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The Number Cruncher



For Teddy Decker, it's all about the numbers. She serves on the U.S. Masters Swimming Audit and Finance Committees. When she's not crunching numbers, Decker, 45, is improving upon hers. The New Mexico Masters Swimming member has 39 individual Top 10 times.

This active wife and mother of two shares more about herself here.

SWIMMER: Why did you decide to become a volunteer?

Teddy Decker: I was originally "volunteered" because our LMSC had several long-vacant positions needing to be filled. One of them happened to be the treasurer, and since I am a CPA, they thought it would be a good fit for me.

While at the annual meeting [in 2013], in our zone meeting, I was told by our zone chair that New Mexico actually no longer had a chair for the LMSC and they asked if I would be interested in holding the chair position instead of treasurer. I agreed and came back from Convention all fired up to get things moving in our local LMSC.

Although I had been swimming on a Masters team since 2009, I didn't have any idea of what USMS did

at a national level or all the resources available to me as a USMS member until I went to Convention and got involved with my LMSC board. Because of this, I made it my mission as LMSC chair to get the word out to all of our LMSC members regarding what USMS is all about. Our members were delighted to find out about the wonderful resources available for every member, regardless of their primary focus.

S: How do you balance everything in your life?

TD: I feel that balancing life is really about figuring out what is most important to you and making sure you have time to do those things.

S: When you're not volunteering or swimming, how do you fill some free time?

TD: I am always the one sitting at swim meets and at Convention with knitting and/or crocheting needles in my hands. I love creating things and keeping my hands busy at the same time and also just collecting yarn. I am an avid reader and average over 100 books read—or listened to; I love audio books—per year. And I also love to garden. Our backyard is pretty small, but I can usually get in some tomatoes, beets, lettuce, peas, and zucchinis.—KRISTINA HENRY

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