

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – YORK COUNTY

MARCH/APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

On, Saturday, February 8, 2020, Special Olympics York County held its 12th Annual Polar Bear Plunge.



The weather was crisp and clear; the water was 28 degrees and the plungers and spectators were dancing, singing and celebrating to the music of DJ Chris at the John Wright Boat Dock. Led by the Blue Line Plungers, over 700 plungers headed into the

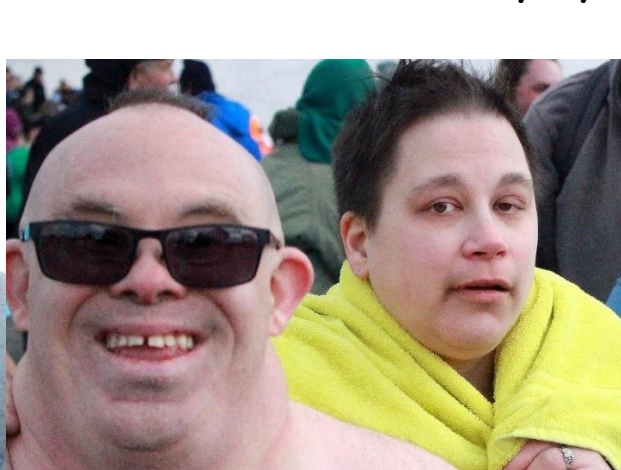
Susquehanna and started “freezin for a reason”.

Thanks to the Planning Committee and all of our volunteers, this event was an unqualified success. This event is the largest fundraiser for our program and allows athletes to participate in our 14 sports by providing training venues, equipment, uniforms, and everything needed to keep our athletes ready for competition. Special thanks to the coaches and athletes who participated and volunteered at the plunge. Volunteers and plungers are always needed at these events and all are welcomed.

Please put the dates for the 13th Annual Polar Bear Plunge on your calendar to come out and participate.

13TH ANNUAL POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021 PRE-PLUNGE REGISTRATON - 01/31/21





Manager's Corner Andrew Loehwing York County Manager

Hello Special Olympics York County!

First and foremost, let me extend a big THANK YOU message on behalf of the management team to everyone who volunteered, attended, supported and sponsored the 2020 Polar Bear Plunge! This event, held at John Wright Restaurant, was a huge success thanks to a lot of hard work and dedication. Special recognition to the

Planning Committee, including Karen and Bill Plappert, John and Becky Rinehart, Matt Morrison, the Athlete Leadership Team and especially Robyn Liggins-Smith, for all their efforts in planning and preparing for this event.

Our 2020 season marks 40 successful years of Special Olympics in York County! Reflecting on our history, I am grateful for our supporting network past and present and for the opportunities afforded to our local athletes for four decades. Your management team is dedicated to leading Special Olympics York County toward another successful forty years and beyond! As we continue to grow, please don't hesitate to contact the management team to learn how you can get involved and make a difference.

Let's all keep looking ahead, working toward greater and choosing to make Special Olympics York County the best program it can be.

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Congratulations to our own Loretta Claiborne on her receiving an Honorary Doctorate from York College during their December Commencement exercises. Loretta was the commencement speaker and engaged the graduates, their families and guests with her life story.

Loretta, who never looks for adulation or applause remains committed to championing, worldwide, inclusion for all persons with different abilities and remains a dedicated advocate for Special Olympics and especially Special Olympics – York County.

Loretta, your York County Special Olympics Family congratulates you on this honor!



IN MEMORIAM COREY MARKLE



Our friend, Corey Markle participated in many sports, including tennis, athletics, bowling, volleyball and many more. Corey also plunged on the Beach Boys and Friends team for many years. About 3 ½ years ago Corey was diagnosed with cancer and has been taking chemo and radiation treatments since his diagnoses. On January 28 - Corey lost his battle with cancer. Today he is greatly missed by his team members. Up unto the day of his passing – he continued to raise money for this event.

He loved Special Olympics and participated in 12 sports.

This past August, Corey was inducted into the Special Olympics PA Hall of Fame.

York County Special Olympics will always have a special place in our hearts for Corey and his parents – Lynn & Gloria.

Thank You

We want to thank our Special Olympics Family for the great support, love, concern and prayers shown to us during Corey's illness. The support from coaches and athletes was amazing.

We are sure Corey appreciated those moments. The celebration of life service was inspiring and uplifting with all of you there. Our appreciation goes out to all of you.

Lynn and Gloria

New Sport

LDR/LDW (Long Distance Running / Long Distance Walking)

First Practice will be in May 2020 (date to be determined)

Friday evening – 6:00-7:30 at John Rudy County Park

At that time: you will be given instructions as to proper warm-up as well as the Competitive technique to walk and run. You will also receive a logbook so that you can record your walk/run *date - times - distance* or the amount of minutes that you walked/ran. You should bring your logbook to each practice. Keep in mind that it is very important that you do as much walking/running on your own, as you are able.

We will continue to train using various parks in York County so that you can practice on a variety of terrains. You will be timed at most practice sessions so it is again very important that you practice on your own as much as possible.

Possible competitions include

Area M Fall Classic held in September (Date is not yet available)

Central Fall Sectional-Juniata College – October (Date is not yet available)

**In order to qualify for Fall Festival held at Villanova
you must receive a gold medal at Central Fall Sectionals.**

Distances

Nine (9) Mile – Compared to walking/running almost 4 laps around a track

Two (2) Mile – Compared to walking/running 8 times around a track.

Three (3) Mile – Compared to walking/running 12 times around a track.

Competitions are held regardless of weather with the exception of lightning.

If interested – you must email the Plappert no later than April 1--

wfpsr@comcast.net

A limited number of athletes will be able to train – unified partners are unlimited. This will apply until more coaches become available.

If the quota is met – you will be placed on a waiting list.

A complete schedule will be available after April 1.

IN MEMORIAM



**We have lost three additional members of our
York County Special Olympics Family.**

We send our condolences to their family members.



Pat Corcoran was active in our bowling, bocce, and volleyball programs for many years. Coaches remember his smile and happy disposition.



Bob O'Brien was our first County Manager in Special Olympics – York County serving 14 years as manager. He was a guiding factor in the growth of the York County chapter of Special Olympics helping it become the success it is today by serving as the County



Wilma Hoff was a lifelong volunteer with the Special Olympics, serving as a swimming coach for many years. Our swimming program is a success due to her dedication to the program.



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS YORK COUNTY GROUP
OCT. 7-16, 2021 9-NIGHT CANADA & NEW ENGLAND
ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINES ~ ENCHANTMENT OF THE SEAS
HOSTED BY ROX AND BRAD DUBBS**

Day	Ports of Call	Arrive	Depart
Thur. Oct. 7th	Bus from York to Port of Baltimore.		11:00AM
	Sail from Baltimore		4:00PM
Fri. Oct. 8th	Day at Sea		
Sat. Oct. 9th	Boston, MA	8:00AM	6:00PM
Sun. Oct. 10th	Portland, Maine	8:00AM	6:00PM
Mon. Oct. 11th	Bar Harbor, Maine	8:00AM	6:00PM
Tues. Oct. 12th	Saint John, New Brunswick	7:00AM	5:00PM
Wed. Oct. 13th	Halifax, Nova Scotia	11:00AM	7:00PM
Thurs. Oct. 14th	Day at Sea		
Fri. Oct. 15th	Day at Sea		
Sat. Oct. 16th	Baltimore, MD	7:00AM	

GROUP PRICE:

Category 2V	Interior	\$1160.00 per person
Category 4N	Oceanview (forward & aft)	\$1310.00 per person
Category 2N	Oceanview (mid-ship)	\$1340.00 per person
Category 3B	Balcony	\$1800.00 per person

****Other categories available****

Rates are Group rates and are per person and based on double occupancy. All prices are subject to change and availability. *****Space is limited so book early for the best rate and best selection of staterooms*****

Other cabin categories are available upon request. Rates for 3rd or 4th person available upon request.

NOTE: Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines reserves the right to reinstate the fuel supplement of \$10.00 per person per day if the cost of oil exceeds \$70 per barrel.

*** Includes:** 9-nights accommodations onboard the *Enchantment of the Seas*, all meals, shipboard activities and entertainment while on board, government taxes and fees, onboard gratuities to your waiter, assistant waiter, cabin steward and maitre d', bus from York to the ship, Krouse Travel Escort and a donation to Special Olympics York County.

BONUS: \$50 shipboard credit per stateroom.

Not included: shore excursions, bar drinks, beauty salon, casino, trip insurance and items of a personal nature.

Payment schedule:

DEPOSIT: \$500.00 per stateroom is due at the time of reservation. **FINAL PAYMENT:** due prior to June 30, 2021.

Ask about a monthly payment plan!

Cancellation policy: \$25 per person administrative fee charged by Krouse Travel for all cancellations. Deposit is refundable (unless otherwise specified) less \$25 per person Krouse Travel administrative fee if cancelled prior to July 9, 2021. 25% per person penalty plus \$25 Krouse fee if cancelled between July 10 and July 24, 2021. 50% per person penalty plus \$25 Krouse fee if cancelled between July 25 and Aug. 7, 2021. 75% per person penalty plus \$25 Krouse fee if cancelled between Aug. 8 and Sept. 6, 2021. NO refund if cancelled Sept. 7, 2021 or later.

Trip insurance is highly recommended and should be paid with your deposit.

Single, triple, and quad rates are available upon request.

***** PASSPORTS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR THIS TRIP *****

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UPCOMING EVENTS

40TH ANNUAL

YORK COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPRING GAMES

MAY 9TH, 2020

YORK COLLEGE

OPENING CEREMONIES – 9:00 A.M.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – YORK COUNTY

COPS & LOBSTERS



**CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
UPDATED INFORMATION**

ATHLETE REGISTRATION

YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

AUGUST 5, 2020

6:30 P.M.

Athletes please do not arrive before 6:00 p.m.

For Updated Information

Check out our Website

<https://www.specialolympicsyorkcounty.org>

Or our

Facebook Page
