

2018 Board Meetings and process to get on agenda:

The 2018 Board Meetings will all be held at the clubhouse at 6:30 PM ET (dates shown below). Members paid in full can add an agenda item by emailing your name, address and topic to [bcawebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:bcawebmaster@gmail.com). Or if you do not have email, please leave a voicemail message at 412.241.9659. Agenda items must be submitted no later than one week prior to the meeting.

- May 20th (Strawberry Festival and Annual Board Meeting)
- September 19th
- November 1st

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To subscribe to weekly electronic bulletin, just go to [www.blackridge-bca.org](http://www.blackridge-bca.org) and use the form to “Sign up for our newsletter & stay updated.” You’ll get notifications about events and happenings in Blackridge and around the East End.

2018 Board Members:

Our current list of 2018 board members is listed below, please note we have several vacancies so if you interested in volunteering please email Jen Suiters at [jinnyfaliny@gmail.com](mailto:jinnyfaliny@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail at 412.241.9569. We are now looking for our 2019 board, but we welcome folks joining as soon as possible.

- President – Dirk Page
- Vice President – Jen Suiters
- Treasurer – Ron Kotun
- Secretary – MJ Shaw
- Vice President Membership – Vacant
- Vice President Buildings & Grounds – Vacant
- Vice President Ways & Means – Ceil Greber
- Rental Director – Vacant
- Media / Communications Manager – Vacant
- Webmaster – Damon Mahon
- Churchill at Large – Lee Borrellis, Maria Taylor
- Penn Hills at Large – 3 Vacancies
- Wilkinsburg at Large – Kristen Brown, 2 Vacancies

BCA Financial Update

BLACKRIDGE, THE BCA NEEDS YOUR HELP.

Typically during the holidays and January and February, we have an influx of cash from memberships and donations. However, our currently membership is DOWN 75% from what we had at this time last year. Our cash flow is low and we can’t pay our bills.

Therefore, we are asking that you please make your contributions to the BCA now.

Over the past year, we were able to convert the BCA to 501(c)3 nonprofit status. This makes your contributions above membership tax deductible. Your employer may also provide a match ... please check.

While the 501(c)3 status relieves us of our real estate tax responsibility, we still owe about \$7000 to Woodland Hills School District for 2016 taxes. The collection agency is after us to start a payment plan. We also have monthly expenditures of approximately \$4000 for utilities, insurance, maintenance, and repairs.

PLEASE JOIN THE BCA TODAY AND CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION ABOVE MEMBERSHIP.

THANKS!  
Ron Kotun  
Treasurer, BCA



BCA Does Good! Angel Tree Donation

Many thanks to MJ Shaw and the BCA for coordinating with the Penn Hills YMCA to help with their Angel Tree, a program for giving holiday gifts to children in need. We generated over \$300 worth of gifts under MJ’s leadership and generous donations.



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Mark your 2018 Calendar for these BCA Events:

- Beef and Beer – April 7th
- Strawberry Festival – May 20th
- Garage Sale – June 16th
- 4th of July Bike Parades – July 4th
- Fall Fest – October 6th
- Kid’s Christmas Party – December 2nd



Membership, Membership, Membership!

- Please make sure to join the BCA, as you can see from the above we support so much and truly make Blackridge “A Great Place to Live.” Joining is easy, just send your membership check address to Blackridge Civic Association Memberships, PO Box 10684, Pittsburgh PA, 15235, or join online at: <https://blackridge-bca.org/join-us/>
- Did you know you can set up a sustaining membership that will automatically draw a monthly amount from your bank account, so you don’t ever need to remember to renew?
- Your membership helps support an activity community, property values and promotes fun, social activities and provides a venue and forum to strengthen the fabric of our community.... Please consider joining, we are a special association and we need money to remain viable.

Support the Blackridge Civic Association with Free Donations at Smile.Amazon.com



- What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you.
- When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.
- Just select The BLACKRIDGE Civic Association, Pittsburgh, PA and the BCA will receive a donation of 0.05% from Amazon on each purchase!



## Summer at the Blackridge Swim Club

What a great year we had in 2017! The summer months at the pool flew by as we enjoyed the warm sun, cool water, and great events. We partied at Fiesta Fridays, Family Nights, Teen Nights, Movie Nights, Synchro Extravaganza, Memorial Day, and Labor Day. Throughout the summer we had smooth pool operations and an excellent safety record thanks to Annmarie Rodrigues our pool manager and Maria Taylor and Julianne Liberati our pool operators. The dedicated lifeguards, all “home grown” BSC folks, were professional, friendly, and welcoming. And we maintained healthy membership levels with well over 90 members for the second straight year.

The BSC maintained its “resort-like” feel with clean grounds, new chaise lounges, tables, and chairs. The lifeguard chair was spruced up and a number of dangerous and diseased trees were removed from the perimeter of the grounds.

Our very own Blackridge Barracudas had an unprecedented third straight nearly flawless record on their way to becoming Division II Champions, all thanks to many volunteers and our patient and encouraging coaches, Maria and Julianne. Again, three long-standing team records were broken this season. And more importantly, our swim team has grown to be one of the largest teams in the Eastern Swim Association. Friends that have grown up together at the pool, new team members in their first meets, private schooled, public schooled, and homeschooled kids all encouraged one another in our most successful season in over 20 years!

Sadly, shortly after the season ended, we lost founding pool member, pool board member, and good friend Tony Schryer. Tony was a people-person. He was genuinely interested in how folks were doing. And he routinely commented how Blackridge, and the pool in particular, was such a treasure and worth investing in and maintaining. We miss Tony and we will especially miss him this coming summer at the pool.

What makes the BSC such a great place to be, is our members. We met new folks and renewed old friendships. All the great events were made possible by skilled organizers and party planners. The leadership and management of the pool was steady and thoughtful, with an eye toward the future. And numerous people helped out behind the scenes to make serving on the board a real pleasure.

The work it takes to make the BSC thrive and the time spent together at the pool strengthens relationships and commitment to the Blackridge community.



This past season at the pool was a success in so many ways because of the support of the Blackridge community. As we look back, we realize how truly thankful we are to be a part of this neighborhood. The Blackridge Civic Association, the Blackridge Garden Club, and the Blackridge Swim Club are all such an asset and offer so many opportunities for people to serve the community. Blackridge is special, and we at the pool are looking forward to working and serving with the BCA and BGC in 2018 to make it even better.

So come check us out this summer. Meet your neighbors. Make new friends. Enjoy the hidden gem that is the Blackridge Swim Club. We'll “see you at the pool!”

*Dave Bauer*  
BSC President  
president@blackridgeswimclub.org

### Blackridge Swim Club: By the Numbers

- 93 memberships in 2017
- \$1,243 increased membership revenue
- \$3,286 decreased costs
- \$4,500 reduction in line of credit debt
- \$1,210 contributions to Schreyer Capital Improvements Fund
- 15 Evening Events
- 0 safety incidents
- 78 Swim Team Barracudas
- 3 Records Broken
- 1 Division II Championship

## Blackridge Garden Club News

The Blackridge Garden Club would like to thank our friends and neighbors for supporting us by purchasing raffle tickets for our 2018 Bloomin’ Corners Raffle and for making donations to the club for our corners maintenance. We had a very generous response this year. Our 2018 winners were all Blackridge residents, past and present: **Jody Kotun** of Blackridge Road won the Drink and Dine package of gift cards to upscale area restaurants and liquor boutiques. **Marilyn Solomon** of Forest Hills, who grew up on Old Gate Road, won the Nordstrom shopping spree. **Donna Frost** of Hollywood Drive won the Plan and Plant package of a landscape architecture consultation and a gift card to Penn Hills Lawn and Garden. **Amy Farrell** of Hollywood Drive won the lavish golf package from Nemacolin Woodlands. **Congratulations to our winners and thanks again to all of our patrons!** Please take a look at our Facebook page (Blackridge Garden Club) or our website (blackridgegardenclub.com) for more information on the benefit raffle and our other activities.

## Beautiful Orchids Every Day

Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 7 PM, BCA

The Blackridge Garden Club will present a FREE lecture by Phipps Conservatory’s Georgia Wahl. Ms Wahl will discuss orchid care, including feeding, watering, repotting, and positioning, and will answer your questions. Please contact Shelley at 412-244-8616 or at shezgrotz@gmail.com for more details or to let her know you will attend. It will be a fun educational evening with light refreshments to follow, as well as a \$5 raffle for a zygopetalum orchid with a few orchid related items!



# THANK YOU!

## Thank You Blackridge Ambassadors!

Thank you to our 2017– 2018 Block Captain Ambassadors! If you got this Blackboard it's thanks to their hard work. If you see a “Vacant” position, we’d love you to volunteer; and if you signed up in the past as a volunteer and we somehow missed you, please accept our apologies we’d still love your help, just email jinnyfaliny@gmail.com and we’ll sign you up!

- Arlington – Joe De Stefano
- Atkinson – Joe De Stefano
- Black Forest – Peter Hughes, Wanda Hughes
- Blackridge – Denny Bossick, Penny Bossick, Nancy Delpresto
- Collins – Will Marrow
- Country Club –Laura Schoch
- Creekeedge – Barb Liberati
- Forest – Diane Law
- Georgetown – Jennifer Suiters
- Graham – Vacant
- Hollywood – Judi Diorio, Shelly Grotzinger
- Jamestown –Joe Des Stefano, Lee Borrellis
- McNary – Vacant
- Meadow – Beverly Garrett
- Old Gate – Denny Bossick, Penny Bossick
- Orlando – Becca Aqra, Pat Dawson, Kristin Pesch
- Osage – Ron Kotun
- Sebring – Jerome Diangelo
- William Penn Highway – Ashlee Esplen
- Williamsburg – Ceil Greber, Dan Duerring, Peter Hughes, Wanda Hughes
- Yorktown – Jeanette Trauth

### 2018 Blackridge Ambassador Meetings

Blackridge Ambassador Meetings are at 7:00 PM ET at the Clubhouse

- **June 6th**
- **September 26th**

## Did you know the BCA offers the following regular weekly classes?

Just contact the email / website for more information, or show up on the day of the class to sign up!

- **Yoga with Molly Knepper** – Monday (8:00 – 9:00 PM) \$5 per class, All levels welcome. Please bring a mat and an open mind. msknepper@gmail.com
- **Kid’s Play Groups** (2 sessions) – Wednesday (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM)