

## **2015 Board of Director Election Summaries**

### **Monika Gomez**

I have been employed as a Senior Analyst at the Government Accountability Office since 1990. I am the mother of two teenage children. My family has been members at the Olney Mill Swim Club since 2010. Before that, my family belonged to the Kemp Mill Swim Club, from 2003-2009. My daughter and son have been swim team participants since 2003 and 2004 respectively. While at Kemp Mill, I served for 2 years as Director of Communications, a pool board position, so I have previous pool board experience. For the Olney Mill swim team, I am a certified Referee and Stroke and Turn official. I volunteer in those capacities, and also as Ribbon Writer and anywhere else I am needed.

I am interested in being a member of the board to be more involved in pool policy decisions. I also believe that there should be a higher representation of swim team families on the board. I am computer-savvy, extremely organized, and have access to printers, copiers, etc. I am an extrovert and love to talk with people whether it be to bring in members, publicize the club, or encourage participation in pool activities.

At Kemp Mill, I successfully contributed to the pool's revenue by establishing and running the profitable Down-County Mini-Meet that began in 2004. Annually, this meet raised, on average, \$500 each summer, for the pool. In addition, I wrote the swim team's newsletter for 5 summers. The newsletter was a communication tool for swim team families and a recruitment tool for other club members. It was a weekly publication, distributed via email and posted on the bulletin board at the pool. It reported on upcoming swim team events and meet results, etc.

### **Brodny Hall**

I have been a resident of the Brookeville/Olney area since 2004, but have lived in the county essentially all my life. I spent 8 years away from the area for college and a four year tour in the U.S. Marine Corps. I live with my wife of almost 11 years and our two daughters aged 8 and 3, and our son who is 4months old. My oldest daughter is a member of the Olney Mill Swim team, where she will be going into her third season this upcoming summer.

My interest in joining the pool board lies in the belief that the pool provides a great meeting place and social center for families to spend time at during the summer. I would like to help ensure that this continues to be the case for many years to come so that my children and the other children in the neighborhood continue to reap the benefits that the pool has brought to the community. I believe that the skills I have acquired over the course of my professional career working in small groups would be well suited to the challenge of helping to maintain the high quality of service that the Olney Mill Pool community expects.

### **Don Klees**

I've been a member of Olney Mill Swim Club since 2003 and have been coming to cheer on the Otters - and my niece and nephews on the team - even longer than that. My wife Beth and I have three kids, but thankfully only one of them is old enough to drive. In my day job as VP of Programming for Acorn Media, I'm responsible for both a multi-million dollar annual budget and the long-term planning that goes with it. I recently finished my term as Treasurer for the Rosa Parks MS PTA and would like to contribute to another cornerstone of our community.

### **Jennifer MacDonald**

I am running for another term on the Olney Mill Swim Club Board. My responsibility on the OMSC Board has been membership and front desk. All six of my children have swum for the Olney Mill Otters, and I was the B rep for ten years. In addition to swim team four of my children have been guards three at OMSC and one at Tanterra. One also was the pool manager at Olney Mill. Before moving to Olney I served as president of the Old Farm Pool Board.

My work experience as a para educator at St. Peter's, and a Registrar at Med Star Montgomery Hospital has exposed me to the greater Olney Community including many of our members on a daily basis.

These experiences have given me a unique appreciation for the needs of our members, as I am personally acquainted with most of them. I also understand the challenges of working in an all-volunteer run organization. My

focus has always been what is best for the membership and providing a family oriented positive experience for them. I look forward to continuing to serve.

**Malissa Tucker**

I have lived in the Mill for just over two years and been a pool member for 2 seasons. My husband, Robert and I have three children. Our oldest daughter, Sarah attends Rosa Parks middle school and our other two children, Hannah & Josiah attend Belmont Elementary school.

I have an administration background and work for a non-profit in Silver Spring, MD. My position there has taught me how to work with others even if they don't always agree me. I believe in working together to come up with solutions that best benefits the organization and supports the families involved. One reason for wanting to be on the pool board is that I want to make the pool experience the best it can be for not only my family but for all the families at the pool. Being a member at a community pool not only gives you the right to use the pool but it also gives you the opportunity to live life in community with others.