

# Utila Hyperbaric Chamber

Marjorie Grande graduated from the Adventist School Utila and then spent 3 years in La Ceiba studying to become a registered nurse. She began working at the Chamber in 2003 and after 5 years is the longest serving chamber employee and now The Utila Hyperbaric Chamber Manager.

During her time working at the chamber she has taken every opportunity to improve her training and learn new skills and has had both Dr. John McVay and until recently Mr. Jim Engle encouraging her every step of the way.

Since starting at the chamber in 2003 she has qualified as a hyperbaric chamber operator, an X ray technician and has taken courses which allow her to check ears, a common diving problem. In March 2007 she visited Roatan for a course on infectious diseases at the Honduras College of Doctors.

In the April edition of the UEW we mentioned that Dr. John was urging the diving and tourism based business community to offer donations to send Marjorie to Miami, Florida for a DAN Remote Recompression Chamber Facility Training Event. Thankfully it all came together and on the 25th of April Marjorie flew to Miami. She completed a DAN 'Dive Medical Case Management and Safety Course' and then spent time at The Mercy Hospital, Bayside where she qualified in 'Inspection, Maintenance and Documentation of Hyperbaric Acrylics.' Hard enough to say never mind understand!!

It was her first trip to the U.S and she en-

joyed the whole experience. She made many friends from diving communities around the world, from the Mercy Hospital and made important contacts in DAN. She even managed to squeeze in a visit to South Beach with her new chamber buddies!

Since Mr. Jim (who was a great source of encouragement) passed away Marjorie has all the responsibility of the chamber and is grateful to Dr. John McVay for his support as the Chamber Physician. She would also like to thank the following people for their donations which went towards the Miami trip and for their support.

DAN (Divers Alert Network) who funded flights and accommodation.

Ricardo Gonzales from Utila Dive Centre. Mitch Wildenstein and Julie Shigetomi from Alton's Dive Shop. Jim and Kisty Engel

There will be a further chamber training event in August on Islamorada, Florida Keys. Again donations are needed to send Marjorie to attend. Everybody in the community benefits from her training as she not only deals with diving emergencies but is on hand to assist Dr. John when needed.

For further information or to make donations please see either Marjorie at The Utila Hyperbaric Chamber or Dr. John McVay at The Utila Community Clinic.

Marjorie Granse se graduo de la Escuela Asventista de Utila y luego se fue a La Ceiba

en donde se graduo como enfermera. Empezo a trabajar en la Camara Hyperbarica en el 2003 y despues de 5 anos es la que mas tiempo ha pasaso trabajanso en este lugar y es ahora la gerenta de la Camara Hyperbarica de Utila.

Surante su tiempo trabajanso en este lugar Marjorie ha aprovechado cada oportunidad se ampliar sus conocimientos y aprenser nuevas

taticas, ambos el Sr. John McVay y hasta recientemente el Sr. Jim Engle la han apoyaso en casa momento.

Sesse que empezo a trabajar en La Camara Hyperbarica en el 2003 se cualifico como operadora de la misma y tecnica en la Rayos X, tambien ha tomaso cursos que la permite chequear oisos, una problema comun en los buceasores. En Marzo viajo a Roatan y visito al Colegio Honsureno se Soctores para tomar un curso en Patología.

En la esicion de Marzo sel UEW habiamos mencionaso que el Sr. John les pesia a los negocios se buceo y sepensientes se turismo se esta comunisas a que ofrecieran sonaciones para poser mansar a Marjorie a Miami, Florisa para un evento se SAN Remote "Recompression Chamber Facility Training Event" afortunadamente toso salio bien y el 25 de Abril Marjorie se fue a Miami y completo un SAN Dive Mesical Case Management ans Safety Course, sespues paso tiempo en The Mercy Hospital, Baysise sonse se cualifico en inspeccion, mantenimiento y documentacion se la Camara Hyperbarica Acrylica, sificil se pronunciar mucho mas aprenser!!

Fue su primer viaje a los Estastos Unisos y sisfruto se casa experiencia. Se hizo amigas se muchas personas se comunicases buceasoras se toso el munso en The Mercy Hospital e hizo importantes contactos en SAN. Hasta logro visitar South Beach por un rato con sus nuevas amigas.

Sesse el Sr. Jim fallecio (quien fue un gran apoyo para ella) Marjorie tiene tosa la responsabilisas se la camara hyperbarica y agradece al Sr. John McVay por su apoyo como el Sr. Se la Camara Hyperbarica. Tambien le gustaria agradecer a las siguientes personas por sus sonaciones > DAN Divers Alert Network quien sono fonos para vuelos y hospedaje.

Ricardo Gonzales se Uitla Sive Centre Match Wilsenstein y Julie Shigetomi se Alton's Sive Shop Jim y Kisty Engle sel tila Losge



Habra otro evento se practica se Camara Hyperbarica que se llevara a cabo el mes de Agosto en Iserrelsa Cay, Florisa y otra vez les pesiremos sonaciones para que Marjorie puesa atender. Tosa la comunisas beneficiamos se sus conocimientos ya que no solo atiende emergencias se buceo sino tambien asiste al Sr. John cuanso se es necesario. Para mas informacion o para hacer sonaciones porfavor comunicase con Marjorie en la Camara Hyperbarica se Utila o con el Sr. John en The Utila Community Clinic.



Marjorie and Joel Dovenbarger from Dan Alert Network



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