

## **From the Board**

Not sure where the time is going, but here we are almost to 2017! Before the hustle and bustle of the holidays start, we wanted to publish one more newsletter to wrap up the summer and to look toward the new year!

First, thank you to all who helped make the summer of 2016 so successful:

- To Misty Colgin for managing another great pool season
- To the Hospitality Committee Chairs, Anne Martin and Liz VanNess, for planning so many fun events
- To Mac Frazier for being our personal MacGyver – you name it, he can fix it
- To Nicole Rada for managing another successful swim team season
- To the many volunteers who generously gave their time to help open and close the pool, help with the events, and help make the swim meets run smoothly. Although we haven't named you all individually, we are thankful for each and every one of you.
- To all of our long time members who continue to support the Center.
- To all of new members. We are so glad you are here!

The first phase of the pool renovation is complete. The pool looks great and had a much needed overhaul. Phase I, primarily entailed clinical work and stabilizing the pool. Phase II is the fun part and more cosmetic (new decking, water features, more seating and shaded areas and much more). The fund raising for phase II has been wildly successful. To date we have raised \$42,500.00. Keep in mind, the anonymous donor completely covered phase I (\$100,000) and as a community we need to cover half the cost of phase II (\$100,000). The donor was willing to match every dollar we raised up to \$50,000. As you can see we are very close! The efforts have been time consuming but successful. The key fund raising initiatives have been: the Spring Fling, swim team fund raisers, raffles, fall festival, mum and pumpkin sales, social committee events and a few very generous individual donors and corporate sponsors. Thank you to everyone that contributed their valuable time and funds to make these activities a huge success!

A few additional programs that rolled out over the summer were the water buddies program, two full tennis camps, several basketball programs and camps, volleyball, and fitness classes.

There is a lot happening at the center and we hope you are as excited to be a part of it as we are. If you are interested in making either a monetary donation or a donation of your time, please contact Julie Finnegan at [rfinnegan35@hotmail.com](mailto:rfinnegan35@hotmail.com).

Please continue to check the Rockville Center website ([www.rockvillecenter.com](http://www.rockvillecenter.com)) to stay on top of all our offerings.

Finally, thanks to our newest Gold level corporate sponsor **New Field Incorporated**.

Sincerely,

**The Rockville Center Board**

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## **Save the Date!**

**Saturday, Dec 10, 2016**

**Rockville Ruritan**

**Santa Breakfast**

**8:00 a.m.to 10:00 a.m.**

**Friday, Dec 16, 2016**

**The Rockville Center**

**Ladies Night Out**

**7:00 p.m.to 10:00 p.m.**

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## From the Hospitality Committee

What a great summer of fun we had! Starting with the Memorial Day picnic and right through to Labor Day, it was a summer full of Friday family fun nights, Float nights, Ladies Night and Sunday afternoon Sundae Socials. We hope you had a chance to join us!

We are already planning for 2017 pool fun and are looking for members to join the hospitality committee. Send us a note if you are interested or if you have an idea for a pool event. [anne.martin@vcuhealth.org](mailto:anne.martin@vcuhealth.org) or [lizfuhrvanness@gmail.com](mailto:lizfuhrvanness@gmail.com)

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### ROCKVILLE RACERS!

This summer the Racers team grew by 15 swimmers and 2 new coaches. And they had an undefeated season which moved them into the next division...way to go Racers!

It's never too early to think about summer swim team! Why should your child join? Simply put...it is FUN! And it's a great way to improve swimming skills no matter what the level.

If you have questions, or would like more general information please contact Nicole Rada at [rockvilleracersteam@gmail.com](mailto:rockvilleracersteam@gmail.com).

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### Water Buddies Pilot Class

Water Buddies is a water play program designed for children with special needs.

A pilot class was launched this past summer at the Center pool and was a success. We had 4 participants and 2 coaches. We also had several kids join in to act as buddies. Activities were designed for the kids to have fun, while building confidence in the water.

We continue to be excited about this program and look forward to continuing Water Buddies next summer. Non members of pool are welcome also.

Additional information will be available as we near closer to the 2017 swim season.

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## From the Center Manager

The Center is enjoying its highest level of activity in the past decade! Take a look at the calendar at [rockvillecenter.com](http://rockvillecenter.com) to get an idea of all that's going on!

In addition to regular maintenance, replacement furniture for the Board room is in the works, along with extensive repair of the ailing kitchen roof vent. We look forward to an even more exciting and prosperous year in 2017! If you'd like to book an event at our special member's rate, please get in touch with Gabrielle Thomas ([gab88thomas@gmail.com](mailto:gab88thomas@gmail.com)).

### Ladies Night Out!

Ladies, come out and enjoy an evening of socializing and shopping! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors (girls only, please)! We'll have drinks, food, a cookie exchange and lots of Holiday Cheer!

PLUS we've got great vendors lined up for your shopping pleasure. Your favorite brands will be here!

The fun starts at **7:00 p.m.** on Friday night, **December 16th**. Please see our website for full details.

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### Rockville Ruritan's Santa Breakfast!

It's that time of year again!

Please make plans to attend this year's annual Rockville Ruritan Santa Breakfast! The event is **Saturday, December 10th** from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Rockville Center.

Enjoy a full breakfast. Children will have a chance to talk to Santa and visit Santa's Workshop. Donations for the Hanover Christmas Mother will be gladly accepted. Tickets are just \$5 per person and are available from any Ruritan club member or at the door!