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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SONOMA VALLEY**

November 2008

Happy Thanksgiving, from the Boys & Girls Club

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others. Cicero

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New Faces at the Club!



Fred Schwartz
Board of Directors



Kirsten Schepp
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Coordinator

"This program plays a very important part of our lives. I don't know what I would do without it", Sandy, parent of Sassarini Club member.

November Update

The Boys & Girls Club had a very busy November! We began the 3rd-8th grade basketball leagues for both boys and girls, started a garden club for 1st and 2nd graders led by some fabulous new **Sonoma Garden Club** volunteers, completed the gang resistance 7 week curriculum, G.R.E.A.T., put on by the [Sonoma County District Attorney's Office](#), held **GIS Day** celebrating geography, and continued the many wonderful enrichment programs at our ASES (After School Education and Safety) sites including classes in pottery, yoga, theatre arts and music, [Junior Achievement](#) and Tae Kwan Do.

Member of the Month



Yaquelyn Cruz has been chosen the Member of the Month for November for her outstanding Kindness and Friendship. With a smile and a warm greeting, Yaquelyn demonstrates what it is to be a true friend. She is always willing to help instructors and fellow students alike. Yaquelyn is eight years old and in the 3rd grade at **Sassarini Elementary School**. Her teacher is **Mrs. Monterosso** and her favorite subject is Reading...way to go!
Some of her favorites are: pizza and swimming. She has four birds and loves horses. She enjoys time with her five year old



Marcella Licea
Membership Services

Save the Date!

[24th Annual Sweetheart Gala & Auction 02.07.09](#)

To purchase tickets, call 707.938.8544. For sponsorship information, contact Katie Holden at kholden@bgcvom.org or call 707.938.8544 x106.

Sponsor Highlights

Thank you to our 2008-09 3rd-8th Grade Basketball sponsors. Please support our Sponsors!

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Did you Know?

The Springs Clubhouse Keystone Club has put in more than 100 volunteer hours of graffiti removal since June 2008 ?

The Club's average daily attendance at four sites has reached 400 members ?

brother, David. Oh! Her favorite color is light blue.

Intel Computer Clubhouse - Recording Studio

Michelle and Katie Stovall are shown here with their guitar teacher, **Aida de Arteaga**. They are recording a cd together in the Intel Computer Clubhouse's recording studio. For more information on using the recording studio, please contact Clubhouse Coordinator Jimi Conners at jconners@bgcvom.org or call 707.938.8544 x118.



[G.R.E.A.T Graduation](#)



Fifth Grade BGCSV member **Victor**, shown here at the [G.R.E.A.T. \(Gang Resistance and Training\)](#) Graduation with [Sonoma County District Attorney Stephen Passalacqua](#). Victor was one of 25 Boys & Girls Club members that completed the 7 week course taught by G.R.E.A.T. certified Assistant District Attorneys.

Leadership Programs

Our [Keystone Club](#) members at the Springs Village Clubhouse planned and hosted a Halloween dance for Sonoma Valley teens. It was very successful with 103 teenagers in attendance!



[Torch Clubs](#) (Leadership and Development Club) at the Maxwell Clubhouse and Springs Village Clubhouse are working on their latest community service project, collecting items and sending packages to US Troops overseas. They will be sending

The Club has served over 21,000 free snacks to our members, year to date?

Oh Christmas Tree!

Nyberg's Christmas Trees is donating a portion of their tree and wreath sales to the Boys & Girls Club. The lot is located on the corner of 8th Street East and Napa Road. What a great way to support the Club and a local business!

Sponsor a Kid!

If you would like to sponsor a Boys & Girls Club member, go to www.bgcvom.org and select Make and Online Donation!

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The Arts



Ashley, a 4th Grader in our **El Verano ASES program (After School Education and Safety)** is shown here with the pottery products she made in the Art Room! She made an owl that is also a whistle and a tray. Very impressive, Ashley!



Art Room Coordinator **Janice Perkins** with **Sarhi**, grand prize winner of the **First Bell's "Joy of Learning"** art contest. Congratulations!

Volunteer Highlight



A big thank you to volunteer extraordinaire **Joe Orlando**, (seen here with twins Luke and Marco and dog Oscar) who has been volunteering for the **Charles Schwab Cup Championship** for the last 5 years on behalf of the Boys &

Girls Club. Joe has served as Vice Chair of Finance for the tournament and has given countless hours to the event each year. ***The tournament, which has given over \$1.8 million to local charities since 2003***, could not be successful without the time, dedication and hard work of volunteers such as Joe. Thanks Joe!

There are many opportunities for volunteering at the Club! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Margie Doran at 707.938.8544 x105 or mdoran@bgcvom.org.

GIS Day!



The Boys & Girls Club celebrated geography and the [2008 GIS Day](#) on November 14th sponsored by the [Community Foundation Sonoma County Sonoma Valley Fund](#). With a hundred and 120 members in attendance, members grouped off by grade level and rotated through a series of activities varying from compass reading skills to map building and geography trivia. Activities included: Geo Hike using GPS units with **Alex Young** from the [Sonoma Ecology Center](#), a United States puzzle contest complete with naming the states, salt dough world maps, map reading activities and a geography trivia game. Members received GIS Day pencils at the various activities and 10 GIS Day shirts were raffled off.

Ladies Luncheon



Hostess [Julie Atwood](#) and [Daryle Baldwin](#) at the Ladies Luncheon with **Julie Schindler Design** fashions auction item party.

Did You Know?

According to research, individuals who participate in athletics have higher educational aspirations and higher self-esteem and achieve greater educational attainment. They also show increased academic performance, are less likely to drop out of school, and have increased earnings when they enter the work world. ***The Boys & Girls Club has over 750 kids that participate in the athletics program each year.*** Currently, the Club is running basketball for 3rd-8th grade girls and boys. To contribute to the Athletics program, or to sponsor a team, please contact Mike McEntee at mmcentee@bgcvom.org or call 707.938.8544 x112.

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