



FAIRLAWN SWIM & TENNIS CLUB
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Greetings FS&T Member:

Happy New Year from the FS&T Board. As Akron endures our first real blast of winter, it is hard to believe that in four short months, we will be enjoying the many activities at the Club. We are excited to build on our successful 2015 season as we look forward to summer. Here are some highlights for 2016:

MEMBERSHIP

We continued to grow membership levels in 2015. Our current membership stands at 301. Membership growth is key to the health of our club. Thank you to all the members that you have referred. Because we are still not at full membership numbers, we will continue the membership referral program we have had in the past. Each new member you refer will qualify you for a referral fee. Details regarding referrals can be found on our website at <http://www.fsandt.com/membership/>. When membership levels become full, the referral program may be reduced or eliminated. Now is the time to act.

Speaking of membership, CONGRATULATIONS to the following members who have achieved senior member status: Mary Altier, John Fickes, Ernest & Sharon Fournier, and Elsbeth O'Connor. Thank you for your continued support of the Club!

There will be a FS&T Open House Memorial Day Weekend (details to follow). Make sure and spread the word to prospective members! Any questions, contact Membership Chair Dave Carlson: thor333dte@gmail.com.

DUES

Great News! Due to prudent financial management of the Club and healthy membership levels, dues will remain the same as 2015 for the coming year.

Family Members: \$693.88 (\$650.00 plus sales tax) **New Family Members¹:** \$1,120.88

Single Members: \$346.94 (\$325.00 plus sales tax) **New Single Members¹:** \$773.94

Senior Members: \$ 304.24 (\$285.00 plus sales tax)

1 Please note: New Members pay a joining fee of \$800.00 which is spread out \$400.00 per year over the first two years of membership.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Dues can still be paid by credit card. However, we have changed payment processors and starting this year we will accept payments through PayPal. The Club has instituted a one-time \$25.00 fee per year for any member who pays through PayPal.

The Club will continue to offer a payment plan via a credit card. Members need to register with Accounting Manager, Kelley Brubaker (Kelley@jssbltd.com) no later than February 15, 2016. Payments must start by this date for the program which will entail four equal monthly payments to cover 100% of dues over February, March, April, and May 2016.

Because of the switch to PayPal this year, ***payments will not be automatic as they were in the past***, but reminders will be sent out prior to each monthly due date to those who have registered on or before February 15, 2016.

EARLY PAYMENT INCENTIVE

FS&T will again have an early payment incentive program for 2016. There will be one eligible \$250.00 for members who meet these qualifications:

1. For all members (including new members) paid in full by March 15 via Credit Card or Check. All checks must be postmarked no later than 3/15/2016.
2. For all members (including new members) enrolled in the payment plan via Credit Card with payments starting by 2/15/2016.

The incentive drawing will be held on Memorial Day Weekend.

2016 SEASON

We are fortunate that General Manager- John Conner, Assistant Manager- Carl Shallenberger, and Head Tennis Pro-Alan Walker, will all be returning to the Club for 2016 Season.

In addition to our previously planned capital improvements in 2015, we had a number of expensive unplanned maintenance issues which included:

- New pump for lap pool
- New hot water heater
- New pool covers for both pools
- Repair of leak in large pool

In the off-season, we worked diligently to complete some major tree trimming jobs, as well as restore brick in both the upper picnic area and the stairs leading to the tennis courts.

These improvements should enhance the safety and enjoyment of the Club. We are not planning any major improvements in the coming year. We feel that maintaining our current facilities while staying financially healthy is a top priority!

We are confident that at the end of the year (2016) the loan that financed the major pool renovation in 2007 will be paid off. We can then build cash reserves for future projects.

In addition, an appeal by the FS&T Board to have our property taxes reduced was accepted and this will add up to a great deal of savings. **Thank you** to Ken Kline, Eric Agosti, Kelley Brubaker and Ed Buehrle for their time and hard work in resolving this important issue.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A WARM, SUNNY, SUMMER WHERE WE CAN ALL ENJOY
GREAT PROGRAMMING AT OUR LITTLE OASIS IN THE CITY!!

FS&T Board

John Novak, Eric Agosti, Patti Pelini, Dave Carlson, Anne Coughlin, Carrie Searle, Matt Askea, Michael Bussan, and Kristen Birkbeck