

*Little People of America*  
**Trifecta 2015**

# **SCUBA INSTRUCTORS**

**Saturday 8:30-11:00 am**  
**Hotel Pool**



**Bill Monsam –  
HSA Course Director & PADI IDC Staff Instructor**

In 2003, my wife dragged me to the scuba shop to take the PADI Open Water Course. I had several other hobbies and was certified by my Dad at age 9 in Connecticut (pre-PADI), dove until I joined the Air Force, so I wasn't really interested in diving again. Shortly after finishing AOW and PPB, Michele took a work assignment in Ireland for 10 months. When we next saw each other I had finished my Dive Master and we were diving off the Connemara coast west of Galway. In 2005, I completed my IE and continued training and teaching, which I really enjoy. All of my other toys have long since been sold and all we do is scuba dive. I heard about Operation Deep Down through a friend and volunteered Michele to help facilitate our committee meetings. The rest is history.



**Michele Monsam -  
HSA Assistant Instructor & PADI AI**

I completed my Open Water Course, with the intention of taking just one class, so I could convince my husband to go on vacations with me to tropical destinations. One class and we were hooked. We love the hobby, the sport, and the life style! We team teach classes and thoroughly enjoy all the students, making new friends, and being active members in the New Mexico dive community. After returning from a deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007, my husband Bill told me about Operation Deep Down and that he had volunteered me to help coordinate their programs. Becoming more involved in our community has been a gift – I've met and worked with some incredible people, learned more about disabilities than I had ever known, and made some lifelong friends.