



Keystone Klub Pool

November 2011, President's Letter to the Membership

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Fall/Winter Update

Hello.

Almost two months have passed since the pool closed. Time really seems to disappear before our eyes. I hope all of you have enjoyed this exceptional autumn weather with the brilliant colors and warm days.

Our 2011 swim season was a success. The pool ended on good terms financially and mechanically. The Pool Board and staff worked tirelessly to bring you an enjoyable swim season, and my many thanks go out to each of them.

Updates:

Pool Maintenance Person needed: This position is an hourly wage position. Responsibilities include opening and closing of pool, mechanical maintenance of our pumps, motors, boiler and other mechanicals. It is imperative we find someone immediately. Please let me know if you or anyone you know is interested.

Lifeguards Wanted: We will begin to take applications for the 2012 swim season, starting in a few weeks. We very much like to hire from our own pool community and you must be at least 15 to begin certification. Classes are from Health and Safety Council and Red Cross. Interested applicants can apply by December, and all certification classes must be completed by May. We plan on interviewing potential lifeguards during Holiday Break in December. The 2012 online application will be available soon.

Board Changes: Serving on the Board has become an increasingly difficult thing to do for many of our volunteers due to the time commitment it requires to volunteer for the Board. There is no compensation for these positions, only a free family membership is given. Many of our positions actually amount to a full or part time position, hourly wise. Given that, we have made some changes to the outline of the Board in hopes to retain our current Board.

Executive Positions include:

President: Maureen Joerger

Vice-President: Gordon Dryden

Treasurer: Brian Boyce

Membership/Secretary: Melissa Brusnahan training
Michaela Grube

Other Board Members:

Swim Team Liaison: Pam Williams

Employment: open

Changes: Positions eliminated: Events, Events Director, and Web Manager. Web Manager will be continued by pool member, Connie Yates, on a pro bono basis, but will no longer be a Board Position. Thank you to Dave Wishart, Marianne Hert, and Jamie Regier for their service to the Board.

I will be turning over Presidential duties over the next few

months but I will remain a consultant to the Board for the 2012 season. It has been a long, arduous, but fulfilling journey, as President these past few years, and I thank you for letting me serve.

The return of "Volunteer Hours": The Board has shouldered many of the responsibilities of the pool with the intention of saving the pool money. This has worked, but also has created burnout and a problem retaining Board members. So, during the 2012 season, we will periodically ask for volunteers for certain tasks that used to be performed by Board members. A \$50 membership stipend will be given for completion of these jobs. More information will be available at the annual meeting in February or March.

New Fencing: We have purchased used fencing to put around our "green space". Increasingly, it has become a safety issue having the volleyball court open and an opportunity arose where we could purchase used fencing to complete our plan to put up a matching fence from the corner of our existing fence (near the Smoker's corner) all the way to the neighbors fence. Also being put up is a small section from the pavilion to the other neighbor's fence. This essentially will fence in our green space of the Volleyball and Horseshoe areas, creating privacy and safety. All current fencing will remain in place. Come spring, I will be asking for knowledgeable volunteers to assemble and construct that fence. This is one of those volunteer opportunities I was speaking of earlier.

Baby Pool Area Dream: A plan has been designed (pro bono) for the pool to change the Baby Pool area to a Spashground, complete with fountains and cascading water to create a water playground. This dream has long been pushed to the background due to financial concerns and lack of a time commitment required to really focus on this. I am hoping now that this initial stage has been completed, I can focus on gathering all pertinent information about this possible project so that I may present it to all of you at the annual meeting. Then, with pictures and financial figures at hand, we can decide if this project is worthwhile and doable for our pool community.

This and That:

- Thank you to the volunteers and the Keystone Task Force for the Halloween Celebration at the pool. Close to 300 people enjoyed this event.
- Check out the November/December pool fees special. Give the gift of swimming for Christmas!

Have a Safe Fall and Winter and I am sure we will see you soon,

Maureen Joerger