

# Wedgwood Pool News

**Volume 43.1 General Members' Meeting February 13**

**January 2006**

## **WEDGWOOD POOL ANNUAL MEETING**

February 13, 2006 7:00 PM  
North Seattle Friends Church\*  
7740 24th Avenue N.E.

*Here's the agenda for the Annual Meeting. It will be short. All members are encouraged to attend.*

Secretary's Report.  
General Report by the President  
Treasurer's Financial Report and 2006 Budget  
Old Business - Report on South Wall Improvements  
Incoming Board Member Introductions  
Vote for Incoming Board Members  
New Business

\* Across from Dahl Field. Parking lot and entrance off 25th Ave. NE.

## **Changing of the Guard on Pool Board for 2006**

The Nominating Committee (Terri Wolber, Steve Crane and Christi Seymour) has proposed a slate of four new Board members to serve 2006-2008, plus one to fill an unexpired term 2006-2007. The proposed board members will be voted on at the February 13 Annual Meeting. They are:

- Janet Cairns is a longtime Pool member with several youngsters who are and have been active on Swim Team.
- Pete Kelly is a Swim Team dad and Adult Team member, former journalist, and current communications manager at Microsoft.
- Kim Prestbo has two daughters on Swim Team, enjoys the Adult Swim Team, and works for an environmental consulting firm.
- Muriel Sjoberg served on the Board more than a decade ago and has volunteered for more! Muriel has a legal background and works for the Seattle School District.
- Carolyn D'Albora was appointed to a vacancy on the Board in 2004 and has agreed to serve two more years in another vacant position. Carolyn has two youngsters, swims on the Adult Swim Team, and is a part-time sign language interpreter and recovering lawyer.

Board members are nominated by a committee of three persons who are not themselves members of the Board. New board members are voted on at each year's Annual Meeting. A proxy ballot is included with this newsletter for use by full members. There is one vote per household.

## **Just for the Fun of It: President's Farewell**

I very much enjoyed serving on the Wedgwood Pool Board the past three years, and also serving as Pool President in 2005. I have never had so much fun on a nonprofit corporation board. Some boards are boring. Some are contentious. The Wedgwood Board is neither. The members are solid, hardworking, and "play well with others." I really enjoyed doing something that had nothing to do with my day job.

I heartily recommend Board service. We have a superb group of new members coming on this February, replacing Steve Fihn, Shelly Hurley and me. Anyone who is interested in being on the Board for a three-year term at some point in the future, should mention it to any Board member.

During the past three years we have had very few controversies, and none of them was earthshaking. We have had some real accomplishments. The South Wall project should finally be underway this spring. That took at least the past three years to put together. We have implemented a long term capital finance program that is meant to accumulate sufficient funds to pay for major maintenance while keeping

dues stable; the capital finance plan will reduce or eliminate the Pool's need to borrow in the future. During the past year, Board member Kevin Majeau got us much more organized in terms of Pool policies- we're trying to put those "unwritten rules" in writing.

Wedgwood Pool is a special community. It is important to people of all ages who enjoy the facilities, and, most importantly, enjoy the friendships we develop there. I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve our special community for a short while.

--Hugh Spitzer

**South Wall Update**

The South Wall Project should finally be under construction this spring. We will replace an old railroad tie retaining wall at the SW corner of the pool property with a new, mechanically-stabilized earth fill retaining wall with a rockery facing. The project will create two tiered, six foot high rock walls beginning at the middle of the south property line and running west to the property corner, then north to meet up with an existing rockery wall.

The new wall will stabilize the hillside and also expand the flat portion at the top, most of which will be developed as lawn area. Portions of the existing wood fence and the concrete paving south of the pool will be replaced as well, as budget allows. The total cost is expected to be about \$100,000. Landscaping will be installed during the Spring Work Party.

The project started a few years ago, and was spearheaded by longtime pool members Dale Hoff and Rick Lippold. Board Member Mark Snyder has continued managing the design and permitting process, with ongoing engineering expertise donated by Rick Lippold. We have been very fortunate to have Rick (an engineer), Dale (a contractor) and Mark (an architect) working so hard to make this happen.

Our initial SEPA (environmental) and building permit submittal to the City was been reviewed last fall. Requested revisions and clarifications are underway and will be resubmitted in late January, with permits expected shortly after. We will solicit bids from several builders by mid-March, and, depending on contractor availability, hope to start construction

shortly after April 1st, which is as soon as the City will allow work in steep slope areas.

### **Coach's Corner**

We are taking applications for an assistant coach. We will accept applications until February 15<sup>th</sup> and will then begin interviews in late February. If you or anybody you know might be interested in the position, please send a resume to Matt Miller at 3055 NE 88<sup>th</sup> Seattle, WA 98115.

*Matt Miller*

### **Help Wanted**

Looking for a fun and rewarding summer job? We are now working on staffing for the coming season and currently taking applications for summer employment. The application can be downloaded from the club web page at: <http://www.wwpool.org>

Applications for this initial round of interviews must be received no later than February 17<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be scheduled during the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>.

There is also the possibility that we may hold a second round of interviews later in the spring but that will depend on returning staff and our projected needs. Contact Rob at [wwpool@comcast.net](mailto:wwpool@comcast.net) if you have questions

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**2006 Wedgwood Pool Board of Directors Election**

**February 13, 2006**

**NOTE: ONLY FULL ACTIVE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (NO SENIORS OR NEAR-NEIGHBORS (SORRY))**

Three year terms. Vote for up to four (Circle choices):

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| Janet Cairns | Pete Kelly     |
| Kim Prestbo  | Muriel Sjoberg |

Two year term. Vote for up to one (Circle choice):

Carolyn D'Albora

Membership name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail your ballot to Wedgwood Swim Pool, P.O. Box 15104, Seattle, WA 98115. Ballot may also be delivered to the annual meeting on Monday February 13, 2006. Mailed ballots must arrive by Friday February 10 in order to be counted. Wedgwood Pool bylaws require that proxy ballots include a membership holder signature. Only one vote per household membership.*

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