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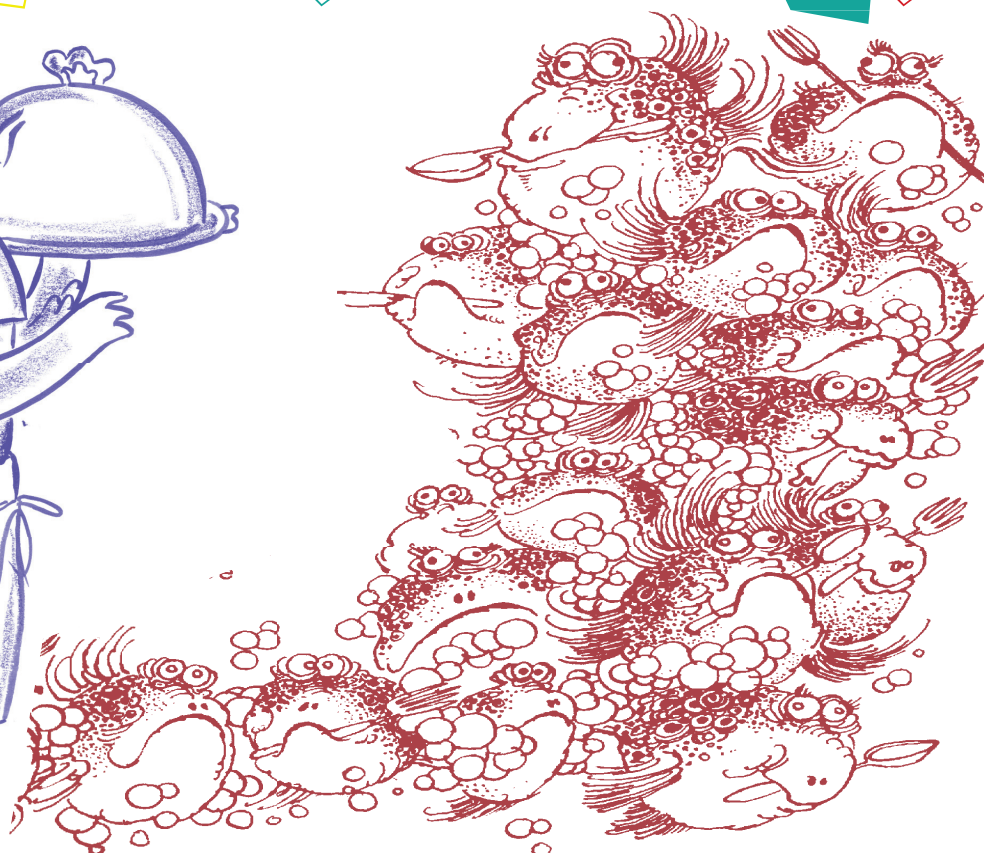
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



November is a wonderful month for many reasons. First, we had our event on Veterans Day and the Society wants to wish every veteran a happy and safe day. Second, we have Thanksgiving, which is my favorite holiday. Think about it ... the majority have the day off as a holi-

day; you don't have to buy anything for it -- not even a card -- and if you're lucky you can visit someone's home and eat till you pass out, for free -- a great American tradition! And last, we had **Anthony Stissi** as our guest speaker. Anthony's topic for the evening was "*Lake Tanganyikan Tropheus & Petrochromis Species*." His talk included excellent information on how to choose and care for the various cichlid species and he showed slides of many of the beautiful and robust fish he breeds. This was Anthony's first public speaking engagement and he did great. Anthony is one of many new speakers that should go on to become famous lecturers not only throughout the United States, but throughout the world.

The auction that evening had aquarium supplies, food, lights, fish tanks, wood and metal stands, rocks and gravel, and of course, fish, corals and plants. For the marine enthusiasts there were PJ Cardinals, Clark Clown fish, Kenya Trees, mushroom corals and so much more.

December is our holiday party. Anyone who will attend should bring something to eat that we'll share with the other holiday well wishes. Anyone not bringing in food such as an entrée, dessert or a non-alcoholic beverage will be charged \$10 per person for admission. The holiday party is the evening we distribute awards for the hard work our members have done all year. Also we will have our Fish Bingo and the winners will be getting some great fishy items.

Sad news -- the longest continuous member of our great Society has passed away. **Frank Policastro** had been a member since 1964 -- that is 47 continuous years. I am happy and proud that we were able to honor Frank at our 100th Birthday celebration this past July. We honored the Society's past three presidents (**Seth Kolker**, **Al DiSpigna** and **John Todaro**), our former Sgt. At Arms and the persons most responsible for organizing the Breeder Program and for winning the most awards during Fish Shows, **Tom Miglio** and Frank Policastro. Frank had always been a great historian and had maintained a library of documentation on the Brooklyn Aquarium Society since becoming a member. It was because of Frank that we were able to have as much rich information and his documentation enabled us to flesh out our history for the club journal. Frank will be sorely missed on so many levels, by so many people.

Please visit our new website where you can read the Bulletin and enjoy a full color Aquatica. The interactive forums and sponsor sections are truly enjoyable. Provided you have given us your email address, you will be getting notifications of club events via email.

I am asking for your help and support. If you want to see different speakers or try different things, please let me know. The elected officials of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society are here to serve YOU! Please let us know what you want and why. It would be helpful to everyone. A survey of our members has been conducted over the past several months as to what you want to see and do as a member -- the results will be mentioned at the Holiday party and will be in the January *Bulletin*.

For more info, please call our BAS Hotline at (718) 837-4455, or visit our modern website at WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG.



Joe

Joe Graffagnino
President

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

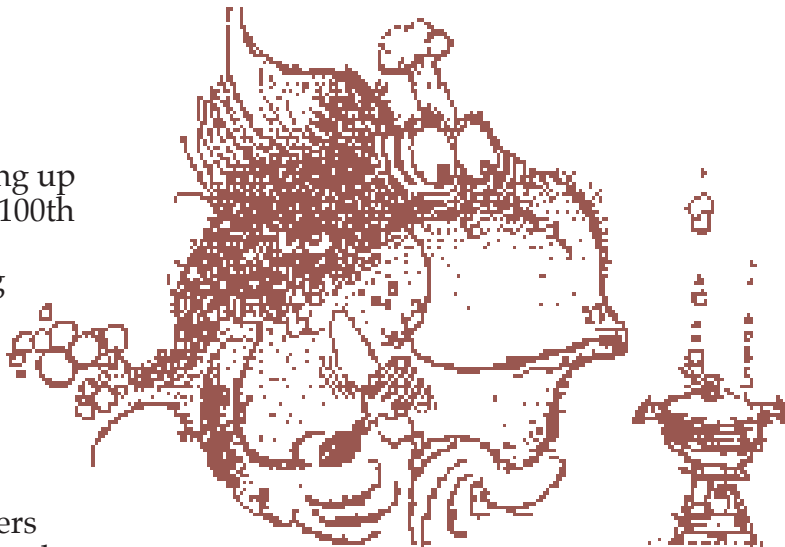
The holidays are coming up fast. Since this is our 100th year of "Educating Aquarists," we're planning a very special party. Start thinking about setting aside December 9th to attend this year's party and the dish you will be bringing!

Our talented members bring their favorite dishes and desserts, delicious hot dishes ranging from pasta, chicken, sausage & peppers and salads, plus a fabulous array of ethnic foods.

The BAS supplies basics: a roast turkey and trimmings, and a couple of main dishes, some desserts, coffee, milk, juices and soda.

It all takes place at our usual meeting place, the Education Hall of the NY Aquarium. We set up tables and chairs in the hall so we can have a sit-down dinner party with all our members, their families, and significant others.

The doors open at 7:30pm and the buffet dinner starts at 8pm. Please wait before you serve yourselves; we need a little time to set up the arriving dishes on the buffet tables. If you jump the line, you may miss some fantastic dishes and we know you don't want to do that! We also play fish bingo with aquarium-related prizes. We honor members who have served the Society for the past year and members who have written articles for *Aquatica* with awards.



It's all great food and fun...and since this is our 100th Anniversary year, I'm sure that Joe and the Board will have some surprises. Mark your calendar now -- December 9th,

7:30pm -- and start thinking of the dish you're going to donate to the party.

If you're not sure what to bring and you'd like some help in figuring it out, give **Marie Licciardello** a call at **718 377-7749** and she'll help

sparks some ideas. You don't have to make 20 gallons of chili or hundreds of cup cakes; there will be other members bringing food...we've never run out of great things to eat!



Please remember...
You must bring a dish or will have to pay a cover charge of \$10 per person.

All food donations are always acknowledged in the *BAS Bulletin*.

John T

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.

COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

EXHIBITIONS, AUCTIONS & CONVENTIONS IN 2011 & 2012

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facility. For more information contact: **American Livebearer Association**, Web site: <http://livebearers.org/>

Forum: <http://livebearers.org/modules/newbb/>
Gold Coast Aquarium Society, (GCAS)

Web site: <http://www.geaquarium.org>

Forum: <http://geaquarium.org/gcasbb>

ALA 2012 Convention Web site:

<http://www.ALA2012.com>

Questions: question@ALA2012.com

May 25 - 27 The American Killifish Association 50th Annual Convention. Held in St. Louis, MO on Memorial Day, May 25-27. Over the next several months, the 2012 Organizing Committee will reveal its plans for the convention. We hope to see you there! For updated information regularly visit: <http://www.akaorg.convention/2012/>

July 11 - 15, 2012 American Cichlid Association 2012 Convention Hosted by the Circle City Aquarium Club

For more information:

<http://www.aca2012indy.com/>

October 18 - 21, 2012 All-Aquarium Catfish Convention held at the Hyatt Dulles Herndon, VA For more information: <http://catfishcon.com/>



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2011-2012

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• Fish Bingo & Prizes • BAS Awards presentations.

2012 HAPPY NEW YEAR

JAN 13 Joe Yaiullo ~11 Years of Feeding Atlantis Marine World's 20,000 Gallon Reef Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

FEB 10 Peter Warny ~ Visits to Various City & State Aquaria. Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAR 9 Tony Vargas ~ Successful Reef Aquariums from Around the World and How They Got There. ~Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

APR 13 Larry Jinks ~ Creating My Fish Room ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAY 11 Giant Spring Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

JUN 8 Todd Gardner ~ Getting Started in Marine Aquaculture Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

JULY/AUGUST No Meetings

SEPT 14 Mike Hellwig ~ Fish Breeding Contest with Ted Judy Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

OCT 12 Giant Fall Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

NOV 9 Gene Ritter ~ Reef Diving Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

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In Memorial
Frank Albert Policastro
 2/11/1943 ~ 11/11/2011

The world, the Policastro family, the hobby, North Jersey Aquarium Society and the Brooklyn Aquarium Society lost a wonderful human being, Frank Policastro.

Frank, who was 68, died Friday morning, November 11th at 8:30 a.m. of pancreatic cancer in the hospital.

His wife Christine was at his side when he passed.

Frank had been a continuous BAS member for 47 years, since 1964. He became a Board member and served as our treasurer in 1977. He and his family moved to New Jersey where he joined North Jersey Aquarium Society and took on the job of treasurer for them.

In the following years, Frank also became the treasurer for The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies (NEC).

Along with fish keeping, Frank collected aquarium society publications and memorabilia. A few years ago, he donated copies of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society's publications that he had collected from 1911 to 1970 to the Society, plus an audio recording of some of his memories of the Society in the 1960's and 70's to John Todaro for our 100th Anniversary Journal.

The viewing was at Barlow & Zimmer Funeral Home in Hightstown, NJ from Saturday November 12th to Sunday November 13th. A mass was held on Monday the 14th at St David The King RC Church in Princeton, NJ. Frank was buried in Holy Cross Burial Park in South Brunswick, NJ.

Frank will be greatly missed by us all.

John T

BAS 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE CLOISSONNÉ ENAMEL KEY CHAIN

To commemorate our 100th year of Educating Aquarist we have created a handsome limited edition metal cloisonné enamel key chain pictured at the right. It has our present logo symbol on one side and our original logo on the other side. The key chain disk is enameled in our official colors; blue and gold, and is 1 1/2" in size.

There's a limited supply of these commemorative key chains and once they are gone...they are gone! We're sure they will become aquatic collector items.

Show your support for your Society and as a reminder that you belong to the oldest functioning general aquarium Society in America. 1911 to 2011. Not only that, but it's great for holding all your keys.

For collectors of aquatic memorabilia, each key chain comes in its own clear plastic flip top display box. The key chain rests on a foam pad so it can be kept in mint condition.

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Check them out at the November Event. I know once you see it, you'll want one.

John T.

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Rolf C Hagen
1932 ~ 2011

Mr. Hagen passed away suddenly yet peacefully at his home in Montreal, surrounded by his loving wife Marianne and grandson Justin, on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Hagen was born in 1932, the third of 10 children, in a small town in northern Germany. In 1955, he traveled to Canada and sowed the seeds of Rolf C. Hagen Inc., which blossomed to become one of the world's largest family-owned manufacturers and distributors of pet care products.

Mr Hagen was honored with many

awards in the pet products industry. In June 1999, he was inducted into the American Pet Products Association Hall of Fame, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an individual in the pet industry. In March 2004, he was given the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pet Industry Distributors Association in recognition for innovative design of pet products and for his generous support of organizations and individuals dedicated to improving the lives of pets and people. He is the only person in the pet products industry who is a recipient of both awards.



I'm writing an article for *Aquarium Fish International* and looking for your input.

I've been asked to do an article about mentoring kids on fish keeping and need your experiences in what you have done to get your kids involved in the hobby. I would like to know the following: how did you introduce kids to the hobby? Do you go on collecting trips with them? Did you get them their own tank or get them books on fish keeping? Do you do tank maintenance or go to fish stores together?

If you're a teacher, have you used classroom aquariums in teaching? Please contact me with your story either by email or phone. My number is 802 824-3743. My deadline is the end of 2011. Any info. would be welcome.

John T

WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEMBERS TO HELP RUN THE BAS

Next year we will be losing our Treasurer, **Denise Hershkowitz**, and her husband **Stu**, Exchange Editor, to Florida's sunshine. We need members to step up and handle these essential jobs.

We need a member to fill the post of Corresponding Secretary. This extremely important position entails handling all external correspondence, soliciting donations, obtaining ads for our online publications, handling other Board and Society business and keeping a record of Society correspondence.

Being on the Board is a great way to meet other hobbyists. I know there must be more than one member that is capable of filling these posts.


Interested members, contact **Joe Graffagnino** at 917 922-5108. He'll fill you in on what the different offices are and what is expected.

This is not rocket science and there are great personal rewards to those who help guide the Society for its next 100 years of Educating Aquarists.

John Todaro

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The total of all their donations must be greater than \$5. They will receive a check for their share of their auction items at the February general meeting.

Joe G

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NEC Logo Contest

The NEC has a theme for the 2012 Convention!

Attendees of the General meeting on October 9th voted and our theme for the NEC Convention in 2012 is **CARTOON CHARACTERS!** Get your thinking caps on and start creating your logo. For the rules of the



logo contest, please go to the Convention website, NORTHEASTCOUNCIL.ORG/NEC// click on the tab for "37th Annual Convention" and then "Contests."

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TUE. DEC 6 - PIONEER VALLEY AS • TBA

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the Springfield Science Museum, 21 Edwards St., Springfield, MA at 7:00pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. For more information contact: **Dave & Linda Giza (413) 283-8680** or email: mike@berkshiredesign.com, or for directions go to pvas.net

WED. DEC 7 - GREATER CITY AS • TBA

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 Dickin** at: ivyrose@optonline.net or 631-668-5125, or visit www.greatercity.org

**FRI. DEC 16 LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION
• HOLIDAY PARTY AT LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM @7:00PM**
Generally meets 1st Friday of the month at 8pm at Dickens Inc, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725. For directions & info: <http://www.LongIslandReef.org>

TUE. DEC 13 - OTTER VALLEY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Maclure Library, Pitford, VT. The public is welcome. Refreshments, plant and fish auction, free parking. For information contact: **John Todaro** at: jtoddybas@aol.com

TUE. DEC 13 - NASSAU COUNTY AS • TBA

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at Kellenberg at Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY 7:30pm. Check web site for directions. 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 • TBA

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

WED. DEC 21 - TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND • TBA

General meeting are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at The Letter Carriers Plaza, 174 Mayfield Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island. For info: tfri.net15

THUR. DEC 15 - NORWALK AS • TBA

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

SAT. DEC 3 - NORTH JERSEY AS • HOLIDAY PARTY AT MARIO'S RESTAURANT - CONTACT GINNY GRANDINETTI

General meetings are held 3rd Thursday of the month at 8pm; doors open at 7:30pm. This meeting will be held at the Meadowlands Environmental Center At the Elks Club, 251 Park Ave Lyndhurst, NJ. 07071. Open to the public. Speakers, raffles, auctions. Info: Call (732) 541-1392 or call **Kevin Carr** @ 201 724-9460 or visit on line for directions www.njas.net or <http://www.meadowlandsstate.nj.us/directions.html>

DEC DEC 16- LONG ISLAND AS • TBA

Meets the 3rd Friday of the month. Meetings are now held at SUNY Stony Brook's Maritime Science area, Room 120 in Endeavor Hall 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 go to www.liasonline.org

TUE. DEC 27 - GREATER HARTFORD AS • TBA

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St in Manchester CT 06040. Call 860-643-0949.

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

• TBA
Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 pm 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. DEC 6 - DANBURY AREA AS • NO MEETING

Generally meets 4th Friday of the month at Carmel Ambulance Corps Vink Dr., Carmel, NY. For more info: **Rich Litsky (845) 228-0372** or **Joe Masi (845) 896-4793** or daas@northeastcouncil.org.

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