

Mansion House Club

Swim ~ Dive ~ Tennis

P.O. Box 30, Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

A Winter Update Newsletter

December 28, 2015

2016 BOARD CANDIDATES

Dear Mansion House Members,

Pursuant to Club by-laws we have seven board positions to be filled for 2016. The offices, and statements of the candidates who have been vetted by the Nominating Committee for those offices include:

President: Keith Webster.

1st Vice President: Tim Glasow

2nd Vice President: Eric Jewett

Swim Rep: Mary Mikulski

Tennis Rep: Gina Lee

Pool Ops: David Earle

Membership: Dillon Lee

Legal: Tim Battle

Engineering, Construction, and Maintenance

(ECM): John Finucan

See pages 2 and 3 for candidate statements.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please come to the Mansion House Club annual meeting on Wednesday January 27th, 7:30 PM, at the South County building, room 221. If You cannot attend please submit your proxy to any board member of your choice. See the list and contact information for current board members on the last page. We must have a quorum to vote on the proposed budget and the new officers.

The 2016 budget for Mansion House Club will be distributed via email soon. Please review the document and come to the annual meeting (or vote by proxy) so that we can start the new year diving well, smashing balls over the net, and swimming laps (and partying) in the new year.

MHC TEAM NEWS FROM 2015

The dive, swim, and tennis board representatives have prepared summary statements on the achievements over the past summer.

Please read the summaries that follow on page 4 and let the board know if you want to help make the 2016 season even better!

Want to join in the Board meetings? We meet the last Wednesday of each month (unless most of us have schedule conflicts) and Board meetings are open to all members. Come join us and help build a better club. Contact any board member in advance for location information.

Visit the Club web site at: mansionhouseclub.com

Candidate Statements

President

Keith Webster and his family have lived in the Mount Vernon area for 23 years and have been members of MHC since 1997. Keith and his wife, Susan, have four children, Meg, Gavin, Kyle and Maeve, who participate in the MHC Swim and Dive teams and their children also participated in the MHC Tennis program.

Their oldest daughter Meg was a MHC lifeguard and swim team coach, and their oldest son Gavin has been a MHC lifeguard for the last three years. Keith is an active volunteer in his children's sports activities, to include the Mount Vernon basketball program; the Woodlawn Little League baseball program; and the Fort Hunt basketball, football, and lacrosse programs.

Keith has worked for the Department of Defense for 30 years specializing in international relations. Keith currently advises the Secretary of Defense, foreign Ministers of Defense and their military leaders on advanced warfighting capabilities for land, sea and air as well as opportunities for collaboration in defense science and technology research.

He has served in various capacities on his neighborhood HOA boards during the last 23 years and looks forward to contributing his leadership and business skills to service on the MHC Board as President.

First Vice- President

Tim Glasow – no statement submitted

Second Vice-President

Eric Jewett and his family (Meg & Daughters Lindy, Evie & Charlie) have been members of Mansion House since 2010. Eric is a Senior Associate for Price Waterhouse Coopers and has worked at the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General since 2010 working in External Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs. Eric is a certified Stroke & Turn Judge for NVSL & PVS and is also training as a Starter. Meg is an independent marketing consultant, website developer and concussion awareness advocate. Meg also coaches Evie at Ft. Hunt lacrosse while home schooling both "littles". Lindy has been swimming competitively since 2009 and is currently a freshman at Episcopal High School. Evie & Charlie swim for Ft. Belvoir Swim Team in the winter and Evie finished 3rd at the 2015 NVSL Individual All-Stars in Backstroke and also swam at All Star Relays.

Legal

Tim Battle is a graduate of Bishop Ireton High School, the University of Notre Dame, and the University of Virginia school of law. He has served as legal representative for the club for the past year. His practice, based in Old Town Alexandria, focuses on civil law and represents clients in the District and Virginia. He and his wife Lonnell have been members of Mansion House since 1990, and his daughters have continued their love of swimming developed at the club; Annie swam on the MHC team from 1990 through 2006 and swam distance at Georgia Tech, and daughters Megan and Mary Kate appeared in many swim team pictures.

Pool Operations

David Earle and his family have lived in the Alexandria area for the last 7 years and in Riverside Estates for the last 2 years. David and his wife have two little girls Delainey and Nora. Growing up in northern Va. David was active in the NVSL as a swimmer and a coach for the Oakton Otters. David also spent many Summer's lifeguard and then becoming a full time year round employee working for Crystal Aquatics, where he worked on almost everything at pools. David current works for the Transportation Security Administration as a branch manager in the Office of Information Technology. David looks forward to working the making Mansion House the best pool in the area.

Tennis Rep

Gina Lee grew up in the Alexandria/ Mount Vernon area . She and her family have been a member of Mansion House since 2006. Gina and her husband, Dillon, have four children who participate in MHC swim and tennis programs. She is a former Fairfax County teacher and is now a realtor for Capital West Real Estate Group in Old Town, Alexandria.

Swim Team Rep

Mary Mikulski – Mary grew up in Mount Vernon and spent her summers at Mansion House as a member of the swim team. She and her family have been members of MHC since 2006. Mary and her husband, Tim, have four children who participate in the MHC Swim and Dive teams. Mary has been a volunteer on the swim team as a timer, stroke and turn judge, starter and referee. Mary currently works for Fairfax County Public Schools as a Special Education teacher at West Springfield High School. Mary is looking forward to the busy summer swimming season in 2016.

Membership

Dillon Lee has been a member of Mansion House since 2006 and is a lifelong resident of Mount Vernon . He and his wife, Gina, have four children who are active in MHC swim and tennis programs. Dillon is an active volunteer for many youth activities in the Mount Vernon area, including serving as the commissioner for Mount Vernon Youth Basketball and serving on the board at Woodlawn Little League. Dillon is a mortgage broker and has owned Alexandria Financial Services since 2003.

Engineering, Construction and Maintenance

John Finucan—no statement submitted

MHC TEAM REPORTS, SUMMER 2015

Dive Team Wrap Up

The Mansion House Dive Team had another great season in Division 1 finishing with a 3 and 2 record. We had divers compete and win at Divisionals and All-Stars, and we also had divers compete and do well at Cracker Jack. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make our 2015 dive season a success by setting up for our home meets, working the table, judging, announcing, working concessions, taking pictures and helping clean up at the end of home meets. Many thanks to our coaches Tim Fisher and Maggie Pionzio for teaching the kids how to dive and have fun at the same time. Looking forward to the 2016 dive season where we will compete again in Division 1. See you on deck! -- *Susan Webster, MHC Dive Team Rep*

Tennis Team Report

It was a great summer on the Mansion House courts. There were 73 kids who participated in the program classes this summer and 31 who played matches for MHC in the Mount Vernon Community Tennis League. Congratulations go to the following MHC tennis team award recipients:

- Coach's Award – Thomas Lee and Sam Morgan
- Most Improved – John Glasow and Luke Morken
- MVP – Sam Hutchison
- Best Helpers – Joe Cooney and Espen Wold
- Rising Stars – Milo Mergener and Ben Notte

We were able to introduce many of the kids to match play for the first time and our seasoned players improved their games quite a bit. **Way to go Pirahanas!**

Remember, the courts are available even after the Mansion House summer season is over. The courts will be locked up at all times with a combination lock and the main gate to the Mansion House parking lot will also be locked with a key lock. The courts can be accessed by walking around the main gate (park outside the main entrance) and unlocking the combination padlock on the tennis court gate. For the combination to the lock, please contact a board member

Swim Team Report

It was a great season to be a Piranha! Thank you, parents for all your support. We appreciate Mary Mikulski's willingness to step up and take over as swim rep for the next two years. Jen Molden and Raegen Notte will be her right-hand women.

With our winning record of 3-2, we placed third in Division 7. We were led by Head Coach Joe Smolinske and Assistant Head Coach Marye Carter. A Piranha frenzy was induced throughout the season with spirited pep rallies, obstacle courses, candy dives, and our third-annual Piranhathon fundraiser where we raised over \$3,700 for Good Shepherd Housing.

At the All Star Relay Carnival our 8 and under girls free relay rocked to 10th place; our 13-14 boys medley relay placed 11th and free relay placed 7th; and our 15-18 boys free relay, placed 15th. You make MHC proud!

At Divisionals, four MHC swimmers qualified for Individual All Stars: Ian Thompson, Andrew Revers, Annie Hood, and Evie Jewett. Way to go!

We want to say a final farewell to our graduating seniors: Nina Cotto, Alexis Cutler, Luke Kraynak, Margaret O'Meara, and Mad-die Sanasack. We wish you the best!

Come join our Winter Polar Piranhas led by Coach Heather Weidner. They are working on stroke techniques and having fun in the water. Any questions, please email mansionhouseswimnews@gmail.com.

MHC WEBSITE

Mansion House has a website. Please visit us at www.mansionhouseclub.com to read all about the summer fun planned for next season. Website **visitors** will have access to most informational pages.

Website **members**, however, have on-line access to pay their club dues, social event fees, and team registration fees. In addition, website members are able to view club and team photo pages, and receive instant notices regarding pool closures due to weather or contamination incidents. Please fill out and submit the member application found on the website tab, "Application for Online Payment/Dues," and approval will be granted within 24 hours. We request that there be only one member application and email login per household as membership and payments are identified through your MHC membership number.

To pay your dues online, register and pay for social events, or register for MHC teams, please select the event listed on the home page or the "MHC Calendar/Events & Payments" page and click the register button. If you prefer to pay your dues and register for events and teams in person, please continue doing so and enjoy the website for its informational content. Let us know how we are doing and if there is anything else you would like to see on the website.

MHC Board—2015

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