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Alumni Legacy News

A Great Evening! Annual Holiday Dinner

On Thursday, December 15th, 2011 over 120 BCNY alums from the Jefferson Park/Gerry, Flushing/Abbe, Tompkins Square/Harriman, Pitt Street/Milliken Clubhouses came together for



shared his experience volunteering with Group Clubs at BCNY and the profound and lasting impact this experience has had with him. The evening was filled with countless stories similar to Ebby's. Ed Rappa, BCNY Board President and Alumni and Marty Bunce, former BCNY Executive Director were a part of such discussions, where alums circled to talk

movingly about where the Alumni Organization is today and more importantly, where it will be tomorrow and into the future. Nate Kemler touched on how important it is for all alums to "stay connected and get in-



an evening of dinner and reminiscing. In addition to the alumni from the clubhouses, there were a considerable amount of alums from Camp Carey, Tabor, Harriman and Cromwell who joined in the evening's festivities.

The gathering began with opening remarks from Elbridge T. (Ebby) Gerry, Jr.; a longstanding BCNY Trustee and whom the Gerry Clubhouse was named after. He



about the good old days. Nate Kemler, Don Cangelosi, Derrick Lewis and Antonio Aponte spoke

involved if we are to continue moving the Alumni Legacy forward." The evening ended with the honoring of Raymond (Whitey) Karpa for his many years of service to the Alumni Association. Whitey was the first recipient of the Alumni Legacy Award.

Annual Nick DeRosa Christmas Party

A number of years ago the JPK / ETG Alumni established a Christmas Party honoring the legacy of Nick DeRosa. Nick was a long standing alum from the Jefferson Park Clubhouse and strong supporter of the Alumni Associa-

tion. On Saturday afternoon, December 10, 2011 over 50 alums attended a dinner at the Villa Barone Restaurant in the Bronx in memory of Nick. The evening was a huge success. Awards were given

out to Joe Vario and Marty Bunce for their many years of service to The Boys' Club of New York and the Alumni Association. Joe and Marty's family were on hand to join in the festivities.

Calling all Volunteers



It takes a village to raise a child. And it takes a corps of dedicated volunteers, working in tandem with our staff, to provide the very best programs and support for our boys. Without the commitment of the men and women who share their time and talent in a variety of roles, our programs would not run as well, if at all. Volunteers have helped our young members grow – and have gotten the satisfaction of dedicated and

meaningful service – in a variety of ways.

Volunteering for as little as one or two hours a week can make a huge difference in the life of our members. Surely you can point to the staff in your own lives who have given their time and energy unselfishly to help you get to this point – volunteering is a chance to be that figure for our boys, to reconnect with your own history at BCNY, and share that his-

tory with our current members and future alums. If you are interested in helping out, please contact our Volunteer Coordinators:

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Members Thanksgiving at the Boathouse



For the past 8 years, BCNY Board Member, Dean Poll, has opened up The Boathouse at Central Park to treat BCNY members and



their families to a special Thanksgiving dinner.

This year, there were over 125 BCNY boys in attendance, celebrating the holiday with their parents, grandparents, and BCNY staff including Executive Director, Stephen Tosh.

The night's festivities, comprised of exciting door prizes and a dazzling magic show, all led up to the big event: the announcement of this year's winning writer. Each year, boys of all ages from Abbe, Gerry and

Harriman clubhouses, compete in a holiday writing contest. This year's topic, "What Thanksgiving Means to Me," brought out some of the event's most moving pieces yet. All placing contestants were honored with awards, with first place winners receiving the added prestige of sharing their stories aloud. Cesar, a Gerry Clubhouse Explorer, and first place winner in his age group, shared a moving piece about the gratitude he felt for family, "you may say I am especially grateful for having [my grandma], she has become like a second mom to me." To read Cesar's essay in its entirety, please go to <http://www.bcny.org/bcny-happenings/announcements/322-bcny-thanksgiving-central-park-boathouse>. The night was

a beautiful reminder of how important it is to come together with family and friends not only for the holidays, but also to celebrate academic achievement. Thank you, Mr. Dean Poll, for so graciously providing this opportunity to the BCNY community.



Do You Remember.....

This quarterly Newsletters will offer a place where alums can stay up-to-date on Alumni news, events, reconnect with childhood friends, and find out what is happening at today's



Boys' Club. We welcome our entire Alumni family to join us on this exciting trip where we will journey into the past and revive childhood memories and also get back involved with the place that helped make us who we are today.

Do you remember when..?

- You had to show your Boys' Club ticket at the door, which gave you a strong feeling of belonging to something special and made you and your family proud?
- You paid only .50 cents a year to be a member?
- You rushed home from school, dropped off your books and ran to the clubhouse to meet your friends and enjoy countless programs and activities? You participated in the gym, pool, game room, arts & crafts, woodshop, group clubs,

boxing, drama, educational programs, summer camp, winter camping, and much more?

- You were lucky enough to be selected to the Educational Program and attend boarding school?

The Alumni Legacy is part of The Boys' Club's illustrious history. Our history also connects us to today's members who will one day become alumni themselves and feel the same pride, satisfaction and joy that we do when we look back and **remember when...**

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Site	Time
February 2	JPK / ETG Alumni Meeting	Villa Barone	7:00 PM
February 14	Alumni Legacy Committee	Harriman	6:00 PM
February TBD	Alumni Education Committee	Harriman	TBD
February TBD	Alumni Communications Committee	Harriman	TBD
March 1	JPK / ETG Alumni Meeting	Villa Barone	7:00 PM
March 9	Alumni Reunion in Florida	Fort Lauderdale	6:00 PM
March 13	Alumni Legacy Committee	Harriman	6:00 PM
March TBD	Alumni Education Committee	Harriman	TBD
March TBD	Alumni Communications Committee	Harriman	TBD
April 5	JPK / ETG Alumni Meeting	Villa Barone	7:00 PM



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Annual Florida Reunion & Caribbean Cruise

Each year a large number of former BCNY members migrate down to sunny Florida to meet up with fellow alums. This practice has been going on for decades and continues today. This year the group will be meeting for dinner at The Primavera Restaurant on 830 Oakland Park Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334 on Wednesday, March 9th at 6 PM. The cost is only \$40 per person. Additionally, as last year, a cruise trip is

available for those wishing to visit the Western Caribbean exclusively Bahamas, Honduras and Mexico.

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Message from Nate Kemler, Legacy Committee Chair

Dear Alumni,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2012. This year, like last year will be a pivotal year in building a Boys' Club organization for now and more importantly for the future. This organization that we are building will be our legacy to future generations who will be rewarded with the same experience we had as members of the Boys Club.

As many of you know last year we accomplish a lot to organize and build our organization. This was culminated with a great get together Dinner at the Gerry Clubhouse in December. Hopefully, you will join us this year when we repeat that event. The Alumni Legacy Committee is busy planning for 2012. This year's plans includes:

- Working toward

bringing back the Tompkins Square / Harriman, Pitt Street / Milliken and Flushing / Abbe alums.

- Repeating the holiday gathering in a new format aimed at all BCNY alums.
- Monthly email blast campaign to keep alums connected and updated on alumni and BCNY news and events.
- Distributing membership cards to all active alums that have completed a new membership application. This new application will greatly assist in maintaining and updating our alumni database.
- Build a transition initiative of our older members toward alumni status.

- Introduce an alumni / parent discussion panels to further bridge the gap between member and alumni.

All of this takes much work and time. As alumni I am asking all alums to consider taking a little time from their busy schedule and give back to the organization that did so much for us. It is not only a great way to give back but also a great way to stay connected with fellow alumni. More importantly to continue a legacy that we can all be proud of.

