FEBRUARY 2017

The Finish Line

- The Mission of Zoomers is to promote health and inspire fellowship by providing quality events for our community.
- Visit Zoomers online at http:// www.zoomersrun.com for upcoming race information, past newsletters and other useful information

JOIN US FOR OUR

21ST ANNIVERSARY RUN

Sunday, April 30th 7:30 a.m.

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Is there someone you would like to see in the Spotlight?

Email suggestions to ymgailcow@yahoo.com

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COACHING & TRAINING

If you are interested in improving your running and would like to get a coach, there are several RRCA Certified Coaches in the local area. Our listing below does not indicate endorsement by the Zoomers Running Club of any specific program. It is a way for you to become aware of what

Looking for a coach? Below are Zoomers members who are coaches

Ms. Michele Galluppi
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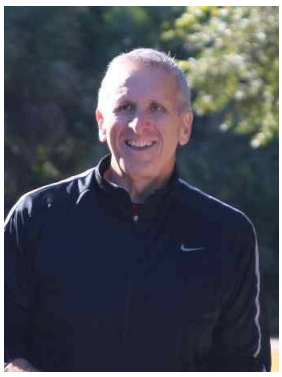
Did you move?? Did you move??

Please be sure to keep Zoomers updated with your current

Address, phone number and email address,
So that Zoomers can keep YOU updated too!!



President's Message
by Ed Gillen

Goals! Many of us made them at the start of the year and many involve getting healthier. I hope you are still on target with yours. A goal for our club is to continue to stay healthy and grow. We are in good financial health and our membership continues to grow. Many of you know that one way to accomplish your goals is to tell friends and family your goals so that they can help keep you on track. That's what our club is about – sharing in our experiences, caring for each other and helping us get better in what we do.

Help us become better! How? Here's some suggestions: host a group run, volunteer (especially at Zoomers Youth Fun Runs), run for the board, offer your numerous talents to our club, write an article for the newsletter, become a race director, wear Zoomers gear at local races and award ceremonies, ask your athletic friends to join, suggest events Zoomers should be involved in (e.g. Dragon boat races), cheer loud for your fellow Zoomers, **support our business members** (see ads throughout), renew your membership, support local race directors who support Zoomers, or share our club's scholarship information.

There's so many more ways to help. As always, we appreciate your support of Zoomers and I'll see you at the Finish Line.

Meet Your Zoomers Board and Committee Chairs for 2017

Board Members:

President: Ed Gillen

Vice-President—Pat Vasquez

Treasurer—Patti Wargo

Secretary—Gail Marianri

Membership Chair—Lori Vasquez

Web Director— John Libonati

Committee Chairs:

Race Committee:

Pat Vasquez

Jessica Oldfather

Dave Pierce

Don Fialka

Special Events:

Roxanne Gillen

Zoomers Run Myakkahatchie Creek Environmental Park

On January 22nd, over 30 Zoomers ran trails at Myakkahatchie Creek Environmental Park in North Port. The majority of runners did the 2.6 mile loop – from one to four times around. A smaller group ran the connector trail to add more miles. Afterwards, goodies (including birthday cake) and drinks brought by participants were shared and enjoyed by all.

Do you know of a location for a group run? Contact Ed Gillen at Zoomerspresi-

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2017 Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must:

Be a high school senior in good academic standing, with the intention to attend an institution of higher education.

Be a member of Zoomers and have tenured that membership for at least two years prior to the date of his/her graduation from high school. The membership may be as an individual or as part of a family.

Have volunteered to work in the setup, implementation, and take down of at least two races in which Zoomers has been involved with. (Information regarding upcoming races and volunteer opportunities can be found on the Zoomersrun.com website.)

Have (1) been a member of his/her high school track or cross country team (Varsity or Junior Varsity) for at least one year, or (2) have registered and run in at least two Zoomers-timed races. (High school team participation will be verified by either the coach's or athletic director's name and signature on the application form.)

Complete the Zoomers Scholarship Application form.

Submit a letter of request. (Details on application)

ZOOMERS MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

- Do you want to be involved in what is happening in your club? Please join us on the first Wednesday of each month for the Zoomers Business Meeting. It is currently being held at the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 pm.
- At these meetings, we discuss what is happening in the club, what past races were like and what races we have coming up. You will learn how it all works behind the scenes and also be able to voice your opinions, concerns or maybe you have an idea for something new?
- Come join us and see what it's like.
- Next Business Meeting is February 1, 2017

January Membership Report

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Avis Medina	Business Membership (Medina Dental)
Barbara Grube	Household Membership
Betty Ridenour	Household Membership
Brady Sorah	Business Membership (Dara Sora CPA)
Bryan Minos	Business Membership (SW Tools & Fasteners)
Chris Fleeman	Household Membership
Darby McGuinness	Individual Membership
Enzo Federici	Business Membership (Torch membership)
Grayson Kruger-Medina	Business Membership (Medina Dental)
La Chuvila	Individual Membership
Judy Goike	Business Membership (Torch membership)
Lauren Amarode	Household Membership
Levi Kruger-Medina	Business Membership (Medina Dental)
Lisa Hardy	Individual Membership
Melissa Minos	Business Membership (SW Tools & Fasteners)
Micayla Sorah	Business Membership (Dara Sora CPA)
Pam Detko	Household Members
Tom Detko	Household Membership
Tom Ridenour	Household Membership

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS IN JAN: 19

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TRIATHLON SERIES!!!!

It was a good first year for the Zoomers Triathlon series. Congratulations to all of the winners!
I would like to take this time to ask for feedback and suggestions. Please email me at Zoomersvicepresident@gmail.com. I would like recommendations on rule changes and what races you would like to see in the 2017 Zoomers Multi sport series.
Thanks
Pat Vasquez, Zoomers VP.

Go to www.zoomersrun.com for more info and to Opt In **

**For dues paying active members

Upcoming Races!!!

February:

2/5—Sarasota Music Half

2/11—Scrub Jay 5k/10k

2/25—Bucs On The Run

2/26—Boca Grande 5k run and Fun Run

March

3/4—Shark's Tooth 10k

For more information on local races and links, go to

www.zoomersrun.com

KIDS RACE SERIES 2016-2017 RACE ROSTER

~~Pirate Treasure Trot 5K- Aug 20th, 2016~~

~~Remember the Fallen 5k- Sept 10, 2016~~

~~Trick or Trot 5k– Oct. 22, 2016~~

~~Charlotte County Sheriff's 5k run 4 the Animals– Oct 29, 2016~~

Myakka River Zoomers Kids only 5k- Nov. 12, 2016

Frosty 5k –Dec. 17, 2016

Andrew Monroe 5k – January. 8, 2017

Boca Grande 5k– Feb. 26, 2017

Life in the Sun 5k 10k– March. 11, 2017

Harbour Heights 5k – April. 1, 2017

Pine View Python Run 5k – April. 15, 2017

Doo Rag May. 13, 2017

Publix Family Fun Day 5k May 20, 2017

Firecracker 5k– July 4, 2017

For links to race registrations go to:

http://zoomersrun.com/kids-race-series/

ZOOMERS VISORS FOR SALE!

There are eight (8) regular Zoomers visors and three (3) adjustable visors left. These are Headsweats performance headwear – the most popular visor in the triathlon industry and trusted companion of thousands of runners and triathlon finishers. Wear your Zoomers visor proud.

To order, contact Zoomerspresident@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR January 2017

STATEMENT DATE: January 1, 2017

OPENING BALANCE (JAN 1):	**$ 24,802.20**
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	**$2,313.55**
TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$1,933.26**
NET REVENUE:	**$ (380.29)**
CLOSING BALANCE (JAN 31):	**$ 24,421.91**

Respectfully submitted by Patti Wargo, Treasurer, on January 31, 2017

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Zoomersrun.com

Sunday, April 30th 7:30 a.m.

Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management Area
29200 Tuckers Grade, Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Zoomers is celebrating our 21st year with a group run or walk. We are heading back to Webb Babcock. Participants will receive a commemorative running shirt (gender specific) and light refreshments and drinks. The park allows participants the ability to do various distances on a beautiful 5-mile out and back road along gorgeous Webb Lake. THIS IS NOT A RACE! No timing, no medals.

Registration Details Coming Soon!

Zoomer's L K Who?

February Birthdays!!

Ann	2/1	Joseph	Vander Linde
	2/2	Ryan	Hawkins
	2/5	Warren	Chandler
	2/6	Patti	Wargo
	2/7	Lan	Repinski
	2/8	Melinda	Hooper
	2/10	Dustin	Hawkins
	2/11	Melissa	Minos
	2/14	Danielle	Clarke
	2/14	Rebecca	Krueger
	2/15	Zachary	Simmons
	2/16	Wyatt	Chandler
	2/15	Kaye	Bennett
	2/17	Shane	Engelauf
	2/17	Levi	Kruger-Medina
	2/18	Lisa	Kress
	2/18	Thomas	Fabian
	2/18	Michele	Purdy
	2/22	Chris	Fleeman
	2/23	Mike	Clauser
	2/23	Vincent	Albanese
	2/24	Dug	Stetter
	2/25	Keith	Cline
	2/27	Sebastian	Holmes
	2/28	Anna	Wenzel

At the conclusion of the Walmart 5k on January 21, 2017, Karen Haynes, Active Suncoast Founder & President, presented Zoomers President Edward Gillen with a check for $500 to support the Zoomers Kid's Race Series. The Active Suncoast Foundation's mission is to promote healthy kids.

Jessica's Gifts
Jewelry for Athletes
www.jessicas-gifts.com
use coupon code ZOOMERS for a
10% discount and free shipping

VOLUNTEERING AT LOCAL RACES OR EVENTS *(thru December 2017)*

If you volunteer at four (4) Zoomers-owned event, Zoomers adult race **or** Kids race series **or** a race/event that Zoomers *has been requested* to provide volunteers, you will receive a 1-year long individual membership (6 events for a 1-year family membership up to 4 members). Volunteering is also a requirement for our Zoomers Scholarship and Zoomers Adult Race Series.

NOTE: Zoomers attempts to keep the most accurate records of who volunteers at their events. It's more difficult when volunteering at an event Zoomers does not own. **Errors do occur and we encourage each member to contact Zoomerspresident@gmail.com regarding your availability and events you have volunteered.**

RACE NAME	DATE	ADULT RACE SERIES	KIDS RACE SERIES	ZOOMERS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS
Harbour Heights 5k & Half		YES	YES	YES (water stop)
Myakka River 5k		YES		YES (water stop)
Summer Kids		YES	YES	
Trick or Trot 5k		YES	YES	
Habitat for Humanity Turkey Trot 5k		YES	YES	
Zoomers Turkey Raffle Run		YES		

Volunteering for ANY race on the series or Zoomers events will also count. If you volunteer for a race on the series, make sure you tell one of the committee members so that it will be counted.

2017 Adult Zoomers Race Series

1/8 – Andrew Memorial 5k

1/21 – Walmart 5k

1/28 – Hands Across the Harbor 5k & 1/2

2/5 – Sarasota Music Half

2/11 – Scrub Jay 5k/10k

2/26 – Boca Grande 5k

3/5 – Sharks Tooth 10k

TBD – St. Patty 8k

3/19 – Chocolate Fantasia 7k

3/25 – FOP Fallen Heroes 5k/10k

4/2 – Harbour Heights 5k & 1/2

TBD – Smoothie King 5k

5/20 – Family Fun Day 5k

5/29 – Memorial Day 5k/10k

6/24 – I Run for Beer 4 Mile

7/4 – Firecracker 5k

7/23 – I Run for Bacon 4 Mile

8/19 – Pirate Treasure 5k

TBD – Remember the Fallen 5k/10k

10/15 – Run941 5k Classic

10/21 – Trick or Trot 5k (Zoomers Scholarship Fundraiser)

11/11 – Myakka 5k & 1/2

11/23 – Turkey Trot 5k

12/16 – Frosty 5k

Click the link below for Adult Race Series Scoresheet:

http://zoomersrun.com/download/adult_race_series/ars_2016/2016-Zoomers-Race-Series-Scoresheet.pdf

2017 Race Series!

NEW Rules and Regulations for the 2017 Race Series!!

** You will only be competing against fellow Zoomers in the Race Series

** No Points for Overall or Master Categories. Age Group Only

** 1st—2nd—3rd place Zoomers Age Group Awards at the end of season

Race Series Points will be awarded as follows:

8 pts 1st Place in Zoomer's age group Male and Female

6 pts 2nd Place in Zoomer's age group Male and Female

4 pts 3rd Place in Zoomer's age group Male and Female

2 pts completing the Race

For the full details and qualifying races, go to:

http://zoomersrun.com/2017-race-series/

ZOOMERS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA RUNNING & TRIATHLON CLUB

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First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Street Address_____ City, State, Zip_____

Home Phone_____ Work/Cell

Membership Fee: Please check one:

- ☐ New Membership
- ☐ Renewal of active membership
- ☐ Returning member (membership expired)
- ☐ Check box to get newsletter by mail
- ☐ I'm interested in volunteering

Circle	Single	Family	Student
1yr	$20	$25	$5
2 yr	$35	$45	$10
3yr	$50	$65	$15

☐ Business Membership $75 for one year

Release: I know that running, biking, swimming & volunteering to work at Club Events & road races is a potentially hazardous activity & that I should not enter & participate unless I am medically able & properly trained. I agree to abide by any race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running this event including but not limited to: falls contact with other participants, the effect of the weather, including low or high temperatures &/or humidity, traffic & the conditions of the course, all such risks being known & appreciated by me. Having read this waiver & knowing these facts & in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, my-self & anyone entitled to act on my behalf waive & release the Road Runners Club of America, the Zoomers Running Club and its Officers, Members & Volunteers, & all Sponsors, their representatives, employees & successors from any & all claims & liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in any Club event or carelessness of the per-sons named in this waiver. Further, I grant to all of the forgoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record while participating in Club events for legitimate purposes.

Signature of Primary Member: _____ Date: _____

Referred by : _____ _____

Sign Up Online @ http://www.sportssignup.com/Zoomers-Southwest-Florida-Running-and-Triathlon-Club-Online-Registration.start

Zoomersrun.com

P.O. BOX 380276

MURDOCK, FL 33938

HAVE YOU MOVED? PLEASE BE SURE TO UPDATE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS SO THAT ZOOMERS CAN KEEP YOU UPDATED TOO!

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Real Bikes Englewood Melody Land Vasbinder
Run 941 Thierry Rouillard
SW Tools & Fasteners Bryan & Mel Minos

Are you on Facebook? Check out or pages and keep up with what is happening in Zoomers…

https://www.facebook.com/ZoomersNewsPhotos

https://www.facebook.com/groups/Zoomersrun/

Need people to run with? Zoomers Facebook is the place to go. Members are posting where they are running so you can join.

Look for information on the Zoomers Facebook Page!!

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ACTIVE SUNCOAST FOUNDATION

www.activesuncoast.org

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of The Finish Line. Join us again in March

From the Editors Desk

If you would like to submit an article to The Finish Line Newsletter, please email it in Word format to ymgailcow@yahoo.com by the 20th of the month preceding this monthly newsletter.

Please submit to newsletter by February20 for the March issue.

We welcome you to share your personal experiences (running or otherwise), family vacations, photos, etc.

Please do keep in mind there is a 300 word limit on all articles.