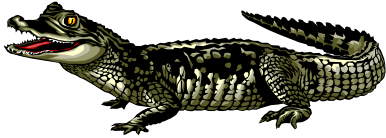


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The newsletter for the Arlington Alligators
October 2, 2002



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What are you going to find in each issue?? Well I guess you'll have to read to figure that out. We'll have diet and fitness hints, inspirational and motivational quotes for you. There will be information about the meets, practice, the coaches, and the swimmers. You'll never know what's next; you'll have to read to find out.

Practice Times

Please check our Website, www.arlingtonalligators.org for the most up-to-date information on practice times and locations.

Executive Board

We are pleased to announce this years Executive Board.

President - Noreen Rodriguez, **CO- Vice Presidents** - Mark and Mary Ann Anderson, **Treasurer** - Deb Barrett, **Secretary** - Maria Mackiw, **Registrar** - Jill Pellican, **Recruiting** - Sara Zimmerman, **Head Coach** - Mary Ruffin, **Coaching Staff** - Adam Clementi, Cari Cusinato, Kathy Kielty, Mary Kielty, Vanessa Tofilon, and Anne Warner.

Meets

Our first meet is coming up quickly, have you noticed? We are participating in a meet with TSA at Glenbrook South High School on October 9th. All swimmers should be on deck, ready to swim at 6:00 pm.

DATE CHANGE The next meet will be held at New Trier Swim Club at the Winnetka campus on October 11 & 12th. Watch your mailbox for more details.



Mark your calendar for **our Alligator meet** on November 23 & 24th. We need you, parents, to volunteer for the many duties that day. Details will be coming. Meet scheduling, locations and time will also be

available on the web site.



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for our Halloween Pool Party on October 30 at 6 pm at Viator's High School. If anyone is willing to bring snacks, please leave a message on the hotline (847-749-4900).



Uniforms

Our uniform/team apparel will be ordered soon. If you haven't seen an order form, please check your mailbox, located at St. Viator's High School. All apparel orders need to be turned in by October 2nd. Please contact Patty

Nordyke, for further information.



Coaches

Who are your coaches this year? Well, there's **Mary Ruffin**, Head Coach. She began with the Arlington Alligators in 1998. She moved to the head coach position in 1999. Mary was a state champion and All American Swimmer all through high school. She swam at the University of Iowa and has been coaching ever since. She hopes all our swimmers look back at their swimming years with the same enthusiasm and pride as she does. Mary has been married to Stuart for 16 years and is the proud mother of 4, Samantha, Stuart, Rebecca and Jeffrey.

You also have **Adam Clementi**. He is a recent graduate of Miami of Ohio, where he swam and played water polo. Believe it or not, he used to be just like you, and started with the Alligators in 1996. He is a strong motivational leader, in the water and on the deck. Adam is currently looking for a full time job to occupy his days.

Anne Warner is another coach you will see on deck this year. She is also a recent graduate, however, she attended Valparaiso University. There she swam Freestyle and also ran with the track team. She is currently teaching math and chemistry at Elk Grove High School. Anne has coached during the summer throughout her college years. She has worked with age group swimmers with

enthusiasm and a positive attitude. She has brought these attributes to the Alligators in full force. Anne wants to compete in a Triathlon some day.

You will meet your other coaches in another issue.



Birthdays

9/1 Michelle
Behrens & Riley
Mangan
9/4 Jackie Pensenko
9/10 Marty
Calabrese
9/11 Sam Wilcher
9/14 Steven
Zimmerman
9/22 Christopher
Rivard

10/15 Stephanie
Nolan
10/23 Elizabeth
Anderson