

Wedgwood Pool News

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WEDGWOOD POOL ANNUAL MEETING

February 12, 2007 7:00 PM
North Seattle Friends Church*
7740 24th Avenue N.E.
(Across 25th Ave. NE from Dahl Field)

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

Secretary's Report.
General Report by the President
Treasurer's Financial Report and 2007 Budget
Old Business - Report on South Wall Improvements
Incoming Board Member Introductions
Vote for Incoming Board Members
New Business

Projected 10-year budget will be available for review.

President's Farewell Message

It is time to pack up the files, binders and boxes and send them on to president-elect Kevin Majeau. Serving as board president has been a great experience. I admire and appreciate my fellow board members, who are extremely dedicated, talented, bright and thoughtful. We will have a fresh group of members replacing Peter Houck, Pat Hegarty, Martha Layzer, and myself. Here are some of the year's highlights:

The board attempted to complete the South Wall Project. We were lucky not to have started the project, as record rains would have slowed work, leading to fines and extra geotech oversight costs. In a feat of major patience, Mark Snyder obtained the building permit! We are now aiming for a Spring start.

Pete Kelly organized a finance committee to help the board with our 10 year plan, projections, and investing of funds needed for long-term projects and to reduce the need for assessments. This capital finance program is meant to accumulate sufficient funds to pay for major maintenance while keeping dues stable. We also formed an audit committee to review our finances. The committee found the Pool's financial records in great shape, thanks to our dedicated bookkeeper and CPA, Ron Espiritu.

The Wedgwood Swim Team grew and we had a successful and fun season. Muriel Sjoberg organized several fun events which were well attended and more frequently held. We began exploring membership software to assist our Membership Chairperson and give us flexibility in how we organize our database, send invoices, and protect our membership files.

Each of us contributes to our Wedgwood Pool Community. Thanks for the privilege of working with you all and as every board member finds, there is always a place for us to come back and lend a hand.

~Cindy Loudon

Pick and "Pizza" Party

Swim Team Families! Join us on **Monday, January 22nd from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Burgermaster** to pick a new team suit and try a new "pizza" place! Round Table will be closing and Burgermaster is our likely replacement. The annual swimsuit-pick party is a great way to try it out! There will be several new suit styles to choose from. Both parents and swimmers can vote. See you then!

Swim Team Committee

A Census/Interest Assessment will be included with pool dues letters. We are changing our membership database and we want to hear about pool members' interests in order to meet their needs. Please fill out the 2007 Assessment when it arrives. Your comments will help the board make decisions about everything from the social events we provide to the activities/pool schedules for the season.

Landscape Committee

We hope to start landscaping in early to mid-May when south wall construction is complete. Planting and the installation of a passive watering system will likely take two days. We look forward to everyone coming to the Spring work party. Details on the work party will be determined as Spring approaches. Watch for newsletter and website updates.

Membership News

Membership dues are due by May 1st. Dues received after May 1 will incur a \$60 late fee.

When members transfer (sell) their membership they receive \$650.00 less any outstanding balance. After 12 years of active full membership, members may also convert to senior status. Seniors receive no money, as the membership is given back to the pool, but they receive 50 swims per season for 25% of the annual dues. Senior members may purchase an additional 25 Early Morning Lap Swims for \$75.00. Again, notify the Membership chair by April 1st in order to avoid a \$60 late fee. If you will be gone this summer, but want to keep your membership, consider taking a leave of absence. The cost is \$100. Members on leave may not use the pool but they continue to receive the newsletters. If transferring, selling, or converting your membership, contact the membership chair by April 1st to avoid a late fee.

Janet Cairns, Membership Chair: 522-4849 or cairns7@integrity.com.

Going Solar at Wedgwood Pool.

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Pool member Greg Johnson and manager Rob Parker are investigating solar water heating for Wedgwood Pool. We currently burn natural gas to heat the pool, shower water, and the floors in the changing rooms. Gas prices are rising, (!) and burning it contributes to global warming, a serious environmental challenge. Solar water heating is very cost-effective, reduces the Pool's "carbon footprint" to combat global warming, and increase energy independence. If you would like to learn more, please contact Greg at 206-524-9168 or gregory.c.johnson@gmail.com .

2007 Board Nominations

Board members will be voted on at the February 12th, 2007 Annual Meeting. Past board members Cheryl Behrens, Shelly Hurley, and Hugh Spitzer, the Nominating Committee, have assembled a wonderful slate of incoming board members... Thanks to the committee! **The ballot is on the back of the newsletter cover.** The nominees to serve on the Wedgwood Pool Board from 2007 to 2009 are:

Jan Winchell: Jan became a member in 1989, after coming with her son to swim lessons since 1986. With children Ben, Beth and Julie, she has helped with the

swim team for 20 years. Jan has done various jobs at meets, from timing to handing out cards to swimmers. Jan is a stay-at-home mom who has been active in several organizations over the years: Childbirth Education Association of Seattle, where she assisted teaching education classes with Penny Simkin, She has helped with the auction at St. Joseph School and with her church activities. Jan states, "Our family has enjoyed being part of the Wedgwood Pool Community and we have made many friends at the pool. It would be hard to imagine our lives without Wedgwood!"

Peter Brunner: Peter learned to swim in Lake Washington and the family joined Wedgwood Pool in 1996. Peter writes, "Little did my wife Gretchen and I know what was in store for us when our children, Erica, Haley and Johanna, joined the swim team. I believe the love of the sport was set in motion by the fun and supportive spirit of Wedgwood Pool. Wedgwood Pool was one of the most rewarding investments we have made for our family. As an architect, I work on projects of many sizes and am keenly interested in all aspects of design and construction. I work collaboratively with team members from many differing disciplines, and I believe this experience will be an asset for the Wedgwood Pool board. If elected, I will devote myself to the stewardship of our wonderful pool. I would be honored to serve on the board."

Tom Lambright: Tom is an "Ohio native who moved to Seattle in 1985. Self employed architect with 3 kids, a cat and pleasant memories of the swim club I grew up with."

Carolyn Bernhard: Carolyn Bernhard and her family have been members of the pool since 1995. She feels enormously fortunate to have such a great facility in the neighborhood. She has enjoyed watching her two daughters on swim team as well as attending adult swim team herself. Each year when the pool closes Carolyn counts the days until it opens again.

REMEMBER: Each household membership may use the ballot on the back of this newsletter's cover to vote for up to four board members. Ballots may be mailed to the Pool if delivered by February 9 or delivered to the annual general membership meeting at 7:00 PM on February 12..

