



## 2010 SOUDERTON COMMUNITY POOL PERSONAL ENDORSEMENTS

- *My family moved to Souderton a few years ago. Among the features we looked for in a community was a vibrant and varied park and recreational system, including the community pool. The local pool in my home town was an important part of my summers as a child, and it is an experience that I hope to give to my children. I remember my father giving me dolphin rides in the baby pool and my mother unpacking picnic lunches on bright summer holidays. Later as a member of the swim team, the pool community contributed to what lessons I've learned about discipline, friendship and good healthy fun. When I visited the Souderton Community Pool for the first time, I felt very much at home and saw the potential for many good dolphin rides and many good picnic lunches to be had for my growing family.*

*Rena Page  
Community Volunteer*

- *Bright sun, distant happy voices, plumes of water and bursts of laughter, skinny children running barefoot across the grass over to the snack bar: do these images conjure up warm memories for you, as they do for me? Cool evenings sitting poolside chatting with other swim team parents were some of my favorite summer times. The anticipation of making a personal best and being congratulated by the older swimmers drove kids to try to perform in top form. The summer swim team was a place where the ages blended very well – there was camaraderie among the swimmers – they were a team shooting for a group goal, celebrating as a group and build consoling each other when the win didn't come. Souderton was so proud when we hosted the A Championships – the entire town saw the preparation bright and early on Saturday morning; we hoped it wasn't too hot that day since shade was at a premium. Coaches tried to keep the kids from burning up too much energy before their race. Promises, treats, and a good bit of card playing occurred on the towels under the tents. But alas, our kids grew up, those days passed and the Souderton pool took on a new role for our family. It became the anticipated reward at the end of the workday, a soothing finale to a hectic schedule – stroke, breathe, glide, stroke, breathe, glide. Lazy summer days in Souderton – let's bring them back again!*

*Susan Paine Fisher  
Swim Team Parent*

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- *Souderton pool has a long history of drawing families out into the community. I am a person who likes to walk in my town and see fathers playing ball with their sons and mothers swimming with their daughters. This is what life is about, loving and being involved with your family, your friends and your community. I know if you build this love, you will get more back, and you will see more good things happen in your life too. Souderton Borough, Souderton Police, Souderton Fire Company, the many churches, non-profits, businesses, all combine to make our community a safe and special place to live. And now the community is trying to improve the pool and make it a safe place for our children and families to swim and have fun for years to come.*

*Priscilla Newman  
Souderton Newcomer*

- *It was a pleasure to live in Souderton for 55 years. My dear husband Darwin was a member of the Souderton Fire Co. for 50 years and received the Henry H. Shoemaker Award for service and dedication. He worked at Groff Candy Co. in Souderton for 43 years and I graduated from Souderton High School in 1945; we are planning our 65<sup>th</sup> reunion this year. The Souderton Pool was always a nice place to go to get to know other folks in the community. We had a family membership while the boys were growing up in the 70's and 80's . They enjoyed spending time at the pool for several hours each day in the summer time. I always went with my boys, but was not a swimmer. I also enjoyed visiting and talking with other parents while the boys were swimming. I never left them go alone. Brian took swimming lessons and had a great instructor. My son Brian Hess is still very involved with the community of Telford and Souderton and has been delivering mail to residents for the past 25 years in the both communities. He has made many friends in this rewarding community job! I, plus other family members, are anxious to see the new and revised pool in the future. It certainly will be another great asset for the community to grow and for residents' resources!*

*Elizabeth Hess-Senior  
Independent Living Resident at Lutheran Community at Telford*