

San Diego, Calif., Oct 8th 1940.

My Dear Miss Chambers:

As I am very much interested in the re-opening of Mission Beach Plunge, I am writing you as I understand you have charge of Club activities at the Plunge, let you know just about how much I can contribute in helping to promote interest in Swimming and interesting people in attending the plunge regularly.

In August and September twenty women <sup>in my Club</sup> paid their dues and we were just getting off to a running start for an active Winter, everyone of the women were enthusiastic and bringing in new members each time, when the Plunge was suddenly closed. After we had been told it would remain open until, at least Nov. 1st. Most of them refuse to go anywhere else. I feel certain if the Plunge re-opens, I can build the Club up substantially. Most of my Women come from East San Diego.

On Saturdays I have a Children's Class (which originated at M.B. Plunge this Summer) but which has slowly been dis-integrating since the Plunge closed - as many of the Children came from Mission Beach and their Parents are unwilling for them to go elsewhere. I feel sure that this class will re-build in the event the Plunge Opens.

Having taught in San Diego Pools for twenty-two years and actively too, I know water conditions as well as any one and I could see a big up-trend in the Interest in Swimming this Summer. More grown people were starting to come again. The fact that the Plunge is Municipal seemed to be a great factor in this re-newed Interest. There seemed to be a Pride in knowing that the Plunge was owned by the City. Also the large increase in Population both in Mission Beach and Ocean Beach should warrant keeping the Plunge open.

Yours very Sincerely

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