

# Belair Bath & Tennis Club

"Home of the Dolphins"

www.bbtbowie.org

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## Message from the President

My name is Steve Toth and many of you already know me since I have served as the Membership Advisor for the past few years. My wife, Sue, and I have been members of BBT for about 15 years now. Over the years, we have enjoyed many fun summers at the pool with our two sons, Bailey and Spencer.

Along with being the President of the BBT Board, I am a career firefighter with Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department. I am currently assigned to the Office of the Fire Marshal. As the President of BBT this year, my goals are to keep BBT "The Best Pool in Bowie" and to have a well remembered, safe and enjoyable 50th season.

It is only fair to let you know that the Board is facing a struggle this year...our budget. But I am happy to say that the strength of this year's Board lies in our unwavering willingness to argue, worry and debate over our budget, our operation, and how best to keep BBT solvent and maintain our well-deserved reputation as "The Best Pool in Bowie". Please take comfort in the fact that the volunteers serving on the Board this year are the folks you need to make these tough, unpopular, yet necessary decisions. (See pg. 2 for a list of Board Members.)

As we look to the FUTURE of our pool and our community, we need to look BACK to see the gifts that we have received over our lifetimes. For 50 years, BBT has been one of those gifts for the children of our community. The laughter, joy, and sheer fun that are available every summer for kids and adults alike is a simple pleasure that we all can look forward to. Someday, Sue and I hope that Bailey and Spencer will look back and realize what an awesome gift our BBT membership was for our family every summer.

Aside from all the serious business of balancing the budget, the Board is also working on some fun stuff! Please join the committee to help us plan an awesome anniversary celebration! BBT is a gem in our community and we need your help to keep it "The Best Pool in Bowie" ...for another 50 years!

~ Steve Toth

## 50th Anniversary

### Celebrating 50 Years of Summertime Fun

The 2012 summer season marks Belair Bath & Tennis Club's 50 Year Anniversary. This is a major milestone for our pool and our community. A committee is now being formed to oversee our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We are looking for a few pool members who would like to join this committee and help make this our best party ever! Also, we are asking you to take a walk down "Memory Lane" to search for your old photos and make a list of your old friends from that era. If you are interested in serving on this committee, or if you have any memorabilia to share, please contact the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Co-

Chairs: Juan Estrada or Rich Matthews. Their

contact information is



### Belair Bath & Tennis Membership Dues Announcement for the 2012 Season

- ✓ Your annual membership dues payment of \$475 must be received in full prior to May 1, 2012.
- ✓ Annual membership dues paid after May 1, 2012, will increase to \$525 (which includes a \$50 late fee). Payment of the \$50 late fee will be strictly enforced this year.
- ✓ Please see the attached invoice for information about our monthly payment plan. You may also pay by credit card at [www.bbtbowie.org](http://www.bbtbowie.org).
- ✓ As a reminder, if you wish to give up your BBT membership, we must receive written notification of your intention to sell by May 1, 2012.

## Recruiting New Members

In honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, BBT will be offering two special incentives this year.

- #1 We will give you a **\$50 discount** off of your 2012 annual dues if you recruit a new member who joins BBT.
- #2 We will give away **1 free membership** to a new member this year.  
New members who: 1) Come to an Open House on May 12 or 20, and 2) Pay their membership in full, will be entered into a drawing to receive a free membership. The winner of the drawing will then have their dues refunded for the 2012 season.

## WIN A FREE T-SHIRT!

Here's how you could win a free 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative t-shirt:

February Contest – One lucky member will receive this letter covered with gold star stickers! If you're the lucky winner, email Kristin Mrotek to claim your prize.

March Contest – Any pool member who likes us on Facebook by March 1 will be automatically entered into a drawing for a free t-shirt.

April & May Contests to be announced!  
See the next newsletter for details!



Invite your friends, relatives & neighbors to attend an Open House on:  
**Saturday, May 12**  
or  
**Sunday, May 20**

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## Like us on Facebook!

We are using Facebook to spread the word about our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Facebook is a great tool to help us get in touch with past pool members who have moved away. Help us find your old friends!

### BBT Board Members for the 2012 Season

| Board Position                                   | Name              | Email Address  | Member Since |
|--|-------------------|--|--------------|
| President  | Steve Toth        | <a href="mailto:Stevenltoth@verizon.net">Stevenltoth@verizon.net</a>     | 1997         |
| Vice President                                   | John Craig        | <a href="mailto:Jcraig63@verizon.net">Jcraig63@verizon.net</a>           | 1972         |
| Treasurer  | Tatiana Gillespie | <a href="mailto:Mst330@yahoo.com">Mst330@yahoo.com</a>                   | 1986         |
| Secretary  | Maureen Sminkey   | <a href="mailto:mosminkey@verizon.net">mosminkey@verizon.net</a>         | 1995         |
| Pool & Grounds                                   | Vince Dantone     | <a href="mailto:vjdantone@aol.com">vjdantone@aol.com</a>                 | 1991         |
| Tennis Program                                   | Ron Norton        | <a href="mailto:Ronald.norton@verizon.net">Ronald.norton@verizon.net</a> | 2001         |
| Swim Program                                     | Kristin Mrotek    | <a href="mailto:kmrotek@verizon.net">kmrotek@verizon.net</a>             | 2003         |
| Membership & 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Co-Chair    | Juan Estrada      | <a href="mailto:Jestrada5@msn.com">Jestrada5@msn.com</a>                 | 1962         |
| Social Events & 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Co-Chair | Rich Matthews     | <a href="mailto:Rm102464@yahoo.com">Rm102464@yahoo.com</a>               | 1967         |