



## **APRIL 2023 FACT NEWSLETTER**

April saw a developing problem not only in our Florida LMSC but in the United States Masters Swimming and related organizations as well. Our LMSC had allotted a generous contribution to our FACT Club to be used for swim club expenses that we had originally been able to collect through the National organization. The new Unify rules prohibit us from connecting these individual contributions. We find that the opening of an individual bank account these days is entirely prohibitive – requiring activities of several thousand dollars per month. Our small Club of around 85 members does not allow us to open and maintain such an account since the LMSC Contribution would be under \$2,000. And activity would be minimal. Pat Tullman, our Treasurer, and I have exhausted our research.

Also, several of the events scheduled for this year have created interference and therefore limited attendance. I hope that a delegate to this year's convention will address this situation. The Villages Senior Games, heavily attended by our team members was scheduled at the same time as the YMCA Nationals in Ft Lauderdale. Some swimmers did make both, but I'm sure with great difficulty and added expense. The USMS Nationals in Irvine came three days after the Y Nationals – talk about traveling difficulties!! And facing us in August is the World Aquatic Masters (FINA) meet in Japan at the exact same time as USMS Nationals here in Sarasota – I was planning on meeting my only 90-94 competition in the World at this distance event. Will have to do it on paper!!!

The May LMSC Newsletter has covered the results of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Y Nationals participants. Sheila has been a superwoman covering “all the news that's fit to print” over all these years. I can't thank her enough and hope that someone will step up to a much-needed position.