

# July 2017 Newsletter

July 17, 2017

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The 2017 Summer Newsletter is done in preparation for the **Summer Membership Meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Overlee Clubhouse**. We invite all members to attend, learn about what's happening at Overlee and what's planned, elect new Board members, ask questions and share ideas.

## Message from Board President

Overlee members,

I hope that you and your family have been enjoying your time at Overlee this summer. The staff and Board continue to strive to make your time at Overlee safe and enjoyable.

You are all invited to attend the summer Membership Meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>, when new Board members will be elected. Even if you cannot attend, please take the time to vote as instructed in this newsletter. Your vote demonstrates your support to those members who dedicate countless hours to making Overlee the premier community association and pool in the area.

It has been an exciting summer so far at Overlee, highlighted by the wonderful 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in late June and our traditional July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities. I look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks ahead, at the upcoming ice cream social and Membership Meeting, the Crab Feast on July 29<sup>th</sup>, or just around the pool.

Finally, if you ever have a suggestion or concern, please don't hesitate to send me a message at [president@overlee.org](mailto:president@overlee.org).

Thanks,  
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Jamey McNamara, President  
Overlee Community Association

## Meeting Agenda

6:30PM Ice Cream Social, scooped by the Swim Team  
7:00PM Social Time: Mingle with other Overlee members and the Board of Directors  
7:30PM Meeting Begins

- Welcome
- Introduction of Board Nominees
- Administrative, Operational, and Activities Updates
- Election Results Announced
- Introduction of Board of Directors and Thanks to Outgoing Board Members
- Open Q & A
- Meeting Adjourned

9:00PM "Circus Splash" Synchro Show Begins

## Board of Directors Elections

Per Association bylaws, members vote to elect Directors to the Board. For 2017, there are 8 candidates running for 5 open seats. Voting for Directors is by ballot only.

All ballots MUST be received by 7:00PM on July 27th, 2017.

Ballots must be:

1. Mailed to: Overlee Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 5346, Arlington, VA 22205;
  2. Dropped off in the box at the front desk;
- OR**

3. Brought to the membership meeting before 7:00PM.

The official ballot is at the bottom of this newsletter - [Ballot](#)

The ballots will be counted during the meeting and results will be announced prior to adjournment.

Short biographies for each candidate appear below.

### Board of Directors Candidates 2017

#### **Kate Bowers**



I grew up in Arlington and my family belonged to Overlee for many years. When my husband and I bought our first house, we knew to immediately put our names on the waitlist and have been Overlee members ourselves since 2001. We now have a 17 year old son and a 16 year old daughter who have enjoyed summers at Overlee their whole lives. I've enjoyed the past couple of years on the Board working with amazing Overlee members and I'm running for a second Board term because I hope to contribute to the future of Overlee and to give back to the community that has given us so much over the years. I served as swim team rep for three years prior to serving on the Board and have enjoyed working with wonderful Overlee families in both capacities. I am an organized person who is focused on problem solving and task completion. I enjoy working with people and I'm able to listen to different viewpoints and ideas. If elected I will focus on communication and cooperation between the Board and the entire membership so that all opinions are heard and we can all benefit from the wonderful community we've built at Overlee.

#### **John Cocker**



I had the privilege to grow up as a part of the Overlee family, spending every summer at the pool from when my family joined Overlee in 1979 until I graduated college in 1999. I was a member of the swim team from 1982 through 1995 and worked at Overlee from 1989 until 1999. I spent four summers as assistant manager, getting to know all aspects of Overlee's operations. Before that, I worked as a member of the grounds crew, front desk attendant, lifeguard, and swim lesson instructor.

My wife Angela and I moved back to Arlington in 2008 and now have the pleasure of raising our children George (Swim team), Emmett (School of Fish) and Claire (lessons) as a part of the Overlee family as well. When not swimming laps, chasing our kids around the social pool, or enjoying some time on the clubhouse deck, I work as Vice President of Investments for a commercial real estate company. I have had the privilege of being an Overlee Board member for six and a half years and I am excited about the opportunity to continue to serve Overlee in this manner. I feel that I bring a unique set of perspectives to the Board: nearly four decades of Overlee history, detailed knowledge of Overlee's facilities, real estate investment and management expertise, and a commitment to Overlee's future.

**John Hartel**



I am running for re-election to the Overlee Board. I first became a Board member two and a half years ago. My wife and I joined Overlee in 1998 and once our three girls were old enough they joined the swim team and have been on the team since 2010. I moved to Arlington in 1985 in order to attend law school at George Mason University and have been in private practice as an attorney specializing in civil litigation since 1988.

I enjoy the community atmosphere at Overlee and every day in the summer you are almost guaranteed to see me or one of my family at the pool. I even participated in the July 4th Volleyball tournament the last 2 years!

Since joining the Overlee Board in 2015 I have been on the Operations Committee and have also been working with the Bathhouse Committee that is working on tackling the next Overlee renovation project. I also assist the Board with reviewing all insurance and legal contracts due to my experience as an attorney.

I would consider it an honor to be allowed to continue on the Overlee Board for a 2nd term.

**Molly Ketcham**



My family and I have lived in Westover for over 15 years, and were lucky to join the Overlee family in 2015. Our children, Annie and Andrew, are on the Swim team. I grew up on a swim team in St. Louis, MO, and much like at Overlee, know the close knit community a pool can provide and how special swim team and summer friend relationships are! My husband and I both graduated from the University of Virginia. John is a lawyer, and I work in Arlington for Accenture Federal Services as the Director of Strategic Planning & Business Operations. In my role I am responsible for leadership and direction for programs that support execution of Accenture's business strategy and am also responsible for management all of AFS' real estate facilities across North America. I believe both my strategic planning and real estate background will serve Overlee well. I am also a graduate of Leadership Arlington.

**Adam Kress**



My family joined Overlee in 2014 and since then we have enjoyed spending our summers here. Amy and I grew up in Falls Church and have lived in Westover since 2001. We decided to join Overlee because we wanted a summer pool that our kids could get to on their own and because we believed it was the best summer club in our vicinity. Our sons, Matthew (13), Peter (11) and John (6) are all enjoying swimming and diving for Overlee in some capacity. Matthew also spends much of his time on the volleyball court and ping-pong table, while Peter and John help to keep the Snack Shack in business. Although we knew several Overlee families through McKinley Elementary and through Amy's years spent as the dive coach at a local country club, we have enjoyed meeting many new people at Overlee. I enjoy volunteering and have been on a leadership committee for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk and have coached many Arlington soccer teams. Since joining Overlee, I have been a volunteer timer for Saturday meets; some call me the human touch pad. I would like to get more involved at Overlee and help continue its tradition of excellence and so I am seeking a seat on the Board. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to seeing you all at Overlee.

**Breanne Rodino**



Thank you for considering me for the Overlee Board. I hope to give time and effort back to this community that has shaped me so greatly. I have been a part of the Overlee community for my entire life. My parents became members when I was an infant, and my husband, children and I have had a family membership since 2012. I was a member of the swim team from ages 5 to 18 (1986-1999); I worked here as a front desk attendant, lifeguard, swim teacher, and even as a manager for a few summers. My kids have just this summer joined the School of Fish. I hope to help contribute to the Overlee Board, supporting their ongoing work to keep Overlee and our community the best in Arlington. I know how integral this pool has been in my life and I want to help keep its strong role in all our lives moving forward. Thank you for your consideration, I would be honored to serve on the Overlee Board.

**Josh Roe**



I have been living in Arlington, VA for almost 14 years and have been an Overlee Member since 2011. My wife Megan and I have been navigating our way through School of Fish this year with our 6 year old and love to see our son participate. Our 3 year old daughter is loving all pools this year. My Civil Engineer degree from Bucknell University has given me the opportunity to build large base buildings through the Washington, DC area, including universities, condominiums and apartments. I enjoy thinking about how to make things work more effectively and efficiently as well as just "fix things." I am hoping my knowledge is helpful while navigating the bathhouse renovation project and any future endeavors that benefit all members. I appreciate you considering me and hope to be a helpful Board member.

**Cathy Ventura-Merkel**



I am currently on the Overlee Board and am seeking a second term. During my current term, I was responsible for Communications for two years and am now liaison for Lap Swimming. Overlee has been an important source of friends, community and fun for my entire family for more than twenty years. We have always been active in many ways through our years as members. In the past, my four kids - Luke, Brett, Matt and Molly - participated in various ways: on the swim and/or dive teams, as guards, and as swim team coaches. I served on the Overlee Board from 2004 - 2006 so understand what's involved and bring some historical perspective. I am now a daily lap swimmer and spend a lot of time at the pool. I hope I can have your support in serving you, the Overlee members, as we continue to keep the Overlee spirit and sense of community alive and thriving.

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT - Cut along lines and mail, drop at the front desk, or bring to July 27th meeting**

A printable copy of the ballot can be found on [overlee.org](http://overlee.org). Be sure to go to the bottom of the post and click PRINT.

**Voting Procedures:**

- One ballot per household. All ballots MUST be signed by an adult member of the member household.
- Completed ballots may be submitted in any of the following ways **BUT NOT ELECTONICALLY.**

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**Candidates - Choose up to 5 (\*\* previous Board service)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kate Bowers\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ **John Cocker\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ **John Hartel\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Molly Ketcham**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adam Kress**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Breanne Rodino**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Josh Roe**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cathy Ventura-Merkel\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature**

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