



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF WEST CHESTER/LIBERTY

## March 2019 Newsletter

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### Artist's Corner



We donned our artist's smocks for another "Artist Experience" this February. Our guest was abstract painter Claire Kennedy. She taught us that anything can be used to make fine art- even crayons and glitter! After talking about her inspirations, she led the class in painting a background chosen by our own Club members. Find more of Claire's work at <https://clairekennedyart.com/>, and check out the kids' work at the BGCWCL art room!



### THANK YOU SALON 747!

Special thanks to our friends at Salon 747 for providing FREE HAIRCUTS for our members! Owners Anthony & Amy, who are also Club parents, graciously offered their services to any (and every) child that needed or wanted a haircut. We put a sign-up sheet at our front desk, set a date for a Monday in February, and made it happen! Between the two of them, and their teammate Tia, they cut the hair of about 15 of our Club members. It was a great turnout and an amazing way for them to give back! Salon 747 is a full service hair salon located at 8300 Princeton Glendale Road, Suite 106, West Chester OH 45069.

We are so excited to welcome Ronda Bruce as our volunteer coordinator! This position is new to our team for 2019 and Ronda's talents are a perfect fit as we seek to reignite our volunteer program.

Ronda spent many years as an active parent volunteer at Lakota East, supporting her children through the athletic boosters and the overall Lakota community. She is working closely with our staff to identify new opportunities for volunteer placement and out in the community to recruit lots of awesome people that believe in our mission and that are willing to share of their time and talents for the benefit of our members! If you want to learn more or get involved,

please reach out to Ronda at [rbruce@bgcwcl.org](mailto:rbruce@bgcwcl.org), or complete a volunteer application on our website at [www.bgcwcl.org](http://www.bgcwcl.org).



*Ronda Bruce  
Volunteer Coordinator*



#1 Volunteer of the month

Ben Martin



Ben Martin started volunteering with us about 2 months ago and he has been extraordinary! He knows almost all of our members by name and has developed strong relationships with many of them. He always enters our doors with a smile on his face and ready to work. Ben is very flexible and doesn't mind volunteering in the areas where we need him the most. With his help, members have been able to complete more of their homework and projects. Ben, we appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to our Club!



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[www.bgcwcl.org/what-we-do/summer-program.html](http://www.bgcwcl.org/what-we-do/summer-program.html)



## WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE LEARNING CENTER?

Our Learning Center has a focus each Monday on S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with our S.T.E.M. Lab Program. This month as we all anxiously await spring's arrival, we decided to start our gardening project a little early!



So while our aquaponics supplies for our new Tower Garden were on their way, we got a jump start on planting a variety of herbs and lettuce. We are excited to watch our garden come to life over the next few months. Small projects like this are a great way to teach our members about important things like the scientific method.



To better prepare our teen members for success in high school and beyond, we have changed our program, Career Launch to Career Readiness. Our focus has shifted to help our members progress through each high school grade level to graduation, all while helping them develop a college and career plan that best fits their talents and interests.

Every Tuesday at 5:00 PM, we host the program and most weeks we welcome a community or civic member to share their career and life journey with our teens. Special thanks to Pastor Michael Pearl, a BGCWCL board member, for recently sharing his personal story of overcoming adversity with our students. To date, we have hosted an Army recruiter, representatives from Cincinnati State and UC as well as a medical doctor, a banker and an accountant that have all shared important life lessons as well as college prep and program information.

If you are interested in sharing your time with us, please connect with our Teen Director, Al Washington at [awashington@bgcwcl.org](mailto:awashington@bgcwcl.org).



## Family Night



### "We Love the Club!"

February celebrates the "month of love." During this time, we wanted to take note of all of the many reasons we love the Club: the staff, fun programming, homework help, games, and of course, our members and families. We celebrated with fan favorite, Chipotle, served by our Torch Club members.

Throughout the night, our Choir preformed empowering songs, uplifting the entire crowd. This was our highest attended family night to date, and we sure do love engaging with you! We are taking a break in March, but will be back for another family night on April 18th.



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## SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT

MAY 16, 2019



### Join us on Thursday, May 16 at the Sycamore Gun Club!

A fun and unique event, the BGCWCL Sporting Clays Tournament attracts participants from local and surrounding communities. Open to all skill levels, our participants will enjoy a course designed exclusively for this outing. Our goal is to have a safe and fun afternoon together all while supporting our BGCWCL programs and mission.

Complimentary lunch, snacks and beverages will be served.

**Please bring your own shotgun.**

11:30 am | Registration

12:00 pm | Lunch

12:45 pm | Safety Instructions (All Participants Must Attend)

4:00 pm | Cocktail Reception & Awards

\*All proceeds from the event benefit the Operating Fund of BGCWCL.

Visit [www.bgcwcl.org](http://www.bgcwcl.org) for sponsorship information/registration or call 513-860-1923 x 1004

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Teen Night - Friday, March 15th from 9-11pm**

**Family Night - Thursday, April 18th from 5:30-7:30pm**

(Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30pm)

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