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# SWIM & DIVE TEAM NEWS

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Dear Fanny Chapman Families!

We are excited to kick off the fun summer swim and dive season with you! One of our goals this year is to provide more communication about the Parents Board, volunteer committees to join, and our fundraising goals.

To get us started, I am pleased to announce the 2023 Parents Board and share some highlights with you about each of us.

Sherry Petrakis

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## Meet Your Parents Board Volunteers

We are pleased to introduce to you the 2023 Swim and Dive Team Parents Board



**Sherry Petrakis**  
President

Welcome Fanny families! My name is Sherry Petrakis, and I am honored to serve as the President of the Parents Board this upcoming season.

My family joined the Fanny Chapman swim team over 11 years ago when my oldest daughter, Nyah, decided to try out for the swim team. From there, it was an easy decision for Grace (14), and Michael, (12) to join the sport and the fun! Over the last two seasons, I supported the team as the Volunteer Coordinator, sending you numerous emails to help keep us organized in such a short summer season.

In addition to summer swim, I have had the opportunity to get further involved in the sport becoming a USA Stroke & Turn Official and most recently passed the certification as a USA Starter. Amongst all of the swim activity, I hold the position of Director of Sales for a publicly traded company. I am married to my high school sweetheart, Mike, and live in Buckingham township.

I look forward to working with all of you along with our board to make this season one filled with memories that our athletes will cherish forever.

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**Stephanie Downey**  
Vice President

Hello Fanny Families! My name is Stephanie Downey and I am humbled to serve you and your swimmers as a volunteer in the role of Vice President of the Parents Board for the 2023 season.

This will be our third season with the Fanny Chapman Swim & Dive team. My daughter, Elizabeth (12), whom you probably know better as Lizzy has been swimming with the Central Bucks YMCA team since she was 6 and joined the Fanny Swim team 3 years ago. You may recall seeing me at the scorers table last year supporting the team and the meets as the Administrative Official (AO).

Over this past winter season I also became a USA Stroke & Turn Official and had the privilege to support the Parent Volunteer Community for the CBR YMCA team.

When I'm not on a pool deck you will find me in my home office where I work as a Sr. Business Consultant for a Fortune 500 Behavioral Health Insurance Company. My husband of 17 years, Mike and I live in Warrington and are both Penn State Alumni.

I'm excited to be supporting the Fanny Chapman Swim & Dive team in a different capacity this year and look forward to working with all of you to create a fun and successful season!

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**Jessica Martin**  
Secretary

Hi! I'm Jess Martin and I am excited to be serving as Secretary on the Fanny Chapman Parent Board. I graduated from the University of Florida (Go Gators!) where I met my husband, Chris. I worked as a pediatric emergency room nurse before "retiring" to stay at home with my kids. I have three swimmers on the team: Leighton (13), Cami (11) and Alex (8). We moved to the area about 4.5 years ago from Florida and this will be my girl's 5th summer swimming for Fanny Chapman and Alex's first! We are all looking forward to making this Fanny's best summer yet!



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**Nick Gialias**  
Treasurer

Hello! My name is Nick Gialias, and I'm the new Treasurer for the Fanny Chapman Swim & Dive Team. I'm happy to be part of the Parents Board as a volunteer. I look forward to working with the team to make Fanny a continued success and fun for the kids (and the rest of us too!).

I've worked & volunteered on many boards over the years, including New Hope Planning Commission (current) and previously New Hope Borough Council, Chamber of Commerce & Friday Night Fireworks. I have a professional background in engineering but have worked as an entrepreneur most of my adult life, owning two restaurants, including Nektar in New hope, proud sponsor of Fanny Chapman!

I grew up swimming summers for the Hunterdon County YMCA "Lemmings" (Swim till we die! 😊). I have a 12-year-old daughter Elena, who's looking forward to another fun summer of swimming at Fanny Chapman. We're thankful to having access to such an awesome team and fun summer swimming experience. You'll also see me on the pool deck as an Official (sorry in advance for any DQs!).

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**Molly McCloskey**  
Ways and Means

I have been a part of the Fanny Chapman parent board for the last 4 years. I am happy to continue my role as Ways and Means for the 2023 season. My job is to work with the coaches and parent board to organize and order the team suit, team caps, spirit wear, and the team gift. I am also involved with the team social, coordinating the senior gifts, and the distribution of the team gifts at the end of season celebration. I live in Doylestown with my husband Mike and our 2 sons Max(16) and Caden(14). Max is going into his 10th season on the Fanny Chapman swim team. He is working this summer as a lifeguard at Fanny and has previously worked as a swim instructor. He swims year-round for CBST-USA and is on the CB West swim team. Caden plays lacrosse for Lenape, CBAA, and Bucks Select. He is looking forward to working as a swim instructor this summer at Fanny. When not at the pool I am working as a radiologic technologist at Doylestown Health where I have been employed for the last 20 years. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, I am always willing to help. Looking forward to a fun filled season at Fanny!

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**Rachael Ford**  
Dive Representative

I'm pleased to have the opportunity to introduce myself to the Fanny family. Over the past several years, our family has become heavily involved in the diving and swimming community in Central Bucks and Fanny Chapman.

I have two daughters, Marin (9th grade) and Taylor (8th grade). Marin has been diving and swimming with Fanny for many years. She also dives for CBST, CB East, and Germantown Academy. Taylor swims for Fanny as well as CBST, CBST-US, and will join the CB East team next year. Both girls are instructors for CB community school and for Fanny.

I'm a trained scientist and have worked for big pharma for my entire career in a variety of positions across drug discovery and development. I've served the community as part of, then president of the Board to Save and refurbish Kids Castle in Doylestown. My girls and I serve on National Charity League and work with many local volunteer and philanthropic organizations. Our family is passionate about community service and we're excited to have this opportunity to give back to Fanny and especially the diving community.

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**Megan Bekes**  
Directorate

My name is Megan Bekes and I am happy to be back for my second year on the parent board!

I have been a swim mom for 15 years between Fanny Chapman, the YMCA, CBST and Central Bucks West.

I have two children, Emma, who is 21 and a junior at Boston University and my son, Max who is 16 and a sophomore at Central Bucks West.

My kids grew up at the Fanny Chapman pool by starting in the lesson program, advancing to the swim team, and finally both teaching lessons as well as lifeguarding. Our family is so grateful for the Fanny Community! When not driving to swim practice, I help run our family HVAC business with my husband Robert.

As a member of the parent board, I am excited to meet new families and looking forward to making our summer swim and dive program fun and rewarding for all our athletes. No matter what question you have I will do my best to find you the right answer or get you pointed in the right direction.

I am really looking forward to a fantastic season at Fanny!



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**Kristin Mangan**  
Meet Director

Hello Fanny Families! My name is Kristin Mangan. I am very excited to serve as Meet Director for the Fanny Chapman Swim and Dive Team this year. This will be my 4th year in this role.

As Meet Director, my goal is to make sure the Fanny meets are well-organized, run smoothly and are fun for everyone. I am also responsible for organizing our annual Fanny Fest swim meet.

I am married to Paul who you will see from time to time working as a Stroke and Turn official. We have three awesome sons, Connor (17 years old), Liam (13 years old) and Quinn (10 years old). Connor and Quinn both swim for Fanny Chapman and the CBR Y in the winter. Liam runs track for Tohickon Middle School and plays soccer for Buckingham United. During the school year, I am a special education teacher in the Council Rock School District.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the pool deck for the 2023 Fanny Chapman swim and dive season. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have about the Fanny Chapman Swim and Dive Teams. Go Dolphins!

# Getting Involved



If you are interested in getting involved more this season, we would love for you to consider joining us as part of the extended team. There are several committees that need great people like you! Consider joining one or two! :)

Keep in mind, by joining a committee you are one step closer to completing your Volunteer Commitment for the season.

**Any questions about getting involved can be sent to Sherry Petrakis @ [sapetrakis@aim.com](mailto:sapetrakis@aim.com)**

Last, but not least with your help over the last several years, we were able to purchase new starting blocks for the upper pool. We are excited to have our athletes and our members use the blocks for many years to come! Check them out- [insert picture here]

Please see our upcoming events on the next page. All events and meet information is listed on our Team Unify site as well.

Looking forward to a fun and fantastic season!

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# IMPORTANT DATES



## Upcoming Important Dates

June 1: First day of Swim Team Practice

June 3: Swim & Dive Team Q&A Session

June 5: First day of Dive Practice

June 16: Swim and Dive Team Social

June 17: Blue and White Intersquad Meet

June 22: First Swim and Dive Meet at Towamencin

**Please see Team Unify for all Swim and Dive Team events**

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