

106 Years of Educating Aquarists

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 @ 7:30 PM

Patrick Donston



to do...

Prune tall background plants and thin out mid and foreground plants to give your tank a defined and clean composition.

Biodiversity Practices for Reef & Planted Exhibits

AUCTION AFTER THE SPEAKER FEATURES:

**Marine Fish, Aqua-cultured Corals,
Freshwater Fish, Plants & Dry Goods Auction**

At New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY

Free Parking • Free Refreshments

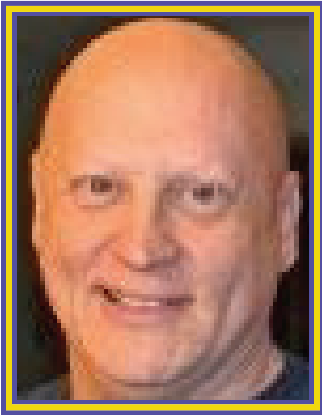
\$5 Donation for non-members. Good towards membership that night only.

Held the 2nd Friday of each month @ 7:30PM except July & August

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Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all! Our first event for 2017 was a rousing success. The snow and ice stopped to allow our guest speaker **Michael Barber** to present his talk without all of us worrying about the elements. Michael's talk was titled *"Tropical Fish Collecting*

& Wildlife Expeditions." He has partnered with our good friend (and a person we know well since he spoke in Brooklyn on several occasions) **Ian Fuller**, the international corydorus expert. Michael, Ian and others take aquarists on expeditions for collecting South American species, mainly from Peru. Whatever your personal favorite species that you want to collect in the wild, they will take and also ship the specimens back for you. They specialize in catfish, cichlids, killies and characins such as tetras and hatchetfish. For anyone that wants to collect fish and stay in a modern facility with experts in their various fields, then **Go Wild Peru** is the place to go!

Get a group of friends together and contact Michael Barber at **Michael@GoWildPeru.com**.

I know you will love it!

For February, our friend and sponsor returns – **Pat Donston**, owner of **Absolutely Fish in Clifton, NJ**. Pat's topic for the evening will be *"Biodiversity Practices for Reef & Planted Exhibits."* Pat has been our guest speaker many times over the years and is an expert in his field. I know that you will thoroughly enjoy his presentation.

February is also our 106th birthday! On Valentine's Day, 1911, our forefathers created our great society. Make sure you come down and wish all of us a very happy birthday and many, many more.

Doors open at 7:30. As always, there's free parking and refreshments. Remember, we can always use help. If anyone wants to help out in any way, please let us know. See me personally or any officer or board member. If anyone has any topics they want to hear expert speakers on, or any specific speaker, please tell us that also.

We would like to thank our members and our sponsors for their constant generous donations that keep us going. Anyone who has any aquatic items, supplies or equipment, and that would include healthy livestock of fish, corals or plants, we always welcome the donation.

Thanks and see you next month!

Steven

**Steven Matassa,
President**



THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Pat Donston started in the fish hobby with his first aquarium when he was nine years old. Pat became fascinated with fish and developed an interest to learn as much as he could about them. He went on to college, majored in Zoology, and got his first job working with fish. He did an internship at the Philadelphia Zoo working with the Jersey State Aquarium design group. By then, he had kept aquariums for over ten years, but working in a public aquarium sparked his interest even more. After the completion of the internship, Pat decided to go back to school and pursue a Master of Science degree specializing in fish reproduction. Upon completion of his Master's degree, Pat worked in a public aquarium teaching docents and volunteers about the biology of invertebrates in the inter-tidal exhibit.

His love of fish and teaching others about them has led him to the retail business of selling fish and aquarium supplies. For the thousands of hours he has spent working on aquariums, he experienced nothing but admiration for these creatures which can best be described as - - freedom, joy, and love for a spellbinding wilderness that we can bring into our homes.

Pat believes aquarium keeping is one of the best educational tools for children and adults to learn more about the oceans and reefs around the world. Learning about the animals one has as pets sparks an interest to become more aware of the environment in which we live. It can bring people closer to a part of the world they may never see or otherwise know.

Some of Pat's personal and professional accomplishments include:

- Guest speaker at nationally known Aquarium Societies:
- Greater City Aquarium Society (Queens, NY), North Jersey Aquarium Society and Jersey Shore Aquarium Society.
- Written numerous educational papers as customer guides on aquarium keeping.
- Interviewed by "*Pet Product News*" on how to keep goldfish (Dec. 1997)
- Designed and prepared millennium tank for **The Regis and Kathy Lee Show** which was featured daily from Jan. 1999 to Jan. 2000
- Personal mention in Jan. 2000 *Aquarium Fish* magazine regarding successful advice given to one of our customers with a problem tank
- Initiated coral propagation program with use of stony coral cuttings and soft coral splicing
- Increased livestock selection by developing new advanced filtration systems
- Designed and constructed quarantine and acclimation systems
- Researched and identified an extensive index of marine fish and invertebrate
- Succeeded in recognition and treatment of various diseases within various aquatic environments.

DIRECTIONS TO THE NY AQUARIUM

Directions by Car: Take Belt Parkway to Ocean Parkway South (Exit 7S). Take Ocean Parkway approx. 1/2 mile. The New York Aquarium will be on your left.

Directions by Subway: Take either the Q or F trains to West 8th St, NY Aquarium Station. Follow signs to NY Aquarium.

BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

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

MAR 10 Joshua Wiegert (Batfish Aquatics) ~ Brackish Water Fishes ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

APR 14 Todd Gardner ~ Long Island, NY: An unlikely hotspot for marine ornamentals ~ 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 Ruben Lugo ~ My Adventures Keeping & Breeding L-number & Other Fish That Suck ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

SUMMMER BREAK NO MEETING IN JULY & AUGUST

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

DEC 8 Holiday Party ~ Members, their families and friends dinner • Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS awards presentations.

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.

**JOIN YOUR BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY
FRIENDS ON SATURDAY MAY 20TH
FOR AN EXCITING BUS TRIP TO VISIT
THE BALTIMORE AQUARIUM, DISCUS HANS
AND LOCAL FISH STORES TO BUY FISH.**



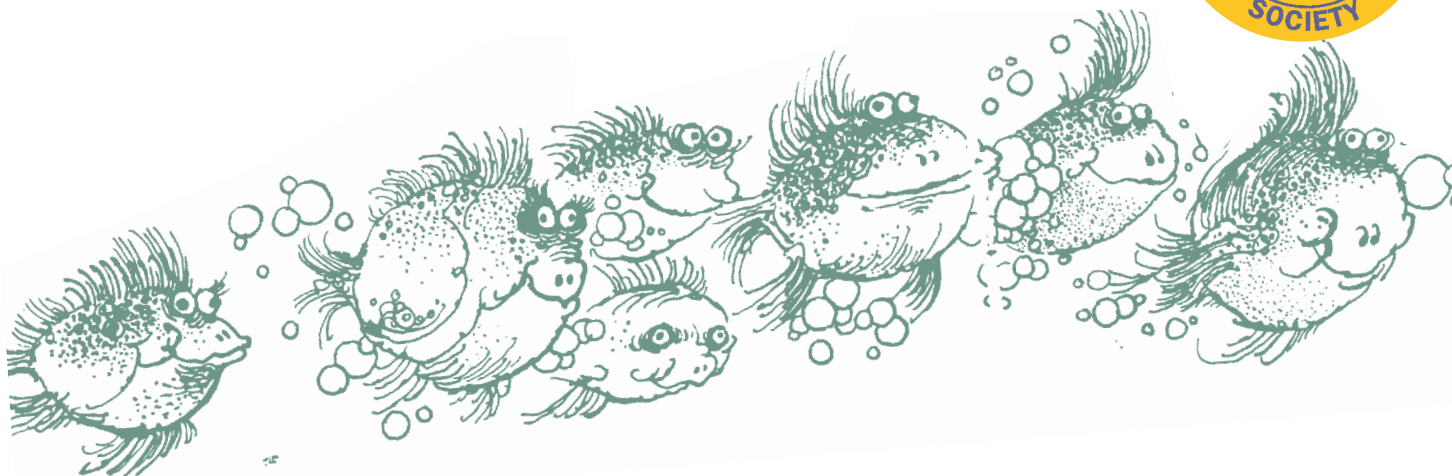
This excursion is on **Saturday, May 20th**, to go to the **Baltimore Aquarium**. We're looking to have a behind the scenes tour of this wonderful aquarium. We will make a stop at **Discus Hans** to buy discus or angelfish and stop at one or two local aquarium stores on the return trip to check the fish they have in stock.

Our private coach bus will have a storage area for your fish boxes or insulated carrying bags. There is also a bathroom on board. The bus will leave the NY Aquarium at 7:00 am and will return around 10:00 pm. **You will be able to park your car for free at the NY Aquarium for the day.**

BAS will provide coffee, juice, donuts and bagels for the trip, and BAS will pick up some of the cost for the bus. The final price will be based on how many will be going. The more people, the less expensive the fare and group rate for the aquarium will be.

Those wishing to attend must contact **Joe Graffagnino** no later than **March 19th** as to how many will attend and no later than **April 30th** with complete payment.

This will be a really great fun day trip, the sort of trip most of us would never be able to do on our own. We would love to have you join us on this ride.



COMING EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS 2017



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, contact **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 Griffin, 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 information visit: www.northeastcouncil.org

MARCH 10 - 12 - RALEIGH AQUARIUM SOCIETY CAROLINA AQUARIUM WORKSHOP XXXII at the Ramada Inn, 1520 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh, NC 27607. (Room rate \$72/night-use code "GC1603aquari" when calling 919-832-4100; it includes a hot breakfast buffet.) Friday: 1:00 pm: Native fish and plant collecting trip. RAS provides buckets, seines, nets, and permits. Bring personal items; containers, towels, waders. To sign up, send email to raleighfish@yahoo.com. 7:00 pm: "Meet & Greet" with speakers, plus hors d'oeuvres and mini-talk All About Corys **Larry Jinks**. 9:00 pm: Mini-auction. Saturday: 9:00am: Workshop Registration and Setup. 10:00am: Cyprinids In The Aquarium, **Mike Hellweg**. 11:00am: Catfish - The Unscientific Method, **Chuck Davis**. 12:00pm: Lunch at Ramada Restaurant. 1:00pm: Live Aquascaping - Creating Your First Scape, Brandon McLane. 2:00pm: Carolina Discus Hatchery, **Eric Lacroix**. 3:30pm: Culturing Live Foods For Fish, **Mike Hellweg**. 4:30pm: Great Plants For A First Aquascape, **Brandon McLane**. 6:00pm: Social Hour (at the Ramada Lounge). 7:00pm: Dinner Banquet followed by Big Cichlids, or You Might Be A Real Aquarist If... **Chuck Davis**. Sunday: 9:00 am: Auction Registration and Setup. 10:00 am: Auction. For more info; **Chris Smith** (919-698-2828), **Michael Maieli** (919-624-3053), or visit RAS website: www.raleighaquariumsociety.org. Send questions to raleighaquariumsociety@yahoo.com

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.azrivulin-keepers.org/index.php?topic=1114.0>

MAY 4 - 7 - AMERICAN LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION (ALA) CONVENTION. Held at the Holiday Inn Airport West - Earth City, 3400 Rider Tri S, Earth City, MO 63045. 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 to reserve rooms. **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 21 SOUTH JERSEY GUPPY GROUP ALL SPECIES AUCTION Griggstown Fire House, 1037 Canal Rd, Griggstown, NJ 08540, Viewing 11am to 12noon. Auction starts at noon. Featuring championship show guppies, fancy swordtails, platies, discus, corydoras catfish, rare & unusual plecos, cichlids, barbs, tetras, rainbows, etc. For more info. www.south-jersey-guppy-group.com or **Jim Lovill** egv1@optimum.net

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 our 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

COMING EVENTS

ALA 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION

All routes lead to St. Louis in May!



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**May 4-7, 2017 in
St. Louis**

www.ala2017.com or Email
ALASTL2017@gmail.com
for Further Details!!



Holiday Inn

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We'll All be There!



**Dr Jim
Alderson
IFGA
Guppys**



**Dr Lyons
GWG &
Cichlids**



**Mike Hellweg
Shipping**



**Charley
Grimes
Banquet!**



**Shelby
Bush
Segrest**



**Les Wilson
Filtration**



**Rusty
Wessel
Livebearers**



**Gene
Anderson
Fancys**

**Register
Early for
Benefits!**

8 Speakers!

**Rare Fish
Sales!**

**Huge Fancy &
Wild Type
Shows!**

Huge Auction!

See WWW.ALA2017.COM for Partial Fish List

NEWS & NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONSTER AQUARIUM'S NEW ADDITION!



Our congratulations to **John and Melody Ip**, the owners of **Monster Aquarium**, one of our great sponsors, have become the proud parents of a daughter, named **Ada** who was born on 12/12/16 and entered the world at 7.6 pounds. Baby Ada and parents are doing fine.

Hikari Sinking Goldfish Excel



Hikari Sinking Goldfish Excel is formulated with higher levels of pure-cultured spirulina and precise amounts of carefully selected carotenoids to promote unmatched coloration. The readily digested, premium-select ingredients provide rapid growth and immune system support for a long, healthy life and are

highly palatable.

Bene-FISH-al DIY Fish Food



DrTim's Aquatics Bene-FISH-al DIY Fish Food offers a complete diet without fillers, grains and gluten. Made with protein-rich salmon, menhaden, vitamin-rich carrots, spinach and kelp, the food also contains

blueberries for natural antioxidants, phytonutrient-rich spirulina and probiotic cultures of lactobacillus. The single-use pouches are nitrogen-flushed to maintain freshness.

Aquatic Life Reno LED Fixtures



Reno LED fixtures from Aquatic Life feature adjustable-width frame mounts that hold the fixture securely above the aquarium, a 6-ft. power cord with a durable on/off rocker switch, a UL-approved low-voltage

power adapter, and blue, white and red LEDs for freshwater plants and fishes. Available in five sizes.

Better Known for Candy, Mars Makes a Big Bet on Pets

LESLIE PICKER JAN. 9, 2017 NYT

The company name Mars Inc. evokes images of M&M's, Snickers and Dove chocolate, and possibly Wrigley chewing gum.

Soon, a majority of its business will be related to pets, thanks to a \$7.7 billion acquisition announced Monday.

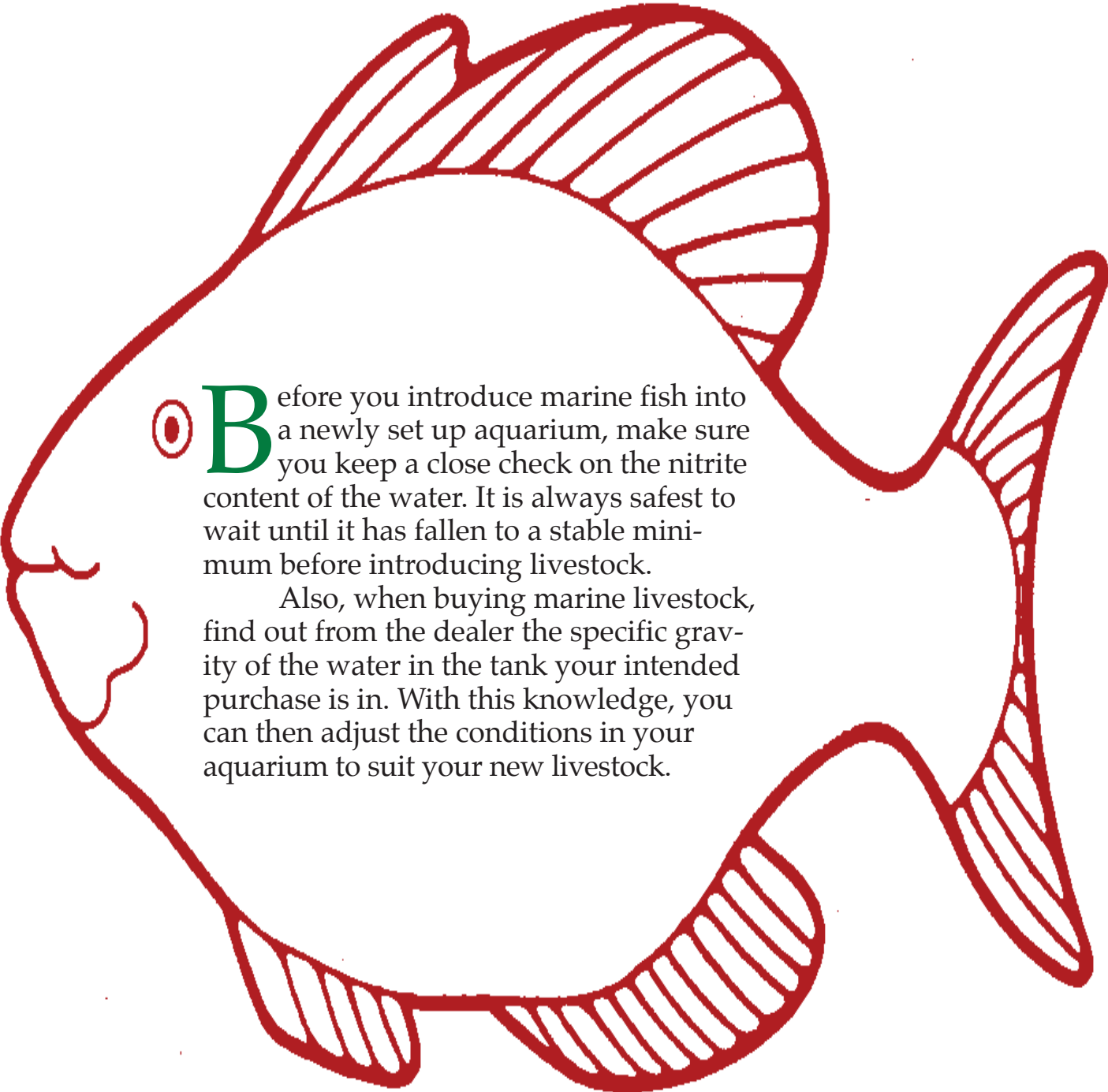
Mars agreed to buy VCA, a company that owns about 800 animal hospitals, a lab business and dog day care franchises that operate under the name Camp Bow Wow. VCA will be part of Mars Petcare, but will operate as a "distinct and separate business unit," the companies said in a statement on Monday.

Poul Weihrauch, the president of Mars Petcare, said in an interview that Mars' "love story" with pets goes back to 1935. That year, **Forrest Mars Sr.** bought Chappell Brothers, giving the candy company access to Chappie brand canned dog food.

Today, Mars has 39 brands in its Petcare portfolio, its second largest division. With this deal, Petcare will become its largest business, as VCA adds about \$2 billion in revenue. Together, Petcare, chocolate and Wrigley contribute 90 percent of company sales.

The impetus for the acquisition goes back years. Mars, based in McLean, Va., uses VCA's lab services in its veterinary businesses. Talks about a deal began when Mars approached VCA in November. VCA, based in Los Angeles, had been an independent company for more than 30 years, and **Bob Antin**, the chief executive, said it was not looking to sell.

TIP OF THE MONTH



Before you introduce marine fish into a newly set up aquarium, make sure you keep a close check on the nitrite content of the water. It is always safest to wait until it has fallen to a stable minimum before introducing livestock.

Also, when buying marine livestock, find out from the dealer the specific gravity of the water in the tank your intended purchase is in. With this knowledge, you can then adjust the conditions in your aquarium to suit your new livestock.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE JANUARY AUCTION

INDIVIDUALS

Steven Chen
Bob Conroy
Nick Decillis
Frank DeLuca

Joe Graffagnino
David Hines
Jeff Kaye
Edward Kogan

Steve Matassa
Scott Peters
Lisa Quilty
Mike Roman

Dorothy Russell
Gabe Scelta
Denis Vardaro
Victoria "Plant Lady"

STORES & COMPANIES

- Brooklyn Zoo & Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- Monster Aquarium Inc., Flushing, NY
- Pacific Aquarium & Pet, Manhattan, NY
- Thousand Island Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY
- World Class Aquarium, Brooklyn, NY

NEW BAS MEMBERS & RENEWALS JANUARY 2017

NEW MEMBERS

Vincent Alessi
Steve Fields
Mike Gillispie
Ryan Hall

Christian P. Lagos
Pablo Lagos
Oliver Laveano

Matthew Mason
Haibl Pierre
David Plaza

Joseph Sanchez
Jordan Tetreault
Andre Worrel

RENEWALS

Andy Hill

Mark Sheville

Our 2nd Vice President, **Marie Licciardello**, was able to obtain two tickets to any play at Kingsborough College from Feb - May. Each ticket is worth between \$30-45.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HECTOR OTTEY

Who was the winner of the two raffle tickets for Kingsborough College play.

THE BAS THANKS THE FOLLOWING

for their generous tax deductible donation to the BAS.

Manhattan Aquariums
Stephen Chen
Christopher Matassa

Steven Matassa
Michael Roman

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 2017

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.

WED. FEB 1 - GREATER CITY AS • NO MEETING

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. FEB 2 - 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

THU. FEB 9 - TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON • TBA

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.tfcfb.org

MON. FEB 13- JERSEY SHORE AS • HOW TO KEEP BIG FISH - KEVIN CARR

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

TUE. FEB 14 - NASSAU COUNTY AS • NEC VIDEO - NANO AQUARIUMS 101 - MARK DENARO

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

THU. FEB 16 - NORTH JERSEY AS • THE NAMESAKES - MARK DENARIO

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. FEB 16 - NORWALK AS MUDSKIPPERS - PAUL SHERMAN

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

SUN. FEB 26 - NORWALK AS • SPRING AUCTION STARTS AT NOON.

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. FEB 17 - LONG ISLAND AS • 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

SUN. FEB 19 - PIONEER VALLEY AS • ANNUAL AUCTION AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL 460 GRANBY RD, CHICOPEE, MA 01013 AUCTION STARTS AT 11:30AM. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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**, jguinasso@pvas.net or **Martha Morris**, martha_morris@hotmail.com. For directions go to pvas.net

WED. FEB 22 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLIFISH 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

FRI. FEB 24 - DANBURY AREA AS • TBA

Usually 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. FEB 28 - 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

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Inc. is a non-profit organization 501(C) (3) for people interested in the aquarium hobby and the study of aquatic life. The Society meets the 2nd Friday of each month except July and August at the Educational Hall of the NY Aquarium at Coney Island, Surf Ave. at West 8th St., at 7:30 PM. Meetings are open to visitors. Membership is \$25 per year family, \$20 individual, \$15 for students under 18. Send inquires or membership checks to

Brooklyn Aquarium Society,
c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O.
Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.

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Official caps with embroidered BAS logo.
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FRONT

Official BAS T-Shirts. (Black only)
(Small to XL) **\$12** each
(XXL & XXXL) **\$14** each



Official BAS embroidered patches that can easily be ironed onto any shirt, hat, jacket or article of clothing you wish.
Only **\$4** each

OUR INSULATED CARRYING BAG

This is the safe, convenient and modern way to transport fish from an auction or a store. It's not clumsy and bulky like a styro box, easy to carry and it folds up when not in use. They're perfect for carrying and protecting livestock home from Society auctions or store purchases

It has comfortable plastic handles and is constructed with eco-friendly P.E.T (Polyethylene terephthalate). The bag is made from post-consumer water bottles (85% from water bottles, 15% from other recycled materials). It's 22"H x 16"W x 11"D, big enough to carry lots of livestock. The bag is black with the BAS logo in gold. It features a full Velcro closure keeping fish and corals safe, cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

ONLY \$10 You can purchase yours at our events



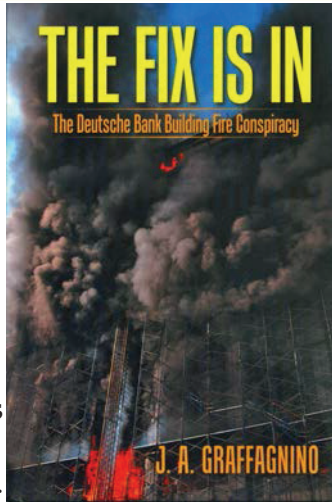
JOE GRAFFAGNINO'S NEW BOOK ~ THE FIX IS IN ~

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

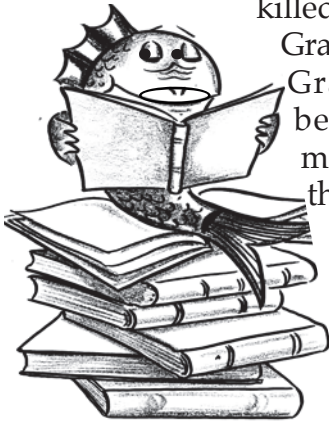
Graffagnino's son.

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



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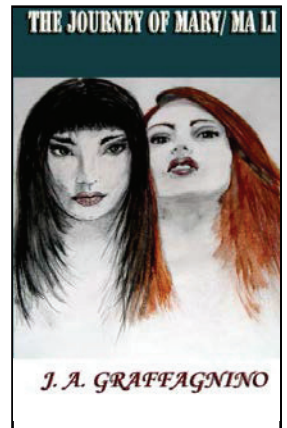
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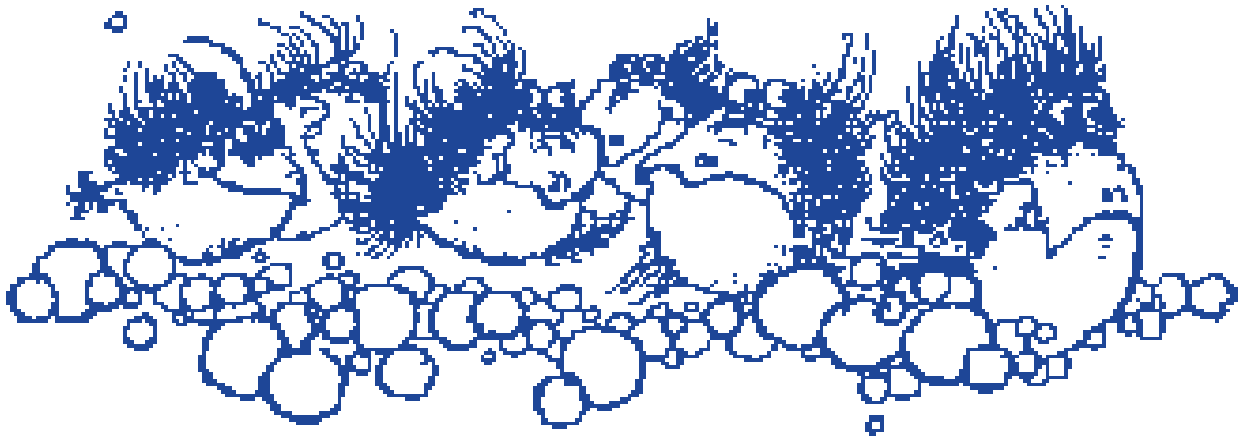
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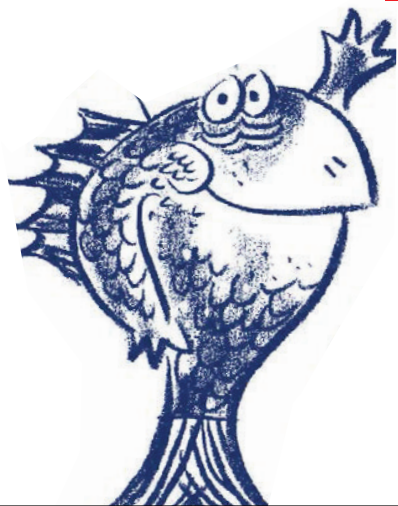


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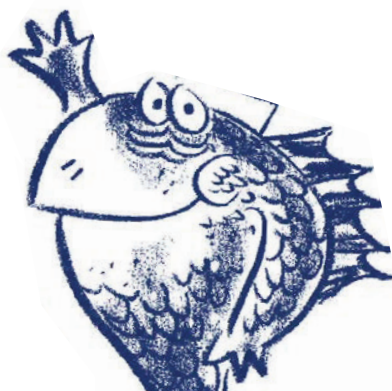
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