



FACT NEWS FOR MAY/JUNE 2017– Joannie Campbell

We've had a busy spring and summer season ahead will see some of our members competing in World's, Nationals and our local meets. Remember that the 5K-10K postal swim lasts until September 15. This has to be done in a 50 meter pool so if you have one in your area let others know and see if you can schedule the Postal.

Pat St Germain did the Spring Nationals in Riverside California and placed well in all her events as a 74 year old. Susan Meyers swam unattached just before joining our FACT team and won every event in her 75 age group. Many of the VASF team went to World Masters Games in Auckland, New Zealand and swam well – bringing home some medal..

On to Y Nationals in Sarasota the beginning of May – many of us had a fun meet and did well – results on dixiezone.org. Hard to distinguish our FACT members as they swim for various Y's all over the country. AND Senior Games Nationals in Birmingham with the same situation – no Masters designation; however both meets count for USMS Top Ten since they are recognized meets. I noted there were 20 members of VASF plus Paula Cunio and Luke Kung – I'm sure they had a fun time.

On to the Long Course season – the Bumpy Jones Meet had a short Saturday session – never even got to swim the relays. The heavens opened up and just wouldn't stop along with lightning and thunder. Sunday was a different story – swam all our Sunday events and even stayed for the picnic afterwards. I won an umbrella in the raffle – bad omen!! Drove through a horrendous storm on the way home.

There is a one day meet in St Petersburg July 8. The Nationals are in Minneapolis the beginning of August – Betty Lorenzi is going to set some 90 year old records. Good Luck! A few days later four of us women head for Budapest and the FINA World Championships and a Viking Cruise to Nuremberg. All of us should place well according to current World times, as well as our super 320 free and medley relays.

The Long Center in Clearwater is closed until November, so our end of Long Course Season Tail's End was in jeopardy. Cashel Mack and the West Florida Team in Large are going to do the meet September 10th at the Southwest Pool. Remember to bring some of your medals as we did at our Long Center – all the events including the 1500 and 800 time for finishers of the 1500. Lots of room for those that miss it at St Pete. We've enjoyed watching the rainbows in the morning there – couldn't catch that inside!!