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The Newsletter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County

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FALL/WINTER 2016

Marjorie S. Fisher Club Wins National Robotics Competition

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County was proclaimed National Champion for the Zero Robotics National Competition for Middle Schools. The competition took place on August 12th at the Kennedy Space Center in Titusville, FL. The team from the Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club entered the competition as the state champion, accompanied by the Naoma Donnelley Haggin Club of Delray Beach team, which had placed third, as their consulting team.

A total of 12 teams across the country, and a team from Russia, competed for the national title. Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County was the only Boys & Girls Club to enter this competition in the entire state of Florida. Of the four Boys & Girls Clubs team that entered the competition, two placed as the top three finalists at the state level.

The teams were challenged to write computer code to guide, in real time, SPHERES robots aboard the space station. Vying for the national award, each team competed against the MIT robot.

At the event, participants also had the opportunity to hear renowned speakers via satellite, including Peter Sooy from the NASA Goddard Robotics Lab, and Roya Maher, senior staffer with the NASA IV&V Program, and President of A3L Federal Works. Astronauts Jeffrey Williams, Oleg Skripochka, and Gregory Johnson served as referees for the competition.

Zero Robotics Middle School Summer Program is provided through a partnership between the MIT Space Systems Lab, the Innovation Learning Center,

and Aurora Flight Sciences. The Zero Robotics Middle School Summer Program is sponsored by NASA, the Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS), and the Northrup Grumman Foundation.



Marjorie S. Fisher Team with Coach Dennis Young



Astronauts Jeffrey Williams and Oleg Skripochka



Members of the Delray Beach Advisory Team



State and National Champions

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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is to inspire and assist all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

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If you are a former member of the Boys & Girls Clubs and currently reside in Palm Beach County, please contact Maria Curreri to share your story at mcurreri@bgcpbc.org or (561) 683-3287

We would love to hear from you!

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A Letter From Our Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to complete our 45th year of service to Palm Beach County, we are thankful for your long-standing commitment to 8,000 Club kids and to this incredible organization which has 13 clubhouse sites throughout the county and a \$12 million operating budget. We are excited to report that 2016 has been another record-breaking year.



National corporations, local foundations, and governmental agencies assisted in the expansion of program offerings this year. Some of which include:

- Microsoft's generous grant expanded our computer technology programs.
- The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation's generous support of both our highly successful staff development 'Training Club' and general program operations for the Marjorie S. Fisher Club.
- Funding of all seven Belle Glade Clubs by the Department of Education, elevating programming at each Club as a 21st Century Community Learning Center, inclusive of State-certified teachers nurturing members' academic success.
- The Kerry and Simone Vickar Family Foundation's endowment of the Teen Development Program at the Max M. Fisher Club which will ensure a rich menu of learning experiences focused on career preparation for teens in perpetuity.
- The Jim Moran Foundation's three-year grant of the "The Weekend Feeding Program," a collaboration among United Way of Palm Beach County, Pan Florida Challenge, and our agency that provides nutritious meals for the weekend to the kids in Wellington and the Glades.
- Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's support of our Teen Employability Program, which placed 36 teens as paid Junior Staff during summer camp.

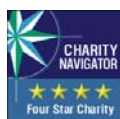
A couple of the kids' successes were winning NASA's middle school Zero Robotics competition and placing first in the National Football League's Punt, Pass & Kick event.

Once again, the organization hosted a wonderful and highly successful event season. The Palm Beach Winter Ball 2016, under the leadership of Julie & Mike Connors raised over \$1.1 million. The Winter Ball 2017 will be held the evening of February 3rd and will be chaired by Mrs. Rudolph Giuliani at The Breakers. Judith has asked Julie & Mike Connors, Honorable Danielle H. Moore, Pauline Pitt, and Tom Quick to serve as Honorary Chairs. The Co-Chairs for the Ball are Raysa Fanjul, Lia Reed, and Karin Luter. Other successful fundraising events included Barefoot on the Beach, Wellington Dinner Dance, Wellington Polo Brunch, Delray Beach Dinner, Delray Beach Holiday Trunk Show, Youth of the Year dinner, Tower Shoot and luncheon at Pine Creek Sporting Club, and two sold out golf tournaments. Each of these events will be repeated in 2017.

On behalf of 8,000 disadvantaged, at-risk children and 230 employees throughout the county, I extend my personal and heartfelt thanks for your contributions that make all of this possible. This year and in the future, we have much to look forward to as we meaningfully impact the lives of those that need us most. We wish you a very happy and safe holiday season with family and friends, and may 2017 bring you much joy and happiness.

Warmly,

Wally Turner
Chairman of the Board



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Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Winner of National Back2School 'Stuff the Bus' Challenge

Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Comcast, along with other corporate supporters, presented Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County nearly \$100,000 in cash and prizes, including donated supplies and a brand new 2016 Chevrolet Express passenger van (MSRP \$40,000). The van was generously donated by McGinn and Company as part of the BGCA's Back2School™ Stuff the Bus challenge. Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County's Marjorie S. Fisher Club was awarded the van because of its service to kids in the community.

The Back2School campaign aligns with Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Great Futures Campaign, which calls attention to the crisis facing kids and elevates the role of out-of-school time in reversing negative trends in the areas of poor academic performance, obesity, drug use, and youth-related violence.



L to R: Derek Cooper, Vice President, Government Affairs & Community Investment, Comcast Florida Region, Jaene Miranda, President & CEO, BGCPBC, and Tony Barnett, National Director, Cause Marketing, Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Microsoft Recognizes and Awards Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County \$350,000 Technology Grant

On November 3, 2016, Microsoft opened the doors of its new store at Town Center at Boca Raton. As part of the company's new store opening celebration, Microsoft recognized local charities for their contributions in the community. Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County was among those recognized and received Microsoft's largest grant. The \$350,000 technology grant will benefit all thirteen Clubs in Palm Beach County and provide much needed software upgrades as well as technology support from Microsoft. Microsoft is a corporate partner of Boys & Girls Clubs of America and this is just the beginning of a great new relationship in Palm Beach County.



Boys & Girls Clubs Awarded \$50,000 in Sports Equipment Donation from Dr. Pepper Snapple and National Non-Profit Good Sports

Dr. Pepper Snapple Group (DPS) awarded Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, a Let's Play equipment donation valued at \$50,000 as part of its partnership with Good Sports. Among other equipment, the grant provides footballs, scrimmage vests, pop-up goals, basketballs, cones, soccer balls, volleyballs, jump ropes, playground balls, and running shoes.

Club members at all thirteen Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County will enjoy new, quality equipment as they participate in a variety of sporting activities, including the running club, soccer, football, and more.

Let's Play is an initiative launched in 2011 by Dr Pepper Snapple Group to provide the tools, places, and inspiration to make play a daily priority. Let's Play engages community organizations, thought leaders, elected officials, and DPS employees to help eliminate the 'play deficit' by building and improving playspaces and providing grants for athletic equipment and gear. For more information, please visit LetsPlay.com or [Facebook.com/LetsPlay](https://www.facebook.com/LetsPlay).



EVENTS

To register for a special event, please visit
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WELLINGTON DINNER DANCE - PASSPORT TO PARADISE

When: Friday, January 6, 2017
Where: International Polo Club Palm Beach
Chairmen: Georgina Bloomberg, Dr. Colette Brown-Graham, Marley Goodman-Overman, Dr. Daxa Patel, Junior Chair: Nicolette Goldfarb
Individual Tickets: \$225

The Wellington Dinner Dance is the largest fundraiser to benefit the Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington.

The spectacular event features a dazzling evening of cocktails, silent and live auctions, dinner, and dancing.

For ticket or sponsorship opportunities visit bgcpcb.org.



Dr. Colette Brown-Graham and Dr. Daxa Patel



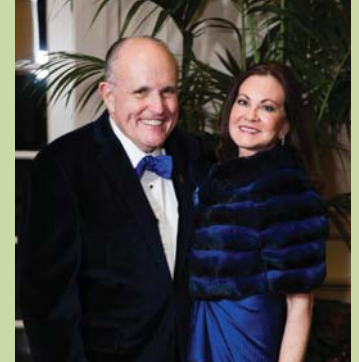
Marley Goodman-Overman and Georgina Bloomberg

36TH ANNUAL GALA - THE WINTER BALL

When: Friday, February 3, 2017
Where: The Breakers Hotel
Chairpersons: Mrs. Rudolph W. Giuliani
Co-Chairs: Mrs. Alfonso Fanjul, Mrs. Joseph Luter, and Lia D. Reed
Individual Tickets: \$1,000
(by invitation only)

In its 36th year, the annual black tie event is one of the most widely attended galas of the Palm Beach social season.

For tickets or sponsorship opportunities contact Lilly Holt Dillon at 561-308-3919 or visit bgcpcb.org



Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph W. Giuliani

GREAT FUTURES CELEBRITY POLO MATCH & BRUNCH

When: Sunday, March 12, 2017
Where: Grand Champions Polo Club & International Polo Club
Chairpersons: Marc & Melissa Ganzi and Ray & Terrie Mooney
Honorary Chairpersons: Ignacio 'Nacho' Figueras and John Walsh
Individual Ticket: \$1,000

The Polo Day kicks off at Grand Champions Polo Club in Wellington with a celebrity polo match featuring Ralph Lauren's 'face of Polo' Nacho Figueras and America's Most Wanted/The Hunt star John Walsh. Brunch with live and silent auction are included in the day's festivities.

For ticket or sponsorship opportunities visit bgcpcb.org.



John Walsh and Nacho Figueras

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH

When: Friday, April 7, 2017
Where: The Breakers Beach Club
Individual Ticket: \$350

Chairpersons: Susan Miller and Holly Weston
Co-Chairs: Kristen Cashel and Richard Gaff

Recognized as Palm Beach's Saint-Tropez chic "white party", guests are treated to a night under the stars, including cocktails, a strolling dinner pool side, and a live auction. New this season is an After Party in the Venetian Ballroom featuring social A-lister Marjorie Gubelmann - DJ Mad Marj!



Holly Weston and Susan Miller

Be Great Charity Golf Tournament Benefits Belle Glade Teen Center Initiative

On Monday, November 7th, 78 golfers took to the links at the exclusive Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach for the Be Great Charity Golf Tournament. Julie and Mike Connors, Chairmen of the event, are ecstatic to announce that the tournament raised over \$65,000 to benefit the construction of the building to become the new Belle Glade Teen Center. Commissioner Mellissa McKinlay selected the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County as her charity of choice to host the exclusive event at the Trump International Golf Club. Joining Julie and Mike Connor in their efforts were Co-Chairmen the Honorable Danielle H. Moore and Karin Luter.

The Be Great Charity Golf Tournament is proud to have the support of Julie and Mike Connors as Presenting Sponsors, Karin Luter as Golf Sponsor, and Ranger Construction as the Luncheon Sponsor. Other sponsors include Excel Fleet Services, Siro DeGasparis, Hudson Family Law, Life Safety Management, Searcy, Denney, Scarola, Barnhart, & Shipley, PA, Tourneau, and Golf Today.



Event Chairmen Mike and Julie Connors with Jim Engel and Steve Treadway

35th Annual Golf Tournament Raised \$42,000 for Children of Wellington

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County hosted the 35th Annual Wellington Golf Tournament to benefit the Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington on Saturday, October 8, 2016, at The Wanderers Club. Taking the lead on this year's event was Chairman Nic Roldan and Honorary Chair Ed Portman. Committee members also played key roles during the planning process and included Todd Barron, Jim Bomar, Elliot Bonner, John Hornberger, Julie Kime, Ray Mooney, and Mickey Smith.

Prior to golfing, 136 participants were treated to breakfast, courtesy of Whole Foods Market Wellington and Kennesaw Juice. Attendees also had an opportunity to participate in a raffle and putting contest.

The event concluded with a luncheon during which Wellington Club member Cameron shared his impact story, sponsors of the event were recognized, and the awards were distributed. Ranking in second place was the team consisting of James Courbanou, Richard Hoffman, Connor Martling, and Kevin Steakin. Taking first place trophies home were Rick Bielen, Elliot Bonner, Nicole Papadakis, and Lance Schnittman.



Nic Roldan, Jaene Miranda, and Neil Hirsch



Jeff Fraim, Ray Mooney, and Ed Portman



Jim Bomar, Mickey Smith, Nic Roldan, John Hornberger, Ray Mooney, Neil Hirsch, and Elliot Bonner

2nd Annual Tower Shoot Benefits Local Hunger Relief Program



Chuck Schumacher, Chad Moss, Jason Regalbuto, and Kim Fonseca

Pine Creek Sporting Club hosted the 2nd Annual Tower Shoot benefitting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Foundation's Hunger Relief Program, on Saturday, December 3, 2016. Event Chairmen Kim Fonseca & Chuck Schumacher were thrilled to host the sold-out event.

Twenty four of Palm Beach County's social elite travelled to the exclusive Pine Creek Sporting Club to participate in a day of classically-styled sporting and marksmanship in proper British fashion. An exquisite culinary spread was prepared by the Club for the day's game and other delicacies, in which the donors enjoyed social comradery and discussed the positive impact of the Clubs' Hunger Relief programming.

Major Event Sponsors included Chuck Schumacher, The Moss Foundation, Jason Regalbuto, Pine Creek Sporting Club, Skeleton Optics, and Customers Bank.

Holiday Trunk Show Brings Three Days of Joy to Delray Beach

The Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach hosted the 14th Annual Holiday Trunk Show on November 29th, 30th, and December 1st at The Seagate Hotel & Spa in Delray Beach.

Over two hundred guests attended The Holiday Trunk Show Preview Party on November 29th and even more individuals stopped by the next two days to indulge in holiday shopping for their family and friends. The event featured more than 30 specialty vendors, 20 of which were new this year. Vendors sold a variety of items including original jewelry, fine accessories, home décor, holiday ornaments and decorations, toys, men's and ladies' clothing, and one-of-a-kind gifts for all ages.

Co-chairwomen of the Holiday Trunk Show were Susan Mullin, Kari Shipley, and Lynn Wilkins. This year's sponsors included The Seagate Hotel & Spa, Searcy, Denney, Scarola, Barnhart and Shipley PA, Lang Realty, and the Mark Gerretson Memorial Fishing Tournament.

The proceeds from the Holiday Trunk Show will support the programming for more than 500 members who attend the Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club.



Susan Mullin with Delray Beach

What's Happening At Our Clubs ...

Wellington Club Participates in Leadership and Communication Program Utilizing Horses

Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center in Wellington extended their *Taking the Reins* program to the Club members in Wellington throughout the summer as part of summer camp activities. This program utilizes horses to help develop communication and learning skills by highlighting the importance of listening, exercising clear communication, and building trusting relationships.

Together with their horses, participants role play about what healthy leadership looks like and what it takes to be a responsible team member. The goal is to establish a connection and a nurturing relationship between participant and their horse, and encouraging them to think about the needs of others, including the horse.

The program is conducted by staff members certified by PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship).



Club members Ryan Haynes and Brandon Marzan



Tropical Shipping Supports Backpack Drive

On Friday, August 5th, executives from Tropical Shipping visited the Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club in Riviera Beach. The group came to present Club members with new backpacks and school supplies for the new school year. The Tropical team included Jeff Fiser, President of Tropical Shipping; Alfredo Fernandez, International HR Manager; Jennifer Nugent-Hill, Director Governmental & Community Affairs; Namrata Patel, Training Specialist; and Natalie Bloom, HR Generalist. During the visit, they had the opportunity to meet and interact with Club members and talk to them about the importance of staying in school as well as career opportunities available with Tropical Shipping. The back-packs donation is just the beginning of this great new relationship.

Tropical Shipping executives, Jennifer Nugent-Hill, Natalie Bloom, Jeff Fiser, Alfredo Fernandez, and Namrata Patel

Boca Raton Club Hosts NFL's Punt, Pass & Kick Event

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County was represented on Sunday, November 28th at the NFL's Miami Dolphins and NFL's PPK program (nflppk.com).

Thirteen Club members won their Local and Sectional Events to qualify among over 1,000 participants throughout Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

All winners were awarded tickets to the Dolphins vs. the San Francisco 49ers game. Pre-event, they participated in the PPK Event at Betty Ferguson Recreational Complex across from Hard Rock Stadium. Then, everyone was escorted in private charter busses to the stadium where they enjoyed running

through the tunnel with the players and watching the Dolphins warm-ups. In the end, Samia Moore was the 1st Place Winner in her age group. Her score will be posted on the NFL website and, based on other NFL team events, Samia could participate in the Pro Bowl.

Winners included:

- Wellington: Justin Deptola, Devin Sorell, Catul Gamens, Kamar Mack, Nicoletta Markham, and Haylee Makinson
- Boca Raton: Ian Whitter, Yuri Dalmacy, Ava Dobbins, and Julia Brinley
- Delray: Jaylin Hunter, and Brandon Greaves
- West Palm Beach: Samia Morris

CONGRATS SAMIA AND ALL BGC MEMBERS!



Teen Members Organize First National Fitness Competition



James Green, Director of Community Programming Division, PBC Youth Services Dept, Youth of the Year Alexia Lyles-Murray, Kienaya Workman, Alfonso Atkinson & Gregory Gabriel, Planner I for PBC Youth Services Dept.



Club members Niyoni Gibbons, McKayla Steele, and London Gaskin

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County had its first summer National Fitness Competition at Pioneer Park Elementary School in Belle Glade. Over 350 Club members from Boca Raton, Wellington, West Palm Beach, Delray, Riviera Beach, and Belle Glade attended the event. The event was organized by the Junior Staff and included an array of fitness activities and lunch. Competitions included a shuttle run, 50-yard dash, push-up, sit-up and hula-hoop contests, sponge and bean bag relays, and more. A DJ played popular music and dance groups from the various Clubs entertained the crowd with performances that included drumming and African dances.

What's Happening At Our Clubs ...

Volunteers from UTC Climate, Controls & Security Work with Club Members on Hands-On Energy Projects

The Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club and volunteers from UTC Climate, Controls & Security recently spent an afternoon working together on energy-conscious projects in observance of Green Apple Day of Service. Volunteers from UTC Climate, Controls & Security assisted nearly 50 Club members in developing a basic understanding of solar energy through hands-on activities that demonstrated how solar energy can transform into kinetic energy, thermal energy, chemical energy, and electricity. They also learned about wind and how to measure wind speed and direction, and investigated how wind works and generates electricity. Volunteers taught Club members about transformation of energy and how each of us can do our part to reduce energy consumption and pollutants to create a more sustainable environment.



Boys & Girls Clubs Join Mandell JCC's Camp Shalom for Summer Camp Fun



The Mandell JCC's Camp Shalom in Boynton Beach and Palm Beach Gardens brought together children from diverse communities for an unforgettable week of summer camp fun, new friendships, and powerful opportunities to learn from each other and build compassion for those who may be less fortunate.

During mid-July, close to 75 children from the Marjorie S. Fisher and Max M. Fisher Clubs attended Camp Shalom and were paired with a Camp Shalom camper in second through eighth-grade to go swimming, experience traditional day camp fun, and learn from one another. Everyone also enjoyed a fun-filled field trip, and JCC campers brought a carnival to the Boys & Girls Club for an afternoon of bounce houses, cotton candy, games, and unforgettable enjoyment.

This is the second year of the collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs. This dynamic camp program was created to provide meaningful ways for local children to learn the meaning of "tolerance". The goal of the Boys & Girls Club program at Camp Shalom is to teach the campers to have more compassion and a greater understanding of those who are less fortunate than they are.



Members of the Marjorie S. Fisher and Max M. Fisher Clubs join Camp Shalom campers and learn about tolerance.

Committed to the Development of Our Staff

Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County along with the generous support of The Jim Moran Foundation and The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation is making a significant investment in human capital – the most important Club asset.



The 'Training Club' located at the Marjorie S. Fisher Club in West Palm Beach provides a structured on-boarding program and on-going professional development for BGCPC staff. The goal is to promote exceptional staff practices that result in a high-quality club experience for every Club member.

During the past six-months, a new approach to new-hire orientation has been implemented, comprising five days of training. Each day provides the new hire the opportunity to shadow with a Marjorie Club staff member. They also complete online training modules on Spillett Leadership University to earn their BGCA Foundation Level Certification.

Training staff associates (current staff members at the Marjorie Club) are working with Training Director Curtis Shoffner to develop best practices for consistency in job responsibilities organization-wide.

The professional development program promotes a core philosophy that staff members are valued as "youth development professionals" engaged in careers that serve our community's youth, rather than simply being hired to fill "jobs".



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- **A gift to a qualified charitable organization may entitle you to a charitable contribution deduction against your income tax if you itemize deductions.**

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- **A contribution to a qualified charity is deductible in the year in which it is paid.**

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