



# Laurelwood Ledger

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## LAURELWOOD SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

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### 2012 Board of Directors

Len Gieseler - Pres.  
Steve Gerhart - Vice Pres.  
Kevin Christman - Treas.  
Eric O'Brien - Secretary  
Steve Terrell - Membership  
Jenn Bowker - Social Chair  
Bill Cancro - Director  
Fran Guinan - Director  
Heather Hampton - Director  
Dave McGrath - Director  
John Pusey - Director

## 2012 Spring Ledger

It is hard to believe that we actually can call this season winter with all the warm weather we have been experiencing. Hopefully we will get through to the heat of summer with out any problems. Opening Day is May 26, 2012—Memorial Day.

### Management

Changes were made to the board of directors at the October board meeting. After 2 fantastic years as President, Fran Guinan stepped down from the position. Fran will continue to serve on the board as he has done for the past 5 years. His leadership and dedication has been an integral part of our clubs success. Len Gieseler has accepted the position as President with Steve Gerhart as Vice President.

We would also like to say Good-bye and thank you to Lisa Zaums for her past 3 years of service as our board secretary.

Say hello to Eric O'Brien as our newest member. Eric has accepted board secretary position. We would also like to welcome Dave McGrath to our board. Dave Joined our board in 2011 taking Ed Brownley's position. Dave is one of those guys that can fix anything so, we are grateful to get his talents on board. The rest of the directors are listed. Most of these people have been on the board for many years and have given tireless hours to help make Laurelwood a success. We could not be were we are today with out these members and the many board members that have come before. Thank you to all.

### Membership

WOW!! What can you say about our membership numbers but WOW!! When other clubs in the area continue to struggle to gain membership, I am proud to announce that our numbers continue to grow and remain strong. Much of our success has been tribute to our reinstatement of our trial memberships. Due to the slumping economy these past years, the board found it necessary to attract prospective members to our pool on a trial basis. Trial members pay the full membership dues for one season after that they must decide to join as a regular members paying the bond and receiving full membership rights. We have had this policy and procedure in place for many years, but had suspended due to rapid growth in the late 90's and early 10's.

We are hoping that many of our trial members from last year will decide to join our pool this year. We sent letters via email to all trial members over the winter, but some may not have received it. A copy of the letter is included with this ledger. Please fill it out and email it back as soon as possible.

We will be accepting trial memberships for the 2012 season as well as fully bonded memberships. We encourage all our



members to refer interested people to our website for more information.

### DUES

Thanks to our strong membership, the board has held the line again this year on dues. Family membership dues will remain at 425.00 and single memberships will be at 265.00.

### Important Dates & General information

Any members wishing to non renew their membership must contact the board in writing prior to **March 15, 2012**. Communication can be in the form of an email or letter. If we do not receive your request, by the 15th, you will be obligated to pay the dues for 2012. Failure to pay dues will result in forfeiture of your bond money.

Bond Payouts are based on a first come first served basis as people are added to the outlist. We pay out bonds as we get new members to replace old members. We make every effort to pay out as many bonds each year based on the membership and financial strength of the club.

Membership registration packets and invoices will be sent out at the end of March via regular mail.

**Each family must return their membership form along with the yearly dues payment by 26, 2012 to avoid paying a 25.00 late fee.**

We are working on updating the bonded membership list and will be sending out bonds to all new members that have joined in the past year.

### Website

Our website continues to be a great source for information. We are in the process of changing providers and plan to have the website updated soon. Please check back for updates.

### Work Weekends

A big part of our opening cycle is our work weekends. **Work Weekends will be held April 28-29 and May 5-6 We will start at 8 am.** 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.

### Social Events

The Social committee works hard throughout the year to organize and have fun events for all ages. Our All American night has been one of the most successful events in the past couple of years. Ice Cream Socials, Craft days, Movie Nights  
Game days etc... round out a very busy schedule. For the

adults the season isn't complete with out attending the famous Laurelwood Chesapeake seafood night and dance party. Last year we had a record breaking attendance with people playing yard games, dancing and having a great time well into the night. Jenn Bowker and her committee have done a fantastic job for the past three years, but she is always looking for more help. Please contact Jenn if you can help out with an event during the summer. Events are listed on the bulletin board as you enter the pool and on the web site. Joining an event is a great way to meet new friends and have fun with your family.

### Beef and Beer

**Our winter time fund raising event is scheduled for March 24th at Norco Fire Co.** Cost is 30.00 per person, includes sandwiches, munchies, beer and soda, cash bar, and DJ entertainment. Jenn Bowker is heading this up and sent an Evite out to the membership. Last year we had to cancel this event due to lack of interest, but we are hoping that this year will be different. Please save the date and sign up today. This is a great way to shed some of the wintertime blues, bring your friends and catch up with others from the club.

### Golf Tournament

The 13th annual Laurelwood golf tournament will be held on Sunday July 13th. 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

Our team said goodbye to their

coach of 25 years this past summer. Coach Terry Wade retired after a long and memorable coaching career at Laurelwood. Terry was just not a swim coach, but a teacher, mentor, leader and most of all one of the most motivational and inspirational role models that our swimmers had the fortune to be around. The Laurelwood Dolphin swimmers are known throughout the league not by their great talent but their sportsmanship in and out of the pool. This was a true trade mark of Coach Wade and his teams. Over the years, the team won numerous Sportsmanship awards, and league trophies as well. Terry Wade will be missed, but he has left a great legacy that Coach Nikki Whitlock and her staff are eager to continue and grow.

Information regarding joining the swim team and dates will be updated on the website.

### Presidents Corner

As I start my 14th year on the board and 10th year as president and I reflect back over those many years and all I can say is THANK YOU! Our clubs success over it's 50 years in existence is a true testament to the support of the current membership, the people that have given of their time and talents, board members, swim team members and the countless families that have come and gone through our gates. Our club has made dramatic changes in the past couple of years to keep up with the hands of time and to secure the club's presence in our community for years to come. Our work is not done. The board of directors will continue to address the needs of the membership and facilities as

time and finances permit while maintaining a safe and fun place for your family. As always, if you have comments, suggestions or friendly advice, please contact me at 610-970-0662.

Thank you to all our members and the board for living up to our slogan - **THE WOOD IS GOOD!**  
Len Gieseler  
President

### Special Dates

- Opening Day - May 26
- All American Family Night - July 8
- Laurelwood Golf outing July 13
- Teen Night - July 13
- Movie Night - July 14 & August 11
- Chesapeake Night August 18\*
- Family Picnic & General membership meeting \*\* September 1
- Closing Day - September 3

(\* Adults Only)  
(\*\* Subject to Change)

### The Pool in 2008

