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2013 Spring Ledger

Old man winters grip will hopefully ease soon and make the way for a warm spring and hot summer season. This latest volume of the Laurelwood Ledger will bring you up to date on pool news. Opening Day is May 25, 2013—Memorial Day.

Board Management

At the September General Membership meeting we said goodbye to Heather Hampton and welcomed Clare Herkendaal

We want to thank Heather for her 3 years of service on the board and to the club. We had a few other positions available that were filled by returning board members. We encourage newer members to get involved on the board at any level. We are always looking for committee help and for new directors. For more information on serving on the board, please contact myself or any board member.

We can't run the pool with out great board members. Their time and devotion help to make Laurelwood a great family club. Thank you to all.

Membership

WOW!! AGAIN!!

I started this section out last year with the word wow and can't due any better than to say wow again. Our membership continues to grow with many young families from all over the area. The word is out about our club and it is a positive one. Our best form of advertising is our members and to that I say thank you! Our numbers are strong, but we must continue to gain new members each year. On average we loose about 10-

15 families a year. Thankfully over the past couple of years, many of our trial memberships have converted into bonded members. To Date we have 246 bonded members and 37 trial members from last year, many of which have converted to full membership status.

Hopefully we will see another banner membership year.

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. Dues can be paid on line via the website using Pay-Pal. There is a small charge to use this service, but it is a great way to earn extra reward points. Check it out today.

Important Dates & General information

Any members wishing to non renew their membership must contact the board in writing prior to **March 15, 2013**. 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 2013. 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 April 25, 2013 to avoid paying a 25.00 late fee.

We worked hard last year to get caught up on bond distribution. Some bonds were not picked up at the pool gate. If you haven't received a bond, please contact me or the membership chair via the website.

BATHROOMS

Finally after many years, the last update to our club will be complete this spring. Yes, our bathroom remodel is almost done. Many changes have taken place over the winter, but the biggest one that most people will have to get used to is that they have switched places. In order to accommodate handicap accessible wheel chair sink and stalls, it was decided to knock some walls down to gain as much space as

possible. In doing so, the women's room is now where the men's rooms was on the left and visa versa. The women's room will have 3 stalls a large counter and sink area, and a semi private shower. The men's room will have 1 stall and two urinals, counter and sink and semi private shower. New lighting, floor finish, windows and exhaust round out the renovations. Basically the bathrooms were gutted, and rebuilt. We are very excited to finally have updated bathrooms for our members and visitors. To top things off, we have installed a new outdoor shower for a quick convenient rinse.

Website

The website continues to evolve. Registration forms, swim team information, email contacts, pool events and much more are updated continually. Please check out and use this great resource. Please ask anyone interested in joining to visit the site.

Face Book

We now have a face book page. We would like this to grow and be used to help communicate between members. Search Laurelwood pool and like us today. Please check back often.

Work Weekends

A big part of our opening cycle is our work weekends. **Work Weekends will be held May 3-4 and Saturday May 11. We will start at 8 am. Other dates may be added as needed.** 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. For the adults the season isn't complete with out attending the famous Laurelwood Chesapeake seafood night and dance party.

Jen Bowker has been our social chair for the past 4 years and has done a fantastic job. With out her, many events would not have taken place. This year she has taken on the membership chair responsibilities, so we are pleased to have Clare Herkenhaal chairing the social committee. It has been harder and harder each year to get members involved so we are going to concentrate on the main events and perhaps a few smaller events. We not only need members to come out and support the event, but also volunteer to help and make the event a success. We advertise all pool events well in advance and have information and sign up sheets at the gate. We look forward to another great social year at the club.

Golf Tournament

The 14th annual Laurelwood golf tournament will be held on Sunday July 7th. 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 first year under new head Coach Nikki Whitlock and her staff was another great success. Taking a 3rd place finish in the league and many individual and team records rounded out the successful season. The coaches not only work hard to develop the techniques of swimming, but they help instill the true sportsmanship atmosphere that the Laurelwood Dolphins have become known for.

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

Presidents Corner

As I start my 15th year on the board and 11th 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 pool as time and finances permit while maintaining a safe and fun place for your family. As always if you have any suggestions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or directly 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

- Resignation Deadline - March 15
- Membership fees Due April 25
- Opening Day - May 25
- All American Family Night - June 22nd
- Laurelwood Golf outing July 13
- Teen Night - July 13
- Chesapeake Night - August 17
- General Membership meeting - September 1
- Closing Day - September 2

The Pool in 2008

