



## **FACT NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2016**



## **THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM!!!**

The team of Ed Graves, Joan Campbell, Betty Lorenzi and John Corse basking in their laurels, having broken the International Record from 2005 of the Coastal Japanese Team in the 260+ 200meter freestyle relay by over 17 seconds!!! They also set a World Record in the 800m Freestyle Relay – a relay that had never been swum before in that age group. We quote Ed's philosophy – don't swim too fast since we'd like to break the record next year!!

FACT performed with distinction at the Rowdy Gaines meet in Orlando over the weekend of December 16-18. This was the October Rescheduled meet – rescheduled because of Hurricane Matthew. We had 18 relays – 16 of them placing first or second to another FACT relay and the total points swamped the other Regional Teams and placed the women second to Fort Lauderdale in overall points and 4<sup>th</sup> to the host team, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach with many more swimmers. Kudos to all the participants – several of them earning individual high point. All of us received an autographed copy of Rowdy’s book – ROWDY RISING – and were happy to witness the presentation awarded to him for all the support he has provided for the mentally and physically disabled. Many of them swam at the meet and were applauded for their accomplishments.

Hopefully most of you have registered by now for 2017. There are a few stragglers but expect they’ve just put it off. I believe the discounts last to January 15 so take advantage of them. There’s some great savings.

The January One-Hour Postal swim has been stretched now through February and the age group is the age at the end of 2017. Think about it and be sure to let me know if you swim it. The relays are put together after we see the participants and consist of three men or three women or two of each gender. They are paid for by FACT.

The Valentine’s Meet on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> is at the Long Center with an LMSC Awards get together after the events on the 11<sup>th</sup> in the Brighthouse Room upstairs at the Long Center. Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome – just be sure to let us know how many. Note that this includes workout groups in the tally of teams so put together some good relays. Any spares, I will do my usual for FACT relays – they will count for Top Ten but not for the team trophies.

I note that the Florida Senior Games have scheduled their State games in Clearwater next year – this is a plus to all of us – no need to travel to a cold outdoors facility! The dates will be similar to this year’s. We had some star performers at this year State Games. Results are listed on [dixiezone.org](http://dixiezone.org).

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