



FACT NEWS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017– Joannie Campbell
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We catch our breath in January for a busy competitive season ahead. Still working on the One Hour Postal, which is now a January and February event.

The Valentine Meet at the Long Center, which is competition for our workout groups, was well attended, especially by the VAST/F, where we had some exciting relays, both FACT and VASF. We fielded 16 relays and no DQ's!! Our cumulative score for the FACT team was 1,160. The VASF team came in 4th in the meet with over 500 points. Early season minor injuries caused some scratches and no shows that would have easily put us in third place, but that's our sport!

Coming up next is the Good Life Games Senior Games in Clearwater - opportunity for the new age group as this is Long Course meters and FINA rules – your age as of 12/31. These are Senior Games age 50 and up. We now have Daktronics timing and you can set National Records but not World records if interested. Some of our group I am sure are going to the National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL June 2nd through 15th. Qualifying swimmers were participants in the State Senior Games last December. Please let us know if you are competing as FACT is not designated in the results.

USMS Spring Nationals is in Riverside, CA this April and I believe we have at least one planning on the trip – Pat St Germain. Let me know if any others are attending, as FACT enters and pays for relays if you have enough people. Also I believe we have some participants in the New Zealand World Masters Games in Auckland, New Zealand the end of April. Cynthia Lasher of VASF will be attending. Any others?

Four of us are heading to Budapest in August for World's FINA championships combining with a Viking Danube River Cruise after our Relay Day – we have a women's 320 relay that will be VERY competitive and FUN!.

Betty Lorenzi will be traveling to Minneapolis for Summer Nationals and some records to break as a 90-year-old! Good luck!!

I recently spoke to Sylvia Eisele. She misses her swim friends and wants to say hello! She is still facing health problems but is able to spent time at Ft Myers in her US home, traveling from Canada for the winter.