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2009 Board Members

Len Gieseler - Pres.
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Lisa Zaums - Secretary
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Dee Bennett
Jenn Bowker
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2009 Spring Ledger

The new Re-Grand opening of our club is just a few months away. This edition will bring you up to date and fill you in on pertinent information. It is time to start thinking of warm summer days and nights. Opening day is Saturday May 23rd at 12:00 Noon.

Pool Construction

After years of kicking the ideas around, getting bids and a little procrastination, the membership voted to go ahead with a much needed update to our pools. Work began at the end of last September and rapidly moved along closing down construction for the winter by Thanksgiving. Carlton pools received the contract to renovate our pools and have done a great job. Work will have started again by the time you receive this ledger with board volunteers building the new pump house and the installation of all new pumps and filters. Tile and coping is slated for mid to late March, with decking to follow in April. The final plastering will follow and hopefully we will have the pools filled by the beginning of May. Landscaping will start after the decking is completed to give the lawn as much time to come in as possible. Our new pool will be regulation size at 25 meters, 6 racing lanes, larger usable standing area, new entry steps and be ADA compliant. The brand new wading pool with it's zero entry configuration, is also larger, deeper, will have built in bench seating and splash bubblers for the kids.

We are all very excited about the approaching opening day and showing off our new pools.

Management

Last September we said goodbye and thank you to Joanne Murphy and Mike Quinn for their dedicated service to the board and to the pool.

I would like to welcome our newest board members John LaGreca and Lisa Zaums. Lisa has taken over as the club secretary and John will be working on a number of committees. Thank you both for volunteering.

Nikki and Kirsten teamed up again last year for another successful and safe season. Their job was made easier by another great lifeguard staff. Unfortunately Nikki has decided to step down from the management position this year. We would like to thank her for her 2 years of dedicated service to the club and wish her well. Kirsten will be returning again this year as manager and will be putting together her team. If you are interested in lifeguarding, please contact Kirsten via the web site.

Membership

Our membership continues to stay strong and grow. Last year our membership was at 202 members. To date our membership has grown to 213 and is still growing. Memberships are still available so please spread the



word. At the September general membership meeting we voted to hold membership dues again this year at \$400.00 but to increase the bond value to \$500.00. This will help provide additional working capital for the pool projects while still giving the members the opportunity to get their investment back at the end of their membership.

Enclosed with this ledger is the membership packet for 2009. This year we have prefilled the registration form with your information. Please review this information and correct as necessary. Please return this form along with your payment. The membership and bond dues are invoiced as well.

Each family must return the membership form along with your yearly dues payment by April 23, 2009 to avoid paying a 25.00 late fee. All notifications for membership termination were due by March 15th, 2009 as per the bylaws under article III section 12.

The new member referral program will be in effect again this year. We will pay 25.00 for each referral that joins the pool and pays in full up to a maximum of 400.00. Please use the referral form that came with your packet.

Work Weekends

A big part of our opening cycle is our work weekends. **Work Weekends will be held April 18th & 19th, 25th & 26th and May 2nd & 3rd if needed. We will start at 9am.** We encourage any member to volunteer their time and talent. Any member that volunteers at least 2 hours will receive a \$ 25.00 credit towards their dues. By having pool members volunteer their time it helps keep costs down by eliminating the need for outside contractors to do the work. We will be doing general clean up, ground work, mulching, and general maintenance items. As a courtesy to those volunteers, lunch will be provided by the pool. Hope to see you at one of the work weekends.

Snack Bar

It was decided last year that the pool management would try their hand in running the snack bar. As it turned out the decision was a good one with many people giving positive feedback regarding the food, pricing and the hours of operation. We are pleased to announce that Kirsten and the staff will again be running the snack bar. The snack bar is there for the convenience of our members, please try to use it when ever possible.

Social Events

The committee is working hard on planning the social events for this season. They are looking into adding another new event this year and will be repeating the very successful family movie night. More information will be posted on the web site. These events are a great way to have some fun with your family and meet some new friends. Please support the social committee and

the pool by signing up in advance. Your support is what makes these events a success.

Our 2nd annual Beef and Beer was a great success with 120 people in attendance. The band 'Half Life' had the people on the dance floor all night. We had 22 very nice raffle baskets donated by various members of the club and the Ponies made their return to the Laurelwood Downs. All totaled the pool raised close to \$2500.00 that will be used to help by new deck equipment including the Chair lift. I would like to thank all the members that came out and supported this event. I would especially like to thank Jenn Bowker for her leadership and organization and the other members of her committee:, Dee Bennett, Dannelle Gerhart, Cindy Bevevino, Lisa Zaums and Fran Guinan.

Golf Tournament

The 11th annual Laurelwood golf tournament will be held on Sunday July 12th. Cost of the tournament includes, golf, cart, dinner and prizes. The families of non members that play in the tournament may use the pool during the day without guests fees as well. Get your group together today. More information and registration sheets will be at the pool and on the web site.

Swim Team

The Laurelwood Dolphins are looking forward to another rewarding season behind coaches Terry Wade, Nikki Whitlock and their Staff. This season the swim team will be holding evening practices on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-7 PM along with their morning practices. The swim team has included a registration form with this mailing. Please fill out the registration form and get it back to the swim team committee promptly.

Website

Don't forget to visit the web site often. We are working hard to keep that up to date with information and pictures. This is also the best way to get in touch with a member of the board.

Presidents Corner

Wow, another season is almost ready to begin and what an exciting season this will be. In only a few short months we will all be enjoying the fruits of many years of hard work and support by the membership. I encourage all members to come to the pool as often as possible and take full advantage of your great club. The board members and staff are committed to making everyday at the club a fun, safe and enjoyable time. I would also like to thank the past and present board members for their many hours of work and dedication.

As always, if you have any comments, suggestions or friendly advice you can email or contact me at 610-970-0662. See you in the summer. Thank You.

Len Gieseler
President

Special Dates

- Opening Day - May 23
- All American Family Night - June 23
- Laurelwood Golf outing July 12
- Teen Night - July 17
- Movie Night - July 18
- Chesapeake Night August 22*
- Family Picnic & General membership meeting September 12
- Closing Day - September 13

(* Adults Only)



