

Potomac Valley Swimming Inclusion/Diversity Report

December 2011

- Mr. J Riley Eaton (PVS General Chair), Miriam Lynch (Diversity Chair) and Roger McCoy represented PVS at the USA Swimming Diversity Summit held at the Olympic Training Center on Nov 17-20 in Colorado Springs, CO. Goals were developed for PVS during the summit. These goals are:
 - Identify a method of checking the box for clubs in PVS to increase the accuracy for the numbers reported.
 - Develop a method of direct communication i.e. conference group scheduling to increase the amount of efforts for inclusion
 - Update the Outreach Membership exposure and policies to reflect the needs of the community.
- **Diversity Day** will have a special guest - Gold Medal **Olympian Anthony Ervin** on April 14th, 2012. We would like to see if we could make this a celebration of our Olympic Trials athletes here in PVS. We would like to have those athletes who have qualified for Olympic Trials to join Anthony and work one on one and provide stroke techniques and motivation to our PVS athletes to reach for the gold. Thanks.
- **Operation Inspiration** - USA Swimming has extended the deadline until December 31st to send in stories for Operation Inspiration. All stories selected for the book will be professionally edited and sent to you for approval. USA Swimming looks forward to the release of the book in May 2012 and hopefully will have a few stories from each of your organizations. Everyone is encourage to submit at least one story for the book, there is no age limit. Please see attached "call for stories" for more information or go to <http://www.usaswimming.org/ViewNewsArticle.aspx?TabId=0&itemid=3802&mid=8712> . All stories can be email to swimstories@usaswimming.org. If you have any questions you may contact Talia Mark at tmark@usaswimming.org
- **About the Jan. Jubilee** - After great deliberation it is with regret that we inform you that we have canceled the DMV-PV travel plans for the January Jubilee Swim Meet (January 13 - 16, 2012). Plans and pricing for the meet were based on a minimum of 40 swimmers participating. Many PVS swimmers who had the 3 BB (or better) qualifying times had conflicts with high school swim meets and others had conflicts with pre-planned family events over the MLK holiday, which limited availability to participate in this meet.
- We will have a Diversity Committee Meeting on Saturday, December 17th at Takoma Park Community Center from 1-3pm.