



Dear Synchro Family,

As many of you have heard, we have had some serious health issues diagnosed among our family in the last few weeks.

Meghan Kinney, a member of our National Team I, who competed in both duet and team at the FINA World Cup in China just last month, has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. She has left the team and Olympic Training Center to go to The Ohio State University Medical Center for treatment. The success Meghan achieved as a synchronized swimmer demonstrates her inner strength and fighting attitude. Please keep Meghan in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead as she undergoes a rigorous treatment plan. Friends and family have established a website in her honor and I encourage you to visit the site and send along your best wishes and any help you can offer. The website is www.teammeghan.com. For updates and to leave messages for Meghan, check out www.caringbridge.com/visit/meghankinney.

Shari Darst, head coach of the Boulder Aquateens, National Judge, and our Vice President of Education for the last two years, had emergency brain surgery last week after a brain seizure. The tumor has been removed and was benign, and Shari is recuperating. My very best wishes to you, Shari, and we look forward to having you back in good health soon.

Our best wishes and prayers also to the Jasontek family. Michael, husband to Ginny, former President, FINA representative, national judge and coach of the Cincinnati Synchronators, and father to former swimmers Julie and Becky, was recently diagnosed with colon cancer. The word from Ginny is that the initial prognosis is fairly positive and treatment will be successful.

As our masters swimmers so beautifully demonstrated last weekend, USA Synchro is a large family. Please keep these family members in your thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months ahead.

All the best,

Duke

President
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