

# Rock Spring Swim Club

## President's Corner

*DJ Floyd*



After many months of not being able to attend our wonderful swim club, the warm, sunny days of summer will soon be approaching! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the members back to the pool! I am pleased that you have chosen to spend your family-time at Rock Spring Swim Club this summer. The Board of Directors has spent many months planning and preparing for Summer, 2018.

This winter we made an investment in a pool cover. The cover will extend the life of the pool's plaster which in the long term saves the Club money. Also, it provides a more enjoyable swimming experience.

This season we've added a new membership class. This class offers a single membership at a reduced rate from our family membership. There is a limited number of individual membership available. If interested, please contact our Membership Director, Pam Geraghty. Finally, I am pleased to announce that there was not a significant increase in dues even though minimum wage will increase substantially this year.

Just as our wonderful members return year-after-year, we have dedicated staff that come back to the pool each summer! This season will be Manager Dana Novotny's 32nd year working at RSSC! Dana's aquatic expertise, work ethic, and managerial style have been an asset to the club and its employees for many years. Dana's commitment and dedication to RSSC is unprecedented and appreciated! Additionally, Tiffany Diepold (Assistant Manager) has been employed at RSSC since 1995 and has been a valuable employee for over 2 decades! The hard work and efforts of ALL our staff members are appreciated throughout the pool season! As always, the employees are dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for our members and guests.

I am looking forward to meeting our newest members, visiting with our returning families, and seeing the familiar faces around the pool! Here's hoping for warm and sunny days in the months ahead. I hope you enjoy your summer at Rock Spring Swim Club!

Save the Date!

Swim Team Sign ups!

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
from 5-8 pm

Swim Lesson  
early bird  
registration for  
members  
by May 19

Opening Day!  
Saturday, May 26th  
12 – 9 pm



*Rock Spring Swim Club is a smoke free environment.*

*Those who wish to smoke must do so in the designated spot outside the fenced in pool area.*

# Membership

*Pam Geraghty*

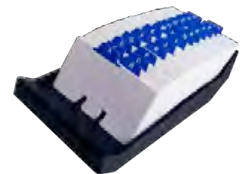


What a winter this has been and the countdown is on until the pool is open in less than three months! My family and I are eagerly looking forward to enjoying another fun-filled summer with friends poolside.

This is my busy time of year as I welcome approximately 60-70 new families to Rock Spring Swim Club and process 430+ Membership Information forms to update the pool's big check-in book and database. By the end of the summer, the check-in book has seen better days so forms and photos cannot be reused which is one reason we ask that **a new form and family photo be submitted each year**; children also change so much from year to year which is why recent family photos speed up the check-in process as they enable the Rock Spring staff to easily recognize members as they enter the pool. Annually updated forms also insure that we have your current contact information in order to keep you in-the-know about happenings at the pool through Constant Contact emails.

Please follow the link to go directly to the membership form on the pool's website here **RSSC Membership Update Form**. After printing the form, **SECURELY ATTACH** your family's photo with tape or staples to the form in the space provided as I don't want to lose your family's picture or put it on the wrong form. *All forms should be mailed* to the following address prior to Opening Day, Saturday, May 26th:

RSSC  
P.O. Box 282  
Forest Hill, MD 21050



RSSC has a referral program for its current members and we thank all those members who referred new families to our pool last season and look forward to more new families being referred this year. Any current member who refers a new family to the pool who becomes a member in the 2018 season will receive 5 guest passes (a \$50 value) as a thank you for spreading the word about Rock Spring. New families should note on their application if they have been referred to the pool by a current member and I will put 5 guest passes with the member's sheet in the check-in book once the new family has completed the membership process. Please email me if you have already referred a family for membership this season so that I can insure you receive your guest pass thank you.

This year we also have a new payment option for new members that allows them to split the \$435 non-refundable initiation fee over two years; new members are now able to choose to pay everything at one time or split the amount over two years. More detailed information is on our website or can be obtained by contacting me directly at [rsscmembership@gmail.com](mailto:rsscmembership@gmail.com).

Many members contact me about adding a babysitter to their membership so that their children can enjoy the pool when parents are at work. Please email me if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity so that we can add your babysitter to your membership before the pool season begins as I need at least 7 days to process this information.

The pool dues invoices were mailed in early January but, due to post office issues, many invoices were not received. We have sent out numerous emails notifying the membership of the situation and asking those who had not received invoices to contact me so that I could have the pool's bookkeeper email them a copy of their invoice directly. Thank you to those who contacted me and if you have not yet received your invoice, please email me at [rsscmembership@gmail.com](mailto:rsscmembership@gmail.com) so that I can get you a copy of your invoice as yearly dues need to be paid in full by March 1 to avoid accruing late fees as follows:

- If postmarked on or before March 1 . . . . . \$ 535
- If postmarked on or before April 1 . . . . . \$560
- If postmarked on or before May 2 . . . . . \$585
- If postmarked after May 2 . . . . . \$635\*\*

\*\*Payments not postmarked prior to May 2nd or paid via the PayPal button on the pool's website prior to May 2nd can result in an automatic termination of membership unless arrangements are made beforehand with me to not terminate your membership and transfer it to an applicant on the waiting list. Please include the appropriate late fees with your payment so that your account will be noted as paid in full.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any membership questions you may have. I look forward to seeing all of you at the pool!



*Do you have a special skill or talent that could be utilized by RSSC for future projects and events (plumbing, electrical, contractor, marketing, food service, etc.)? Please send your contact information and expertise/skill to Tina Folmer ([tinafolmer@yahoo.com](mailto:tinafolmer@yahoo.com)). We would like to consider our members for potential projects and endeavors.*

# Rock Spring Racers

Swimmers... Step Up... Take Your Mark...



**Sunday, April 22, 2017 5:00pm – 8:00pm**

Advent Lutheran Church

2230 Rock Spring Road - Forest Hill, MD

*This is our only scheduled registration date.  
non-members welcome*

***Visit the Racers – Swim Team page on the website  
for Registration Packet and 2018 HSL Swim Schedule***

UPDATE – Custom Suits are making a comeback!! Team suits desired, but not required. We will also be offering personalized silicone swim caps.

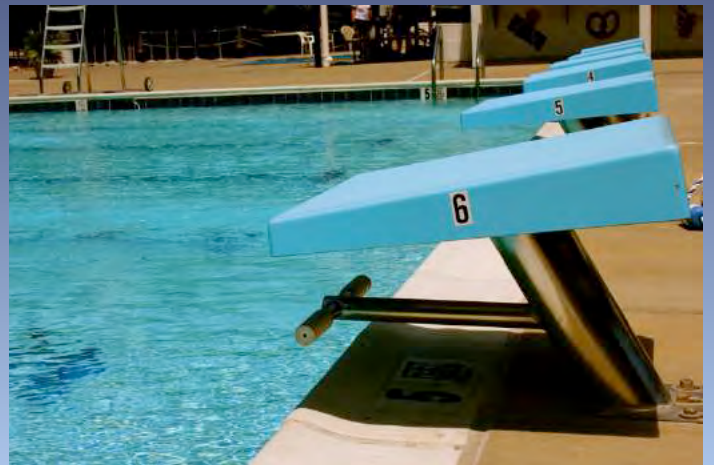
Melissa & Allen will be your swim team coordinators for the 2018 season. They are looking forward to a rewarding & fun season with the Racers. Please contact them if you have any questions or concerns.

Your Swim Team  
Coordinators:

Melissa Coster -  
mcollins91@hotmail.com

Allen Clark-  
allenclark92487@yahoo.com

*We look forward to seeing  
you poolside this season!*



***IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH A LOT!***

# Communications

*Gerri Mitchell*



It's almost that time of year again - close your eyes, and feel the summer breeze. One of my goals as Communications director is to keep all the members connected! Be sure to visit the RSSC website [www.rockspringswim.com](http://www.rockspringswim.com) frequently and LIKE us on *Facebook*!

The website not only includes New Membership information, but also important information for Current Members all year long. Don't forget to check out the Social Events calendar, Swim Lesson registration, and information about joining the Rock Spring Racers! Also, take a moment to review the Operating Rules and Regulations for the Club. You may also find FAQs and the ByLaws.

*Text Alert Messaging* is another great way to stay connected! You won't want to miss out on receiving mobile alerts related to weather closings. Simply text the code "rockspring" to 84483. You will automatically receive a text message after signing up.

Check out the bulletin boards around the club about Upcoming Events, and if unsure of pool hours (due to a scheduled event, or inclement weather), be sure to call the pool office prior to your pool visit. 410-879-3641.

I'd also like to "Thank You" members for keeping us informed of your updated email address! Be sure to read the emails carefully, as they are chock full of fun events and important information all year long! Feel free to contact me at any time regarding communications – [rsscommunications@gmail.com](mailto:rsscommunications@gmail.com). Thanks!



[www.rockspringswim.com](http://www.rockspringswim.com)

## Social News

*Dave Iampieri & Rob DiCarlo*

The social committee is excited for another pool season! We have some new and exciting events that we think you are going to love! We will have Flash Crabcake Mobile truck visiting us on our Opening day and Closing weekend. We will have a Family Luau, Green Turtle Adult Night, Christmas in July, Vendor Day, a painting day and a Friday Family Game Night!



We will continue hosting some of our traditional events such as raft nights, noodle nights, movie night, Bingo, and cornhole events.

It is important to check your email, the calendar of events at the pool entrance and website, [www.rockspringswim.com](http://www.rockspringswim.com) for any updates and/or cancellations before you make your pool visit. We are excited for the summer season, and can't wait for Opening weekend. See you soon!



## A Note from the Secretary

*Tina Folmer*

I am looking forward to summertime at Rock Spring Swim Club! What could be better than spending your summer days (and nights) with your friends and family poolside?

This summer, I hope to bring a lot of fun activities to the Club for some of our younger members. I look forward to hosting Tot Tuesdays (a fun story and craft time), rock and shell painting events, game days, (and any other exciting events that we can dream up!) If you have an idea for an activity that we can host at RSSC to make our days more enjoyable, please email me at [rsscsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rsscsecretary@gmail.com). We would like to bring a gaming closet to the Club. If you have any gently used board games (or large motor games) that you would like to donate to the Club for summertime fun, please bring them to the front office at any time. We will also be looking for a donation of an outdoor storage cabinet to store the games. If you have one that you are willing to put to a new use, please consider the Club.

Please sign up for our rainedout text alerts. This system allows us to keep members instantly up to date with happenings at the Club. To receive text alerts, please text ROCKSPRING to 84483.

I look forward to seeing all of our Members (new and returning) at the best little swim club around!

# Manager's Corner

Dana Novotny



## Opening Day

After an icy winter, I know that everyone is ready for summer, especially for RSSC's opening day, **Saturday, May 26th** (Memorial Day weekend). The staff and I are extremely excited about the summer of 2018! As in the past, we will operate on a part-time basis until Harford County Public Schools close for the summer break. As always, we look forward to a safe, fun and enjoyable season.

### Part-time Hours

Monday-Thursday	1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday	1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

### Full-time Hours

Monday-Friday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

\*Please watch the calendar at the entryway for special pool hours. The calendar is updated regularly. If you are unsure of pool hours, please call 410-879-3641 during operational hours for confirmation prior to your pool visit.

## No Guest Days for 2018

Due to historically extremely crowded conditions, the Board of Directors has designated three days as *member only* days, and any other days throughout the year as designated by the BoD:

Monday, May 28th- *Memorial Day* \* Wednesday, July 4th \* Monday, September 3rd- *Labor Day*

## Swim Lessons

Rock Spring Swim Club is pleased to once again be authorized by the *American Red Cross* to offer its *Learn to Swim Program*. Our classes will meet for two weeks, Monday through Friday, with enrollment limited to ten children per class. All of our instructors are fully certified by the Red Cross (CPR, First Aid, Lifeguarding, and Water Safety Instructor) and utilize all current Red Cross standards, procedures and assessments. Our classes are designed to meet the swim needs of all children from 3 years - 13 years of age.

Please refer to the swim lesson packet that includes information relating to mail-in registration, fees, schedule of classes and exit skills information. **Take advantage of the \$15.00 discount by paying early and registering by mail before May 19, 2018.**



### Private Parties at RSSC

Planning a party at RSSC? Here are a few points to remember:

- Parties of 8 or more **MUST** be registered through the Club.
- In order to book a party and reserve a space, a \$40.00 non-refundable booking fee is required.
- When booking the party, the member may choose their pavilion or tables(at time of booking).
- The booking fee is due at the time the reservation is made.
- In addition to the booking fee, applicable guest fees are due at the time of the party.
- Members may reserve a party on site during regular hours starting at 12:00 pm on opening day, Saturday, May 26, 2018. **NO RESERVATIONS** will be made prior to May 26th.
- No parties may be scheduled during Social Events scheduled at RSSC.

### Safety Concerns



In the interest of safety and courtesy, items that shatter when broken will not be allowed at the club. **No glass of any kind** is allowed inside the fenced in area of the Club. Glass items include beverage bottles, baby food jars, condiment jars, salsa jars, nail polish and serving trays. crockery and Pyrex are prohibited as well. In the event that broken glass gets in the pool, the pool would have to be drained, cleaned, re-filled, and balanced. This process could take up to ten days. Our staff reserves the right to check for glass in any coolers and bags within the fenced in area of our club. Please show respect to other members and staff by refraining from bringing any sort of glass into the Club.

All children 12 and under, who wish to use the diving well must pass the pool test every year. Children are not permitted in the diving well until they have passed the pool test for the 2018 pool season. Any child who has passed the pool test during the current season must display our wrist band when in the diving well. Pool tests will be given daily throughout the pool season for members and guests alike.



Furthermore, to ensure your child's safety, the only flotation devices permitted in the **main pool** are water wings and **U.S. Coast Guard approved** PFD's. Other flotation devices including bathing suits with built in floats are not permitted in the main pool. **Any child wearing a PFD water wings must have an adult within an arm's reach of them. For the safety of our children, this policy will be strictly enforced.** All approved devices must be marked as acceptable by our staff prior to being used in the main pool.



We will continue to follow the Department of Health policy and require all children that are non-potty trained or newly potty trained wear disposable swim diapers while in the pool and we asked that you use the changing table located in both restrooms. We are required to disinfect the pool for a minimum of two hours, or a maximum of eight hours, should there be a loose fecal contamination incident.

Children 5 years of age and younger **MUST** be accompanied by an adult or babysitter (16 years or older) at all times when in the fenced area of the baby pool!

### **Facility Use:**

- All members must check in at the front gate in order to enter the club.
- Please be conscious of your driving speed on the driveway, the posted speed limit is 15 mph. Many families walk or bike along the driveway.
- No smoking is allowed within the fenced in area of the club. The designated smoking area is by the rocks across the driveway from the entrance. Please be courteous to those entering the facility and do not smoke at the front entrance.

A complete set of rules are available on the website and at the pool office Pool rules are designed to ensure the safety of RSSC's members, guests, and staff. All rules will be strictly enforced. Please help us by familiarizing your family with the rules prior to Opening Day. Please talk with your children about safety while in the aquatics environment and monitor your child's behavior while at the club.

As with all safety related requests, the staff appreciates your cooperation in helping us provide the safest and cleanest facility possible.

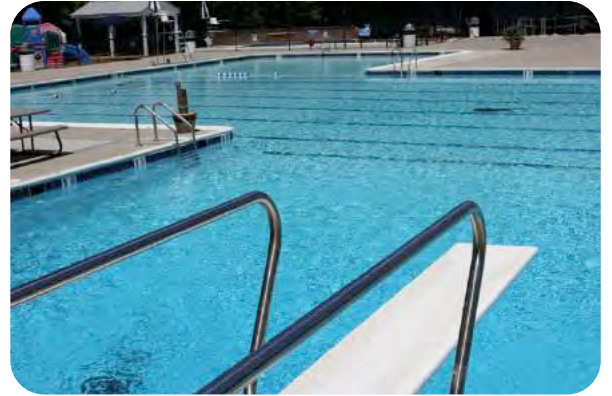
Thank You!



## Rock Spring Swim Club

### Mission Statement

Rock Spring Swim Club is a family – oriented facility dedicated to providing a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing environment for its members and guests. We are committed to maintaining a sense of community by setting a predetermined number of memberships, creating a variety of fun social events for members of all ages, and fostering a family-friendly atmosphere. Our fully certified staff understands the importance of patron safety and is dedicated to continuously developing and refining our professional skills to prevent and respond to emergencies while providing a pleasurable experience for our members.



## NO GLASS OF ANY KIND



The following items will not be permitted on the Club premises: beverage bottles, crockery, baby food jars, salsa jars, Pyrex, finger nail polish bottles, serving trays, compacts, etc.). Management reserves the right to confiscate any such glass.

While phones and tablets are permitted within the pool grounds, they may not be taken into the pool for any reason.