



FACT NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017 – Joannie Campbell

Can't believe we're in November already – where did the time go. Actually I know where it went – been doing a mammoth amount of traveling and this coming weekend at the Sarasota meet will be my last “away swim event”. The Rowdy Gaines Meet was amazing and our FACT team, with 17 swimmers, amassed 2,296 points, which placed us second in Regional and 4th overall for one of the largest Masters meets in Florida. We had individual high point winners: Gordon Ralph, John Corse, Barbara McNulty, Martha Henderson, Joan Campbell and Betty Lorenzi. Our famous 360 relay of Betty Lorenzi 90, Joan Campbell 87, John Corse 93 and Ed Graves 94 destroyed the 400m Mixed Free World Relay record of 13:31.90 – they did 9:47.81. In addition Betty Lorenzi, in usual fashion, destroyed all three backstroke records – 50, 100 and 200 back.
CONGRATULATIONS!

The Convention was a welcome event this year – starting the Wednesday after Irma and avoiding many of us dealing with hurricane power outages. At Convention the Valentine's Meet at the Long Center February 10th-12th was awarded the Dixie Zone Championships. We will compete as FACT at that meet and hopefully will have a large contingent. The Long Center pool is reopening November 27th – can't wait!!

Registration for 2018 has already begun. Note the many discounts and advantages for early registration – lots of extra discounts. We currently have two workout groups – CLCF (the Long Center) and VASF (the Villages.) Would be nice for some of our FACT groups around the state would take a look at the criteria for forming a chapter or workout group of FACT.

Keep your eyes on the dixiezone.org calendar – the Short Course Nationals will be held in Indianapolis, the BIG meet will be the Pan American Masters in Orlando. The swimming is from 7/28 through 8/4. All relays will be held on August 1. You will be able to enter 5 events plus relays. There will be no Summer Nationals or Zone Championships because of the Pan Am Games. You will note from the calendar that Clearwater will host a long course meet August 18-19 and there is a Tail's End one day meet planned for September 10 at Southwest Pool in Largo – hopefully not a hurricane day this coming year!