

2019 Board of Directors Election Summaries

Ron Berry

My wife, 2 daughters (9 and 6 years old) and I have lived in Olney for 2 years now and have been members of the Olney Mill Pool Club since we moved here. We joined the Pool as a way for our family to meet people and to help be a part of the community. My daughters are still mastering the doggie paddle, but they greatly enjoy going to the pool to swim and see their friends.

There are many ways I can help the Board. I have a background in budgeting, running a small business and I have strong computer skills. I have coached 5 - 8 olds girls' sports team, so I have experience in dealing with groups of parents and organizing activities.

On a side note, if elected, I will probably be the only Board Member that does not know how to swim, although my large, hairy belly does help me rock a speedo.

Kellee Biggar

I'm Kellee Biggar and my husband, Tom, and I have lived in Olney since 1999. Our family has been a member of the Olney Mill Swim Club for over ten years. We have three children who have all enjoyed summers by making memories at OMSC. In fact, for three months out of every year OMSC is the center of our lives. Tommy has been on the swim team several years and worked as a lifeguard the last two. Sydney is also on swim team and really enjoyed coaching the little ones on pre-team this summer, and last. Abby rides her bike to the pool several times a week to swim, hang out with friends and eat as much ice cream as possible. The kids have had many birthday parties, swim team events, pool picnics and always love movie night. My husband and I enjoy the crab feasts and are proud to be part of the winning team at the final OMSC Trivia Night.

I'm an IT professional and have worked for one of the big 4 account firms for over 20 years. I enjoy working with people, learning new things, solving problems and improving process. I have always fulfilled swim team parent volunteer obligations, typically going beyond what is required. I served in several Belmont Elementary PTA roles including Variety Show for nine years (chair, stage manager, and director) and co-chair for Basket Night and Silent auction for two years. I am running for the Olney Mill Swim Club Board of Directors to offer my service with the hopes of further enriching this wonderful community.

Owen Graham

My name is Owen Graham. My wife Chrissy and I have lived in Olney since 2000. We have been members of Olney Mill for the past seven years and both of our daughters have been on the swim team during that time.

I am running for the pool board to hopefully bring some fresh ideas into the pool community. I have seen some great improvement in both appearance and membership the past few years and would like to see that continue. I'm hoping that the board can help put together more events for the pool community - both family friendly and adult-centric (craft beer night anyone?). I would love the

opportunity to serve the members of the pool community and continue the great progress we have seen in recent years.

Jerry Moxley

Hi, my name is Jerry Moxley. I have been an Olney Mill Swim Club member since moving here with my wife Candace and our two daughters in July 2012. They have been swimming for the Otters swim team for the past several years. OMSC has become a very important part of our lives and will continue to be as we raise our family in this community.

I would like to become a pool board member because the club provides a very important resource to the Mill and I want to have an active voice in its future. I value the spirit of community that Olney Mill stands for and want to preserve that at OMSC. My family and I have enjoyed meeting other families and creating lifelong bonds. Our pool should be a safe and inclusive place to relax, have fun and socialize. All of our members should feel like their voices are heard and their input is valued! There have been great strides in improving our club over the past few years and I'd like to see that continued in order to make our shared summer experience better for everyone.

I've worked as a Video Editor and Producer for University of Maryland University College for the last 10 years. I take great pride in giving back to the community in various roles including coaching youth sports, being a swim team parent and volunteering in any way possible. In my spare time I enjoy traveling, music and supporting the hometown Stanley Cup Champion Washington Capitals!

Doris O'Neill - Re-running

My name is Doris O'Neill. I have experience in both public and private accounting. I was a stay home mom for over 10 years and then slowly got back into the workforce. I am currently working full time as a CFO for Can-Am Contractors, Inc. I am the mother of four wonderful children. We have been active members of the Olney Mill Swim Club and participated with the swim team since 2005. I am a certified stroke and turn official and help train those who are interested.

I currently serve on the pool board's Social Committee. I am interested in continuing to serve on the pool board to be more involved in pool policy decisions. Having been a member of the pool for over 13 years and having four kids, I feel that I have a good sense of what our pool community wants and needs. I enjoy socializing with people and listen to what they have to say. I believe I could represent our pool community in a positive way. From young families to veteran families, I can help transition and answer questions that they may have regarding pool membership to swim team membership. I am a firm believer that it takes a community to raise a family. We have a great pool community and want that to continue. Our pool community has been a positive influence in my children's lives. My kids began with pre-team and moved to swim team. My kids have even given back to the community by becoming lifeguard certified, volunteering for pre-team, and becoming assistant coaches. I have also given back by volunteering whenever needed for the swim team or pool. I would like to continue to give back to the community and become a board member.

Kevin Reese – Re-running

I currently serve on the board as the Maintenance/Operations committee member and would like to continue in that role.

Michael Warfield

Hello, my name is Michael Warfield. I have been a resident of the Brookeville/Olney area for just over two years now. We joined the pool because we were positive we'd found the right community to put down roots after our eldest daughter finished kindergarten. Most of my life I've moved from state-to-state and country-to-country, first as an Army brat and then during my time in the Navy, and after. My wife grew up in Montgomery County and was sure I would love it here too. This year our 6-year-old and 8-year-old daughters joined the swim team, and while they were working hard to better their skills, I got to know more of the pool community while playing with our 3-year-old boy. It has been a truly positive experience, one we hope to have for years to come.

I am interested in volunteering for the board because I would like to continue to be more invested in our community. I know too that being active in this way would teach and encourage my own children to give back to their community and show caring and kindness to new members who want to join and are new here, like we once were. I also have experience and training in mechanics and engineering, so I could be of some use to the pools day-to-day operations or equipment maintenance, if needed. As this would be my first time on a community board, I'd be happy to help out in whatever capacity is needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle West – Re-running

I am the current President of the board and would like to continue to serve. In my time as President, I have helped the board in carrying out many added benefits to the pool such as a new speaker system, changing out the basketball nets, bringing in new social activities to offer such as trivia night, new pool manager and updating the pool resurfacing to name a few. I would like to continue to bring new and refreshing ideas to our membership. I have been a member of Olney Mill community for over 19 years. My family has been pool members for over 14 years. While my 3 kids were on swim team, I planned multiple swim team end of season banquets. I also volunteered as ribbon writer, concessions and timer. I have strong ties to this area as I was born and raised in the Magruder/Sherwood cluster and returned back after graduating from East Carolina University. Besides being involved in pool activities, my past volunteering experiences include most recently being a Girl Scout co-leader for six years and Cub Scout treasurer for four years. Having a career in the hospitality Architectural Design field, I can assist in aesthetic, building recommendations and evaluations. Lastly, I tend to be very social and enjoy spending time with friends and family at the Olney Mill pool. (I have a pool in my back yard, but I am still a member of the pool!)

As a member of the pool board my opinions and expertise are put to good use. It's always better to be part of the solution than part of the problem. I know many of the families of the pool and look forward to meeting more of the newer members as I provide services to make the pool a memorable experience for all.