



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF COACHELLA VALLEY

Newsletter

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In the Know

Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella have been providing programs and services for the youth of the Coachella Valley since 1966. For better than fifty years, the organization has been providing a safe place where children can learn and grow.

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People

The board that consists of 45 members is engaged and working on polishing up various policies and procedures that will prove useful for years to come.

Governance Committee:

Rondi Edwards and the rest of members of the Governance committee is moving the needle in a positive fashion via building on the success of the former board development committee chaired by Don Pellegrino – this committee is setting a solid foundation for the long-term benefit of the organization.

Youth Advancement Committee:

Brian Tobey has met with Quinton and Desiree regarding the youth advancement committee to conduct a brief assessment of the college scholarship (and various) programs so that he can get an understanding of the organization prior to kicking his committee off in an aggressive fashion after the holiday season.

Building and Safety Committee:

Mike Way met with members of the safety committee to get the ball rolling, and as a result; the team has embarked on improving safety measures by installing security cameras in all of the clubhouses starting with La Quinta. The 12 camera security system has been installed in La Quinta, and one has been purchased for Indio.

Fund Development Committee:

Peter Bochnewich, the chair of the fund committee – sat down with our latest addition to the team – Peter Sturgeon and they are diligently working towards putting some pieces together in order to call a committee meeting.

Communications and Marketing Committee:

Judy Vossler and Dominique Shwe – spent time with Quinton & Desiree regarding the roles and responsibilities of the marketing committee. This group will be calling a meeting at the beginning of 2019 to discuss branding and developing a robust marketing strategy.



Indio Club member measuring the height of a sunflower

Investment Committee:

The investment committee under the leadership of Dana Crosby continues to meet quarterly to review the organization investment portfolio. Due to the excellent ongoing job of the committee along with the great effort of UBS (our investment firm), the Club investment portfolio is holding its own.



Indio Club member participating STEM program, Snap Circuits

Finance Committee:

David Peat has and continues to be the perfect leader of the committee. With his vigilant oversight, the committee has maintained a good handle on the Club finances.

Audit Committee:

CPA – Lee Osborne is the chair of the audit committee. Lee is a stickler ensuring that the organization operates by following General Accepted Accounting Principles

(GAAP). The club had a clean audit and, with the oversight of the committee, will continue to do so.

The Executive Committee:

The committee had a few meetings early on to discuss the bylaws, committee structure, the duties of the board, and organizational policies and procedures. This committee, which is chaired by John Powell Jr., the chairman of the board is perhaps the guiding light of the organization.

A job well done!

The team has been working together extremely well. Carolina has been successful, attaining nearly 40 grants, five of which are new to us. Bridget and Susan have done an excellent job with our first two special events; The Southwest Growers Tournament (SWG) and Party With a Purpose.

Thank you to the committee of the SWG co-chaired by Mike Walton and Mike Way. And a big thank you to the Friends for all of their help with our first Party with a Purpose Event. Esther Gelineau is the Chair of the Friends Board, and Kelly Flanagan chaired the event.

Team member to highlight this edition: Rey Mancilla

Rey has been working with the organization for 12 years, and he is one of the most talented individuals I've ever met. Rey goes the extra mile – showing up to work early and ending his workday late. He is a delightful young man that embraces the mission and works hard for the organization. Rey works with the ASES program and is in charge of facilities and vehicle safety/management.

Business of the quarter:

The business of the month is My Thai. The owner of the My Thai restaurant, David Henderson, is an international security specialist. David is in the process of conducting a safety assessment of each of our facilities; he already took a look at La Quinta and is scheduled to assess Indio next. After walking through our La Quinta Club, David recommended that we invest in a 12 camera security system. He ordered the equipment for us and decided to donate it. David is the former member of Indio and wants to give back to an organization that gave him a safe place to learn and grow.

Welcome, Peter Sturgeon!

Peter Sturgeon joined the team and has embraced the mission wholeheartedly – we are excited to have him and are looking forward working with him to raise the necessary financial resources to better serve the youth and families of the Coachella Valley.

Places

We will finish installing security cameras in all of our facilities in 2019. We will have all surveillance security cameras in place by June 1st.

La Quinta:

In walking the facility, things are good, but I would like to make some minor improvements. We have a general contractor on staff, and he is putting together a proposal that I will discuss with Mike Way and the other members of the building committee.



Rey Mancilla coaching Indio's football team

Indio:

The remodel is complete, and the final function will be to have security cameras installed.

Coachella:

Our General Contractor will take a look at Coachella after La Quinta. Some minor things need attention there as well – we will compile a list and address those needs.

Mecca:

When the rains took place in November, the community of Mecca was hit hard. Six classrooms of the local school were affected, as well as three of our rooms. We are working with Riverside County and general contractor David Silva (who did the Indio remodel) to get our three rooms: The art room, Education Center and Technology Center opened for our members. *Needless to say, this is a priority, and we will work the process until we get the rooms open for business.*



Members of Mecca's rites-of-passage program, El Joven Noble, celebrate graduation

Programs (expanded services)

We are in all 3 Desert School Districts and have expanded to the Banning/Beaumont School District as well. We work in partnership with Riverside County as a part of the Youth Accountability Team (YAT). YAT comprises of a resource (law enforcement) officer, a representative from the DA's office, a Probation Officer and we fulfill the role of providing a Youth Outreach Counselor. The goal of the team is to keep kids out of the juvenile justice system by offering them an alternative when they are indulging in behavior that may lead them down the wrong path.

Our Mission

To save and enhance the lives of the young people of our community, especially those with economic and/or social needs by offering a safe haven and meaningful youth development programs provided by a caring and qualified staff.

Our Vision

To provide hope and opportunity to every young person within our reach.

Core Beliefs

A safe place to learn and grow that promotes respect and integrity.

Quality and innovative programs of the highest standards.

Ongoing relationships with caring, professional staff and volunteers.

An organization driven by its mission and vision.

Hope and opportunity.



Members of Thomas Jefferson Middle School's soccer team

Dates to note:

February 8, 2019 - Strategic Planning Meeting

February 9, 2019 - Sports Heroes Luncheon

March 9, 2019 – Auction

May 3, 2019 – Tony Reagins Golf Tournament

May 19 – 20, 2019 – Anthony Anderson Golf Tournament