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(Photos by Peter Rejcek)



Santa Claus (above) shares sweet goodies with scores of children as he is greeted at the airport during Saturday's parade. Right: Kayla Hardin tunes up before the tree lighting ceremony. Left: Santa's helper Julia Olson talks with Jaclyn Sikes and Emily Orlock before Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive on Kwajalein. More pictures later this month.

## EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE



## Eyes in the sky: Harbor Control keeps 24-hour vigil

Story and photo by Bob Fore

Sitting in the Marine Tower, high above the Echo Pier complex, the folks at Harbor Control help coordinate and direct the complex daily marine operations here at USAKA/KMR.

With a fleet of 12 vessels, plus numerous visits by the Navy, Coast Guard, merchant vessels and barges,

the job calls for constant diligence on the part of tower personnel.

Harbor Master Roy Calhoun has overall responsibility for the scheduling, coordination and safe daily operations of the fleet and the people involved with keeping operations moving smoothly.

Calhoun works directly with Port Captain Bob Babcock and Tom Dillon,

manager of the Marine Department.

Among Calhoun's duties are assuring that scheduled boats are underway on time, finding replacement crews for personnel on leave or that are sick, exchanging boats if it becomes necessary and monitoring operations for safety reasons, plus many other tasks.

(See HARBOR, page 2)



# Shrine Club's 'driving force' leaves Kwaj

Story and photo by KW Hillis

The time: 1982. The place: Sanaa, Yemen. A plane is taking off with a small, burned child, headed for Shrine Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. The man seeing that child head off to a better life is Edward "Ed" Marx.

Almost 20 years later, Marx, chairman of the hospital committee, Kwajalein Shrine Club, is still involved in making sure that any child who needs help, gets help.

Marx and seven other Shriners on Kwajalein have been instrumental in sending over 60 children to Shrine Hospital and other specialized facilities in the last three years.

Sunday, Nov. 28, the Shrine Club gave a reception at the Yokwe Yuk Club to thank all those individuals and organizations who have helped this small group of men give these children a chance at life. They were also there to say a formal goodbye to Marx, who retired to Ireland on Saturday.

To really find out what makes Marx focus on helping children, the Shriners and their philosophy have to be understood. According to Marx, there are some misconceptions about Shriners.

The Encyclopedia Americana, 1997 edition, states that, "The Shriners are a service organization of North American Masons — a prerequisite to membership — but an order outside of Masonry itself ... founded in 1872 as a fraternal order, the Shriners turned to various types of philanthropy."

The encyclopedia goes on to describe Masons or Freemasonry: "Its chief aim is to create a universal fraternal association of people of goodwill. It teaches its members to study and to improve their skills, to serve others, and to be kind to everyone."

Marx said, "Masonry is not a political or a religious group. It is not associated with any one religion. It takes its philosophy from all the great religions of the world."

Steve Wallace, Shrine Club president, described Marx as "our driving force in supporting children ... Basically shy and self-effacing — if you compare him to a D9 bulldozer. Ed



**Ed Marx, a member of the Kwajalein Shrine Club, offers his appreciation to individuals and groups on the island for their support during the Shriners' Nov. 28 reception at the Yokwe Yuk Club.**

has been the driving force to get this club moving. He's the guy who does the leg work to find the children and get them on an airplane, the man who coordinates with the hospital programs and keeps the rest of us moving in our efforts."

Dr. John Janikowski, part of the medical support team for the Shriners, agreed, "He [Marx] just keeps pushing and gets things done when others will just give up."

Marx was quick to point out that, "I am just following the philosophy that was inculcated to me 25 years ago in Scotland where I was made a Master Mason. My continuing study of Knights Templar [an organization related to the Masons and formed during the Crusades] and works that you see are a direct result of this philosophy."

Marx also emphasized who the true heroes were, "The children that we serve are the bravest of all. These kids get on an airplane and don't know what fate awaits them ... They trust us to do the right thing for them

... The kids who have returned from [the hospital] are recipients of medical bills that total \$650,000 and still going up ... The cost to the families involved — nothing, zero."

The airplanes, with the children from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, primarily go to the Shrine Hospital in Honolulu.

"Today there are 22 hospitals throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico, 19 orthopedic and three burn centers," Wallace explained.

The limiting factor for the number of children who are sent for medical treatment, according to Marx, is not the capable medical teams, who along with the Shriners, identify the children who need help, nor Continental, which sets up the complicated travel arrangements, or the cost.

The limiting factor is the 40 beds at the Honolulu Shrine Hospital. The hospital services the widest geographical area of any hospital in the world. From Afghanistan to Panama and from Japan to New Zealand, children referred by Shriners are given a bed at the hospital, when there is space available.

As Dec. 4 fast approached, Marx was looking forward to retirement and continuing his studies of Knights Templar. He will trace their route from the north of Spain, through the Pyrenees to Southern France and then on to Scotland.

What will become of the Shriners on Kwaj and the good work they are doing when a seventh of the membership is gone?

Marx said, "The Shriners' efforts will continue next year under the watchful eyes of Russ Fowler, who is taking my place as chairman ... He has 11 children lined up already."

"All the things that have gone on these past three years are the direct result of [individuals and organizations], including Oling deBrum from Ebeye, who have supported the efforts that we Shriners have opened to them. [They] just needed the right cause and they responded with their hearts and checkbooks when we needed them most. I believe they will continue to help," Marx concluded.

# Sharks of Kwajalein Atoll

## Grey reefs inspire awe and respect

(Part two of a three-part series)

By Paul Hubert  
Special to the *Hourglass*

### Part II

One day several years ago, Ric Fullerton and I were scuba diving and spearfishing in Gea Pass. As we collected reef fish for the table, we saw a grey reef shark and several white-tips prowling the coral. We speared more fish, and we saw more sharks.

While I was slipping fish onto the stringer, the grey reef came streaking in from out of nowhere with unbelievable speed. I twisted to face it; the fish fell from the stringer and drifted to the bottom. When the shark was five feet away, it turned on a dime and rushed into open water a few yards away. There it darted and gyrated crazily as Ric and I gaped in awe at the display of speed and power.

#### At the mercy of a shark

Then the shark bolted toward us again, and this time, it came straight for me. It was on me in an instant. I jabbed its snout with my spear as hard as I could, but there was absolutely no reaction, and I realized I was completely at the mercy of the shark. It brushed the spear aside with its snout and swam to me, rubbing its snout against the steel.

The shark continued swimming up the shaft as if sniffing it, then



Grey reef sharks have highly developed senses to locate food. However, even in a feeding frenzy, they will generally not bite divers. Of course, the possibility always exists.

(Photo by David Sansone)

followed the shaft to my arm and followed my arm to my face. The shark was inches away. I could see the pores in its skin, the grey cat's eyes searching me, and the darkness of its mouth behind those white teeth.

I leaned back and grabbed the shark by the loose folds of skin behind its pectoral fins, and for a few moments, we were suspended in water in that embrace. Then the shark pulled free.

I floated in midwater, suddenly buoyant from uncontrolled hyperventilating. Ric looked up at me from his more secure position, backed up against the coral. I saw sympathy in his eyes; he knew I was a goner.

But the shark joined the white-tips on the bottom that were eating our dinner, and Ric and I went elsewhere to finish our spearfishing.

The grey reef is grey above and white below, with a charcoal-black rear edge of the caudal (tail) fin. These sharks are more robust of body than the white-tip. They are built for speed, and they often swim well away from protection of the reef. In fact, they are commonly found in schools of tuna a half-mile or more from shore.

#### Checked out by a shark

Grey reef sharks usually avoid

divers. When they are seen, it is usually briefly, at a distance. The encounter may seem fleeting to the diver, but the shark is hearing and feeling the presence of the diver's bubbles, the flow of air through the regulator, the beat of the diver's fins through the water, the clanging of equipment on coral — even booties squeaking against fins.

In areas where they are frequently exposed to spearfishing, grey reefs learn to associate divers with easy food and may tag along with a dive party, hoping to grab a speared fish. In areas where diving is uncommon, they may, out of curiosity, approach divers close enough to touch.

#### Lightning quick

Grey reef sharks can be dangerous, though. The lightning quickness of these sharks must be seen to be appreciated, and when they are excited by spearfishing, they will buzz and dart at a diver, turning away at the last instant, or even bumping or biting the spear — or the diver — in a frenzied effort to grab the fish. However, even when grey reefs become excited by spearfishing, they generally will not bite the diver. Obviously, though, the possibility exists.

#### Highly developed senses locate food

Adept at discriminating between

fish and diver, grey reef sharks possess a battery of senses that are very highly developed to locate food. The reputation of sharks in general would lead us to believe that they couldn't care less whether they grab a mouthful of diver or a mouthful of fish, but that is not the case.

If they are such discriminating eaters, why then do grey reefs have a savage reputation?

While it is unlikely that a diver will be bitten by a grey reef shark trying to feed, one that is angry or feels threatened is truly dangerous. It is well-documented that grey reef sharks, as well as some other species, have at least the rudiments of a code of behavior, and when the rules of this code are broken, they may attack.

The two most probable reasons for attack seem to be, first, an effort to establish dominance, and second, a reaction to what the shark perceives as threatening behavior by a diver. In these cases, the shark may demonstrate its hostility by altering its swimming pattern or its body posture, or both. This is called "posturing" or "threat displaying."

#### **Telltale indication of irritation**

If the shark is mildly irritated, it will simply swim away from the diver. The telltale indication of hostility is that the shark does not swim in a straight line, but instead turns slightly side to side in an S-shaped path, as if unsure which direction to go.

As the shark escalates the display, the turns become more pronounced. It may seem as though the shark is turning around to come back to the diver, then changing its mind and turning in the other direction. The shark may even swim in tight circles. This may not seem threatening to the diver because the shark is swimming away, but is a clear statement from the shark: "I am irritated."

If the diver swims in the direction of the shark, that will likely be perceived as a threat.

#### **When the situation turns serious**

As tension rises, the shark alters its body posture. Arching the back seems to be the most common change and usually is the first to be adopted. Things are getting serious when this

happens. The shark may also raise its snout to accentuate the arched back, so that when seen from the side, the shape of the shark is a sideways S. The shark may also point its mouth and shake its head and snap its jaws.

As the shark nears the point of attack, the intensity of the posturing increases. The shark exaggerates the back-and-forth swimming pattern, or swims in tight figure-eights, perhaps to the point of making no headway at all, or even slowly sinking, twisting and gyrating the whole time. At this point, an attack is imminent.

Grey reefs do not necessarily follow this pattern of escalation exactly. They may adopt some of the postures and not others and may attack without posturing at all.

#### **When you are threatened**

What should you do if a grey reef is posturing at you?

First, do not approach any closer to the shark. Remember, it feels threatened by you. Do not make any unnecessary noises or motions. Back away slowly. If possible, put something between you and the shark — a net, your goody bag, anything. If the shark does attack, it will probably happen so quickly that you will not have time to protect yourself except with what you have put between the two of you.

Chances are good that the shark will leave eventually. Twice, while I was ascending from breath-hold dives, I have surprised grey reefs between me and the surface. They initiated displays, but neither one attacked.

Why do grey reefs make such a show of attacking?

These sharks, like many animals, apparently establish a hierarchical structure, with certain individuals being dominant over others. The hierarchy is usually established by fighting, or at least threatening.

#### **Don't swim toward a shark**

Displays are much more often the result of divers performing an act the shark perceives as a threat. The surest way to elicit a posture from a grey reef is to swim toward it. Little fish flee when divers swim toward them — but grey reefs fight.

Individual sharks vary in their tol-

erance of threatening behavior. Some allow a diver to approach within a few feet, but many will not tolerate a diver 20 feet away swimming toward them. Also, it is OK for the shark to approach a diver, but not vice versa.

Matt Fine and I were spearfishing near South Pass one day, when Matt saw a 3½-foot grey reef swimming straight up from the bottom toward him. He mistook the shark for another that had accompanied us for hours the previous weekend. That shark had come so close to us we name it "Snuggles."

Matt dove toward the shark. When he was 10 feet away from it, it turned back for the bottom; Matt continued to swim toward it. That caused it to initiate an intense display; in fact, it stopped swimming and slowly sank, coiled into a corkscrew with its mouth agape.

We're thankful it did not attack the now retreating diver.

#### **Reaction to flash photography**

I have seen an interesting reaction by a grey reef to photographic flashes. When Snuggles was following us, I took a picture while the shark was only three feet from the flash. At the instant the flash went off, the shark stopped swimming, and a shudder racked its body for half a second. Then it swam away as if nothing had happened. I don't know if it was the bright light or the sudden discharge of electricity in the flash that caused the reaction. Posturing grey reefs have attacked as a result of flash photography, but this shark seemed relaxed before and after the flash went off.

Grey reefs have been the subject of many scientific studies because of their social behavior and use of body language, which have caused scientists to rethink the basic nature of sharks. They pose an element of danger, but prudent behavior by divers can reduce that danger. To me, they are the most interesting animals on the reef.

A modest amount of diving at Kwaj will likely produce encounters with the sharks we have written about so far. Others are seen less frequently, and they are the subject of the next part in this series, which will conclude Dec. 10.

## Classified Ads and Community Notices

**HELP WANTED**

**SECRETARY, ALCOR.** Full-time position. Individual needed to perform general secretarial duties including, but not limited to, writing memos, typing, filing, answering phones, timecards and ordering office supplies. Individual should be familiar with MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Good interpersonal and written communication skills required. Requires daily commute to Roi-Namur. Submit application to HR, Nancy, 53705.

**RECORDS CLERK, CIS.** Full-time position. Duties will include filing, data entry and light correspondence work. Familiarity with Microsoft Office and Windows a plus. Submit application or resumé to Coastal International Security (CIS) by close of business Friday, Dec. 10. Send to the attention of Lt. Denise Morrow, or call 54427/54429.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Aeromet.** Temporary full-time position. Aeromet is seeking an applicant to provide administrative support for the weather station personnel for a couple of weeks beginning Dec. 9. Applicant will answer phone, send FAXs, process timesheets and prepare/process travel orders. Applicant should possess good verbal skills and be familiar with Windows 98 and Microsoft Word. If interested, call Yvonne Jackson, 51508, not later than Dec. 7.

**INVENTORY MANAGEMENT CLERK, Merchandising Dept.** Full-time position. Individual will perform a variety of inventory management clerical tasks required to establish and maintain records, files and database for the efficient operation of customer service functions. Clerk will also stock and display merchandise in retail facilities. Knowledge of Gold+ is preferable. Good written and oral communication skills a must. Submit application to HR, Nancy, 53705.

**INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, Merchandising Dept.** Full-time position. Individual will initiate purchase of basic stock and non-stock items, make procurement assortment decisions and monitor progress and status of orders through the procurement and shipping cycle. Gold+ computer knowledge and experience required. Good written and oral communication skills a must. Submit application to HR, Nancy, 53705.

**SECRETARY, Education Dept.** Part-time position. Individual will be responsible for maintaining attendance and records, preparing correspondence and assisting the teaching staff. Must have knowledge of Windows, MS Word and databases. Selected individual will be required to undergo a criminal history background check. Submit an application to HR, Nancy, 53705.

**OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, Hospital Administration.** Full-time position. Individual will provide support to the hospital administrator. Responsibilities include maintaining employee databases and fixed-asset/equipment database; coordinating subcontract visits and reviewing internal policies and procedures. Good written and verbal skills required. Must have knowledge of MS Word and Excel. To submit an application or resumé, call HR, Nancy, 53705.

**SECRETARY, Human Resources.** Full-time position. Individual will be responsible for general secretarial duties including, but not limited to, filing, typing, phone coverage and answering basic HR inquiries, as well as directing the flow of employees/customers coming to the office. Individual must have experience with computers, including MS Word and Excel, as well as excellent verbal and written communication skills. For more information or to submit an application or resumé, call HR, Nancy, 53705.

**SECRETARY, Instrumentation.** Full-time position. Individual will be responsible for

general office duties, including scheduling personnel transportation and work and preparing work orders. Good written and verbal communication skills are required, as well as knowledge of MS Word and Excel. For more information or to submit a resumé, call HR, Nancy, 53705.

**DATA ENTRY ASSISTANT, Security.** Full-time position. Individual will be responsible for assisting in data entry of security applications and questionnaires for public trust and national security positions. Individual will also be required to interface with federal, state and local law enforcement, as well as investigative and judicial agencies. Experience in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint a must. For more information or to submit a resumé, call HR, Nancy, 53705.

**GS-06 AUTOMATION ASSISTANTS, USAKA/KMR.** Positions currently available. Computer knowledge and clerical abilities a must. For more information, call Terry Morton, 54417.

*Raytheon postings for on-island positions are listed in the Hourglass. Off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.*

**WANTED**

**USED MUSICAL keyboard.** Call 53627.

**VIOLIN TEACHER** for intermediate student. Call Debbie, 52625.

**DO YOU KNOW** someone in the community who volunteers his or her time above and beyond the call of duty? If so, drop that person's name along with a 25-word description of that person's contribution in the *Hourglass* drop box (Building 805, second floor).

**SHARK PHOTOS.** The *Hourglass* is running a series on sharks found in the Marshall Islands. We need photos of silkys, leopards, lemons and tigers. Photo credit will be given and photos will be returned. Call Peter, 53539.

**SERVICES OFFERED**

**GOING AWAY** for the holidays? I am a responsible adult who would like to house-sit. References available. Call 53875.

**CLASSES AND COURSES**

**KWAJALEIN DANCE Association** is offering an introductory swing class and a beginner foxtrot/waltz class Tuesdays in December. Partner is required. For more information or to register, call Donna, 53470.

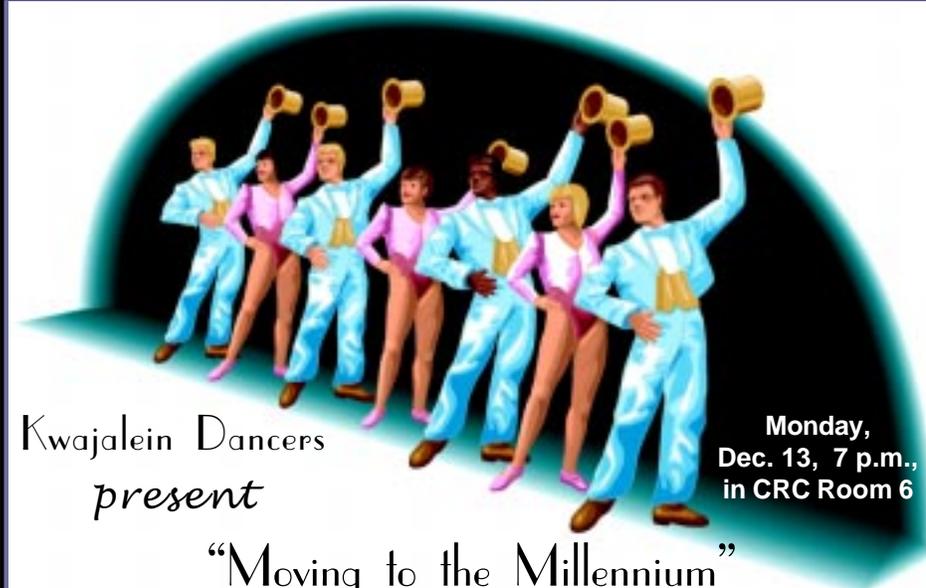
**LOST**

**PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES** with gray frames in blue glasses case in vicinity of high school field or Lagoon Road. Call 54247.

**SUNGLASSES** with purple neck string at high school soccer field. Call 52349.

**FOUND**

**CLOTH CASE** for glasses, reddish brown, near aviation supply. Call 53394 during work hours.



Kwajalein Dancers  
present

Monday,  
Dec. 13, 7 p.m.,  
in CRC Room 6

“Moving to the Millennium”

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**Kwajalein Dance Association**  
invites the community to a  
**Holiday Gala—**  
and it's free!  
**Saturday,**  
7-11 p.m., in the  
MP room.

**7-7:30 p.m. . . . Introductory group lessons.**

**Learn to swing! Partners not required—come mix and mingle**

**Dancing's fun when you know how. Adults and teens welcome.**

*Dressy attire. Wear appropriate shoes. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage and an appetizer or dessert to share.*

**For more information, call Donna, 53470.**

CHILDREN'S clothes, diapers and money in plastic bag at Lovato's PCS party. Call Gina, 54109.

**FOR SALE**

GIANT ALUMINUM 24" mountain bike, 21 speeds, front shock, bar ends, rear rack and headlight, would make a cool kids' bike, \$75. Call 51034.

BODY GEOMETRY "Comfort Saddle" bicycle seat, disperses sitting pressure and seat numbness, \$20. Call 52504 after 5 p.m.

20' BOSTON WHALER with new 130HP Honda engine, new 15HP Honda kicker, comes with boat lot (no boathouse), \$24,000 or \$22,000 without kicker. Call 54489 after 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE stand, heavy-duty, \$15. Call 52427.

CHRISTMAS TREE stand, works well with large live trees, \$10; TV stand, \$25; concrete blocks, some large rectangular, some round and some odd, \$40 for all; some scuba items. Call 52449 after 5 p.m.

PLANTS; large and small BCs; regulator with computer; regulator without computer; racing bike with two extra tires; barbecue grill; ski tube; water ski; Roto fryer; Bernina Serger 1100 DA; Nikonos 5 underwater camera with 103 strobe and close-up outfit; recliner; guitar; trumpet; violin; ladies' golf clubs with cart; fishing poles; small book shelf; and rug. For prices or to see, call 51622.

TRIATHLON BIKE: Performance Focus frame (56cm), Ultegra component group, Aerobars, Look clipless pedals and computer, \$500; custom-built Aerowheels: 700cc, velocity deep-V rims, Ultegra hubs, 16-bladed spokes in front, 18-bladed spokes in rear, Continental Grand Prix 3000 tires (700x20), \$350. Call 54490.

CAMCORDER and IKELITE underwater

housing, hardly used, excellent condition, new battery, will sell all for \$700 or best offer. Great Christmas gift for diver. Call 52450 after 5 p.m.

UMAXASTRA 1220P scanner, 600 DPI, 36-bit color, brand new in box, \$100. Call 52504.

SIX CHRISTMAS wreaths, 12", already strung with miniature white Christmas lights, \$10 each or \$50 for all. Call 53414.

MEN'S OCEANIC BAJA BCD, medium, with neoprene weight belt, good condition, \$130. Call 51599 and leave a message.

SONY PLAYSTATION with three games, two controllers and a memory card, \$200. Call 51622.

SCUBAPRO scuba gear: Men's medium-size BC with Air2 and integrated weight system, used three times; one softweight, used once; fins, used a few times, scratched but work great; first stage, good condition, bought used; second stage with gauges, no computer, works great, bought used; men's medium-size neoprene gloves; men's size 10 shin-high booties, \$450 takes all, but may sell individually. Call 52757.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

KWAJALEIN RUNNING CLUB'S annual "Pauper's Marathon Relay" will be Monday, Dec. 13. Sign-in is at Namo Weto Youth Center near Emon Beach, 6-6:20 a.m. Race starts 6:30 a.m. The course consists of 10 loops of 2.6 miles each. Teams typically consist of five runners, but up to 10 are permitted. One member runs at a time, with hand-touch to start the next runner. Be prepared to present running sequence of team at time of sign-in.

AMERICAN LEGION Women's Auxiliary will be hosting a Christmas party for all members and their families Sunday, Dec. 19, 4 p.m., at the Vets' Hall. Children will decorate the tree. Join us for games, food and

song. Pictures will be taken with Santa and his helpers. Bring a side dish to share. RSVP by Dec. 12 to Teri Bell, 53787, or Lorraine McGinnis, 54612.

AMERICAN LEGION monthly meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 15, 6 p.m., at the Vets' Hall. We will be meeting on the third Wednesday of December, January and February. All current and prospective members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

THE FAMILY New Year's Eve party at the CAC is cancelled due to the family block party.

KWAJALEIN high school physical education classes will be using the bowling facility through Dec. 17, 12:30-3 p.m. and Dec. 8-Jan. 21, 8-10:30 a.m.

GOLF COURSE greens fees and locker rentals are now due for Jan. 1-June 30. The fee is \$126 payable at Community Activities office, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. Payment can also be made at the Pro Shop or by mailing a check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local. Payment is due by Dec. 31. There will be an additional \$15 assessed to all late payments. Questions? Call 53331.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB'S monthly meeting will be tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the CAC. By-law changes, "Scuba Santa" and the millennium (Y2K) dive will be discussed. Refreshments provided. Participate in our last meeting of the century. Questions? Call Doug Hepler, 52681.

ATTENTION ELVES and reindeer: If you can scuba dive, volunteer to help the Kwajalein Scuba Club with "Scuba Santa" Tuesday, Dec. 21. For more information, call Doug Hepler, 52681.

INTERESTED IN learning to play bridge? A casual group meets Tuesday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., weekly. Beginners and experienced players welcome. For more information, call Dotty, 52420, or Vera, 52607.

FOR BARGAIN BAZAAR donations to be picked up on Mondays, call Nancy Bradshaw, 53661.

DURING THE MONTHLY supply barge operation Friday and Saturday, all personnel are asked to remain outside the barricaded one-block area around the supply warehouse complex. This area is bounded by Marine Road, Poinsettia Street, and 6th and 8th streets. This request is in the interest of everyone's safety. The access gate on Echo Pier will be closed except to authorized traffic. Questions? Call Shipping and Receiving, 52180.

CUB SCOUTS will be delivering Christmas wreaths Saturday. If you ordered a wreath from the Cub Scouts, it will be delivered to your quarters, 5-7 p.m. If you are not home, the wreath will be left at your door. To make other arrangements, call 52668.

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**A Christmas Story (G)**

A hilarious and totally enjoyable yarn about a young boy's attempts at getting what he really wants for Christmas — a Red Ryder Air Rifle. His experiences with his parents, his trip to see Santa and the whimsical dialogue make this a gem. (Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon, Peter Billingsley) (93 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**South Park (New Release) (R)**

Trey Parker and Matt Stone bring the warped citizens of South Park to the big screen in an animated film of hilarious bad taste and irreverence, just like the hit Comedy Central series.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**No movies on Roi all weekend due to holiday festivities!**

**Sunday**

**The Jazz Singer (Classic) (NR, 1927)**

The groundbreaking film that brought sound for the first time to the movies. Starring Al Jolson as a cantor's son who would rather sing on stage than in the temple. Songs include "My Mammy," "Toot Toot Tootsie," and "Blue Skies." (Warner Oland, May McAvoy and William Demerast) (90 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Runaway Bride (New Release) (PG-13)**

The "Pretty Woman" team reunites for this romantic comedy. A young woman has already left three grooms at the altar, but the action turns when her commitment-phobic behavior attracts the attention of a cynical reporter, who writes a scathing article about her marital near-misses. (Julia Roberts, Richard Gere, Joan Cusack, Rita Wilson)

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

**Monday**

**A Christmas Story (G)**

Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.

**South Park (New Release) (R)**

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Mrs. Santa Claus visits with Madeline McClendon and Jaclyn Sikes, left, before the pair of youngsters visit Santa Claus at the Yokwe Yuk Club Monday.

**Mrs. Claus reflects on Kwaj holiday**

By Mrs. Claus as told to KW Hillis

She's the silent partner of the most charitable couple on the planet. But during her recent visit to Kwajalein, Mrs. Santa Claus offered a few words of cheer to the island residents.

"The people on Kwajalein are so much fun. I just love the tree-lighting ceremony. Those wonderful young people at Community Activities ... Simone, Steve, Susu, Amy and all the rest are definitely on Santa's 'good' list," Mrs. Claus said with a twinkle in her eye.

"Of course," she continued, "my favorite part of the whole visit is meet-

ing the children. That's Santa's favorite part, too. He is always impressed by the large number of Kwajalein children on his 'good' list. Very few show up on his 'bad' list."

Mrs. Claus explained that she and Santa had to hurry back to the North Pole because, "Prancer was having problems with his take-offs and Santa needed to troubleshoot the problem."

As she patted at a few wisps of her snow-white hair, she winked and said, "Be sure to put cookies and milk out for Santa on Christmas Eve. He gets very hungry on his trip.

"And have a wonderful Christmas!"

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast to east-northeast at 17 to 22 knots, gusting to 28 knots.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast at 13 to 18 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 78°  
Tomorrow's high 85°  
**Annual rain total:** 83.98"  
**Annual deviation:** -11.58"  
Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.  
Forecasts available online: [www.kmr-wx.com](http://www.kmr-wx.com)

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday December 7	/1830	/1801 <b>New Moon</b>	1559, 5.6'	2220, 0.7'
Wednesday December 8	0652/1830	0648/1846	0415, 4.7' 1629, 5.7'	1009, 0.7' 2250, 0.6'
Thursday December 9	0653/1831	0736/1932	0445, 4.6' 1658, 5.7'	1038, 0.7' 2321, 0.6'
Friday December 10	0653/1831	0825/2021	0516, 4.6' 1727, 5.6'	1107, 0.8' 2352, 0.7'