



# Newsletter August 2011

## FRANK BANKO Southern Lehigh Community Pool

24 June marked the official opening of the new Soleco Pool and dedication to Frank Banko, a



local philanthropist whose generosity was instrumental in making the construction of a new pool a reality for the local community.

The Frank Banko Southern Lehigh Community Pool was the result of over 2 years of dedication and hard work by the SOLECO Pool Association Board, as well as the support by local business and families through in-kind or monetary donations and has demonstrated what can be achieved when a community works together.

With the generous support of Highmark and Capital Blue the community pool is able to offer a number of special programs to all members free of charge this summer. Capital Blue are sponsors of our new youth programs including "Swim miles for Youth" a program to promote swimming proficiency and fitness and "U-Can" to improve technique plus conditioning.



Kids earn and collect special tokens they can add to a chain for each mile they swim.



A deep water aerobics class at the SOLECO Pool

Highmark are sponsoring our adult and senior programs, including water aerobics and lap/masters swimming to improve fitness and wellness.

The Linny Fowler Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 allowed families in our community who were in need of financial assistance to use our pool and provide swimming lessons for their children.

The Neumann/Maron Scholarship was established in 2010 and will be eligible for a senior Soleco Stingrays swimmer who is graduating in 2012. 2012 Seniors interested in applying for this \$500.00 scholarship should send an essay to the SOLECO pool board in January 2012.

A special message from Maggie Koller (President)... *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has"* - Margaret Mead

A Special Thank YOU to the SOLECO Pool Board for everyone's efforts to make this pool and summer season a success. This was a team effort and our community should be thankful to these dedicated individuals!

### HIGHLIGHTS .....

SOLECO community pool is open to all residents of Upper Saucon & local surrounding communities. We are a non-profit organization-anyone in need of financial aid please email: solecopool@gmail.com

**Soleco Stingray Swim Team.** Record number of team members. 2nd in League and 3rd place in Championships.

Great turn out of children currently participating in "U-Can" and "Swim miles for Youth" programs. Swim miles to date is over 120 miles - that's more than 7725 laps!

**Aquatic programs for adults & seniors** have been a success with great attendance in our water aerobics, lap swimming and masters programs.

**SUMMER SPLASH** - a friendly swim competition for kids aged 6-18yrs & family fun day raised ~\$7,000 for the pool.

"Casual for a Cause" at PUTT-U - a charity event organized by the Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce in support of the pool, raised \$1,500.

### Upcoming events:

- **B104 "Pool Patrol"** August 10. 12noon-2pm
- **Dive n Dance Night** August 19. 7-9pm (rain date Aug 26)

Information on other upcoming events and fundraisers will be posted online, on Facebook and at the pool.

Soleco Pool Contact Information.  
**Website:** www.solecopool.org  
**E-mail:** solecopool@gmail.com  
**Telephone** (pool hours only): 610-282-1074



Join us on Facebook at Southern Lehigh Community Pool (SOLECO)

## Pool update .... what's next?

After raising an amazing \$700,000 through the generosity of local donors and business support, Phase I was completed in time for the summer opening. We continue to reach out to the community in an effort to raise a further \$200,000 needed to move towards implementing phase II of the planned developments & improvements which includes:

- **bathroom improvements:** new roof, community room and handicap accessibility
- **additional water features:** slide and spray water features

### How to make a donation:

- renew your **UNITED WAY Corporate Campaign** designation for Fall 2011: please request for your donation to be allocated to **SOLECO code # 137497**
- online at [www.solecopool.org](http://www.solecopool.org)
- send a check, (made payable to Soleco Pool Campaign), to Soleco Pool, PO Box 103, Coopersburg, PA 18036



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## SOLECO STINGRAYS SWIM TEAM

The 2011 swimming season began with the SOLECO Stingrays first meet on June 16 against powerhouse rival, the Hanover Stingrays. Our kids were well prepared, having begun practice in May, and we went on to win the meet by 13 points! The Stingrays first home meet in our new pool was held Thursday, June 30 against Lower Macungie. It was an exciting evening for both our families and swimmers, who went on to win 421 – 144! We think the Stingrays really like their new home!

Over the next 9 days, SOLECO hosted two more home meets at our new pool and a very successful **SUMMER SPLASH fundraiser**, an invitational meet held every year at our venue for the past 31 years! The event is always a huge hit and this year was no different. On Saturday, June 9, SOLECO welcomed over 200 swimmers from 11 teams for a full day of fierce competition and loads of fun! Terrific food, ven-



Above: Officials at Summer Splash take a break as swimmers line around pool to dance

dors, raffle baskets, heat awards, ribbons, medals, and trophies add to the excitement of the day. Thanks to the generous support of our pool donors and sponsors, we did not have to miss a single year hosting this much-anticipated occasion.



Coach G overlooking line up

The Stingrays went on to finish the season with 7 wins and 1 loss. Our strongest swimmers competed in Championships, held Saturday, June 23, and finished third overall, with many personal bests being set that day!

*"Happy August everyone! I hope everyone has enjoyed their vacations! We had a great Championships with lots of best times. I'm very proud of all of our swimmers this season. It was truly a blast in our new pool!" Coach G.*

A special thank you to all the Soleco Swim Team Board members: Jen Luchetti, Tina Hasselbusch, Jen Johnson, Kim Kreider, Ellen Schmid, Ray Harrison, Clare Donato, Beth Vorosmarti, Sue Clarke, Krissy & Paul Groeber for all their hard work & support.

### Looking ahead - 2012 season:

Team registration for **returning swimmers** will be held Monday, March 19 at Southern Lehigh Middle School, beginning at 6:30 PM. **New swimmers** are invited to register on Monday, April 2 from 7-9 PM at the Southern Lehigh Library.

### SOLECO SWIM CLINICS in August

Open to all Swim Team Members & Pool Members. This is for swimmers familiar with the strokes and are NOT lessons.

**Week 1:** August 15-18 **Week 2:** August 22-25  
 Session A: 9am-10am Session B: 10am-11am  
 Price: \$15 / day or \$50 per session per week  
 The clinic will focus on technique and cover a stroke per day, turns and starts.

Email Coach G at [SolecoCoachG@gmail.com](mailto:SolecoCoachG@gmail.com) to reserve a place. Payment by check or cash on first day you are there.

The Soleco Pool Snack Bar is a great hit with members and visitors to the pool.



A Special thank you to Coca-Cola our official provider of beverages and sponsor to the pool.

SOLECO SWIM TEAM gives back to the community: **SWIM-A-THON** raises over **\$2,300** for Community Outreach Benefit (COB) that helps local families.

Two senior swim team members, All American swimmer **Jason Moyer** and **Emilee Carr** organized a swim-a-thon and encouraged all swim team members to participate during one of their regular swim practices. Each swim team member was encouraged to raise at least \$25 in return they could trade-in their regular "serious" practices for one full of fun and games and a reward of donuts at the end!

This is a great way to give back to the community and for the kids it becomes one of their favorite memories of the summer.

We hope you have enjoyed the new pool this summer ....

## EXTENDED POOL HOURS this summer

**Pool Opening Times**  
**June 23 - August 28, 2011**

**Monday:** 11:30 am - 8:00 pm  
**Tuesday:** 11:30 am - 9:00 pm\*  
**Wednesday:** 11:30 am - 8:00 pm  
**Thursday:** 11:30 am - 8:00 pm\*  
**Friday:** 11:30 am - 9:00 pm  
**Sat & Sun:** 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 \*floats allowed after 6:00pm.

**Water aerobics ends Aug 23 - all other Aquatic Programs end Aug 28**

**August 29 - September 18, 2011:**  
 extended opening hours:

**Monday, Aug 29 - Thurs, Sept 1:**  
 open 3pm - 8pm  
**Friday, Sept 2 - Monday, Sept 5**  
 (Labor Day Weekend):  
 open 1pm - 8pm  
**Weekends of Sept 10-11 & Sept 17-18**  
 pool OPEN 12noon-6pm

### Soleco Pool Board of Directors:

- Bert Daday, Honorary Board Member
- Dave Lobach, Honorary Board Member
- Maggie Daday Koller, President
- Jeanna Anderson, Vice President
- Mark Anderson, Treasurer
- Amy Johnston, Secretary
- Clare Donato, Swim Team
- Mary de Castro, Membership
- Amy Schell, Personnel
- Joe Selman, Facilities
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