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## AQUATICS OF GEORGETOWN

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Dear Swimming Family:

Most of you are familiar with our **SwimGeorgetown Scholarship Foundation**. Coach Dale has a webpage on our SwimGeorgetown.com website that does a great job of detailing the origins and purpose of this fund ([www.swimgeorgetown.com/html/scholarship.php](http://www.swimgeorgetown.com/html/scholarship.php)). As an "old master," it gives me great pride and pleasure to be able to have an outlet for giving back to the sport that literally saves my life, every day. It is a unique privilege to be a member of a club which combines adult swimmers and our age group swimmers as one swimming community. As the seasoned group, our Master swimmers have the opportunity to encourage our younger counterparts. We are witness to phenomenal amounts of work and huge sacrifices of time. We have the finest, dedicated young people in our program! How many young people today are willing to get out of bed before 5 a.m. for the first of two workouts in a single day? How many middle school and elementary students are willing to forgo an afternoon of relaxing at home in order to improve their skills as a swimmer? Our coaches are to be commended for supporting a sense of team between masters and age group swimmers. There are few programs like the one that Dale has created in Georgetown, Texas. I pity master teams that don't have interaction with age groupers and I think it is a shame when younger swimmers don't see firsthand that swimming is a lifetime sport.

I know that parents of our Texas Gold swimmers make huge investments in money and time to support the goals of their children. I was once an age grouper and I have no idea how much my folks spent on dues, suits, sweats, equipment, entry fees, and travel expenses. I see it today as one of the best gifts they ever provided. I hope that Gold parents recognize that swimming can provide a lifetime of mental and physical wellness and the sacrifices you are making today will lead to benefits that will outlive your financial commitment.

That being said, these are difficult economic times. We are all learning to do more with less and find ways to tighten our financial belts. Yes, in the face of these facts, I am asking you to remember our **SwimGeorgetown Scholarship Fund**. As the end of the year approaches, perhaps you are in a position to make a tax-deductible contribution. Your thoughtful consideration would be a tremendous gift to our Texas Gold swimmers. When we started the Fund last spring, our goals were to provide scholarships for deserving, graduating seniors and to provide a base that could assist with emergency help for a swimmer that needed special assistance with entry fees, travel, or other warranted circumstances. No gift to the Fund is too small. Do not under estimate the worth of what you might have to offer. SwimGeorgetown.com can instruct you on how to make a gift to the foundation. Thanks for allowing me to share some heartfelt feelings I have for our club and for the opportunity to solicit your help in finding ways to reward the dedication of our Texas Gold. You are the finest people in this community and it is an honor to be part of this family.

"Swimmers are better than people."

*Mark Lehnick*

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