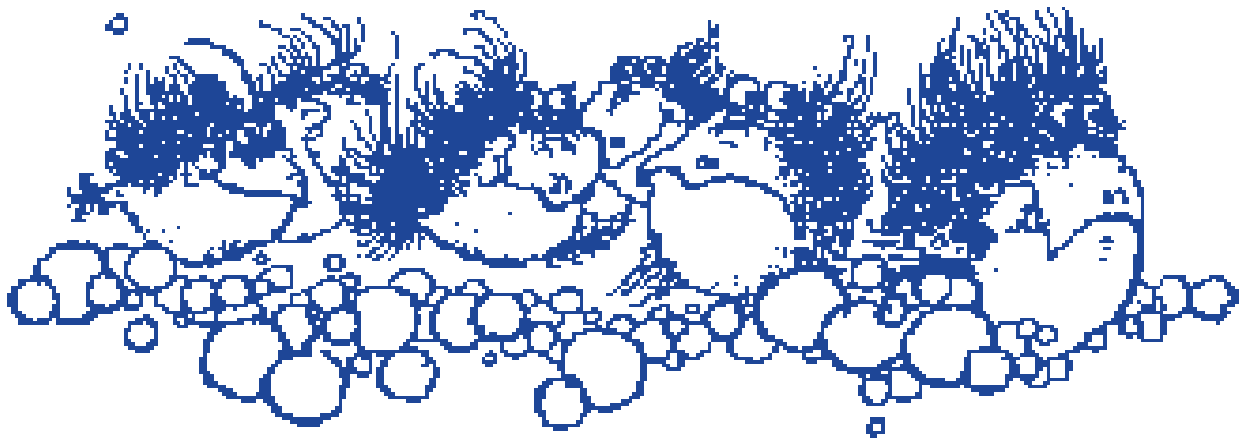
Please visit Joe's web site www.JAGraffagnino.com to purchase either book, in any of the listed formats. Also visit his web site for contests, FREE giveaways and information about other soon-to-be-released works from the author.



BAS ONLINE FORUM A GREAT PLACE TO MEET OTHER AQUARISTS

Check out our new forum on our web site at www.basny.org and click on **Forum** at the top right of the page. Registration is free and easy to all, so take advantage of this opportunity to ask your fish related questions, or just discuss whatever fish related topic you want like questions on filters, lights, pumps or anything else. There is even a place to sell or trade your fish, tanks or equipment. So help yourself and help us keep our forum going -- join today.

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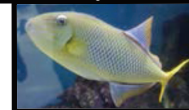
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