

Amy and Mena's Pajama Party 2012 is over and already we are planning for the next one. Congratulations to Ellen Fiorenzo for winning the beautiful cherry full length mirror from Lynch's furniture, to Tammy Skardinski for winning the diamond pendant from RJ Jewelers and to Meghan Picciano for winning a 2 month membership to the Auburn YMCA. A fun time was had by all, we had guests from as far away as Michigan and many have said they will be back next year. Thanks so much to Amy Wallner who was integral in planning the pajama party and all her work in getting vendors so that there really was something for everyone.



Moving on to the next event, we have the annual Health Fair coming up on Saturday, March 3 from 7:30am until 10:00am. Featured again this year is the free blood cholesterol screening courtesy of the Auburn Memorial Hospital Laboratory. There will also be a variety of vendors there providing medical information on just about every subject. This event is free and open to the public. Please remember that if you want to have your blood drawn, you must fast for 12 hours before the testing occurs.



We have just completed the staff portion of our Annual support campaign which goes towards our scholarship and free swim program. Thank you to the many staff who have shown that they are committed to the mission of the Auburn YMCA by making a pledge to the support campaign. We have exceeded our original goal and are now setting a higher goal. The best thing about this is that we know we have a committed staff who cares for what we do in the community and they are showing that they care by also committing to us financially. One of the main reasons that we have a great staff is that they care about the community and giving back by helping people to help people. What a wonderful testament to what we do on a daily basis.



The District Swim Championships were held at SUNY Cortland this past weekend. Everyone who qualifies at districts gets to compete in the next level at Long Island and then on to Nationals in Florida. Good luck to all of our swimmers who have been working hard to achieve their goals all year. These swimmers work year round at training, swimming and beating their times so we hope they are all able to achieve their highest possible levels.



You can tell that we are nearing spring and eventually summer. On Wednesday, February 15, camp registration opens. The camp brochures have been printed and I notice today that they are in each one of our mailboxes and also at the desk. The Emerson Dance tickets go on sale on February 27 at the membership desk of the Auburn YMCA. There are some new rules this year that have been sent out to all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students at Auburn High School, so be sure that you check the rules before you come in to get your ticket. The Skaneateles YMCA will have their waterworks and slide open daily from 12-3pm during the winter break in February. If your children are bored, this is a great way to keep them occupied for a couple of hours with a minimum amount of work on your part!