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## 6th Annual

# GOLF "FORE" KIDS

## May 18, 2009

# Suburban Golf Club



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## CONNECTIONS

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## Club Kids Learn Civic Responsibilities at Multi-Media Event

The national news network C-SPAN was in town this summer encouraging Boys & Girls Club kids to pay attention to what's happening on Capitol Hill.

C-SPAN's Campaign 2008 mobile production studio rolled into the parking lot of Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County on Grand Street Tuesday morning in its tour of four North Jersey towns.

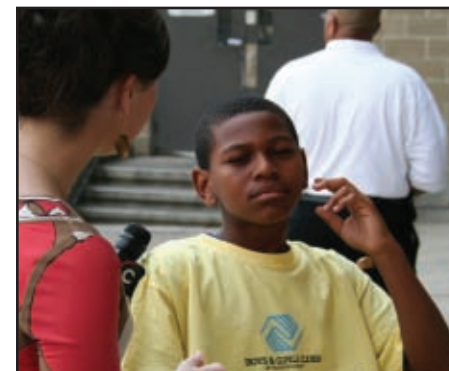
The Washington, D.C Based non profit, which is funded by the cable and satellite industry, is on tour to promote its political coverage and get young people to take more notice of what lawmakers and policy makers are doing in the nation capital.

Summer campers between 10 to 13 years

old wearing yellow T-shirt emblazoned with "Young Enterprisers Summer Program" took a tour of C-SPAN's \$1.2 million mobile studio that include a control room and robotically controlled lighting and TV cameras.

"Wow, that was a great chance to be on that bus," said 12-year-old enterpriser Tyler Bowman. "There have been vary important people interviewed on it."

Members also had chance to sit in real studio and grill local politicians such as Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy and State Assemblywomen Joan Quigley, about what they do and who they are supporting for President. ■



## Boys & Girls Club Celebrates 115th Anniversary

The 115th Annual Dinner of the Board of Trustees was held at Liberty House Restaurant inside Liberty State Park in Jersey City on January 17th. President Stewart Gladstone,



New Trustees: Dean Geibel, Thomas Meginty and Susan Lavalle

Vice Presidents Scott Delea, William Gray, and Nancy Lynch, Treasurer Glenn Greten, and Secretary Jacqueline Connors introduced to the 300 attendees. Gary Greenberg, Executive Director, highlighted the many outstanding accomplishments of 2007.

Community Service Awards, in memory of philanthropist and long time supporter of the Boys & Girls Club, the late Brian Doherty, were awarded to our communities' most respected citizens: Peter Brennan, Robert Byrne, Sandra Frierson, Christine Myrlak, Anthony Gargiulo, Christine Hurley, Richard McKeever, Ralph "Lucky" Pasqua, Viola Richardson,



Honoree: Robert Byrne

Schumann Hanlon LLC as the Corporate Community Service Award Recipient; and Special Acknowledgement of the Boys & Girls Clubs' 115th Anniversary.

The primary sponsors for this annual event included: The Provident Bank, Lou Manzo, Leona Bellini, Mayor Jerramiah Healy, Tom DeGise, Bill Gaughan, Peter Brennan, Gary Zampella, Richie Myrlak, Michael A. Ryan, Mack-Cali, Royal Printing, United Water, Schumann Hanlon LLC, St. Anthony's High School, Bob Hurley, PSE&G, Carl & Peter Gargiulo, Light Horse Tavern, Maryelln McLaughlin, Toll Brothers, Fields Development, Rosemary McFadden, Rosie

Radigans, Viola Richardson, Eric & Paul Silverman, Hudson County Community College, Ralph Lucky Pasqua, MetroHomes, and the late Michael A. Baccile.

Special thanks must be given to Rosemary McFadden, wife of Brian Doherty, Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers for helping to coordinate such a successful event.

This year's inductees to the Boys & Girls Club Board of Trustees include Susanne LaValle,

Esq., Developer Dean S. Geibel, and Architect Thomas McGinty. ■



Honoree: Peter Brennan



Honoree: Sandra Frierson



Honoree: Christine Myrlak



Honoree: Anthony Gargiulo



Honoree: Viola Richardson



Honoree: Christine Hurley with St. Anthony basketball team

## Bank of America Visit Savvy Campers

Michelle DuBose, bank manager of the Bank of America Newport Center branch, and Etta Denk, Market Development



Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy

Manager for Bank of America, along with Mayor of City of Jersey Jerramiah T. Healy discussed the banking industry, the difference between credit and debit cards, information on job opportunities, and the importance of saving money and picking the right bank with participants of the Young Enterprisers Summer Program. ■



## County of Hudson Introduces Club Kids to Golf

Past President Michael A. Ryan & Hudson County Improvement Authority Executive Director Norman M. Guerra Comes Through for Kids



## Check Out Our New Website!

Launch Date: February 2, 2009

[www.bgchc.org](http://www.bgchc.org)



## ICAP, World's Largest Inter-Dealer Broker, Contributes \$20,000!

Legendary New York Yankees Coach Don Zimmer visited the ICAP offices at the Harborside Financial Center on the Jersey City waterfront, in support the financial giant's Annual Charity Day. ICAP's brokers around the world donated their gross revenues and commissions from the day's trading to selected charities. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County received \$20,000! ICAP has been supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County continuously by donating box seats to Knicks and Nets games, and tickets to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. ■



## 17th Annual Outdoor Summer D.A.R.E. Basketball Program Wholesome Experience At the New Florence Vorhees Park

The Boys & Girls Club's sports and recreation programs are widely recognized for providing the young people of Hudson County a safe, structured and wholesome family environment. The Boys & Girls Club's 16th Annual Outdoor Summer D.A.R.E. Basketball League has been sponsored by the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office since 1991. The Club prides itself for conducting the largest, yet safest experience in the county serving more than 600 children in three distinct age divisions: Junior Academic for children in grades 2-4; Academic for those in grades 5 & 6; and Grammar for those in grades 7 & 8. The Boys & Girls Club Outreach Counselors register children from the neighborhoods most in need including Jersey City's 8 Public Housing Communities along with areas identified for its' high gang and drug activities, yet the environment is comfortable enough for children of all socioeconomic backgrounds, ethnicities, and abilities to participate. It is common to see parents and grandparents sitting on lawn chairs cheering for their children and their favorite team. The Boys & Girls Club prides itself for employing the most qualified staff needed to coordinate and supervise this annual massive endeavor. ■



## More Miles 4 Smiles

Trustee Scott Delea and his philanthropic group Party With Purpose came through again for Hoboken's children by conducting the fourth annual marathon along the city's breathtaking waterfront that drew more than 700 runners. In addition to the marathon conducted for adults and children, hundreds of

children participated in a race of their own; this year's event generated \$10,000 for additional programs at the Hoboken Boys & Girls Club. ■



## Lacrosse Anyone?

### Trustee, Attorney James "Jim" Burke Spearheads New Program

Boys & Girls Club members were introduced to a new sport, Lacrosse, thanks to the efforts of Trustee Jim Burke, who secured the



services of instructional expert, Andrew Hubschmann and the facilities of community neighbor St. Peter's Preparatory School. St. Peter's "Prep" further demonstrated their support of the program by offering the serv-



Jim Burke with the Lacrosse team

ices of their coaching staff and students. Mr. Burke coordinated a Scotch Tasting event at O'Connell's which raised thousands of dollars for equipment and uniforms. Boys & Girls Club Athletic Director Frank Burno is commended for providing the support and coordination of assistance needed to ensure the success of the program. ■



## Keystone Club Salutes Veterans

### Boys & Girls Club Members Appreciate Those Who Keep Us FREE!



## Verizon Makes Impact on Local Youth

Verizon teamed up with the Boys & Girls Club to conduct the 2nd Technology Training Program designed to teach youth from the



Team Verizon and participants

Boys & Girls Clubs valuable computer skills. This 6-week program covers basic computer use including software applications like Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Verizon has generously provided curriculum and volunteer instructors for this hands-on program. The third round of the program will be piloted in March 2009 to teach members HTML Web Design. Special thanks to Arnold Coleman, William Young, Cheryl Washington, Faisal Iqbal, Michael Henderson, Dawnette Walker, Eric V. Muse, Romana G. Catoe, Michael Edwards, and the entire Verizon team. ■



## There's No Christmas Like a Boys & Girls Club Christmas

The Hoboken community never compromises when it comes to providing their children the best Christmas possible. Annually sponsored by the Hoboken Rotary Club, and the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, and new this year Toll Brothers City Living, almost 200 Club members received gifts from Santa. In addition to the toy drive conducted by the



Hoboken Christmas party

## Simon Foundation Once Again Funds NJCU Counseling Initiative

The William Simon Foundation, for the fourth consecutive year, approved funding for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County. This year's funding in the amount of \$53,000 will provide the opportunity to provide paid internships for students attending New Jersey City University. These students, majoring in psychology or other related fields, under the supervision of a masters level Case Manager will provide individual and group counseling to at risk children referred by the Jersey City Public Schools and the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services. ■



## Adidas Promotes Healthy Habits Health, Fitness and Wellness Stressed



Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and members of the Hoboken Advisory Board, pizza, and donuts from Dunkin Donuts were also provided. Jess Garcia from Ben & Jerry's donated ice cream for all to enjoy. The children thoroughly enjoyed Santa, the clowns and the face-painter provided by the Rotary Club.

Members of the Boys & Girls Club in Jersey City were equally treated to a wonderful holiday experience as well. Jersey City's party was sponsored by Ron Giarusso, trustee Joe Macula and Toys for Tots. ■



Jersey City Christmas party



## Thanks-to all for-giving. A "Family" Tradition Continues

The 33rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held at the Jersey City Clubhouse while the 24th consecutive dinner was held at our Hoboken Clubhouse. The Jersey City event was once again sponsored by the Hispanic Firefighters Association of Jersey City. They were assisted by returning sponsors Light Horse Restaurant, DoubleTree Hotel and Suites, Edwards Steak House, and Tropicana.

What makes the event so special is that the sponsors who also volunteer to serve Thanksgiving dinners to more than 200 Club members, enjoy the experience as much as the children. The feeling of love in the gymnasiums each year is almost indescribable.

The dinner at our Hoboken Clubhouse sponsored by the Hoboken Advisory Board and

Texas Arizona always has the same "family" feeling. Members of the super active Hoboken Advisory Board, worked diligently to ensure each and every child had a full course home style Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinners were served to a record number of Hoboken's neediest children. ■



Jersey City dinner



Hoboken Advisory Board and volunteers



## Boys & Girls Club Highlights!

### United Way Continues Support of At-Risk Youth -

The United Way of Hudson County, in its' mission to support at risk youth and their families, provided more than \$50,000 to the Boys & Girls Club to enhance its' counseling and character development initiative. Clients, between the ages of 9 and 15 years old, are referred from the Division of Youth and Family Services, the family court, and the public school district. The program is designed to modify their behavior by participating in activity-oriented, motivational individual and group counseling activities.

### Horizon Foundation Grant Continues To Promote Literacy & Healthy Behavior: High Schools' Top Students Selected As Mentors -

The Horizon Health Literacy Program, for the third consecutive year, provided funding in the amount of \$15,000 to employ trained teens as mentors, who are honor roll students in their high schools to provide one on one reading assistance to 6-10 year old members of the new NJ After 3 Public School No. 34 Boys & Girls Club. All participants strengthen their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills, and increase their understanding of the importance of healthy behaviors through the reading of age appropriate stories on health related topics.

### NJ Department of Labor /Bank of America Provide \$98,000 for Youth Employment Program -

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County was again awarded a grant in the amount of \$75,000 from the New Jersey Department of Labor and \$23,000 from Bank of America for the purpose of preparing 14-18 year old members for the world of work. Participants attend a comprehensive series of workshops including material from nationally acclaimed programs cre-

ated by Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Such as Career Prep and Career Launch and Job Ready. After the workshop component of the program is completed, participants are given internship opportunities at the Boys & Girls Club and employment opportunities throughout Hudson County.

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### Third NJA3 Program Opens at P.S. No. 12 Jersey City Public Schools Funds Unprecedented Matching Grant Totaling \$780,000 -

New Jersey After 3 provided funding totaling more than \$780,000 to enable the Boys & Girls Club to open its third school-based after school program at Julia A. Barnes School – Public School No. 12. The new program was modeled after the prototypes established at the Alfred E. Zampella School located in the Jersey City Heights and Public School No. 34 in the Greenville section of the city. Public School No. 12 Principal Annie Graham and her faculty warmly welcomed the Boys & Girls Club and immediately accepted us as part of her "family". Jamil Harris and his staff are serving 200 students each day. ■

## Michael A. Baccile Memorial Golf Fore Kids V

The Boys & Girls Clubs' fifth Golf Fore Kids held in memory of Michael A. Baccile sponsored by Texas Arizona, held at the majestic Suburban Golf Club in Union, NJ, surpassed even last year's event thanks to the incredible effort of the Boards Golf Committee: Daniela Caulfield, William Gray, Tom Shine, John Marazzo, John F. Amorosa, Joe Macula, Tom Mulvey, Gary Zampella and Patricia Gray. More than 100 friends of the Boys & Girls Club enjoyed the beautiful surroundings while golfing on a beautiful spring day in May. A cocktail hour, dinner, awards ceremony, and the sports memorabilia auction concluded a memorable day.

The following sponsors contributed towards making this event a financial success: American Building Maintenance Company, Sovereign Bank, Caulfield Real Estate, T.J. Dermot & Joan Dumphy, Collins Building, Lighthouse Tavern, Otis Elevator, Muller Insurance, Kilcare Enterprises, LLC, Bob Kropke, The Provident Bank, Tom Mulvey, United Water, Way Fare Entertainment, Scholes Electric & Communications, Tempco, Larkin, New York Elevator, Merrill Lynch, Michael Greenberg, Jersey Electric Company, Tom Lynch, Edward's Steak House, PJ Ryans, Stewart Gladstone, Laicos, Rosie Radigans, Hudson

Place Realty, Helmer's Café, and Jersey Eagles Sales.

The Golf Committee is already organizing the 6th Annual Golf Fore Kids outing scheduled again on May 18th at the Suburban Golf Club. ■



## Club Girls Report To 1st Annual Geek Squad Summer Academy

More than 40 Geek Squad Agents from across the country joined forces with the Boys & Girls Club to engage 120 female Club members from throughout New Jersey in a multi-day experience that helped to ignite their passion for careers in technology. The honorary Geek Squad members attended the 1st Annual Geek Squad Summer Academy at the Boys & Girls Club of Newark on June 25-27th. The academy was sponsored by the Best Buy Foundation, the Best Buy Geek Squad and Boys & Girls Clubs of America with additional donations received from NJIT, Taco Bell, Outback Steak House, Panera Bread and Wal-Mart! The girls, who



represented 15 clubs from as far south as Atlantic City, enjoyed 3 fun filled days of technology, training & entertainment thanks to the hard work of a committee of Club professionals who volunteered which included, Amy Brown, Angela Caesar, Bianca Balwin, Carmen Ortiz, Dawn Garlic, Deborah Linsey, Denise Beckett, Dequandra Fradkin, Glenda Nurse, Glenny Contreras, Gloria Douglas, Gwen Maples, Kenya Mutyanda Lashonna McRae, Megan Norris, Nicole Mendoza, Nilesh Patel, Shavorda Baskerville, Summer Wosu, Tonya Debnam, Tricia Lee-Hines, John Magna, Cecilia Brown, Erica S. Mitchell, Irene Brown, and Mike Sancho. Students partici-

pated in programs designed specifically to reach a target audience of young women. Moira Hardek, who is the Geek Squad Summer Academy project coordinator nationwide, said the Summer Academy was created especially to deal with a shortage of women entering the field of computer science. The student's from ages 10-16 learned how to build a PC, create a webshow, design a website and create a computer network. The girls also enjoyed campus life at NJIT staying there for two nights during the program. It was a hands-on, fun experience that we hope to repeat next year! Thanks Best Buy! ■

