



MARCH APRIL 2018 FACT NEWS – Joannie Campbell

The Good Life Games Senior Meet at the Long Center was held March 10th. We had a large turnout with many of the swimmers looking for times to enter the Pan American Games, which start July 28th. We have over 40 entries so far and I will be contacting all the participants after the close of registration on June 30th requesting your 50m times to put together the relays. We are looking forward to breaking a number of World Records with our speedy 80 and 90 year olds. I recently sent out a notice to all our FACT members to try to take advantage of this possibly once in a lifetime experience to compete internationally. In 2020 these games will be held in Medellin, Columbia – something I'm going to shoot for as I will age up to 90!! I anticipate we will meet up with several competitors that we met in Budapest last year who said "See you next year in Orlando!!"

Many of us competed at the YMCA Masters Nationals in Ft Lauderdale April 18th – 22nd. We were lucky to have extraordinary weather UNTIL Sunday, when we lost many of our swimmers because of delays due to thunderstorms. Of course these Nationals have us swimming for a number of Y teams, so it's hard to keep track of our FACT group; however their times count for Top Ten and National Records, so keep an eye out for event listings on the USMS web site.

Our All-American (number 1) winners are listed on the website for the 2017 season. Both relays that our women swam in Budapest were All-American. Also the FINA International results LCM were recently published and our two gold medal relays from Budapest were second and third in the WORLD!! We had several placements of individuals in the Top Ten also. Susan Meyers was FIRST in the 100 fly and 200 IM. I managed a 3rd in the 800m free. Take a look at the FINA web site for other placements as well.

The Nationals in Indianapolis is being held as we speak. Only one entry from FACT is listed – Mark Ross. I think expense and normally cool weather at that facility may have something to do with the turnout. Keep in mind that this year is the qualifying year for National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Those of you from Florida must qualify at a local meet to swim in the State Qualifying Games in December. Keep an eye

out for these games and don't get left out in the cold. They are listed on the flasports.com website.

You may have noted us sporting our new apparel at the Valentine Meet. Pat St Germain's nephew has done some great work on polo shirts and jackets at a very reasonable price. I have a large and xlarge jacket available for \$35 which I will bring to the Bumpy Jones Meeet June 9-10. Also have a 32 woman's AquaSport technical suit to give away – never worn. Get in touch with me if interested. Be sure to look at RELATED ITEMS on the website for the contact and information on orders. I have caps aplenty available. These will be free to Pan American participants. Be sure to order jackets and shirts in plenty of time if you want to have them for Pan American Games.

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