Dear Associate Member,

As reported last year, the financial situation for the Lodge and the current economy affects the pool operation. We have always tried to operate the pool as self-sustaining, and we will continue to operate it not as a profit-making venture. Costs of operation continue to rise with last year’s exceeding $60,000, this was normal operating costs and did not include major repairs. The increase in membership helped to cover costs so we have decided not to increase membership dues. All memberships and pool dues this year will remain a total of $275.00. To cover the cost of operating the pool we will need the equivalent of a minimum of 200 memberships.

Pool season is approaching with a **tentative** opening date of Monday May 27, 2024. Preparations for opening the pool require approximately a month and a half. We must reach our membership goal, or equivalent, by April 15th to consider operating this year. The dues only cover normal operating costs, not major or cosmetic repairs. We learned of several issues after last season, these will be addressed and corrected. AT this point in time, we cannot guarantee the pool heater will be functioning. Please help us in signing new members, the pool application, found on our website, still needs to be completed and submitted by new and returning members. Updates will be posted on our new Facebook page and our website [www.fopbeckleywv.com](http://www.fopbeckleywv.com)

Paid memberships must be received prior to the April 15th deadline. Dues should be submitted along with the application. As in past years membership dues must be received and processed prior to entry to the pool. Dues must be sent to the lodge address or received through PayPal on our website, an additional $11 fee is required with PayPal. We will also accept any donations to go toward the operation of the pool in order to reach our goal. Should our goal not be met, all dues and donations will be refunded.

Any assistance you can help with will be appreciated. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions you may email us at blackdiamondpool81@gmail.com. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you this year.