

CLUB HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!

We ended 2023 on a high note with a bunch of fun and engaging events for members and families; including our annual Clubsgiving Feast, a Holiday Celebration where families decorated cookies together, Gingerbread House making for our preschool members and families, and a visit from Westchester County Police Department and Blue Santa!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our neighbors, we were able to provide over 200 children and teens with gifts for the holidays.

After a wonderful and much needed holiday break, we are back and ready for an incredible year!

Hats Off to 85 Years!

On October 3, 2024 the Club will commemorate our 85th anniversary! We will be celebrating throughout the year with various events. Check our website frequently for information.

Mark your calendar to attend our annual Humanitarian Award Gala on Friday, June 7th. We will be honoring former Board member and prior honoree, Muffin Dowdle; along with Dan Hollis as the John Beach Award Recipient. To become a sponsor, purchase an individual ticket, purchase a journal ad, or donate, visit our website at www.bgcnw.com or scan the QR



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Fun Facts

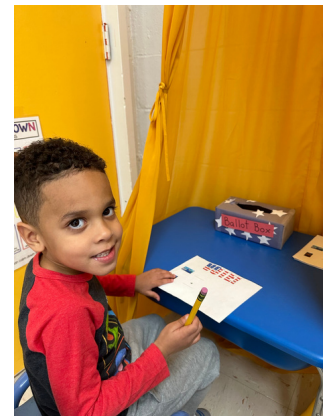
- BGCNW was established in October 3, 1939. This year we celebrate our 85th anniversary.
- The original name for the club was the Boys Club of Mount Kisco, Inc. The name was not changed to the Boys 7 Girls Club of Northern Westchester until the mid 1980s
- Our longest standing board member, Stuart Marwell, President of Curtis Instruments, is a Club alumnus.
- Director of Programming, Athenia Lee is a Club alumnus who has been on staff since 2005. She began her career as a Camp Counselor.
- The Marlins Swim Team was originally called Dennis' Menaces after former Director of Aquatics, Dennis Munson. Though semi-retired, Dennis continues to coach kids. He has been a part of the Club for 54 years!

Program Highlights

Early Childhood Education

In early summer, BGCNW partnered with the Office of Head Start to launch a Head Start preschool program at the Club. The Head Start program is free for eligible families, supporting preschool members through services centered around early learning and development, health, and family well-being. The program encourages engagement with parents, recognizing family participation throughout the program as key to strong child outcomes. We have also renewed our partnership with Bedford Central School District to provide spots at the Club for children enrolled in the Universal Pre-K program.

We began the school year with a total of 23 students in our new Head Start program and 6 UPK students, and 8 BGCNW ECE students. Twelve students will be rising Kindergarteners at the end of the school year. Each week, our preschoolers engage in literacy, math, science, music, nutrition, and social-emotional learning. In addition, they have twice-weekly swim lessons. Both of our Head Start classrooms are bilingual.



School Aged Afterschool Fun Club

We have 146 school-aged members registered in our afterschool Fun Club program. Each day, when the kids arrive, they are treated to a hot meal, lovingly made by our Ladle of Love family! After lunch, each group begins Power Hour - our educational enrichment period of the afternoon. Members receive help with homework or engage in math, reading, or literacy activities to reinforce what they are learning in school.

After Power Hour, groups rotate through our other enrichment activities, such as gym, art, Digi, healthy lifestyles, and more! Members also have the opportunity to sign up for 6 week swimming lessons.



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Teen Programs

In November, we restarted our partnership with F.L.O.W. (Financial Literacy Outreach Workshop), a teen run program from Horace Greeley High School, which provide programming to our members about the ins and outs of the stock market and how to invest money properly into different potential revenue streams. As part of our Workforce Development programming, we formed the BGCNW Junior Urban Planning Board, which will be a multi-year and multi-step program with a focus on sustainability. A group of teens from our Liberty Keystone Club volunteered at Temple Sharaay Tefila during the Westchester Youth Alliance's Thanksgiving Meal preparation event. Teens from all over Westchester County came together to prepare different aspects of Thanksgiving meals for over 150 families, including our Clubsgiving Feast at BGCNW. Keystone members also volunteered in setting up, serving and cleanup of the event. Keystone also begun discussing and planning what they will be doing for the annual Keystone National Project, the topic of which is Reaching Equity through our Diversity. We have 12 teens participating in the upcoming Youth of the Year competition. We will hold a semi-final on March 21st and the finals on March 26th.



Aquatics and Marlins Swim Team

Our Learn-to-Swim program has 220 registrants for the Winter I session, as well as 20 4th and 5th grade Fun Club members. We completed a lifeguard training course with 6 students who are now certified.

The swim team was awarded Bronze Medal Status in the USA Swimming Club Excellence Program for the 2022-2023 swim season for the second time in program history. We were one of 6 Metro teams to receive Club Excellence status. Other highlights and achievements since November include:

- The team hosted an invitational meet for athletes 14 & U the first weekend of December. The meet was 7 sessions with ~200 athletes / session. We had ~25 parent volunteers / session, and around 200+ spectators for each session. Team performance highlights included two team records in the 13-14 girls relays.
- Three Marlins attended the Winter Junior Nationals at Ohio State.
- ~50 13 & O athletes participated in a team travel meet by bus to the NCAP Christmas Invitational in St. Mary's College in Maryland. A number of new team records and qualifying times were established.
- ~30 11-14 YO athletes participated in team travel to Phx, AZ to attend a swim meet over the MLK holiday weekend. The team finished 9th/16 teams despite having few 11 & U athletes,



Upcoming Events



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Youth of the Year Semi-Finals
Thursday, March 21



Youth of the Year Award Ceremony
Tuesday, October 10



Hats Off to 85 Years! 2024 Spring Gala
29th Annual Humanitarian Award Dinner
Friday, June 7

SAVE THE DATE!

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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Events

March

- 20 SMART Girls Women's Appreciation Dinner
- 28 Easter Egg Filling Event

April

- *8-19 Aluminum can tab collection

May

- 11 Mother's Day Brunch

June

- 15 Father's Day Brunch

July/August

Summer Adventure Camp Volunteer



Scan the QR code or visit our website to register for a volunteer opportunity.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

- Be a program volunteer, tutor, or mentor
- Lend a hand with planning and coordinating events
- Represent the Club as a social media ambassador
- Join us for the National Boys & Girls Club Days of Advocacy
- Participate in a group or corporate day of service

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Other Events & Activities

- We had more than 300 attendees at our annual Clubsgiving Feast. Community volunteers, including County Legislator, Erika Pierce, came to help with food service.
- Over 2 evenings in December, our staff coordinated a Holiday Celebration for our families. More than 240 participants came together to decorate holiday cookies and share in refreshments.
- Westchester County Police Department and First Responders brought Blue Santa to give our gifts to all the kids at the Club.



Become A Corporate Sponsor!

Successful companies are investing their philanthropic dollars in the institutions that make a difference. At BGCNW, trained, caring youth development professionals guide our members to strive for academic success, build character and leadership skills, and develop healthy habits.

An investment in BGCNW is a powerful way for your company to advance it's business objectives, while aligning your brand with the MOST recognized organization with a focus in youth development.

Your investment:

- Increases your brand visibility
- Provides opportunity for youth of underserved communities
- Sponsors youth advocacy and community leadership
- Strengthens and enriches the community

When you invest in BGCNW you are empowering 21st Century leaders, innovators and problem-solvers with the skills to be agents for change in their communities and beyond. When you invest in BGCNW you are supporting the who are globally competitive graduates who are motivated to learn and have a plan to succeed in the modern workplace. When you invest in BGCNW you are investing in a GREAT FUTURE for our youth, for the community and for your company.

For more information contact John Tunas at jtunas@bgcnw.com or 914-666-8069 x108.

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BGCNW offers multiple opportunities for community members to get involved:

- Become a volunteer or mentor
- Share your passion by hosting a workshop or hands-on activity
- Become a guest speaker or partner with us for Workforce Development
- Become a social media ambassador
- Become an advocate
- Donate! A gift to the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester is an investment in the Great Futures of tomorrow's leaders.

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OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER**

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Spring Gala

Friday, June 7, 2024

Honoring
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Humanitarian Award Recipient

Dan Hollis
John Beach Award Recipient





BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

BGCNW Wish List

- Sidewalk Chalk
- Balls (kickballs, soccer balls, dodgeballs, playground balls)
- Outdoor Toy Shed
- Compressed Air Dusters
- Robotic Kits
- Electronic Pencil Sharpeners
- Easle Pads
- Permanent Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erasers
- Hand-held Rechargeable Vacuum
- Tickets/Admittance to museums, sporting events, stage shows, seasonal events, festivals, historical landmarks, etc.
- Small toys/novelties for rewards/incentives for school-aged members
- Gift cards to local restaurants and shops for rewards/incentives for teen-aged members

Program Registrations Begins Soon!

Winter Break Vacation Club: February 19 - 23. Registration opens February 1st.

Learn-to-Swim Spring 1 2024: February 26 – April 21 (7 weeks) Registration opens on February 22nd.

Spring Break Vacation Club: March 29 - April 5. Registration opens March 15th.

Summer Adventure Camp: July 1 - August 16 (7 weeks). Registration opens March 18th.

Early Childhood Education and Afterschool Fun Club programs: September 2024-June 2025. Registration opens March 18th.

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