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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

INSIDE

The Club's Board of Directors recently welcomed three new members—read all about them inside. Plus, learn what youth are up to in the CLUB Teen Center!



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Winefeast, sponsored by Community First Credit Union, will be held again this year at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, April 6th.

WineFeast reservations include both the Cellar Select dinner (sponsored by CR Meyer) and the private post dinner Night Cap event (sponsored by Bergstrom Automotive).

Cellar Select (sponsored by the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel) is a relaxing five course dinner and wine pairing (sponsored by Baker Tilly) experience which begins with a champagne reception (sponsored by PACUR) promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner will feature five mouth-watering courses including a salad provided by TJ's Harbor Restaurant, an appetizer provided by PRIMO, soup provided by Granary Brew Pub, an entrée provided by the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center and dessert provided by Tamara's the Cake Guru.

During dinner, guests will enjoy an exciting live auction (sponsored by First Weber Foundation) and a short program including a mission moment video (sponsored by MARCO Promos) and a story from our newly named 2019 Youth of the Year about the impact the Boys &

Girls Club has on Oshkosh youth and families and how Great Futures Start at the Club (sponsored by Oshkosh Corporation).

Night Cap is exclusively open to Cellar Select guests only following Cellar Select at 8:00 p.m. and will feature the smooth jazz sounds of the Mike Kubicki Quartet (sponsored by Menasha Corporation Foundation) and the opportunity to sample wine, domestic and imported brews and delicious light appetizers from a number of your favorite local restaurants. Guests will receive a complimentary Riedel red wine glass (sponsored by Miron Construction).

There is also a silent auction (sponsored by Verve, a Credit Union) with over 50 unique items. Plus, wine, popcorn and chocolate (Hughes' Home Maid Chocolates) raffle opportunities.

All proceeds from WineFeast go to the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and directly benefit families and children in our community who most need the services the Club provides.

This includes healthy meals and snacks, homework help, basic needs support, one on one mentoring and quality programming that focuses on STEM, staying active, and building character and leadership skills.

WineFeast reservations cost \$125 per person and tables of eight are available for \$1,000. Reservations include the Cellar Select dinner and a full-access pass to Night Cap.

To purchase reservations for WineFeast, please visit the Boys & Girls Club online at bgcosh.org. To learn about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities or for other questions, contact Director of Advancement Tracy Ogden at (920) 233-1414, ext. 116 or tracyo@bgcosh.org.

WineFeast is in need of both silent and live auction items. Donating auction items gives businesses and individuals the opportunity to display their product and get free advertising. For more information on donating an auction item, please contact WineFeast Auction Coordinator Heather Holly-Pinnow at WineFeastAuction@bgcosh.org.

SAVE THE DATE

FEB 7 Great Futures Celebration Dinner/ Annual Meeting

MAR 19 Youth of the Year

APR 6 WineFeast

Cousins Subs and the Milwaukee Bucks surprised kids in December with a delicious sub sandwich dinner, a visit from Bango Buck and fun Bucks and Cousin's swag! Club members were totally surprised and had a great time.



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FROM THE CEO



Dear Friends of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh,

I wanted to take the opportunity in my letter this quarter to tell you that the Club may look a little different the next time you visit. Club entrances have been updated and remodeled to help keep children, staff, visitors and volunteers more safe.

When you visit, you will notice we now have two sets of doors to be buzzed through at both main entrances. This will help us make sure that no one enters the Club who is not supposed to be there. We have also changed our entrance between the Head Start building and our Radford Center Club so that it may only be accessed by staff with a key fob.

The biggest change is that parents, visitors and volunteers are now only able to enter the Club through the Radford Center and the Teen Center main entrances and that parents must wait by the front reception area at both entrances when picking up children or teens. Only Club members, staff and approved volunteers and visitors are allowed to go through the second set of doors at either entrance.

These improvements have taken place because we are constantly working to achieve the safest environment we can while your children are at the Club. The Club is certainly a place to learn, grow and have fun, but first and foremost, it is a place to be safe.

As always, thank you for the many ways you help to improve the lives of children and families.

Marc Dosogne

Marc Dosogne, CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of
Oshkosh, Inc.



PHOTO GALLERY



The Club has teamed up with the NBA and the Milwaukee Bucks to offer Math Hoops, which teaches math and statistics in a relatable way through the drafting and management of basketball teams. The program uses the real statistics of kids' favorite NBA and WNBA players.



Youth in the Club's Fall Strings program, led by instructor Miyoko Grine-Fisher, learned to play the violin, viola and cello. They performed several songs at our Radford Center Christmas Party in December.



The Club served a Thanksgiving Dinner to Club members and their families. It was a delicious meal and a great time for families to come together and celebrate. Over 100 people were served dinner and over 30 families participated.

Great Futures Celebration Dinner and Annual Meeting

The Great Futures Celebration Dinner, presented by the organization's Board of Directors, will be held at the Waters (1393 Washington Ave, Oshkosh) on Thursday, February 7th and will recap the successes of 2018, review the Club's financial position and recognize board members, donors and volunteers who have made a significant impact at the Club over the past year.

U.S. Venture/Schmidt Family Foundation will receive the Kids & Community Award for their committed leadership in our community; Brenda Haines will receive the Award of Merit for her years of dedicated volunteer work coaching our Youths of the Year on their speechmaking; Lorie Bunke will receive the J.R. Vette Friend of Youth Award for her outstanding efforts on the Club's board of directors; and Katie Talken will receive the Professional Service Award for going above and beyond in her service to the Club as a member of our staff.

Registration is at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 p.m. There will be a short program from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to Angela Koepke at (920) 233-1414, ext. 119 or angelak@bgcosh.org by Monday, February 4th. The cost is \$35 per person to attend. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring our Keystone or Torch Leadership Clubs. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date!

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
12:00-2:00 p.m.

New Location
Oshkosh Country Club
11 W Ripple Avenue, Oshkosh



A short program will feature inspiring words from friends of the Club including lead speaker Becky Curran. Becky strives to teach acceptance while educating and motivating all people to establish goals and work hard to accomplish them. She is passionate about finding ways to change how little people, and all people with disabilities, are perceived in the media, which ultimately influences the opinions of society as a whole. To learn more about Becky, visit her website at: beckymotivates.com.

To see more photos of the exciting things taking place at our Club, please visit our Facebook page.

CLUB Teen Center Update

Starting in October, the CLUB Teen Center underwent a new structure to programming and operations. The goal was to create a daily schedule that included at least one program a night with a variety of choices to keep teens engaged and keep the teen center fresh with new activities for youth to participate in every day. With an hour by hour program schedule, teens know in advance what is happening each day, and are able to choose what programs they want to participate in based on their needs and interests.

Some of the programs currently being run include Career Launch, Boys II Men, Keystone, Book Club, Rocket Math and an experimental run of the worldwide gaming sensation Fortnite on Thursday nights.

In a trial run on an early release Wednesday, we created a waffle bar for the teens when they arrived from school and it was a complete hit! With so much positive feedback from the teens, we decided to continue "Waffle Wednesdays" on their early release days from school!



Programs starting in the near future include Smart Girls, indoor kayaking clinics, a step dance team and our Teens 2 Work program.

In addition to the above programs, girl's volleyball exceeded expectations this season with around 13 teen girls participating in practices and in games against area clubs. The girls ended the volleyball season undefeated!

Boys basketball practice has begun drawing many of our teen boys to practice in hopes of bettering their skills, learning to work as a team and coming home with more wins this season than last year.

Thursday and Friday nights continue to be our middle school and teen nights starting at 6:00 p.m. where we include fun activities, games and food to make those nights just a little more special for our middle school and teen members.

The past few months, teens have taken trips to the Burial Chamber Haunted House in Neenah for Halloween, cheered on the Wisconsin Herd at a few of their home games, went to the movies, participated in a "Chopped" competition and helped out in the Oshkosh Holiday Parade.

With a wide variety of programs and activities, average daily teen attendance has increased to around 40-50 teens a night, with new faces entering the building throughout the week. With more members attending Club, our teen center staff team has increased as well with new youth development professionals bringing a new array of interests and strengths to the teen center.

With the new year soon upon us, the CLUB Teen Center team is looking forward to even more programs, trips and activities for the teens to enjoy and continuing to increase our daily teen attendance.

Meet Our Newest Board Members



Steve Brandes

As a native of Amherst, Ohio, Steve enjoys a diverse background that ranges from traveling to Russia as a student ambassador to a pre-sports career as a professional archaeologist. Steve obtained a liberal arts degree from the College of Wooster and then attended Game Face Executive Academy, a leading international sports sales training and placement firm in Portland, Oregon.

Steve spent 14 seasons in Boise, Idaho with the Idaho Stampede NBA Development League front office in which he spent 10 of those as President.

He was recognized as an Accomplished Under 40 honoree by the Idaho Business Review. He also helped run the Idaho Stampede Community Foundation which received the 2014 Most Outstanding Foundation award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He has served on the Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho and the Idaho Non-Profit Center boards. Steve was most recently named the 2017-18 NBA G League Executive of the Year.

One of his passions is to positively impact the community in which we work and play by leveraging the power of sports to make our community a better place to live. He is extremely excited to start positively influencing the youth and families of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. He currently resides Oshkosh, Wisconsin with his wife, Nina and two children, Eliana & Mark.



Wilson Jones

Wilson Jones is the president and CEO of Oshkosh Corporation, a position to which he was appointed in January 2016 after serving in several leadership roles since joining the company in 2005. Throughout his career, Wilson has cultivated a servant-led leadership model with a focus on valuing diverse opinions, fostering an environment of trust, developing others and acting with humility. These efforts to build a culture around putting people first have contributed to the many recognitions Oshkosh Corporation has received.

Wilson has a strong passion for giving back to the communities in which Oshkosh Corporation team members live and work. Growing up in poverty, he understands the positive impact non-profit organizations can have on families that are struggling to make ends meet, and on children who need additional guidance and support. This strong conviction for providing basic needs and youth mentoring has fueled Wilson's desire to serve on the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

Wilson, his wife, Jane, and their children, Jake and Emily, enjoy traveling, boating, attending performing arts events and cheering for the Green Bay Packers.



Grant Schwab

Grant joined the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Board of Directors in November, 2018. Grant was born and raised in Oshkosh and attended college at UW-Oshkosh where he graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. Upon graduation, Grant went to work in his family business of real estate brokerage and development. Currently, he is part owner in several real estate development companies as well First Weber Realtors in Oshkosh. Grant resides in Oshkosh with his wife Kelly and their three children Taylor, Chace and Harper.



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MISSION

To improve the lives of children and families.

VISION

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh will be a generation-changing leading provider of programs emphasizing youth development services and family outreach support to meet the needs of young people 6-18 and their families, especially those who need us most.



The Knights of Columbus thoughtfully donated a number of brand new coats to the Club to make sure our members would stay warm this winter.

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Youth of the Year

Save the date for the Youth of the Year Dinner which will be held Tuesday, March 19th from 6-8 p.m. at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center. Donors, teachers, mentors, alumni and special friends of the Club are encouraged to join Club members and their families in celebrating the accomplishments Club members have achieved throughout the past year.

Teens, 6-12 year Radford Center members, After School Care program kids and summer program youth will all be recognized. This special dinner will also recognize the Club's largest youth achievement, the recently selected 2019 Youth of the Year.

This is a great opportunity to congratulate our members on their efforts to grow in the areas of Health & Wellness, Academic Success and Character & Leadership during their time at the Club. We hope you will come be a part of the fun!

The event will be held this year at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center and dinner will be provided. The cost to attend for Club donors and friends is \$15/person; teachers and Club alumni can attend for \$10/person. (The cost to attend for families that have a Club membership is \$5/adult, \$3/child. Children being recognized at the dinner attend for free.)

Club families who have received an invitation by mail can RSVP to Debbie Henschel at 920-233-1414, ext. 110 by Monday, March 11th to attend. Donors, teachers, mentors, alumni and special friends of the Club are able to make reservations online at: bgcosh.org or by contacting Tracy Ogden at 920-233-1414, ext. 116 by Friday, March 15th. If you are unable to join us, we hope you will consider supporting one of our youth leadership clubs: Keystone (teens) or Torch (middle schoolers).

To learn about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities for this event or for other questions, contact Grant and Development Director Katie Talken at (920) 233-1414, ext. 129 or katiet@bgcosh.org.



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