BGCL LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

We are so proud to share with our community that the BGCL has a NEW & IMPROVED website! Our new site contains many exciting features for all to utilize! Some of our new additions include a donation app which allows one to donate with the click of a button. Other features within our site is a translate button for our non English speaking members. Our most beneficial feature will be our new Parent Portal which is set to launch soon! Please visit our new website at www.bgcl.org and we hope you enjoy your experience!
We have kicked off 2022 in full force at the BGCL! Our members have been engaged in so many activities over this past month. Some of our most memorable highlights from January include our tribute to Martin Luther King Jr, in which our Drop In Center members created their dreams while our Kids Club members watched a MLK documentary and learned about what Mr. King did for our country. Other memories included Teen Pizza Night in which this is a special night dedicated to our Teens to enjoy some social time and dinner together.

The Keystone Club hosted their first event! We have opened up a Thrift Shop for our BGCL members in which they can choose 3 articles of clothing that would be most beneficial to them. This event was such a huge success that it is now open ever Friday from 4pm-6pm for our members to come visit and shop! Wrapping up the month, our Rowing Program has been busy practicing their rowing skills to prepare for the warmer weather. They are learning the importance of training off season. Below are some photos from our exciting and productive month.
Meet Jonas Sison who is our February Board Member of the Month. Jonas joined our Board of Directors in December 2021. He was interested in becoming a member mainly because he wanted to give back to the community of Lynn. He too was a former club kid! During his younger years, he attended the Boys & Girls Clubs in Southern California. Some of his fondest childhood memories were playing in basketball tournaments sponsored by the BGC. Jonas has always appreciated that there was a place for members to play, have a mentor, and just be kids. As an adult, he has dedicated his time to organizations such as Ice Hockey in Harlem while teaching kids how to play hockey in a neighborhood where hockey wasn't the first sport of choice and various other organizations. Most recently, his company got more heavily involved in sponsoring the BGCL. It was a true joy for him to witness the happy faces of the kids who are part of the BGCL. Jonas jumped on the chance to become a board member when asked, so he could help out in not only new programs like the Boxing event this past year, but also in future STEM, mentoring programs or any other area of need within the club.

Jonas considers himself both as a geek and a sports nut. He loves tinkering with things. Back in 1995 at the age of 9, Jonas built his first computer! Since then he has enjoyed being a techie delving into any aspects of computers. During the pandemic, he took up woodworking and built a dining room set. Post pandemic, he is spending more time coaching his son's hockey team and playing in a men's league a couple of times a week. Professionally, he is an economist who runs a few businesses. One of his businesses is in running and operating dental offices. His main business though is in business consulting through a company called, Boston PDG. He loves working with entrepreneurs and startups on helping make their vision become a reality. During his leisure time, Jonas enjoys exploring different foods from all over. If anybody tells him a certain restaurant has the best tacos, he will make it a point to test that theory out. He also enjoys travelling with his family and truly looks forward to those days where they can travel with a lot less worry again! Thank you Jonas for your dedication to the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn.
Meet our February Employee of the Month, Edwin Pagan. Edwin wears many hats at the BGCL including assisting our members and families with club related questions as well as spending a good amount of his afternoons upstairs in the Kids Club as a Group Leader. Edwin has been working at the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn for 7 months. What motivates Edwin each day is witnessing the laughter and joy of the children when they step foot into club. He enjoys watching them be creative and express themselves with all the amenities the BGCL has to offer to its members. Growing up Edwin did not have these accessible resources available to him as many of our members are fortunate enough to have at the BGCL. It warms his heart to see each kid creating life-long friends and experience some amazing childhood memories. In his spare time, Edwin enjoys drawing and dancing as well as spending time with his son and friends. Thank you Edwin for assisting the club in so many ways that help make our organization a better one!
UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Sports Leagues!

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**BASKETBALL**
- **Instructional Basketball**
  Grades: 1st-3rd
  Saturday Mornings
  Begins January 8th
- **Minor League CO-ED**
  Grades: 4th-6th
  Evaluations: 12/4-12pm-1pm
  1st game: 12/11
- **Major League CO-ED**
  Grades: 7th-8th
  Evaluations: 12/2- 6pm-7pm
  1st game: 12/9

**FLOOR HOCKEY**
- **Major League CO-ED**
  Grades: 4th-6th
  Evaluations: 12/1- 6pm-7pm
  1st game: 12/8
- **Minor League CO-ED**
  Grades: 1st-3rd
  Evaluations: 12/3- 6pm-7pm
  1st game: 12/10

**DANCE**
- **Dance Team**
  Grades: 4th-8th
  1st practice: 12/9

**CHEERLEADING**
- **Cheerleading Squad**
  Grades: 4th-6th
  1st practice 12/11
- **Cheerleading Squad**
  Grades: 6th-8th
  1st practice 12/9

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**Must be a BGCL member to join our programs***
UPCOMING EVENTS

AAU Basketball Tryouts

Spring AAU Basketball Tryouts
Grades 5-8
February 6th & February 14th
Grades 5 & 6: 6pm-7pm
Grades 7 & 8: 7pm-8pm
Held at the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn

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