

Holiday Greetings to my fellow Masters Divers!

2013 is now behind us and we start to gaze our eyes ahead to 2014. 2013 was a great year for USA Masters Diving and I am happy to say that we finished the year with a small surplus in our budget to carry over to 2014. As many of you know, we had 3 amazing meets hosted in the United States in 2013. Results can be found at [www.divemeets.com](http://www.divemeets.com). From Colorado Springs, CO to Largo, FL to Ann Arbor, MI, masters divers participated in not only great competition, but great fellowship with one another, many memories that will last a life time.

As you read this letter I challenge you to think back and remember one highlight from the year..... I have two off the top of my head. Topping the list is the amazing opportunity USA Masters Divers had to travel abroad and share our experiences with the Master Divers and celebrities in South Korea. "Barefoot Friends Forever"! The second was my last dive of the year, a near miss of a 5233d on 3-meter synchro with Lisa Meller, what a close call that was. Not failed.....just not quite synchronized the way we planned it© 2013 ended at the United States Aquatic Convention with the induction of Felix Grossman into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place in Anaheim, California in September that celebrated Master Athletes from all Aquatic disciplines. Well done Felix!

2014 will be historic! Our 40th YEAR of USA Masters National Championships. The 1st National Championship was in San Angelo, Texas and our 40<sup>th</sup> will be going back to where it all began, (or as close as I can get with the facility that meets today standards) San Antonio, Texas.

Here is our meet schedule for 2014;

May 1-4 - Spring Nationals = San Antonio, Texas. New pool 4-1m, 4-3m 1, 3, 5, 7, 10m towers.

July 30-August 2 - Summer Nationals = Rutgers University, New York City Area

August 4-9 - FINA WORLDS = Montreal, Canada

As I am putting finishing touches on the meet information, I promise you that you do not want to miss any of these meets. 2014 will be a year of CELEBRATION for Masters Diving and I am planning some fun activities for each event. River Walk in San Antonio, New York City, and then, why fly to Montreal when you can join the group and take a bus from Rutgers to Montreal and back. These are a few of the items I am working on. Many moments will happen that will challenge us to go beyond our limits on the boards, bring laughter that will keep bringing us back for more and friendships that will last a lifetime! I am very excited to see everyone On the Boards in 2014!

Let's Dive!

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