GREETINGS FROM THE BGCL

Its officially March, which means Spring is right around the corner! The BGCL has been busy planning for both our Spring and Summer programs. Summer is one of our our favorite times of the year because our members not only get to enjoy all the amenities that the club has to offer, but they also get to venture out to Camp Creighton! Be on the look out for Spring Sports Leagues as well as Summer Camp registration! We hope you enjoy this March issue of the Lynn Letter. Happy reading!
The Kids Club had so much fun during the month of February and our members were engaged in so many versatile activities. They kicked off the month with honoring Black History Month. It is so vital to teach these young children the importance of equality and leadership. They got creative by making a mural of famous black leaders and what they were most noted for in their leadership role. Below is an example of their craftsmanship. The following week was celebrated in love with lots of Valentine’s Day festivities! The kids got to participate in the fun game pictured below in which they reached their hands into the giant heart and got to retrieve a prize. They also enjoyed decorating Valentine’s Day cookies. The next week week was enjoyed by lots of February vacation events. The BGCL members enjoyed going to the movies, a fun visit from Curious Creatures and also a trip to the ice rink. As you can see by their happy faces, February was indeed an exciting one for them!
On February 19, 2022, the BGCL wrapped up their Winter Sports League programs. Our members finished strong by participating in the Basketball Tournament held at the club. These kids attended practice each weekend along with our dance & cheering team. It was exciting to witness all their hard work being executed on the court. Our members learned the importance of teamwork, dedication and commitment to their activity. After they played their final game, the staff rewarded them with a pizza party followed by an awards ceremony. Below are some of our members in action on the basketball court, our dance team keeping the crowd engaged as well as their award ceremony and pizza party. Great job by all and we look forward to our next upcoming session.
The Teen Center has been quite productive this past month. In particular, our Keystone Club has had the honor to work with Gordon College. Gordon College recently received a grant through the national inclusion and diversity department called, “The Good Neighbor Experience”. They chose the BGCL as their partner to host this program. The Gordon College students serve as “Community Ambassadors” to cultivate acceptance and diversity through valuable mentoring. With that being said, our Keystone Club Teen Members spent the day at Gordon College. Below are some highlights of their productive and educational day at the college. What a wonderful hands-on experience for our Teens to be able to engage in at such a young age. The Boys & Girls Club of Lynn is truly grateful for this partnership and look forward to seeing it emerge over the next coming years!
Meet Patrick DeIulis who is our March Board Member of the Month. Patrick joined the Board of the Directors at the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn in 2016. Although he became a Board member more recently, the DeIulis connection to the club dates back to the 1950's when his family immigrated from Italy. His younger brothers were quickly introduced to the BGCL and formed many lasting friendships. His Uncle Frank, who is President of their company, served on the Board for more nearly three decades before stepping down and becoming a Corporator. Patrick gladly accepted an invitation to join the Board following Frank’s departure to keep up the longstanding commitment to the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn. Patrick grew up Lynn and graduated from Lynn English in 1978. He then graduated from Boston College in 1982 with a business degree as well as Suffolk Law School in 1986. All through his teens and college years, he spent his summers working in the family construction business with his dad, uncles and cousins. He always knew he would end up back there at the family business. After four years of commuting into Boston, he knew it was time to make a change. Patrick and his wife Susan (who unfortunately lost her battle to cancer in 2000) had a young family of 5 sons together. After her passing, Patrick had his hands full until he met Cindy who has been his companion for the past 17 years. Presently, three out of his five sons, work with him in the family business. His youngest son is set to graduate from college this May and Patrick is excited to begin a new chapter with his life. He is looking forward to purchasing a house with Cindy and create new memories together. When he is not working, him and Cindy enjoy traveling and attending the theatre. Through the years, Patrick learned his way around the kitchen and discover that he actually enjoys cooking. He has a few signature dishes that he has perfected over the years and that can serve a crowd, which is often the case when he is hosting a family dinner. Now that he is a grandparent, those family dinners are a bit more entertaining. Anyone that knows him, knows that he is a huge Tom Petty fan. He never missed a concert and Tom Petty will always be number 1 on his playlist. Thank you Patrick for your contribution and dedication to the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn.
Meet our March Employee of the Month, Nicky LeBrun. Nicky has been with the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn for the past 6 months. Nicky is the Gym Coordinator and oversees the members while they are doing their gym activities ensuring our gym floor is safe for all. When he is not in the gym, Nicky can be found in the Dance studio teaching our members. What inspires Nicky each day are the kids. He enjoys seeing their happy faces while engaging in the many activities we have here at the BGCL. When Nicky is not working at the BGCL, he enjoys hanging out with his friends, practicing his dance moves and just relaxing at home. Nicky hopes he can visit Europe someday. In particular, France is his first choice and looks forward to the day he will be able to travel there. Thanks for all you do here at the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn. We appreciate your dedication to our members, keep up the great work!
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Esther  
Riley  
Jeily  
Audrina  
Nico
Join Us This Summer At Camp Creighton

Calling All Kids Ages 8-14!

Roundtrip Transportation: provided from the BGCL to Camp Creighton

Drop-Off @ BGCL: 8-8:15am
Pick-Up @ BGCL: 4-4:30pm

Daily Activities Include:
- Boating
- Swimming
- Art & Crafts
- Making New Friends

June 27th - August 26th

Meals Included:
Lunch provided daily

Registration opens soon, for more information call:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Calling All Kids Ages 5-13!

Join Us For Our Summer Enrichment Program

Enrichment Program:
Hosted at BGCL
Drop-Off: 8-8:30am
Pick-Up: 4-4:30pm

Daily Activities Include:
- Field Trips
- Swimming
- Art & Crafts
- Making New Friends

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