



FACT NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2016 – Joannie Campbell jcampb10@tampabay.rr.com

February's Valentine's Meet in Clearwater was well attended and exciting. Our workout groups swam independently, as is the case once a year, and as independent groups CLCM and CLCF combined to take 1st place; the Villages placed 4th; FACT/UNA placed 5th and Isaac Silver as the new SPCF placed in the 20's. Isaac informs me that some confusion occurred when their workout group was registered and there will be more participants with that designation in the future. Our Clearwater Long Center trophy will be displayed in the lobby along with the many FACT trophies that are always looking for a home – most of our members don't have a place to house them. We had visitors from Gold Coast, who took 1st of the Visiting Teams, and guests from North Carolina who have placed an article in their North Carolina Newsletter inviting people to come join us next year!!! FACT as a combined USMS team would have taken number one.

I took the time to look over the USMS placements of relays for 2015 and FACT was really well represented!! In short course yards we placed three All American relays (#1) and 9 other relays in the top ten. In Short Course Meters we had FIVE All American relays and 10 in the Top Ten. In Long Course Meters we had one All American and 6 in the Top Ten. That's pretty impressive!! You can see all of these and who swam in them on the USMS web site Top Ten Relays for Florida LMSC. Congratulations to you all. Within the next year the All American swimmers should receive a USMS certificate indicating their 1st place.

The next Postal event will be the 5,000 – 10,000 meter swim. This runs between May 15th and September 15th and must be done in a Long Course facility. Those who participate please let me know.

The St Petersburg Meet is April 2-3. We expect a large group at this popular meet and I understand we will not be competing with the NASCAR event this year!! Hooray! The USMS Spring Nationals are in Greensboro, NC April 28-May 1st. Let me know if you are attending and I will put together relays and FACT will pay for them. I am choosing the YMCA Nationals from April 14th through 17th. Although the relays are put together by your Y competing team, if a group of participants are all FACT, they will count for USMS Top Ten.

The first Long Course Meet of the season will be Bumpy Jones on the 11th and 12th of June; St Pete will be on the 9th and 10th of July and USMS Long Course Nationals will be in Gresham, Oregon – a gorgeous area near Mt Hood. I am planning on that trip this year – anyone want to join me? AND there's an open water swim in Barbados in November – sound like fun?!