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Mission

To improve the lives of children and families.

Vision

The Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area will be a generation-changing leading provider of programs emphasizing youth development services and family outreach support to meet the needs of young people 6-18 and their families, especially those who need us most.



Teen nights are always full of fun activities. Camp fires, laser tag, Family Feud, and movies just to name a few!

Contact us!

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CareerLaunch



CareerLaunch is BGCA's premier career development program providing a range of services to help Club members develop the skills essential for workforce success. This includes not only applying for and keeping a job, but also finding a career that fits each member's interests and talents. They also learn life skills, leadership, an outlook on what careers they can do while being students and helping them choose a path for careers they would like as an adult.

The ultimate goal of this program is help young people explore a variety of careers, make sound educational GOAL decisions and prepare for the world of work. CareerLaunch is an important targeted program aligned to helping members achieve our Movement's Formula for Impact priority outcome of academic success. This program builds on the U.S. Department of Labor Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) report that identifies the skills and knowledge required for meaningful and productive work in today's labor market.

The Club is always looking for new businesses to tour and learn more about! If your business is interested in partnering with the Boys & Girls Club CareerLaunch program please contact the Club's Center Director at (920) 361-2717.



Advisory Board

BOARD OFFICERS:

Matt Chier | President
Cathy Hargrave | Vice President
Peter Kujawa | Treasurer
Bob Murkley | Secretary

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Ashley Bartol | Craig Johnson
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INSIDE

Meet our new Advisory Board Officers



Club kids enjoyed dressing up for Halloween! Here is a group of fairies and princesses.



Wearin' & \$harin' the Green

Wearin' & \$harin' the Green, a premier community event, is scheduled for March 18 starting at 5:00pm at the beautiful Heidel House Resort in Green Lake, WI. This annual fundraising event is essential in fulfilling the basic needs of families across Green Lake County and the surrounding areas.

Guests in attendance will enjoy a chef-prepared three course meal, bid on the most unique silent auction items, play fun raffles and games, and take part in our energetic live auction. Our live auction includes: Badger sports tickets, jewelry from Diedrich-Mathia Jewelers, the official VIP experience at the

NCAA Final Four in Phoenix, AZ, Club kids' artwork, and more!

The fun won't stop inside the ball room; join us after *Wearin' & \$harin' the Green* in the Boat House for the *After Glow Party!*

Make sure you are a part of the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area's biggest event of the year! Event registration is \$75 per person or \$1,000 for a corporate table. Corporate tables seat 10 guests and include complimentary wine, special table signage, program book recognition, and a special 'Thank you' published in the Berlin Journal.

Proceeds from *Wearin' & \$harin' the Green* support the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area to provide meals, clothing, education supplies, programming needs, and much more!

To learn more about the event or to register online please visit www.bgctric.org. If you wish to donate a silent auction item please call the Club at (920) 361-2717.

Want to become a sponsor? Contact Hanna Meronk, Director of Special Events & Marketing, at (920) 361-2717 or jmeronk@bgctric.org.

SAVE THE DATE

MAR 18 Wearin' & \$harin' the Green

JUN 5 Drivin' Fore the Club

This past Thanksgiving the Boys & Girls Club partnered with Webster's Marketplace of Ripon to supply 65 meals to area families in need.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

It has been a very busy past couple of months for the

Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area. I am continually amazed and extremely grateful for all the friends, businesses, and community agencies that are able to help create wonderful holidays for our Club members. This year through our Adopt-a-Family program, 193 children were adopted and provided with basic needs items, toys, and clothing.

Our dueling pianos event held at Royal Ridges in Ripon on October 14th brought together many old and new friends of the Club. We were able to share our mission and showcase some of the Club kids' artwork. The evening was a great success and we are already looking forward to next year.

Tom Jensen's term as president has come to a close and we thank him for his time and leadership. During his time leading our organization, Tom's dedication for improving the lives of children and families was evident. His passion and leadership will be missed. In 2017 we are proud to welcome Matt Chier in as our new board president. The organization

has also added a few new board members this past year and we are happy to have their help leading the organization into the future.

In addition to helping support our holiday programs many of you supported the Club through generous cash donations. We are extremely thankful for everyone that supported the Club over the holiday season. Lastly, as we welcome the New Year I encourage each of you to visit our Facebook page or call us to schedule a tour of the Club. There's never been a better time than now to become an active member in the lives of our members and their families.

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. I wish you all the best in the New Year and look forward to sharing more Club highlights with you in the spring!

Many thanks,

Jason Presto, Executive Director



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Alondra, 16

How long have you been coming to the Club?

I have been coming to the Club since I was 5 years old.

What has the Club taught you?

The Club has taught me to be confident in everything I do and most importantly to set and achieve goals.

What is your favorite thing to do at the Club?

While at the Club I enjoy hanging out and helping the staff. I also like to paint.

What would you like to do after high school?

I hope to go to college to become a Veterinarian because I really enjoy working with animals.

Meet the new advisory board officers:

Matt Chier



Matt Chier becomes our new Club president. Matt joined the board in 2007 and has served on the capital campaign and board development committees. Matt states, "To see how far this Club has come since I first became a board member in 2007, when we were sharing space with the school district in the old and worn out Washington School building, fills me with great pride.

I'm now excited to be leading our Club as incoming President toward its new goal of fully utilizing this new facility to impact every child in this community in a positive way, and protecting and preserving this community treasure perpetually into the future."



Peter Kujawa

Peter Kujawa becomes the Club's new treasurer. Peter joined the board in 2016 and has been a very active board member. Peter is happy to serve as the new board treasurer and states with passion, "With my wife and I having school aged kids, I appreciate the value that the club provides in the form of structure and routine for

young people, two building blocks needed to form a strong base for social and mental development. I also love coaching my 7 year old daughter's B&G Club soccer team. Go Purple Team!"

Cathy Hargrave



Cathy Hargrave is the new vice president and has been serving on the board for ___ years. Cathy serves on the Duel and Golf event committees, and the advancing philanthropy committee. Cathy is always willing to help out in any way she can. Cathy states, "Our board provides the leadership and expertise in addressing the opportunities and challenges facing our youth of today. This board is a great way for me to utilize my community involvement and continue my passion for helping youth."

Bob Murkley



Bob Murkley is the new secretary. Bob, a Berlin native, joined the board in July of 2016 so that he could become more engaged in the community. Bob is excited for his new role and states, "I have found the vision and actions of our board to be inspiring, this opportunity provides me with another venue to give back to my community through the advancement of our youth."

PHOTO GALLERY



Six Club kids painted canvases to display at The Duel.



A group of teen members helped a Berlin resident prepare for the winter months by raking his yard. Way to go Club members!



A group of teen girls went to get their nails done before the Homecoming dance.

To see more photos of the exciting things taking place at our club, please visit our Facebook page.

My one wish would be to have all my family in one place so that we could spend more time together.

Olivia, 12

I wish my parents were still together.

Harmoney, 9

WHAT IS YOUR ONE WISH FOR 2017?

I wish my mom would come back from heaven.

Ralene, 12

I wish my family and I could travel to New York City to see all the buildings.

Orlando, 12

I wish we could go on a field trip every day!

Trent, 9

My one wish would be to get a puppy.

Cassie, 7