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To All of Our Supporters who gave their time and help before, during and after our first "Paws For the Cause" event held at Gilbert's Resort on Nov. 17, 2012 – THANK YOU!

Donations received amounted to over \$4,000.00 and we thank you again for helping us to keep our doors open at the Upper Keys Humane Society at MM 101.5.

None of this could have happened without the expert guidance and work from Denise Malefy and the Coconut Telegraph. I know that no matter how hard we try, we always seem to omit a name and for that we apologize in advance. We want to thank each and everyone who volunteered and donated.

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DEMA Honors "Hyperbaric Dick" Rutkowski

The Coconut Telegraph salutes Dick Rutkowski of Key Largo, who was presented with the Reaching Out Award at the November 2012 DEMA convention in Las Vegas.

DEMA, the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association, is an international organization dedicated to the promotion and growth of the recreational scuba diving and snorkeling industry. Each year since 1989, DEMA has bestowed the award, which is now considered the "DEMA Hall of Fame Award" and is presented only to those who truly deserve to be recognized for their outstanding efforts and contribution to the sport of diving. They are the pioneers, leaders and heroes of the sport. Jaques Cousteau was inducted to the Hall of Fame in 1989.

Rutkowski is a pioneer in the fields of hyperbaric and

diving medicine and diver training, especially in relation to the use of breathing gases. He helped change the course of modern diving through his continued efforts to test and promote the use of gases, such as Nitrox and Trimix. His work helped develop tech diving and clinical hyperbaric medicine as we know it today. In 1973, Rutkowski became a NOAA Aquanaut by working in the undersea lab located in Freeport, Bahamas. During this time he was directed to obtain a recompression chamber for NOAA to serve the recreation and military diving communities in areas of Miami, as well as Central and South America.

In addition to his affiliation with NOAA, Rutkowski is a graduate of Divers Training Academy and past owner and president of "Dive Incorporated," a commercial diving company whose primary purpose was to service oil rigs. Upon retiring from federal service in 1985, he formed Hyperbarics International, Inc. to educate and consult in the field of hyperbaric medicine, use of various diving gases and life support systems.

Since retiring from NOAA, Rutkowski has

continued to use his vast knowledge to conduct training programs for NOAA and other agencies such as USN, USAF, NASA, EPA, U.S. Customs, Panama Canal Commission, hospitals, commercial diving companies and foreign navies. Rutkowski has taught thousands of professionals in programs such as recompression chambers, engineering, diving gases, physics, physiology, pathology, and the medical aspects of diving. His contributions to hyperbaric medicine, as well as his work with mixed breathing gases, have made diving a much safer sport today.

His publications include: Instructor/Student Guide for the Use of Nitrogen-Oxygen Mixtures as a Divers' Breathing Gas, The Complete Guide to Nitrox Diving, Introduction to Nitrox Diving, Instructor/Student Guide for the Use of Breathing Gases During Hyperbaric Exposures, and Mixing/Blending for Nitrox and Trimix. He has also been a contributor and editor of the NOAA Diving Manual and



training films. He currently teaches a course titled "Advanced Diving / Hyperbaric Medical Team Training Program with Chamber Operations," which takes place monthly in the Ocean Diver's Building 522-A Caribbean Drive, Key Largo, FL. For more information on hyperbaric medicine visit HyperbaricsInternational.com.

According to a March 2004 edition of Rodale's **Scuba Diving** magazine, "In the process of overcoming the negative hype surrounding oxygen-enriched air, he also gave us one of his other significant contributions to diving—a now famous quote—"Science Always Wins Over Bullshit."

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