SKYLINE NEWSLETTER

Hello Skyline Members,  
  
First of all, we hope everyone is healthy and so far unaffected by COVID-19. It is too soon to determine whether our opening date will be impacted by the virus, but we will keep you all updated. For now, stay healthy and try not to go too stir crazy.  
  
**News and Updates**  
- The bathroom renovation project may have to be done in phases - it's a big job. We are definitely starting with fresh paint and necessary repairs, but we are also seeking any contractors who might be interested in the bathroom renovation project, particularly contractors who might give us a discount. Please contact poolandgrounds@skylineswimclubde.com if you have any referrals or are interested yourself.  
  
- We sent out communications last week about membership fees being due by 4/15/20 to avoid a late fee. Right around that time, the stock market tumbled and the economy went haywire. We understand that this is a bad time for a lot of people. **We are extending the due date to 5/15/20.**  
  
-Do you sometimes think the board members are a bunch of knuckleheads who don't know what we're doing? You might not be wrong - we are a bunch of volunteers doing our best to make the pool both fun and safe, but your input might be just what we need! After this swim season, there will be four vacant positions. If you have time and energy to volunteer, please talk to any board member about how you can get involved next year. It's a bit of work, but we have a good time.   
  
**Hiring and Staff**  
- We have a new pool manager! Please extend a warm welcome to Amy Schock.   
Message from Amy:"While I was in college, I began lifeguarding, teaching swim lessons, and managing pools. During this time, I worked at a variety of summer and year round facilities. I have a Physical Education degree with a minor in Business and a Master's Degree in Sports Administration. I continued my aquatic career at the University of Virginia where I worked as the Assistant Aquatic Director and then the Director of Recreation Instruction Programs. I also worked in the private country club industry as a Director of Fitness and Aquatics. While my children were young, I continued my involvement with the American Red Ross as a part-time swim instructor, lifeguard instructor, and CPR instructor. My sons have been competitive swimmers both year round and for summer teams for the past 10 years. I have been involved with their swim teams as a volunteer. Currently I am the Physical Education teacher at St. John the Beloved Catholic School. In my free time, I like to run, play tennis, and spend time with my family. My family and I have been members of the Skyline Swim Club for several years. I look forward to joining the Skyline Team and helping to make Skyline a safe and fun place for all members!"   
  
- We also have Sam von Fricken returning as Assistant Manager.  
Message from Sam:"Hello everyone! My name is Samuel von Fricken and I'm happy to be working with everyone for the coming summer! I am currently finishing up my sophomore year at the University of Delaware, studying for my Bachelor in Music Education - Instrumental degree! I play the trumpet, I have five years of lifeguarding experience under my belt - with

both American Red Cross and Ellis certifications - and this is my second year in helping to manage our wonderful Skyline Swim Club of Delaware! I look forward to meeting and working with you all this summer!"  
  
- The hiring team is wrapping up staff interviews this week and will extend offers by the end of the month. We were so excited for the number of applicants - please sincerely thank your teens for their interest in working at Skyline this summer! Unfortunately, we had many more apply than we have spots to fill. Our main method of communication for extending offers will be email; please have your teen applicants check the email account they listed in their applications.  
  
We will keep you updated with COVID-19 news as events unfold. Our open date depends on multiple factors, including having staff available to work, which depends on high school and college calendars. Hopefully by May, we will be allowed to gather in groups again to enjoy our summer. It's still two months away, so we will remain optimistic. As of right now, we are planning to be open on Friday afternoon of Memorial Day weekend.  
  
Thank you all. Happy Spring!