The Venetian Ballroom of The Breakers Palm Beach was transformed into a magical winter wonderland on Friday, February 3 in celebration of Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County’s 36th Annual Gala, The Winter Ball. Once again, the prestigious event hit record highs by raising more than $1.3 million to benefit the Clubs’ children.

Chairman Mrs. Rudolph W. Giuliani was joined by Honorary Chairmen Julie and Mike Connors, Hon. Danielle H. Moore, Pauline Pitt, and Thomas C. Quick. Serving as Co-chairmen were Mrs. Alfonso Fanjul, Lia D. Reed, Mrs. Joseph Luter, and Mrs. Pepe Fanjul, Jr. as Junior Chairman.

A second-to-none experience began with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres under the stars in the Mediterranean Courtyard. The excitement continued in the ballroom with a surprise performance by Club children, who invited guests to the dance floor and soon the entire room was on its feet.

Following dinner, Wellington Club members and twin sisters, Bibiana and Tatiana Montoya tugged at the heartstrings of more than 350 guests. “We love that you picked to support the Boys & Girls Clubs because without your help my family wouldn’t have anywhere for my brother, sister, and I to go,” said Tatiana. “Plus, what about the other thousands of kids, where would they go?”

After their speech, Hon. Rudolph Giuliani and Honorary Chairman Tom Quick, charmed guests with a stimulating and playful Call to Heart and live auction raising an additional $173,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs.

The Winter Ball was a night of whimsical wonder that would not be possible without the generous support of loyal individual and corporate donors that believe in creating great futures.

Our Mission
To inspire and assist all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Calling all Boys & Girls Clubs Alumni!
If you are a former member of the Boys & Girls Clubs and currently reside in Palm Beach County, we would love to hear about the impact the Club has had on your life. Please contact Sheila Zayas at szayas@bgcpbc.org or (561) 683-3287.

Visit bgcpbc.org/alumni to learn more!
Dear Friends,

On behalf of more than 8,000 at-risk children served by Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, I extend my most heartfelt thanks for your contributions. We are very fortunate to have had your support. As a result, we have exceeded budget expectations during the first two quarters of 2017.

I am delighted to announce that the Palm Beach Winter Ball netted more than $1 million again. Thanks to the leadership of our fabulous event chairman Judith Giuliani. She was delightful to work with and was able to engage many new donors. In addition, many thanks to Tom Quick and Rudy Giuliani for doing an outstanding job with the live auction and Call to Heart. Also, a big thank you to Sheriff Ric Bradshaw for his insightful remarks on youth and gangs in the county. During the evening, a transformational gift was announced. The organization received an endowment gift of $2 million from the Kerry & Simone Vickar Family Foundation to name the Teen Development Program at the Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club of Riviera Beach. I wish to thank Caroline Rafferty for presenting the Heritage Club recognition award on behalf of her grandparents, Max and Marjorie Fisher to Kerry and Simone.

Additionally, we hosted other extremely successful fundraising events: 16th Annual Barefoot on the Beach at The Breakers Palm Beach; Celebrity Polo Match & Brunch at the International Polo Club; Delray Beach’s Be Great Celebration Dinner and many more. But the stand out of the season – the true mission moment event – was the Youth of the Year Dinner. Congratulations and best of luck to Youth of the Year winner Je’Cynthia Nonar as she heads off to college in the fall.

I would like to thank both Judith Giuliani and Simone Vickar for accepting invitations to join the Board of Directors. We are all looking forward to working with them.

I also want to express my appreciation to the following community partners that have stepped up to make such a difference in the first half of the year.

- Comcast for selecting us as its ‘Comcast Cares Day’ recipient on April 22, which included more than 700 company and community volunteers; plus $20,000 to fund renovations and an additional $25,000 to support technology programming.
- Palm Beach County Youth Services for providing a $250,000 grant to support our Teen Career Readiness program, which will place 40 teens to work this summer and provide case management support for post high school graduation planning.
- Major League Baseball for providing a $50,000 grant to buy new furniture and equipment for the Belle Glade Teen Center.
- Boca West Foundation for providing sleep-away summer camp opportunity to 120 club members and tennis camp to an additional 36 members.
- Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach Board Members for fundraising to buy a new 70-seat bus for that clubhouse.

Thank you so very much for your longstanding commitment to our children and to this incredible organization. Without you, we would not be where we are today. This year and in the future, we have much to look forward to as we meaningfully impact the lives of those who need us most.

Respectfully,

Wally

Chairman of the Board

JUDITH GIULIANI AND SIMONE VICKAR

JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is pleased to announce that Simone Vickar and Judith Giuliani have joined the Board of Directors. “We have a very active board that really believes in the mission and wants to help the children we serve,” stated Board Chairman Wally Turner. “We are so fortunate to have Simone and Judith joining our Board. They are the perfect fit because they are genuinely passionate about helping to change the lives of needy children in Palm Beach County.”
A LETTER FROM THE 
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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2017 PALM BEACH COUNTY YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Je'Cynthia Nonar
Youth of the Year Dinner, Save the date - Friday, February 23, 2018

On Friday, March 31, nearly 200 supporters of Boys & Girls Clubs Palm Beach County came together at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa for the 3rd Annual Palm Beach County Youth of the Year Dinner.

Leading the charge as Chairmen were Marcelle Burke, Elizabeth DeBrule, Camryn Del Rio Linton, Katherine Kress, Sarah McKenzie and Laura Wissa.

A cocktail social hour kicked off the evening outside the main ballroom. Meanwhile, seven Youth of the Year nominees representing Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the county entered the venue as stars of the evening arriving via limousine provided by Corporate Coaches. They were outfitted by J.C. Penney and pampered by Dillard’s.

This year’s dinner continued to raise the bar attracting more guests and raising more than the previous years. Close to $62,000 was raised to fund scholarships and club teen programming.

Seventeen-year-old Je'Cynthia Nonar was named 2017 Youth of the Year for Palm Beach County. An active member of the Belle Glade Teen Center and Belle Glade Clubs for more than 12 years, Je'Cynthia embodies how focusing on positive goals and outcomes can change one’s life and destiny.

Last year, Je'Cynthia was the winner of the Palm Beach Philanthropy Tank, which awarded her a $15,000 grant that she used to organize the first-ever Belle Glade Teen Summit. The summit included a round table discussion between regional community leaders and youth to focus on proactive change and improvement for the Belle Glade area.

Je'Cynthia is the salutatorian of her high school’s graduating class, where she serves as vice president of the National Honor Society. She volunteers in her community regularly by participating in community cleanup and reading to elementary school children. She has three siblings and enjoys stepping (a form of percussive dance).

This dedicated, ambitious and determined young lady, highly values the importance of obtaining an education and will be attending Howard University to pursue a career as a financial management consultant. She received a jump start from Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County via the Youth of the Year scholarship.

The Youth of the Year is an annual national initiative by Boys & Girls Clubs of America and is the highest honor a Club Member can earn.

Seven aspiring teens representing local clubs competed this year for the Palm Beach County title.

For the first time ever, the winner was selected and announced live at the Youth of the Year Dinner based on scores for public speaking during the event as the final component of the competition.

To achieve the title of Youth of the Year, Club Members must embody the values of leadership and service; academic excellence; and healthy lifestyles. They should exemplify the critical impact that Boys & Girls Clubs have on the lives of all young people.

Each Youth of the Year nominee was awarded college scholarships provided by Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County.

Je'Cynthia Nonar smiles bright at the Dinner

Layal Al-Amar
Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington
8th grader, completed 30 volunteer hours in the last year.

Crystina Atkinson
Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club of Riviera Beach
High school senior, aspires to start a career in business administration.

Laticia Deveaux
Florence De George Boys & Girls Club of West Palm Beach
High school senior, aspires to be a cardiologist.

Trevor Gawlikowski
Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton
High school senior, aspires to start a career in culinary arts and business.

Karah Pierre
Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach
10th grader, aspires to be a family lawyer.

Asia Vance
Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club of West Palm Beach
High school junior, aspires to be a teacher.

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Nearly 400 guests celebrated the “unofficial close” of the Palm Beach social season on Friday, April 7 at the 16th Annual Barefoot on the Beach at The Breakers Beach Club. The event has become a staple on the society calendar and this year was no exception with Co-chairmen Susan Miller and Holly Weston on point to present a memorable evening.

As guests arrived, they were greeted by members of the Club. Following dinner, the dynamic team of Reid Boren and Tom Quick conducted the live auction making it one of the most successful in the event’s history. The Venetian Ballroom was transformed into a chic black light scene complete with neon décor accents for the new “After Party” featuring socialite DJ Mad Marj (Marjorie Gubelmann).

“We are extremely grateful to all of our sponsors, donors and to new Co-chairs Susan and Holly. Their fresh new look for Barefoot was amazingly well received,” said Reid.

Thank you to Co-chairmen Kristen Cashel and Richard Gaff; Junior Chairmen Craig Gibson, Jr. and Brooke Murphy; and Honorary Chairmen Brooks Bishop, Lauren Borman Bohn, Taylor Collins, and Keith Williams. We also thank Founding Chairmen Reid Boren, Tom Quick, Wally Turner for their unwavering support of this event.

Proceeds from the more than $230,000 raised will help Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington serve an additional 150 children from the Wellington community in 2017.

The 4th Annual Great Futures Celebrity Polo Charity Cup & Brunch raised more than $275,000 for programming at the Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington on Sunday, March 12. Marc and Melissa Ganzi, Olexa Celine, and Vira Goldmann served as chairmen.

For the fourth consecutive year, Grand Champions Polo Club hosted the morning’s celebrity polo match featuring honorary event chairmen, Ignacio ‘Nacho’ Figueras - Polo’s international ambassador and one of the world’s most recognized players as the face of Ralph Lauren; America’s Most Wanted/The Hunt TV host and child advocate, John Walsh; five-goal polo star Brandon Phillips; Argentinian Polo Player Martin Pepa; and current Captain of the U.S. Polo Team and Wellington resident, Nic Roldan. The celebrity match was followed by a brunch at the International Polo Club Mallet Grille.

Busloads of Club members came to watch the polo match, meet polo players, and get up close to the horses. Melissa Ganzi, USPA Florida Circuit Governor and Grand Champions President, presented Neil Hirsch with a special award recognizing his tireless work for the club named in his honor.

The 29th Annual Wellington Dinner Dance themed “Passport to Paradise” took place on Friday, January 6 at the International Polo Club Palm Beach. Guests enjoyed cocktails, a silent and live auction, dinner and dancing.

Leading the charge this year were returning Co-chairmen Georgina Bloomberg, Marley Goodman-Overman, Dr. Colette Brown-Graham, Dr. Daxa Patel, and Nicolette Goldfarb as Junior Chairman. High profile guests in attendance included Polo players Nic Roldan, Martin Pepa, Grant Ganzi, Jeff Hall, and Kris Kampsen; Grand Champions Polo Club Owner Marc Ganzi; and Olympic Show Jumper Champion and daughter of Bruce Springsteen, Jessica Springsteen.

Proceeds from the more than $80,000 raised will help the Wellington Community Center, a local non-profit in need of support.

Adam Doner and Bob Dunkin were chairmen of the 28th Annual Golf Classic and Dinner Auction, which raised more than $80,000 to benefit daily operations of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County’s 13 Clubs. Committee members included Mark Travaglini, Patrick McGregor, Christine Pitts, Reg Miller, and Ryan Loeb.

BMO Private Bank returned for the third year to host the Dinner and Auction Party at the Wyndham Grand Jupiter at Harbourside Place on Friday, May 12. After the silent auction, guests enjoyed dinner as auctioneer Neil Saffer entertained them during the live auction, which included a brand new Star EV Golf car donated by Kurt Jetta.

Festivities continued Saturday morning as golfers took to the links at the exclusive Dye Preserve in Jupiter.

Taking top honors as Tournament Champions with a Gross Score of 55 were Patrick Williams, Sean Kopp, and Geral Gore representing Skip Goldenberg from Lichtblau & Goldenberg, PA, and with a spectacular net score of 46 was the foursome of Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Dorothy Bradshaw, John Kime, and Rusty Lamm.
Nearly 250 supporters attended the 5th Annual Be Great Celebration Dinner on Wednesday, March 8 at The Seagate Country Club. The dinner raised more than $100,000 to benefit Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach. Sue Ambrecht, Beau Delafield, Patsy Randolph, Kirsten Stanley and Juliet Warner served as co-chairmen.

Muriel Losee-Pratt was honored with the Forrest and Frances Lattner Award, the “Be Great Award” which recognizes a member in the community for their outstanding achievements and dedication. John Lynch, a former board member of the Delray Beach Club, was also honored during the dinner.

Tom Quick opened his Palm Beach home for a private dinner on March 29 to educate supporters about the construction of the building that will eventually become the new Belle Glade Teen Center.

Guests enjoyed a lovely evening among friends with cocktails, an elegant dinner prepared by a private chef, and conversation. Tom has been a generous and caring long-term board member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County and remains committed to transforming the lives of the youth we serve.

Ryan Leaf had a successful college career with Washington State University, where he was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy after his junior year. He was selected as the second overall pick in the 1998 NFL Draft after Peyton Manning.

On Thursday, May 11, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County hosted ‘Understanding Charitable Gift Planning,’ a seminar featuring national planned giving expert Terry Balko and guest speaker former NFL Quarterback Ryan Leaf. The event took place at The Regional Kitchen and Public House. Guests learned about the various ways to leave a legacy gift to the Clubs.

Terry Balko has been helping charities and individuals in the areas of gift planning and charitable estate planning for more than 25 years. He helps individuals maximize their charitable giving and provide for their families through a charitable estate plan and up-to-date will.

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On Thursday, May 17 for Taste of London at The Chesterfield Palm Beach with Marissa Hermer, star of Bravo TV’s Ladies of London. Event chairmen were Marcelle Burke, Elizabeth DeBrule, Camryn Del Rio Linton, Katherine Kress, Sarah McKenzie, and Laura Wissa.

A traditional British afternoon tea and scones were served along with sandwiches prepared by The Chesterfield’s executive chef Gerard Coughlin from recipes in Hermer’s newly published cookbook, An American Girl in London.

Guests received a copy of the book and enjoyed an exclusive meet and greet with the author, who signed each copy. This was Hermer’s only scheduled Florida appearance on her book tour.

Proceeds from Taste of London will go toward purchasing a new bus for Florence De George Boys & Girls Club of West Palm Beach.
Devin Devoe, club member at De George Boys & Girls Club, recently won first place in the Image Makers Photography Contest in the 9-and-under ‘Surroundings’ category for Palm Beach County.

Immediately, the doors of opportunity began to open for Devin. On April 20, Palm Beach Post staff photographer, Damon Higgins, dedicated time to spend with Devin at the Club. The two looked at some of Higgins’ work, discussed a handful of elements that make a good photo, and walked the grounds of the Club in search of interesting pictures. When Higgins encouraged Devin to practice taking pictures on his own, Devin told him that he didn’t own a camera.

So on Comcast Cares Day two days later, Comcast representatives named Devin “Official Event Photographer” and surprised him with a camera (Canon Power Shot SX530 HS).

Subsequently, the official Comcast photographer, Mark Haworth, also asked to mentor Devin and met with him at the Club the week of May 1.

CLUB GETS MAKE OVER FOR COMCAST CARES DAY

Florence De George Boys & Girls Club of West Palm Beach was the fortunate beneficiary of Comcast Cares Day, the largest single day of corporate volunteerism in the country. On Saturday, April 22, hundreds of volunteers from Comcast NBCUniversal and other local organizations came to the Club for the large-scale, day-long revitalization project that included painting walls, laying sod, planting trees, mulching, cleaning, and so much more. In addition, Comcast Foundation surprised Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County with a $25,000 check for technology programming and an additional $20,000 to fund renovations.

The annual day of service included the company’s employees, their families, friends, and local community leaders gathering as part of its year-round commitment to service and the community.

We are extremely grateful for this wonderful day of community and giving.

Thank you Comcast!

Photos credit: Mark Haworth

KERRY & SIMONE VICKAR FAMILY FOUNDATION GIFTS $2 MILLION ENDOWMENT

Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County were pleased to induct two new members into the organization’s Heritage Club. Kerry and Simone Vickar were honored at The Winter Ball for their $2 million planned gift to fund an endowment to operate the Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club of Riviera Beach’s Teen Development Program.

They have also invested in the lives of countless children with an additional $100,000 annual gift for the rest of their lives. By making this vital investment in our community, Kerry and Simone Vickar are helping to ensure the bright future of our Club members.

For their tremendous generosity, the Club’s teen development program was named the Kerry and Simone Vickar Family Foundation Teen Development Program.

Caroline Rafferty had the honor of presenting them with the Heritage Award during the annual gala - The Winter Ball. Rafferty is the granddaughter of Marjorie and Max Fisher, the philanthropists who funded the building of the two Boys & Girls Clubs named in their honor – Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club and Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club.

The Heritage Club is an association of friends of Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County who have invested in the future financial security of each club through a will, a charitable gift annuity, a trust, life insurance policy, or a real estate gift.
What’s Happening at our Clubs ...

BALLROOM DANCE COMPETITION

Members representing Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club reigned supreme - winning first and second places - at the bi-annual Ballroom Dance Competition, held on Tuesday, May 2 at Florence De George Boys & Girls Club. Coming in third place were dancers representing De George Boys & Girls Club.

Professional instructors teach one dance form for 12 weeks at all participating clubs. Each pair competes in a competition on the 13th week as a grand finale. This year, many children donned cowboy hats and boots to dance the “Two Step.” Following the competition, members and their families were treated to a buffet dinner.

Thanks to the vision of Hillie Mahoney, this is the 10th year that DanceSport Academy has provided the ballroom dance program to six Boys & Girls Clubs. We also extend a special thank you to George Stamas, president of DanceSport Academy for his commitment to children.

YOUNG GARDENERS LEARN NEW SKILLS

Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 was a special day at Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington. It was harvest day and kids enjoyed the fruits (and veggies) of their labor. Thanks to the efforts of the Wellington Garden Club and The Young Professionals of Wellington, Club children who are members of The Garden Club got the chance to harvest what they have sown and take home to enjoy healthy meals with their families. The children are very proud of their new gardening skills and enjoy the mentorship.

CLUB CHILDREN RECEIVE EYE EXAMS AND GLASSES

On Monday, May 1, Board Certified Optometrist and Founder of Seeing the World, Dr. Adam Cherry and his team visited Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club to provide free eye exams to Club members. Eleven club members received free eye glasses.

Seeing the World is a nonprofit organization that provides eye exams and glasses to children in low-income areas. It believes vision is vital to the learning process and all children, regardless of financial circumstance, deserve a fair chance at learning.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE - WE SALUTE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The Palm Beach County community plays an integral part in the education and growth of our members.

Oxbridge Academy teen “spellebrities” tutor fifth grade members at Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club. The top two members will represent the Club in July in a county-wide spelling bee.

Christophe Dagassan, director of CRM at The Breakers Palm Beach (left), with volunteers from New Balance leads the Run N’ Roar running club at Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club of Riviera Beach.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Foundation seeks endowment gifts to ensure our youth population today will continue to be served tomorrow by strengthening the organization in perpetuity.

To learn more about endowment opportunities designed to meet your personal goals, please contact our Philanthropy Department at (561) 683-3287.

 MAKE A GIFT TODAY. LEAVE A LEGACY FOR TOMORROW.

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