

SOUTH ZONE REPORT ~ SEPTEMBER, 2004
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The South Zone Welcomes You to wonderful Orlando, Florida for this year's convention. We hope all of our delegates have a great time. If there is anything you need while you're here, please don't hesitate to ask a member of the South and we'll do whatever we can to help you out. We are fortunate to be able to have the convention in an area where we have strong synchro support. I would like to thank the local synchro families and teams in advance for your presence and support before and during the convention. The Florida and Florida Gold Coast Associations are strong and growing and we are so proud of the work they are doing here.

The Zone has also been pleased to host the U. S. Junior Nationals in Clermont, Florida with meet manager, Mary Rose and U. S. Junior and Senior Opens in New Orleans, with Rene Williams. I hope you enjoyed the venues and achieved your personal best. If you have any feedback on the meet/travel I know our Sites Chair would like to hear from you. Please feel free to contact Mary Rose at rosesynch@cs.com or myself at p_easterling@hotmail.com

We held a great Junior Zone Championship February 6-8 in Coral Springs, Florida hosted by Stacie Rossow and the Aquacades and our Senior Zone Championship on March 5-7 in Dallas, Texas hosted by Patti Barton and the Pirouettes. The Pirouettes retained the Hathaway High Point Trophy and our Contributor of the Year was our scoring co-chair Candie Deatherage, our Coach of the Year was Stacie Rossow and the Spirit Award went to Liz Chinaransky of Northern Virginia Nerieds. Thank you all for the hard work and dedication.

This year we are trying to pass legislation to include a small part of Maryland into the South. I ask for your support in this so that we can regain Ike and Jean Eytchison. We have decided we can't function without them! They will not be the first or only part of Maryland to be in the south. Driving time and distance wise, they only live about 4 miles from where they previously were included in our zone and we really would like to have them back. Please support this measure, as Ike has offered himself for nomination to Zone Chair.

It has been the greatest pleasure to serve as the Zone Chairman, to be a member of the Board of Directors, to be of some help on some projects, to be able to represent my zone constituents. I have enjoyed doing this so much and appreciate spending time with members that I have not had the opportunities in the past to get to know better. It has been instructive and I hope I have represented you well. Thank you for giving me this opportunity and for the support of the membership of the South and the members of the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,
Pat Easterling, South Zone Chair