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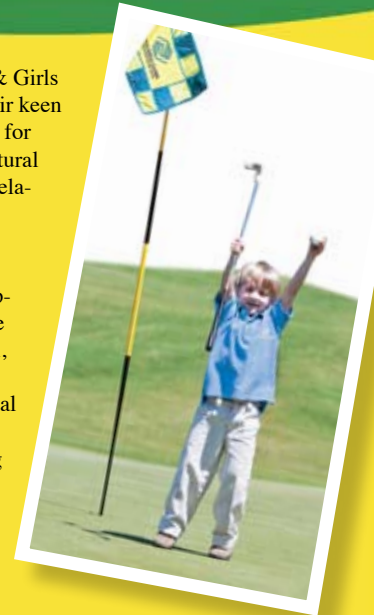
Upcoming Fundraisers

September is a busy month at the Club! Two upcoming fundraisers will support the Club's After School Programming for boys and girls ages 6 through 18 residing in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. The first is the 12th Annual Captain and Crew Golf Tournament being held on September 26th at Glen Oak Country Club in Clarks Summit. Registration/lunch begins at 11:00 a.m.; shotgun starts at Noon; and dinner/cocktails follows tournament. This tournament is being dedicated to two board members who recently passed away – Hank Belin IV and Jerry Klein. Join us for a day of golf – all to support a worthy cause.

The second fundraising event is the 4th Annual Lackawanna County Community Fundraiser to be held on September 22nd at the Scranton Cultural Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. Both the Boys & Girls Clubs of NEPA & EOTC have been picked by Sanofi Pasteur & VaxServe -- who sponsor the event and pay all event costs -- to be the beneficiaries of this special event. One hundred percent of all tickets and sponsorship sales will benefit both organizations. The honorary co-chairs are US Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. and Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn, Fordham University.

“Based on our strong relationship with the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Pennsylvania, coupled with their keen focus on helping children at risk -- the foundation for our event -- supporting this organization was a natural fit,” said Ellyn Schindler, Director, Community Relations, Sanofi Pasteur.

We strive to reach out to our community's young people to offer programs that provide hope and opportunity to all children. Both organizations serve a diverse population that crosses economic, social, cultural and ethnic sectors. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are still available. For additional information, please contact Julianne Kalasinski, development director, at jkalasinski@bgcnepa.org or 570-342-8709 ext. 110.



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Mission Statement

“To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.”

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Club Welcomes Incoming President for 2011-2013



The Club would like to give a warm welcome to the new board president for 2011-2013, Erwin Kost Jr. Erwin was born and raised in Clarks Summit and graduated high school from Scranton Preparatory School. He earned a bachelor degree in business management from the University of Scranton. He is vice president at Kost Tire and Auto Service with locations throughout Pennsylvania and New York. He resides in Waverley with his wife Larina.

He has been on the board of directors for almost 10 years. Erwin loves kids and believes every child deserves a chance in life.

Likewise, he feels the job of the board of directors is to make sure this happens. Erwin is looking forward to his position as the incoming president. He wants to help the Club excel and to bring more hope to the kids.

“It has been an honor and joy to serve as President of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of NEPA for the last two years. The commitment of the board and staff has allowed the Club to provide the essential elements needed to make it a very positive place for our members. Our new incoming president Erwin Kost Jr. has the compassion and drive to continue our mission. I wish him the best and will be there for any assistance he requires,” said John A. Kramer Jr., past president.

Wells Fargo gives \$10,000 to the Club



Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC) recently presented a check for \$10,000 to the Club as part of Wells Fargo and Wachovia integration activities. Based on voting by Wachovia customers and team members, the grants are part of a broader 2011 integration-related charitable effort to provide more than \$1.4 million to organizations serving people in need.

Wachovia customers and team members received ballots by mail asking them to vote for their top choice from five nonprofits across the bank’s Greater Pennsylvania market. Voting ended recently and as a result, the Boys & Girls Clubs of NEPA received the \$10,000 donation from the bank. Other nonprofits across the market will receive awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Also at the check presentation, Club members enjoyed the Wells Fargo horse and carriage rides along downtown Scranton’s courthouse.

Tricia DiBiasi Thomas, Club executive director says, “We are so grateful and appreciative of Wells Fargo’s generous donation and commitment to our local children and youth. We hope to continue this collaboration for many years to come. Together we will continue to provide children and youth with a positive place to attend after school.”

New Board Members

The Boys & Girls Clubs of NEPA recently added two new board members: Scott Douglas Allen, Managing Principal at SIDIA Architects, P.C.; and Linda Thomas-Hemak, MD, Board Certified Internal Medicine/Pediatrics and Program Director of Internal Medicine at The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education. The new board members responsibilities include: serving on two committees; establishing Club policies; and continuing the Club’s mission.



Scott Douglas Allen

Allen’s professional affiliations include, American Institute of Architects, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and International Code Council (ICC). Allen resides in Ransom Township with his wife, Stephanie, and their two children, Zachary and Isabella.



Linda Thomas-Hemak, MD

Dr. Thomas-Hemak is clinical faculty, an active general and executive committee member, strategic planning committee chair, and secretary of the board of trustees for The Commonwealth Medical College. Dr. Thomas-Hemak has participated in numerous clinical research trials and regional, state and national presentations. Her quality improvement work with the application of the ABIM Practice Improvement Modules in residency training has been presented at the AHRQ/PBRN, ACP, APDIM, SACME, SGIM and IHI national conferences in the past year. Dr. Thomas-Hemak resides in Jermyn with her husband, Mark, and three children Mason, Maya and Antoinette.

