

FACT NEWS FOR THE SPRING SEASON

We have all been very busy this season, with a good representation at all the local meets and great swims. The Valentine Meet, which is our only competition considering the Chapters of Florida Aquatic Combined Team was really fun and the large contingent from the Villages put them in third place behind the large groups from Sarasota and Florida Mavericks. Just for your information - had FACT swam as a team, we would have had over 1400 points and outscored the rest of the field by about 500 points. The LMSC Awards dinner following the Valentine meet on Saturday was a big success - over 80 people attended and the food and good company was fantastic. You can see the individual awards listed on our floridalmsc.org website. Many of our FACT members received recognition. Congratulations to our FACT Villages coach Gary Henderson for the Coach's award!

The Senior Games in Sarasota saw our good friend and super competitor Sylvia Eisele with commanding leads in the breaststroke - we are so pleased to see her back after her health problems for the last few years. At the Good Life Games in Clearwater, Betty Lorenzi swam National records in all three of her backstroke events - she also broke the World records but will have to wait until a USMS competition to have these recognized. World records are not recognized in a Senior Games event - only in a sanctioned meet.

At the St Pete Championships, the FACT women took second to the host team and third Combined. Our men were 9th - WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN! We'd love to see more of you men holding down the fort. The team is not lacking and the men that show up are GREAT but we'd love to see more of you compete.

We are now in the process of coordinating our FACT group of 17 swimmers competing in the Spring Nationals in Greensboro, North Carolina. Our 85+ men's free relay are nipping at the heels of a 1999 National Record. Many of our other relays should place well, as well as our swimmers. We are hosting a hospitality room for the Florida LMSC on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. at the Best Western Windsor Suites and welcome visits from Florida lmsc competitors and their guests- we welcome any goodies you can add to the refreshments being offered and anticipate serving beer and wine as well as soft drinks compliments of the Florida LMSC.

Good Luck to everyone competing!