



## FACT NEWS FOR JULY/AUGUST, 2017 – Joannie Campbell

Summer has come to a close with pretty much the normal problem – here we are with a postponement of the Tail’s End Meet at Largo because of hurricane Irma. Seems that the weather hasn’t cooperated here in Florida. I understand that the St Pete Meet on July 8<sup>th</sup>, which I was unable to attend, had it’s share of locker room participation. We miss the Long Center with the opportunity to swim through storms. Fortunately they anticipate return in November and I’ll certainly appreciate getting back to my regular schedule.

Betty Lorenzi was our lone representative at the Summer Nationals in Minneapolis in early August. She broke three World Records in the backstroke – can’t ask for a better representative, can we.

As a member of our team in Budapest I can say we had a fabulous time. – Martha Henderson, Pat Tullman, Susan Meyers and myself. All swam well in perfect weather for the entire meet and I must say the logistics had to be horrific. We had 6700 swimmers in four 50-meter pools in two different areas - two pools inside at the Arena, which many of you had seen when the “kids” swam, and two competition pools on Marget Island, outside and accessible by buses running constantly. As is the custom, we wore our medals as we acquired them and this always brought conversation in many languages. Amazing how you can speak in completely different languages and still communicate with people. Many competitors from South and Central America said they would be seeing us in Orlando next year for the Pan American Games. Our FACT team took Gold in both of our 200m relays; the bling is all displayed in the attached picture – weighed down our necks and caused concern with our luggage poundage.

Have fun at the postponed Tail’s End Meet (I’ll be in Dallas for USMS Convention) and plan on seeing many of you at the Rowdy Gaines Meet in Orlando October 13-15. Be sure to enter early as the longer swims fill up quickly and how about entering some of those 25m swims just for fun!! See if our 360 relay can break our record from last year – remember Ed Graves said to swim slow so that we could break our record next year – hahaha. The Shark Tank meet in Sarasota will be in November and the Florida State Games is the first weekend of December. If you haven’t qualified for the State Meet be sure to check the flasports.com website for the remaining qualifying meets.