



## Lady Red Swimmers Participate In “Duel In The Pool”

The Newark High School Varsity Lady Reds Swimming team had fun participating in the 3rd annual “Duel in the Pool” charitable fundraising meet in which over 200 varsity girl swimmers from the region competed September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Haverling High School in Bath.

The Duel pitted the Livingston Conference (LCAA), comprised of a combined varsity girls swimming team from Hornell, Letchworth, Livonia, Haverling, Wellsville, Wayland-Cohocton and Dansville high schools, against a combined team of rivals from the Finger Lakes League (FLL) – varsity girls swimmers from NHS, Pal-Mac, North Rose-Wolcott, Midlakes, Ganada and Marcus Whitman high schools.

Swimmers were mixed with schools in their league to compete in 12 events.

Natalie Welch, who co-chaired the event with husband Jim Welch, said the Duel “was a back and forth battle right down to the last relay, but the LCAA was able to pull out the win by a score of 476 to 454.”

“This unique cross-conference meet gives the girls the opportunity to be teammates at a swim meet instead of competitors and to form new friendships with girls from other schools,” she said. “I believe the success of this meet continues each year because of the bond that lies between the lady swimmers, coaches and officials from both leagues.

Agreeing, Jackie Miller, NHS Library Media Specialist who coaches the NHS Lady Reds swimmer said: “The Duel is a lot of fun because the teams in each league work together instead of competing against each other like they do in normal meets.

Each year money raised through T-shirt sales, admission, donations, a 50/50 raffle and pool games and benefits a charity. This year \$2,400 was raised and will be given to Camp Good Days and Special Times.

“These individuals and numerous other volunteers create the success of this charitable event,” Natalie Welch said.

Next year, FLL will chair and be responsible for the selection of the 2019 charity.

