

## 2017 FINA World Masters Championships, Budapest



*FACT members L-R: Martha Henderson, Susan Myers, Pat Tullman, Joan Campbell*

This is Joan Campbell, a member of our Florida Aquatic Combined Team (FACT) in Budapest, and I can say we had a fabulous time there. Martha Henderson, Pat Tullman, Susan Meyers and myself all swam well in perfect weather for the entire meet, but the logistics were horrific. There were 6700 swimmers in four 50-meter pools in two different areas - two pools were inside the Arena which many of you had seen when the “kids” swam, and two competition pools were on Marget Island which was outside and accessible by buses running constantly.

As was the custom, we wore our medals as we acquired them and this always brought conversation in many languages. Amazing how you can speak in completely different languages and still communicate with people. Many competitors from South and Central America said they would be seeing us in Orlando next year for the Pan American Games. Our FACT team took Gold in both of our 200m relays; the bling is all displayed in the photo above. It weighed down our necks and caused concern with our luggage poundage.