

Healthier Kids on the Horizon

The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and Boys & Girls Clubs have teamed up to increase literacy among Club members and educate them on healthy lifestyles to improve their overall health. The Foundation has recently announced a three-year \$500,000 grant which will support the implementation of The Horizon Foundation For New Jersey Health Literacy Program in ten Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey.

The Horizon Foundation For New Jersey Health Literacy Program employs trained teen mentors to provide weekly one on one reading assistance to Club members ages 6-10 years of age. Participants will strengthen their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills and increase their understanding of the importance of healthy behaviors through the reading of age appropriate stories on health related topics.



“Health literacy is a critical foundation for helping people stay healthy and make proper lifestyle choices that will work to reduce health care costs in the future”, said William J. Marino, president of the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. “The Horizon Foundation For New Jersey Health Literacy Program is a unique way to improve the necessary literacy skills in areas of the state where literacy rates are below the national average.”

The Horizon Foundation For New Jersey Health Literacy Program will reach more than 1,000 children annually in Atlantic City, Camden, Clifton, Garfield, Hudson

County, Ironbound, Newark, Paterson, Trenton and Wayne.

“The Horizon Foundation For New Jersey Health Literacy Program is especially exciting because it addresses two very important issues that face our youth today; employment for teens and healthy living for all young people” states Connie Ludwin, State Director.

The program’s goal is to increase reading skills, improve grades, increase self esteem, renew participants interest in reading, increase participants understanding of the importance of healthy eating and healthy lifestyles and increase their ability to develop, set and achieve appropriate academic and personal goals.

Clubs will begin implementing the program this summer and Fall. Look for future updates on the programs impact. ■

Come “Celebrate” National Kids Day

First, there was Mother’s Day. Then came Father’s Day. Now, a growing grassroots movement to honor America’s children continues with the observance of the 4th

Boys & Girls Clubs will spearhead efforts in New Jersey with a special performance by Club Alumni Kool & The Gang at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey. Kids of all ages are invited to come out for this “too hot” event for a full day of fun packed entertainment. Tickets which are \$35.00 and include entrance to the park, the safari and the concert are available at local Boys & Girls Clubs and at www.sixflags.com. For more information call 973-765-9612! ■



annual National Kids Day. National Kids Day is an emerging new national day observed on the first Sunday of each August, with national, local and personal celebrations taking place across the country. The goal of the day is to honor, celebrate and acknowledge kids through the gift of meaningful time.



Kool & The Gang.

National Kids Day Pledge:

We Pledge
to spend
meaningful time
together...

To talk
To listen
To learn and to play
To share a moment,
create a memory
and make a kids day!

Chairman's Corner

Peter Maher

After seven great years, I decided to pass on the baton and on Saturday March 5th, at our Annual Meeting in Atlantic City Charlie Rubin was elected to take over my role. Charlie and I and the other officers along with Connie have worked closely together and I have every confidence Charlie and his team will contin-



ue to positively advance the cause of the Area Council in New Jersey.

For me, it has been one of the most gratifying experiences of my life. We actually took something that was almost nonexistent in terms of its impact and with the help and support of numerous people have built it into a business model that the Boys & Girls Club movement has honored repeatedly as the best in America. We have much to be proud of but there is so much more that can and should be done.

I would be terribly remiss if I did not acknowledge some of the key people who have made this possible through their

commitment and belief that this was the best way to advance our cause. To the Regional Staff at Boys & Girls Clubs of America, my Executive Director Peter Thornton and the other professionals whom I have had the pleasure of working with I extend my deepest thanks for making me look so good.

I am still a member of the National Area Council Committee and the National Planning Commission so you will continue to see me involved. I'm simply stepping down, not going away. It has been a privilege to work with you all and I wish you continued success and Godspeed. ■

Boys & Girls Club Month Kickoff attracts some Giant support!

More than 90 Boys & Girls Club members from Newark and Paterson were joined by New York Giant teammates Eli Manning, Jay Feely and Gibril Wilson as they "kicked



Jay Feely, NY Giant Kicker assists a Club member.
Photo by Warren Westura

off" National Boys & Girls Month on March 31st at Giants Stadium. Every April Boys & Girls Clubs across the country celebrate the important work of the Boys & Girls Club with various events and open houses.

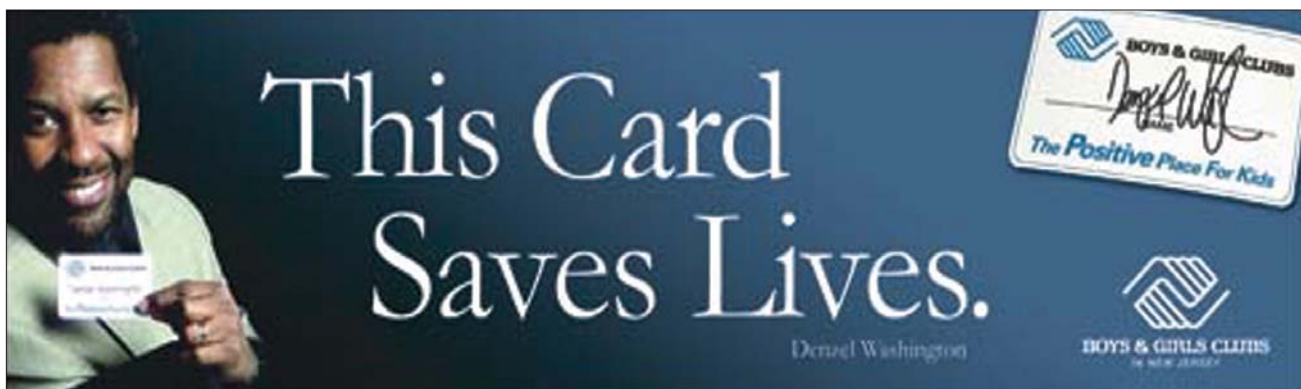
The kickoff which was co-sponsored by Wachovia and the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority was a media event to draw attention to the celebration. But the event which was covered by News 12 NJ, WMBC, WABC and the Bergen Record was more than a photo op for the kids who spent two hours catching passes and running sprints with the star athletes. Each of the participants departed with a mini football courtesy of Wachovia and one lucky member walked away with a souvenir glove.

Special thanks to Marilyn Rosica of Rosica Public Relations, Helen Strus and Rose Marie Lana of the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority, Aramark Catering, Glenn Todd, NY Giants and Michelle Clay, Wachovia and the employees of Wachovia. Other promotions for Boys & Girls Club week included a slide and canister drive in



NY Giant Gibril Wilson gets tackled by Club members.
Photo by Warren Westura

Clearview Cinemas, a billboard on the NJ Turnpike and a promotion/fundraising drive in Washington Mutual branches throughout the state. All in all the efforts which were spearheaded by the Marketing Professionals Advisory Board were a great success! ■



Volunteer Profile

Peter Maher

Boys & Girls Club of Paterson

There is no volunteer involved in the Boys & Girls Club Movement in New Jersey that has done more to support our mission and enhance the services to our Club members from across the state than Peter Maher. Peter, who has recently curtailed his involvement after eight years of chairing the New Jersey Area Council and ten years as President of the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson Board was recognized for his commitment and accomplishments at the 9th Annual Board Leadership Conference in Atlantic City.

As President of the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson, Peter has provided the Club with the leadership and vision that has increased membership to over 4,000, expanded programs into the schools, raised unprecedented funds, developed a solid management team and most recently came to the rescue of a failing sister Club in nearby Passaic. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Paterson has benefited tremendously from the commitment of Peter's time and treasure, as has the New Jersey Area Council.



Glen Staron, VP NE Regional, BGCA, Peter Maher, Connie Ludwin, Gene Bailey, SR Regional Service Director, BGCA.

Under Peter's leadership the New Jersey Area Council has become the leading Area Council in the nation, spearheading initiatives which significantly benefit its member clubs and keeps it at the cutting edge in the areas of public relations, marketing and fundraising.

It was under Peter's leadership that the first full time Area Council State Director was hired, the first statewide soft drink vending agreement was developed and one of the first State Alliances was incorporated. Most recently, New Jersey became the only Area Council in the nation to create a Strategic Plan to guide its future efforts. At the time, each of these achievements was unheard of. Peter has always been an "out of the box" thinker and has pushed and pulled

the Area Council to the cutting edge with his innovative ideas and determination.

During his tenure as the Area Council Chairman, Peter has received Boys & Girls Clubs of America's highest honor for volunteers, the Clement Stone Award and the New Jersey Area Council was awarded the E.L. McKenzie Award. In New Jersey, the Area Council annually identifies one board member who has greatly impacted the Boys & Girls Club Movement not only in their local Club but throughout the state and recognizes them as the NJ Volunteer of the Year. Peter exemplifies the characteristics of such an awardee and it is with that in mind that the Area Council chose to honor him by naming the award the Peter T. Maher Volunteer of the Year Award at this year's Annual Board Leadership Conference.

Peter Maher's impact on Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey will be long felt and forever appreciated. While he is passing the torch to another very competent and committed leader, Charlie Rubin, we know Peter will never be far from the mix. Thank you Peter for all that you have given to Boys & Girls Clubs. Here's to another eight years of success! ■

Trained and Job Ready!

For the fourth year in a row, Bank of America (formerly Fleet) provided a grant to the New Jersey Area Council to fund Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Career Prep programs; Career Explorers and Job Ready! in Atlantic City, Camden and Paterson. This year, they expanded their grant from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and added a program in Jersey City.

Participants will learn important employment skills which will prepare them for finding and maintaining successful employment this summer. Clubs have teamed up with their local chamber of commerce, small businesses and municipal governments to implement the curriculum and identify employment opportunities. In this age of high competition for fewer job opportunities for our teens, the Bank of America Youth Employment Centers provide the necessary edge for club members as they seek gainful employment. ■

Bank of America



Club Kids Get Fit!



Four-time Olympian and Club alumnus Joetta Clark Diggs pictured with Club members.

Amerigroup sponsored "Get Fit" days in 5 Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey to help celebrate Boys & Girls Club Week. Alumnus and Olympian Joetta Clark Diggs was on hand at the Boys & Girls Club in Newark to lead kids in a fitness activity on April 4th. ■



State Director's Column

Connie Ludwin

I would like to extend one final thank you to Peter Maher for his eight years of dedicated service to the New Jersey Area Council and the youth of New Jersey. It has been my pleasure to serve under his leadership over the past four years. He has continually challenged me

to think out of the box and pursue ideas that many deemed to be impossible. It was Peter who spearheaded the development of the State Office and the creation of the position of State Director and for that I am forever grateful.

I would also like to welcome Charlie Rubin as the new Chairman for the Area Council and thank him for stepping into this leadership role. Charlie has been a Vice Chair for the Area Council for the last 4 years and has been one of our most committed and concerned volunteers. He has served as the Chairman of the Marketing Committee and President of the New Jersey Alliance. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him on the State Director's Advisory Council and am looking forward to continuing the momentum of the Area Council in partnership with him.

I would also like to welcome Frank Calise from the Boys & Girls Club of Clifton who was recently elected as a Vice Chairman. Frank is a member of our Golf Committee this year and brings a wealth of experience and energy to our leadership team.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Felix Rouse, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Newark. Felix is no stranger to Boys & Girls Clubs having grown up in the Club since age 6. He is now fulfilling his lifelong dream as the chief professional officer of his Club. He is also the Executive Secretary for the Area Council and in that regard will join our leadership team. I am excited about his involvement and energy and am confident there are great things to come in Newark as a result of his passion and leadership.

The New Jersey Area Council has had a very busy 2005 thus far; Area Council Leadership Conference in March, National Boys & Girls Club Month activities in April, Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Conference, Colgate Classic Golf Outing and the Youth of the Year Leadership Training and Dinner in May. It doesn't look like things will be letting up anytime soon. I hope to see you all at the National Kids Day event in August and of course, the Concert For Kids in October.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make these activities and events possible. With your help we are positioning Boys & Girls Clubs across New Jersey to serve more youth with a deeper impact! ■

Boys & Girls Club Book Club

The Comcast Foundation renewed its support of the Boys & Girls Club Book Club in partnership with the Comcast Reading Network in 10 local Clubs this year. The \$20,000 grant provides books for weekly story time for grades 1-5. The goal of the program is to improve literacy skills and motivate youth to be excited about what they discover through a love of reading. Clubs participating in the program include; Atlantic City, Camden, Clifton, Lodi, Newark, Passaic, Paterson, Paulsboro, Trenton, Wayne.

Verizon supports local Clubs

Grants totaling \$65,000 were distributed to local Clubs recently in support of technology, literacy and workforce development programs. The RFP was a joint effort between the Verizon Foundation and the New Jersey Area Council.

Clubs that received support included:

Atlantic City – \$10,000	Newark – \$5,000
Camden – \$5,000	Paterson – \$7,500
Hudson County – \$10,000	Trenton – \$7,500
Lodi – \$5,000	Union – \$5,000
Morris – \$5,000	Area Council – \$5,000

Youth Smoking Prevention Initiative gets extension

Philip Morris Youth Smoking Prevention awarded the New Jersey Area Council an additional \$300,000 in 2005 to continue to provide the SMART Moves program in 18 local Boys & Girls Clubs. This is the fourth year of the initiative which has served more than 15,000 children to date. Clubs that received support include:

B&GC of Atlantic City – \$15,600
B&GC of Camden Co. – \$17,550
B&GC of Clifton – \$22,750
Ft. Dix – \$3,900
B&GC of Garfield – \$14,300
B&GC Glassboro – \$5,200
B&GC of Hawthorne – \$13,650
B&GC of Hudson County – \$16,250
B&GC of Lodi – \$11,700
B&GC of Monmouth Co. – \$13,000
B&GC of Morris Co. – \$7,800
B&GC of Newark – \$16,900
Ironbound B&GC – \$6,500
B&GC of Passaic – \$7,150
B&GC of Paterson – \$33,150
B&GC of Trenton & Mercer Co. – \$16,900
B&GC of Union Co. – \$35,750
B&GC of Wayne – \$11,050

Local Club Profile: Boys & Girls Club of Passaic

In 2003, The Boys & Girls Club of Passaic closed its doors and admitted defeat to the many troubles it had undergone throughout several years prior. The club and its management failed to maintain the club from deteriorating in every way possible. Programs were cut, repairs to the building were neglected, staff was forced to leave and membership dwindled. The once popular Boys & Girls Club was now an empty building reaching out for help made ever so evident by their broken down sign facing the community. There were futile efforts to re-open for summer camp in 2003, but the low membership numbers told the truth of a failed program with no

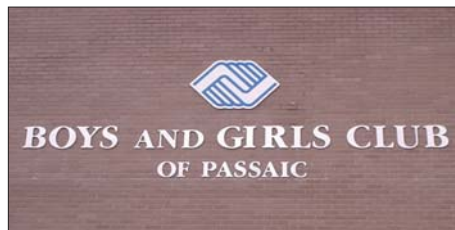


chance of survival. The Boys & Girls Club of America recognized the problems in Passaic and immediately began working on a plan to remediate the situation. The Boys & Girls Club of Paterson was the solution they believed would bring Passaic back to its glory days. Paterson quickly accepted the challenge and began working on the strategic plan that would bring success to the fading Boys & Girls Club of Passaic.

On September 8, 2003, The Boys & Girls Club of Passaic opened its doors for childcare programs under the management of the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson. The challenges that lay ahead were many but there was a plan set in place that would allow for positive change. There were many repairs that were desperately needed

in order to get the building back to working condition:

- Swimming pool was closed due to a leak, collapsing ceiling, broken sump pumps, broken chlorination system, improper safety markings in pool, no first aid equipment, cracked wooden benches, broken ventilation/heating system toilets and showers in locker rooms were broken and broken windows.
- Games room had one broken pool table, one bumper pool table and ping pong table.
- The boiler needed serious repairs as the cold weather was approaching
- There was a moisture leak in the hallway in the lower level floors causing ceiling tiles to crumble to the floor constantly
- Several of the toilets on the second floor and lower level were out of order.
- The main offices needed new carpeting
- There was no security system for the front doors as guests could enter at any time unannounced
- Each room on the second level had at least one cracked window
- The gates surrounding the building had been removed resulting in illegal dumping, drug activity in the back and making the building prone to burglary and vandalism
- Two car garage in the back of the building was condemned by the city and needed to be demolished



- The Boys & Girls Club of Passaic sign was missing several letters due to vandalism.

All of the above named repairs have been completed. The clubs unit director, Giovanni Restrepo under the direction of Peter Thornton (Executive Director) have

worked very diligently, making sure that the club is operating at a 100% level of quality. Since September 2003, the club has doubled attendance having serving 150 members daily in childcare and 213 in summer camp. They have partnered up with the recreation department, United



Passaic Organization, Board of Education, The Hispanic Information Center, and The Passaic Housing Authority. These prominent organizations will help The Club serve more children, gain insight on future programs and re-gain the confidence of the community.

The future holds many more challenges that the club must face in order to succeed. Presently there have been plans submitted in hopes to connect with the Board of Education and open a new school site, plans to finally use our swimming pool for all it was intended, and continue the restoration of the building in order to bring it back to its great days. It is undoubtedly a job that cannot be done without extraordinary leadership and dedication, all of which is contributed by Peter Thornton, the Board of Directors, and the hard working staff. The Boys & Girls Club of Passaic has achieved so much in one short year. There is a lot of excitement about the future and the many wonderful kids the club will meet, the families that will be touched, the lives that will be saved and the impact made on a community that needs the club so much. ■

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Call 1-800-246-0493 to arrange for a free pick up!

Wayne's Joe Lynch named National Executive of the Year

During the recent Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Conference the Boys & Girls Club Professional Association presented the 2005 Executive of the Year Award to Joe Lynch, Chief Professional Officer, Boys & Girls Club of Wayne.

Joe was nominated by members of his staff as a tribute to the manner in which he provides them with leadership and direction. Joe believes strongly in staff development and has demonstrated the importance of getting involved through his participation in the Professional Association's National Board, the National Training and Professional Development Committee and the New Jersey Area Council.

In Wayne, the Boys & Girls Club there is testimony to his ability. During his tenure, the Club has grown from a small, sports focused club to one of the finest in the state. He has overseen the planning, fundraising and construction of a new 9,400 square foot state-of-the-art gymnasium and will duplicate this success with the projected construction



of a 6,000 square foot educational center. Joe oversaw the development and implementation of a Before and After Kindergarten Program and Center, Technology Program & Center, as well as a North Haledon Unit.

There has been an increase in recruitment, membership and retention of the Board of Directors and full-time staff has grown from five in 1997 to fourteen in 2004. In 2003, Joe was selected as one of 16 professionals from across the country

to participate in the Inaugural Boys & Girls Club of America/Clemson University, Strom Thurmond Leadership Institute Masters in Human Resource Development Co-op. Joe has secured numerous grants from the Boys & Girls Clubs of American and from outside foundations. He is the instrumental force behind various fundraising activities, such as the Annual Golf Tournament, Canister Drives and fundraising dinners. His relationship with the staff, Board of Directors and membership is the major contributing factor to the tremendous success of the Club; and it is what allows the Club to offer quality programs and activities to over 3,500 members. Joe more than meets the qualifications for Executive of the Year and we are proud to have him represent New Jersey on the national stage. Congratulations Joe!

There will be a special recognition breakfast for Joe on Tuesday, May 31st at 8:00 AM at the Boys & Girls Club of Wayne, 153 Garside Avenue, Wayne, NJ. For information call Irene at 973-956-0033 ■

Board Leadership Conference was a Sure Bet!

The 9th Annual Board Leadership Conference took place in Atlantic City on Saturday, March 5th. The event serves as the annual meeting for the New Jersey Area



Dolores Colluci-Healy, Glen Staron, and Frank Calise present William Camlet (second from right), an award for 20 years of service to the Board.

Council and provides various workshops and sessions designed to strengthen Club Boards and recognize outstanding service.

The day's highlights included a motivational talk by author and professor Dr. Timothy Mescon, the announcement of the Peter T. Maher award and panels which included prospective funders and best practices.

Recognized for their service were Fred Roughgarden with a 10 year service award from the Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne and William Camlet, from the Boys & Girls Club of Clifton for 20 years of service on the Board.

Thanks to these committee members for making this conference a huge success:



Tom Demko and Glen Staron present Fred Roughgarden with his 10-year service award.

Marc Shrieks, Michael Nardino, Dolores Collucci-Healy, Ned Healy, Dave Anderson, Russel Triolo, Linda Tiso. ■

Club Notables

- Several Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey received contributions ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 from AAA of North Jersey this past holiday. A total of \$42,000 was donated in Hudson, Passaic and Bergen Counties.
- The **Boys & Girls Club of Paulsboro** and the **Boys & Girls Club of Glassboro** will be merging this summer to form the **Boys & Girls Club of Gloucester County**. The organization has two events coming; the Comcast Mini Golf Classic on June 9th and Happening on High Street on June 4th.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Lodi** received \$10,000 from the **Danielli Family Foundation** in February 2005 and an additional \$10,000 is expected sometime in April 2005. That will make a total of \$30,000 received from this foundation within six months.
- **Premio Foods** donated \$9,180 to the **Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne** from funds raised from a company promotion. Marc Cinque, president of Premio also joined the Clubs board of trustees.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne** youth member **Victoria Buonassi** 13, recently performed at the National Conference Dinner finale in San Diego.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Monmouth County** host kickoff of Obesity Prevention Pilot Program April 5, 2005. This Program is funded by the US Department of Health & Human Services and sponsored by the Pediatric Council on Research & Education, Inc. and the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatrics, NJ Chapter.
- **Boys & Girls Club Of Monmouth County** awarded the **National Service to Youth Awards** to:
 - **Ollie Jones**, Past President for 25 years of service on the Board of Directors
 - **Robert Taylor**, CPO 20 Years of Service as a Professional
 - **Herb Williams**, President for 5 years of Service
 - **Hal Greenspan**, Past President for 5 years of Service
 - **Kenneth Morgan**, First Vice President for 5 years of Service
 - **Roger Hart** 2nd Vice President for 5 years of Service
- The **Boys & Girls Club of Vineland** was recently awarded a \$200,000 grant award from **The State of New Jersey's Prevention & Protection Initiative**. In addition, they recently held a Community & Family Night (March 22, 2005) to honor Progresso Quality Foods/General Mills for all of its community support. During this special event, **Dotty Cullen**, a very active board member, was recognized local as our **2005 Board Member of the Year** for her outstanding service to the organization.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City** received a Weed & Seed grant effective Jan. 1, 2005. It's a one year grant that is renewable each year for 5 years. \$175,000 1st year and \$225,000 per year after that.
- The **Boys & Girls Club of Hudson County** NJ After 3 program has been expanded to from 200 to 280 kids. The program has an attendance rate of 97%. New and exciting programs will include Technology Encounters, Young Enterprisers, Mock Trial Mini Court, and Performing Arts.
- Four **Boys & Girls Club of Camden County** teens along with Club CEO **Milford Liss** took the trip of a lifetime to see Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville, FL thanks to the incredible generosity of an anonymous donor.
- The Camden Economic Recovery Board awarded a \$1 million grant to the **Boys & Girls Club of Camden County** for Construction of a new Clubhouse. The facility will be located in East Camden and groundbreaking is anticipated for June 2006.
- **Michaela Bailey**, Education Director from the **Boys & Girls Club of Wayne** was awarded a High Five Award for Leadership and Character Development programming at the NETS Conference in Orlando.
- The **Boys & Girls Club of Wayne** was chosen as the host of the 2005 NE Image Makers Contest. The Club also received a Microsoft Software Technology grant estimated worth of \$53,000 and was one of 7 sites Nationwide to be filmed for the culminating documentary as part of the Microsoft Club Tech grant.
- The following clubs received funding from the NJ After 3 Corporation to provide after school programs in partnership with their school districts: Burlington, Clifton, Jersey City, Trenton, Paterson and Passaic.

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Area Councils are an important and powerful force in the Boys & Girls Club Movement. They provide the chief medium through which local board volunteers come together and maximize the impact and the opportunities clubs have in their region.

The Board of Governors of Boys & Girls Clubs of America officially establishes an Area Council and designates the area in which it will function. Member clubs are represented at Area Council activities by board volunteers and their executive directors. The New Jersey Area Council is comprised of 26 Boys & Girls Club organizations serving over 70,000 youth statewide.

The Area Council's mission is to enhance the capability of local New Jersey Boys & Girls Clubs to meet the critical needs of school aged children in New Jersey.



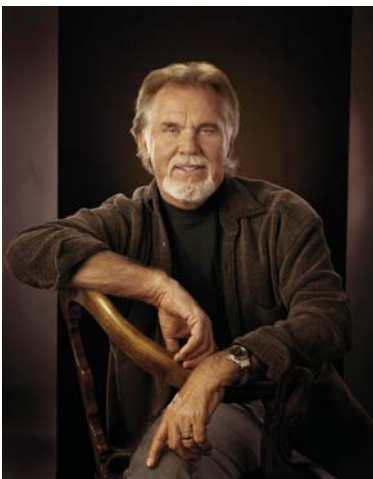
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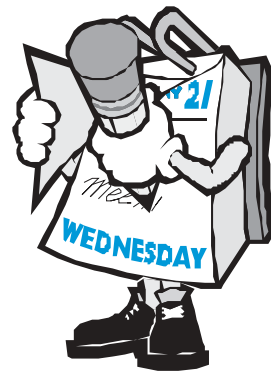
**Kenny Rogers headlines
2005 "Concert For Kids"**

Don't gamble and wait to get your tickets for this year's performance to be held Thursday, October 27th at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. The Third Annual Concert For Kids is sure to be a sell out as the legendary entertainer and American Icon Kenny Rogers comes to town.



This magnificent evening includes a pre-show reception, VIP meet and greet and special performances by talented Club kids from across the state. Proceeds from the event which is chaired by

Greg Senkevitch, COO, Advance Realty Group will support the Fund-A-Dream program. For more information on how to become a sponsor or purchase tickets, please call O'Mealia Special Events at 908-791-8418 ■



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25th
Youth of the Year Dinner
Garden Manor, Aberdeen

August 7th
National Kids Day Kool & The Gang Concert
Six Flags Great Adventure

October 27th
Concert for Kids featuring Kenny Rogers NJPAC in Newark