



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE NORTHTOWNS

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

TOWN NEWS

It's hard to believe, but it is that time of the year again, Christmas time!!! As usual Bob Kat and all of his helpers have decorated the club from floor to ceiling and it is beautiful. Everyone is welcome to stop by and check out our magnificent 50 ft. tall Christmas tree, and all of our other decorations.

Breakfast w/ Santa

The Riverside Keystone Club is once again hosting their Annual Breakfast with Santa. The Breakfast will be held at our Club (54 Riverdale Ave. Buffalo, NY 14207) on December 13th, 2009 from 8 A.M. until 11 P.M. The cost is \$5 per person and free for all children 3 and younger. The breakfast will include endless pancakes, sausage, milk, and orange juice. Santa will be taking pictures for a \$1 charge. If you have any questions feel free to call the Club at 873-3244 and ask for Jimbo or Ray.

Christmas Party!!!

Along with the Holiday season comes the time to have our Annual Christmas Party for all of the members. The Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday December 18th and is sure to be a blast for all of our

members. Some of the highlights of the night are going to be games, food, and of course our special visit from Santa Claus.

Parent's Day Out

The Riverside Keystone Club has organized a new event this year. The Keystone Club will be opening the Club on Saturday December 19th from 1 P.M. until 6 P.M. at a cost of \$10 per member. The evening will be filled with fun holiday crafts, cookie decorating, holiday games, snacks, and so much more. This event is also geared towards the parent's; the goal of the event is to give them one last chance to get everything ready for Christmas.

New Year's Eve Sleepover

This month's sleepover is going to be a special New Year's Eve Sleepover. The cost is \$20 and will include all of our usual fun of gym activities, computers, games, arts and crafts, food, and a special New Year's Celebration. The Sleepover starts at 6 P.M. New Year's Eve (Dec. 31st, 2009 and goes until 10 A.M. New Year's Day (Jan. 1st, 2010).

Town Alumni Christmas Party

Once again, the Town Boys' and Girls' Club Board of Managers sponsored an Alumni Christmas Party which was held on Saturday Dec. 5th at Malone's on Delaware Ave. in Kenmore. The event was a lot of fun for all those who attended. At the event, sweatshirts with the vintage Town Boys' Club logo were sold, and were a big hit with all attendees.

Town Thanksgiving Dinner!!!

The Town Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success! Close to 200 members and their families attended and enjoyed a nice dinner of turkey, gravy, stuffing, corns, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, milk, and apple pie. Thank you to all of the Town Board of Managers and the Riverside Keystone Club for sponsoring this event. A special thank you goes out to the four people who cooked all of the food for this event, Jimbo McDonald, Ray Ertel, and their mothers, Ms. Mae McDonald and Ms. Helen Ertel. Thanks also goes out to Mr. Mike

(the food guy) for all of his help with this event.

Turkey Shoot

Our Annual Turkey shoot was held on November 17th and 18th. The winners were as follows for the 6-9 age group Marshall Moberley, Noah Black, and Hector Olivera; for the 10-12 year olds the winner was David Giamo; for the teens the winner was Jacob Burkhardt; and for the staff the winner was Bob Kat. All winners received a huge Turkey for them to take home and share with their families on Thanksgiving.

Written By Jimbo McDonald

CSAT NEWS

November at CSAT

During the month of November our youth took part in many exciting activities. One of which was our Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the CSAT Thanksgiving Dinner and Cornerstone Manor. Through the youths effort they donated over 100 canned goods. The youth from our torch club will be bringing the donated good to Cornerstone and will be taking a tour around the facility. Also in the month of November the youth made cards for our communities Veterans. These were taken to our local VA hospital and given to the vets. The kids did a wonderful job and we are hopeful that the cards brightened their day.

Our Thanksgiving dinner was a huge success. With over 140 parents in attendance we enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings!

Coming up Next Month!

During the Month of December we have lot of exciting things in store. Our Torch club will be opening their "Club Store". With their profits the members will be adopting a family from their school. The youth will take the money they raised through the store and purchase the items that the children from their adopted family need for Christmas. We are very excited about this learning opportunity for our youth.

Additionally we will be offering new programs to our youth including Gymnastics, Scooter Hockey, Cheerleading and Chess to name a few!

We will also be celebrating the holidays with our youth on December 22nd. We will have a D.J, games, face painting and fun for all!

FRANKLIN NEWS

New Franklin Kitchen!

On Tuesday November 17th the Franklin Club officially unveiled its new kitchen to the community by having a ribbon cutting ceremony. We had dignitaries from all the Northtowns communities including the Mayor of Tonawanda and many people who were involved in making the kitchen into what it is today. There were many people as well as companies involved in the Franklin kitchen project. A special thank you goes out to Rob Albert, who was the front runner on this project. The kitchen is used to serve a daily hot meal to all of the members at Franklin as well as provide hot meals and snacks to all of the other Northtown clubs. The kitchen received a complete overhaul as a drop ceiling was put

in, new electrical and base floor heating, also brand new cupboards and appliances (2 stoves, 2 microwaves, and a dishwasher), along with a new floor and paint job to create a brand new kitchen. Tops Friendly Markets donated a nice spread of food for the ceremony and many "thanks" were said as the ribbon cutting took place.



Thanksgiving

The Franklin Club also held its annual Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday November 24th. Every year the Club creates a great Thanksgiving dinner and invites all of its members, their friends and family to join in the festive feast. Everything from turkey, to stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy and of course desserts of all kinds are provided for the dinner. The Club also creates games that provide the overall winners with frozen turkeys to take home to their family. This year the Franklin Club had the opportunity to team up with Family Video. Family Video donated and handed out 20 turkeys to the families at our Club we felt most needed a turkey for Thanksgiving. Todd Skoczylas, the manager at the Family Video on Hertel Ave. in Buffalo, was the person we worked with and handed out the turkeys to our families. A special thank you goes out to Todd and Family Video for making our families Thanksgiving that much more special!



Upcoming Events

Franklin has many upcoming events in December as they prepare for the holiday season. Starting Saturday December 5th, we will be hosting a basketball clinic being coached by Sil Dan, a basketball advocate throughout the Tonawandas. We are also taking registrations for floor hockey, which will begin in January and preparing for our holiday party, where Santa will make a visit and give a gift to each member at the Club.



Monday Night Football

Another activity that we held in November was new this year. The Franklin Club held two Monday Night touch football games on November 30th. These games were the championship games for each division of our flag football league. The lower house game took place at 6:00P.M. and was between the Bills and Jets. The Bills won the championship in this division. The second game took place between the Bills and Dolphins in our upper house division. The Dolphins won the championship in this division. We were able to play these games at night because a parent of one of the players provided lights from four light posts and a generator. The field was lit up well enough for the players to see the ball and two Monday night football games were played. The players along with many friends and family enjoyed the Monday Night Football experience and ideas to improve the game were being tossed around all night.

GILMORE NEWS

After School Programs

The Gilmore after school program is back up to averaging 100 children each day. We offer a wide array of activities including computer lab, homework help, social recreation, gym time and a healthy snack every day.

Our first evening dinic is about to begin with Coach Jeff. The basics of floor hockey will be taught along with team play and sportsmanship. We'll meet every Monday with the 5-8 year olds and Thursdays with the 9-12 year olds.

Torch Club

Our Torch Club is meeting once a week again. We have begun our community service project for the year where we go to a local complex of senior citizen apartments to carry trash to the common dumpster area there. The senior appreciate this service especially starting this time of the year when the snow starts to fall. We're also planning other service projects in the near future. December's project is collecting canned goods for the North Tonawanda Food Pantry.

Upcoming Events!

North Tonawanda schools have 3 half days this month. Friday, Dec. 4, and 11 and Monday Dec. 14th are the dates. We have special events planned for all three days and invite everyone to come and have some fun. We'll be decorating for Christmas on the 4th and we'll be singing and dancing on the other half days. You are always welcome to stop by and enjoy the fun.

SHAFFER

NEWS

Boys & Girls Club of the Northtowns Shaffer Village Club reached out to sixty families and donated a turkey towards their Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

While the members at Shaffer Village Club enjoyed reaching out into the community for Thanksgiving by making Thanksgiving Day Cards for the residents in the Kenwell Assistant Living Community

ALL SAINTS

NEWS

Four weeks up and running All Saints has had 101 members walk through their doors. The club is experiencing a great start. Members and staff are getting to know each other while enjoying various activities throughout the club.

DON'T FORGET TO THINK OF BGCNT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Are you looking to do some gift-giving that makes you feel good? How about giving the gift of a brighter future? Make a gift today to support the children and families in our community by donating to BGCNT. Click on the following link and you will be brought to our secure online giving page where you can give a gift of any amount:

http://bgcnt.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13&Itemid=32

This is a gift that has no buyers remorse! You will never know just how far your gift can go in changing the life of a child, maybe even many children!

Now - why don't you buy yourself something nice to give yourself a pat on the back for doing something so thoughtful! Go to our "Club Store" online (http://bgcnt.net/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=37) and buy yourself some really great apparel or accessories! This is a great holiday gift idea as well!

SAVE THE DATE!

Bids For Kids

April 16, 2010

The Tonawanda Castle

2010 Golf Outing

June 14th

Fox Valley Country Club

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