

# MANSION HOUSE CLUB

*Swim ~ Tennis ~ Dive*

P.O. BOX 30, MOUNT VERNON, VIRGINIA 22121

## NOMINATIONS for MHC BOARD

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Susan Webster, and members Mary Beth Cremer, Melissa Graves, Leslie Holt, and Amy Thompson recommend the following slate of candidates as officers for the 2014 membership year. These will be approved by the general members of Mansion House Club at the annual meeting. Officer positions open this year include:

**\*\* PRESIDENT**

**\*\* ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE**

**\*\* LEGAL**

**\*\* SWIM TEAM REPRESENTATIVE**

**\*\* TENNIS TEAM REPRESENTATIVE**

**\*\* POOL OPERATIONS**

**\*\* 2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

**Jacqueline Cooney, President**—Jackie has served as President of Mansion House Club for the past 2 years and is running to serve for an additional term. She and her husband Patrick have been MHC members since 2005. Each of their three children are active on the Mansion House teams. Jackie has also served on the MHC Board as legal chair. Jackie is currently an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.

**John Finucan, ECM**— John and his family are longtime members of MHC, joining in 1993. John has a background in criminal justice and engineering. He has served on the Board for 10 years in the Engineering, Construction, & Maintenance position and would like the opportunity to continue in this position.

### **Laptop Needed!**

*If you are upgrading a laptop computer the Club is looking for a replacement for our front desk computer. Our current computer has seen better days and we would like to improve our capabilities without having to make a purchase. If you have a laptop that has Windows installed and would like to give it a good home, please consider us! Contact Membership Chair John Graves at 703-593-4020.*

**Paul Werner, Legal** —After graduating from Vanderbilt Law School in 2002, Paul began practicing law at Hogan Hartson LLP, (now Hogan Lovells LLP). Paul's background includes a 2 year clerkship with Judge Henderson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and a brief stint with the General Counsel's Office of the F.T.C. He continues to practice law today at Sheppard Mullins. Paul is the current MHC Legal Chair and assists the board with resolving any legal issues that arise.

**Terri Hood, Swim Team**— Terri, her husband Patrick, and their six children have been members of Mansion House since 2000 or so. Other than sports, Terri enjoys homeschooling and creating the perfect dessert.

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## Annual Meeting

### **2014 MHC Annual Meeting -**

January 8, 2014, 8:00 p.m., at South County Government Building, Room 221AB. The budget will be emailed to all members and copies will be available at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, you may appoint another shareholder as your proxy using the form provided on page 2. Proxies must be filed with the secretary **prior** to the start of the meeting, which begins at 8:00 p.m. Plan to arrive early to check in. The Membership Chair and Secretary will be available at 7:30 p.m. to check in members and accept proxies.

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**MHC ANNUAL  
SHAREHOLDER  
MEETING  
JAN. 8, 2014 -8:00 p.m.  
South County  
Government Center  
Room 221 AB  
8350 Richmond Highway  
Alexandria, Virginia**

*Nominations for MHC Board continued*

**Anna Cushman, Tennis Team** — Anna and her family have been members of MHC since 2008. Anna and her husband, Jan Wold, have 2 children, who played with the MHC tennis team last year.

Anna is an aerospace engineer and has been an active volunteer with her children's activities. She was President of the Woodley Hills PTA from 2009 through 2011 and, as a certified hockey coach, has been an assistant coach for both of her children's teams with the NOVA Ice Dogs this season. Anna has also served as team manager for her son's hockey teams for the past 3 years.

As a lifelong tennis player, Anna loves the sport and she hopes to bring her organizational skills to good use with the tennis team next year. She looks forward to serving as the tennis committee representative and working with MHC tennis community to have an exciting season.

**Martha Freuh, Pool Operations**— Martha grew up at Mansion House and spent most of her childhood swimming in the northern Virginia area and for Mansion House. She and Jen Molden have two children that also participate on the swim team. When Martha isn't at the pool she is active in the local area sports with her children and works in Washington D.C. with Fannie Mae.

**Jodi Shlesinger, 2nd VP**—Jodi and her husband Jim have four children who have grown up at Mansion House. During her 21 years at Mansion House she has served on the Pool Operations Committee, as Membership Chair for 6 years, and has been 2nd VP in charge of long range planning for the past two years.

**When not volunteering at Mansion House, Jodi serves as librarian at Angelus Academy.**

**Proposed Agenda  
Annual Meeting**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
3. Presentation and Approval of Agenda
4. Officer Reports
5. Standing Committee Reports
6. Presentation and Approval of 2014 Budget
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business

**Proxy Voting Instructions**

If you are unable attend the annual meeting, please arrange to have another shareholder act as your Proxy and vote in your stead. Use the form provided below: enter your name and share number, the name of your Proxy, and sign and date the form in the spaces provided. Discuss with your Proxy in advance of the meeting how you would like her or him to vote on the proposed bylaws changes and nominations shown in this newsletter. Other issues may come up during the meeting, so let your proxy know if you are delegating authority to vote on other issues that may be presented.

**Mansion House Club, Inc.  
January 8, 2014, Annual Meeting  
Member Proxy**

Shareholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Share #: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please print)*

I am (we are) a member in good standing and hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Please print)*

who is a Mansion House shareholder in good standing, to serve as my/our proxy and tender votes on my (our) behalf at the January 8, 2014, Annual Meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shareholder signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Message from the President

We had a great year at Mansion House. We were able to accomplish many improvements to the property, including repair of the retaining wall, new ropes, and new indoor and outdoor furniture. We are looking forward to 2014 with an eye toward some necessary additional improvements including: white coating of the pool (\$55,000), purchase of a pool cover (\$15,500), full slip-proof mats for the bathrooms (\$3,000), repair and painting of the exterior (\$3,000), replacement of the tennis court light fixtures (\$12,000), and installation of a playground (\$10,000).

To achieve some of these necessary improvements and to accommodate rising costs of managing the pool and tennis courts, the Board is proposing for the first time in at least 10 years to increase annual dues for each membership by \$75. Total dues for full members will be \$650. To lessen the burden of this increase and to ensure that all members have the ability to pay their dues before the pool opens, the Board also proposes instituting a new, tiered payment plan, which will be available to all members.

### Tiered Payment Plan

Option 1: Member pays by February 1, 2014, receives 10% discount. Total due by 2/1: \$585.

Option 2: Member pays in 4 equal installments (2/1/2014, 3/1/2014, 4/1/2014, 5/1/2014) of \$162.50. Total due by 5/1: \$650

Option 3: Member pays in full by May 1: Total due by 5/1: \$650

The late fee for payment after May 1, 2014, will remain at \$50; however, the Board anticipates that the new, flexible payment schedule will provide members with more time and opportunity to pay their dues on time, thus, eliminating the need to charge any late fees. The change to the due date for membership dues requires a bylaws change, and the proposed Bylaws amendments are:

Amendment 1 - Purpose: To change the due date for annual dues for full members from March 15 to May 1.

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## Swim Team

We welcomed two new faces to Mansion House in 2013, Head Coach Joe Smolinske and Assistant Head Coach Marye Carter. We look forward to our continued success under their direction. A Piranha frenzy was induced throughout the season with spirited pep rallies, age-group activities, and our inaugural Piranha-thon fundraiser in which we raised over \$2200 for Nadar Por Vida.

At the All Star Relay Carnival, MHC placed 18<sup>th</sup> out of 62 NVSL teams. Our 9-10 Girls Medley and Free Relays, the 11-12 Boys Free Relay, and the Mixed Age Girls 200 Freestyle relay set new Mansion House Club records.

Text: Paragraph I.9.: Strike "March 15" and insert "May 1". Strike "March 31" and insert "May 15".

Amendment 2 - Purpose: To change the due date for annual dues for Category 1 Special Members from March 15 to May 1. Text: Paragraph G.1.: Strike "15 March" wherever it appears within the paragraph and insert "May 1". Strike "March 15" and insert "May 1."

Please note that these dues payment options are available to and will be appropriately prorated for any Category 1 Special Members, as prescribed in the MHC Bylaws.

### Refinancing of the Mansion House Loan

While the dues increase will go a long way towards bolstering Mansion House's fiscal health in the future, these additional funds cannot address all of the immediate needs that were listed in the first paragraph. To meet those needs for 2014, the Board is proposing to refinance the Mansion House loan by \$100,000. The current loan is \$450,000; we propose to increase it to \$550,000. This will increase our monthly payment from \$2,727 to approximately \$3,285. The increase in dues will assist in covering this increase in our mortgage payment. The Board proposes to use excess funds each year, when available and appropriate and as agreed upon by the membership, to amortize the loan.

Full details of these proposed changes will be discussed at the annual meeting on January 8, 2014. The Board highly encourages all who have questions or concerns to attend the meeting.

As always, the Mansion House Board is here to serve the membership. Please feel free to contact me or any other Board member to let us know of your concerns or questions. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Jacqueline Cooney  
President, Mansion House Club, Inc.

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During the season, Andrew Revers set a new NVSL record in the 50 yard freestyle, and other individual meter records were set by Annie Hood in the 100 IM; Michael Hood in the 100 IM; Andrew Revers in the 50 freestyle and backstroke; and Hellen Moffitt in the 50 backstroke and 50 butterfly. At Divisionals, eight MHC swimmers qualified for the Individual All-Stars. We want to say a final farewell to our graduating seniors: Evan Draim, Megan Gray, Hellen Moffitt, Julian Pelkey, John Shlesinger, Bridget Thompson, and Meg Webster. We wish you the best. Thank you to all of our coaches, volunteers, and swimmers for a fabulous season.

Our winter swim program is a big success with a record number of swimmers enrolled. Keep swimming, and we will see you next summer!

## Dive Team

Hello from Mansion House Dive Team! We hope you are staying warm this Fall and Winter! We are busy getting ready for our 2014 dive season. It looks like we will have 3 home meets this season.

We would like to give a shout out to our All-star Divers this past August. They all put in a lot of effort and did a great job. We had 4 of our divers place in the top three: Micah Fisher 1<sup>st</sup> place, Hailey Fisher 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jacob Fisher 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Nathan Holt 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Thank you to our great coaching team, Tim Fisher, Jack Joyce and Mitch Ortiz.

We hope to make our dive roster even bigger this year. If you know anyone that is interested please send them our way. We look forward to seeing all of you this coming summer!

Leslie Holt and Susan Webster  
MHC Dive Reps

## NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON!!

*Mansion House Club is excited to announce the January 2014 launch of our new website. It will now be one-stop shopping for all of your needs; pay your membership dues, sign up for our fabulous summer parties, and visit our swim, dive, and tennis team pages. Look for an announcement in your inbox soon!*

*Visit the Club web site at [www.mhswimclub.com](http://www.mhswimclub.com).*

## Treasurer's Report

2013 will again be another good year for Mansion House with projected end of year financials ending well into the black. For 2014, the proposed budget is again a balanced one with conservative approach to income and expense.

Linda Fisher, Treasurer MHC  
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