

### Lifeguard Training Class

We will once again be holding a Lifeguard Training Class at the Pool this summer. Classes will be held Saturday 7/10 & 7/17 and Sunday 7/11 & 7/18 from 9a—5p each day. Cost is \$300.00 Participants must be 15 years old by the conclusion of the class to be eligible to participate.

**SPACE IS LIMITED SO SIGN UP EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT!!!**

### Pay your Pool Dues ONLINE using PayPal

**There is no better value for your dollar than the pool.**

And it just got so much easier to pay for your membership. You can go to [www.highlandspool.org](http://www.highlandspool.org) and use a credit card or debit check card. You can select to pay all at once or in four easy installments with the final payment made by Monday, May 31st 2010. **Paying by this date will ensure you lock in the 2009 rate** so don't delay! Rates will be increasing for 2010!! Visit the pool website for more information.

Editor's Note: For those unfamiliar with **PayPal**, it is an online payment service. It's very secure and easy to use. I've have been using **PayPal** for years and have never had an issue.

### Work Weekends at the Pool!

Lend a helping hand for a few hours and save \$\$\$

Once again we are asking our members to come forward and pitch in to help get our Pool ready for the 2010 season. Work weekends will be scheduled for the following dates (weather permitting)

May 1st and 2nd May 15th and 16.

Put in just four hours helping us clean up, rake leaves or weed and save \$25.00 (The maintenance fee) off of your individual or family membership dues. If you have already paid your dues the \$25.00 will be refunded to you.

### Good Search...Good Shop...Great ideas!

Show the pool some love for the upcoming Wedding and Graduation season!

Please use **Good Search** every time you surf the web. And, make your online purchases using **Good Shop** and a small percentage of the sale will go to the pool! Start with the **Good Shop** site, then go to your favorite online store and shop as you normally would. It's so easy! Be sure to enter **Highlands Natural Pool** as the charity you would like to support and click on **verify** before you begin surfing. You can also make **Good Search** your default browser and start with **Good Search** as your homepage. It's safe and easy. Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and click on **Get the Good search toolbar or add us to your search box** and follow the simple instructions. **Good Search** users may still select any search engine they wish.

### Opening Day Ethnic Pot-Luck

Join us at the Pool on opening day Saturday, May 29th as we ring the bell and usher in a new season of fun and friendship. We also hold the first of our two ethnic pot luck luncheons on this day. (the other is held on Labor day) Bring a dish that reflects your heritage or try cooking something new and unique and share it with your pool pals! Please include a recipe card to place in front of the dish so everyone who loves it can learn how to make it. The recipe card also helps our friends with allergies and other dietary concerns. Hope to see everyone there!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1 & 2 -15 & 16 Work weekends

May 29

Opening day 2010

Sept 4th

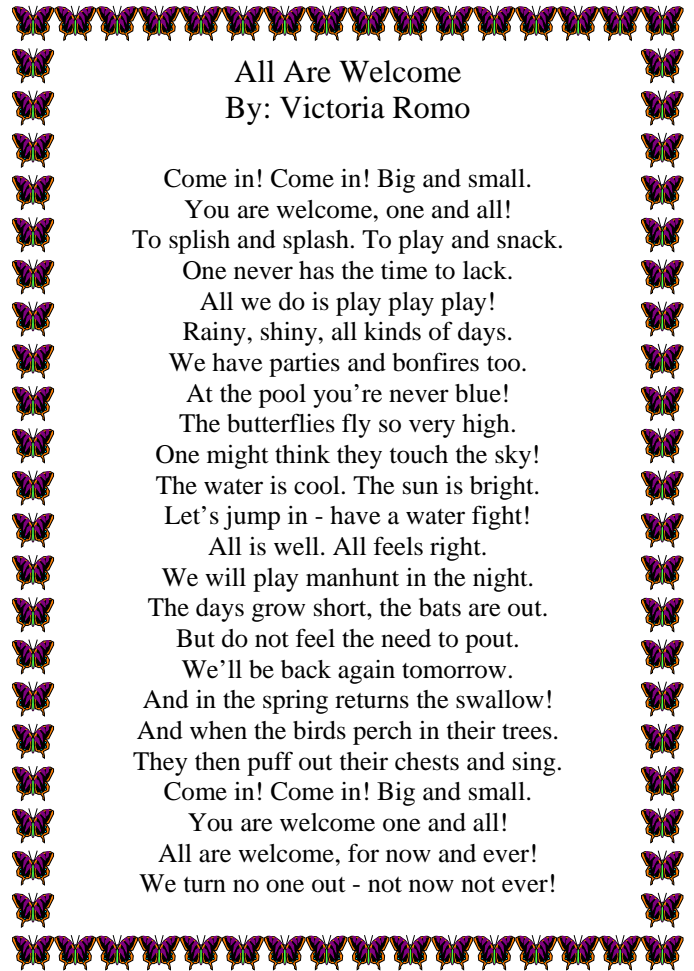
Gala Fundraiser

Dear friends the time has come to be very honest. Last season membership was down considerably and our fund raising efforts suffered as a result. I understand that the weather was terrible and with the economy being what it was, many people probably thought it would be wiser to save their hard earned dollars or spend them elsewhere. I myself didn't get into the water at all last year, it was simply too cold. But the pool has operating expenses whether its 95 degrees and humid or 65 degrees and raining.

Even though I didn't swim last year, I still enjoyed spending time in the beautiful pool setting – chatting with all of the great friends I've made since joining several years ago. I also enjoyed bringing my daughter to such a charming and safe environment where she can hike in the woods with her friends or play manhunt in the field at dusk. I would be hard pressed to find another community where so many people look out for each others children. It's nice to be able to actually relax when I come here, knowing this is one of the most secure places with some of the most caring and attentive staff anywhere.

If we want the pool to be here the next time it's so hot we can fry an egg on the sidewalk, we need to support it every season. I strongly urge you to take advantage of the payment plan and purchase your memberships early. Likewise, the Gala tickets. Last year's was the best yet and this year will be even better. If you can't join, at least remember the pool with a donation and tell your family and friends about us as well. The pool turns 75 years old this year, let's give it another 75 more at least Thank you!

Christina Romo Editor



**All Are Welcome**  
**By: Victoria Romo**

Come in! Come in! Big and small.  
You are welcome, one and all!  
To splish and splash. To play and snack.  
One never has the time to lack.  
All we do is play play play!  
Rainy, shiny, all kinds of days.  
We have parties and bonfires too.  
At the pool you're never blue!  
The butterflies fly so very high.  
One might think they touch the sky!  
The water is cool. The sun is bright.  
Let's jump in - have a water fight!  
All is well. All feels right.  
We will play manhunt in the night.  
The days grow short, the bats are out.  
But do not feel the need to pout.  
We'll be back again tomorrow.  
And in the spring returns the swallow!  
And when the birds perch in their trees.  
They then puff out their chests and sing.  
Come in! Come in! Big and small.  
You are welcome one and all!  
All are welcome, for now and ever!  
We turn no one out - not now not ever!



**I Love the Highlands Pool**  
**By Emily Berry**

I love the Highlands Natural Pool because you can swim! I've been there, and lived nearby since I was a baby.

The Highlands Pool is where I learned to swim. Two years ago I passed the deep water test on the first try! I think it was because my best friend Carol helped me train, and swam along with me while I did it, cheering me on.

I think the Highlands Pool is my favorite pool ever! I met Carol, Trinity, Indya, Kellian, Dylan, Eric and Kimberly at the pool! I love the pool! But the most important thing is you can swim! Yippee! I'll love the pool forever and ever! It will be in my heart forever and ever. I met my best friends at the pool. Help! I have to go! Water, water, water!

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**Congratulations to....**

To **Michael Stelling** who started fireman's school this winter following in his dad's footsteps.

To **Victoria Romo** for making high honors the first marking period.

Have a treasured family recipe? A family story? A good joke? A favorite saying or poem? How about a cause you want to promote? Did you see a movie that was so good you just have to share? Eat at a restaurant that served meatballs just like grandma used to make? Want to crow about your child making the winning goal or honor roll? Please send reviews, commentary and other ideas to **thepoolnews@yahoo.com**

**Submissions from children especially encouraged!**