



Dear Members and Friends of Lake Park Recreation Association,

Due to your support and donations, it's been a very good year at the club, and the board has begun planning for next season. We have met with Stew and we expect to open next year as usual. We are working on a date and location for our annual member meeting coming later this fall.

Here is a brief overview of our association. We have **211 paid memberships**, compared to the board's goal of at least of 178. Of the 211, we have a good balance with 148 Family, 8 Individual, 27 Couple, 10 Senior individual, 18 Senior Couple memberships. In addition, we have had **2 Friends of the Pool, 2 Dog Daze passes, and 3 Under-16 Guest passes**. We estimate that over 85% of this year's operating funds came from these member fee sources. Final numbers will be ready early in 2017, and at this point it appears that LPRA will go into next season with money in the bank. If so, we'll have a rainy day fund for emergency repairs and some funds left over for improvements.

Thank you to everyone who joined and volunteered this season. Thanks also to Pool Professionals, and to Stew Esposito, owner of the pool, for his continued support. Having come through the challenges of startup, we can now concentrate on improvements as we look forward to next year.

Related to the maintenance of our own pool, I am reminded of some very sad news that many of you have heard. Rachel Rosoff, a 17-year-old lifeguard at Heritage Point pool, recently drowned after apparently being electrocuted while working at that pool. We are taking this news very seriously. The board is working with Pool Professionals and Stew to review our pool's electrical systems. We are waiting for the accident report to determine what, if anything, we need to address at Lake Park.

After consulting with Stew, the board has determined that we can wait for another year to empty and paint the pool. That's good news. We plan to keep the pool blue through this off-season, but chemical amounts will be minimal, and the water will NOT be maintained for swimming after our season closing on September 11. All good things must come to an end, at least until next summer.

We have four board members transitioning off the board: Helen DiPietro, Rosemary Lynch, Lauren Thompson, and myself. Current vice-chair Jason Jackson will serve as the next board chair. The board will put out an email to current members requesting nominations for anyone interested on serving on the board. We will vote on a slate of new board members at the annual member meeting.

Thanks to all of you, we now have the answer to the most vital question we have been considering in the past year: "Is there enough community support to keep Lake Park Swim Club going?" Your answer is clear. We have a strong membership that we feel certain will continue to grow, and we have funds in the bank.

I look forward to seeing you again at the pool in May, and hopefully before at the member meeting.

With best wishes,

John Gordon

Chair, Lake Park Recreation Association

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