

## Welcome to the Villa Park Mariners Parents Association!!

Your child has become a member of the Villa Park Mariners Swim Team, thus, the swimmer's parent(s) or guardian immediately become members of the Mariners Parents' Association.

The Villa Park Mariners is a program of the Villa Park Recreation Department. Villa Park Recreation does a great deal for the team by:

- Handling registration
- Providing coaches
- Providing lifeguard and pool staff
- Providing facility for practices and meets
- Paying conference dues
- Assuming legal liability for the team
- Publicizing the team
- Providing facilities for our pool party, meetings, training and banquet

**But while Villa Park Recreation does all these things, there is much more to be done and this is where the Mariners Parents' Association comes in. We:**

Run all aspects of the meet by:

- Setting up and breaking down the pool area for the meet
- Timing and officiating the events of the meet
- Providing the results of meet to DSDC, our record keeper, our coaches, and to newspapers
- Getting swimmers to their correct event
- Running concessions, consignment tables, and turtle fundraising table

The Parents Association provides social activities such as the:

- Hot dog picnic
- Pre-conference meet pool party
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade
- End of Season Pool Party and Banquet

The Parents Association also:

- Provides the discount on the team suit
- Provides a Villa Park Mariners Swim Cap
- Provides ribbons to swimmers after each meet
- Providing an award to each swimmer at the end of the season
- Purchases training equipment for the team

To do all these things, we must fundraise, so instead of selling candy or magazines, etc., we:

- Have Turtle races at each home meet
- Have a Car Wash
- Have a Swim-A-Thon
- Get local businesses to sponsor the team

To make all of this happen, we need full participation of our Parents. Please sign up to work at every meet in some capacity. Volunteer for something that you enjoy doing on one of the committees that we have. If everyone does a little bit, the work load is distributed more fairly. **Starting this year, in order to receive the 50% off on the team suit, it will be necessary for a family member to volunteer for 5 regular season meets, and one conference meet.** Volunteering at the meet is fun, helps the time go faster, and the swimmers are so proud to see their parents help out. The Mariners Parents' Association Board of Directors is comprised of annually elected Officers and appointed Board members who head a series of volunteer committees. Consider serving on one of the committees.

Thank you!