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Youth of the Year Club Honors HBHS Senior Elena Vanderveen

We are proud to announce Elena Vanderveen is the Club's Youth of the Year!

Elena has been a Club member for 11 years.

She is a great role model for our younger Club members and has been an essential part of our dance

and theatre program, including volunteering as a teacher's assistant in dance classes. Allison Horner, Director of the Club's dance and theatre programs, comments, **"Throughout our years together, I have watched Elena grow from a student to a mentor.** Elena is a very focused, committed, and passionate student of the performing arts. She is a huge support to our dance program **inspiring our younger students to excel.** Elena is a light in everyone's lives – quirky, fun, exceptional, and unafraid to be herself. She is a self-assured, resilient, individual who is committed to sharing her talents and helping

others." Elena is a four-year recipient of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's prestigious Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream scholarship for her dance studies and she will be graduating from Huntington Beach High School and it's Academy for the Performing Arts this spring. She hopes to pursue a Criminal Justice/Political Science Major in college. **Congratulations, Elena - we know you have a GREAT FUTURE ahead!**



Youth Development Professional Awards Honoring Exceptional Staff Members

The Club honored some very special staff members with its Youth Development Professional of the Year Awards. The honoree from each Club embodies our Whatever It Takes to Build Great Futures motto and shows extraordinary commitment to making the Boys & Girls Club the best it can be for the kids we serve. Congratulations to our Youth Development Professionals of the Year!

- ClubHouse Academy – Jackson Loek
- Haynes Family Huntington Beach Branch – Danielle Drake
- Kingston Branch – Brittany Sayles
- Oak View Branch – Daniela Gomez
- Pacific Life Foundation Branch – Emma Coopman

We could fill up this whole newsletter with stories about why each of them is exceptional! We've chosen just one story to share with you today.

Huntington Beach Branch Youth Development Professional of the Year Danielle Drake started her journey with the Boys & Girls Club as a Club member who participated in our ClubHouse Theatre program. **She loved her own experience at the Club so much that she was inspired to come back as a staff member.** She began working at the Club in the Arts & Crafts room in 2017 as a seasonal staff member working winter and summer breaks while

finishing her Bachelor's degree. Over the last five years, her role has grown and **she now works at the Club year-round while also working toward becoming a credentialed teacher.**

Danielle currently works with the kindergarteners at our Haynes Family Huntington Beach Branch and has worked with Club members of all ages. In her current role with our kindergarteners, Danielle helps with homework, gets the kids excited for fun, hands-on STEM activities, and works with kids to develop their social/emotional learning. She is often assigned to work with groups and members that need extra help because **she is fantastic at giving kids the support they need to reach their potential.**

Congratulations to each of these exceptional staff members who go above and beyond every day to give the kids at the Club the very best experience!



Emma



Danielle



Jackson

Thank you, Disney!

Disney Donates 1,500 Books for Club Kids

Thanks to a donation of 1,500 books from Disney, the Club was able to celebrate Read Across America week with a FREE book fair at every branch. **Every child at our school age Clubs and preschools got to pick out a book to help build their home library.** The kids loved this opportunity to take home books about their favorite characters and there were fantastic choices from board books for babies to novels for teens and everything in between.



Reading is FUNdamental

Celebrations of Literacy Month and Read Across America Week

By 3rd grade, kids move from learning to read to reading to learn. **At the Club, we help young children learn to love reading and we help kids of all ages stay on grade level with their reading to support their academic success.** And, as we always do at the Club, we strive to **make learning as FUN as possible.** In March, our Clubs and preschools celebrated Literacy Month and Read Across America Week. Fun reading and literature related activities were incorporated into our programming throughout these special times.

At our preschools during Read Across America week, a book was selected for each day to provide a backdrop of themes for children, staff, and parents to participate in for dressing up and other fun activities. One favorite dress up theme day was “Wear the Alphabet Day” with lots of children arriving in outfits with sports team names, school names, and fun homemade costumes with bright names and letters. Children learned about upper and lower case letters,



practiced recognizing upside down and sideways letters, and had lots of fun learning rhyming songs with music and movement.

At our school age Clubs, Dr. Seuss played a big part in the Read Across America Week celebrations. In addition to reading great stories, kids made pudding Truffula Trees from *The Lorax*, made *Cat in the Hat* style hats, did a STEM project to make Oobleck from *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*, and made a craft with writing prompts based on *Oh The Places You'll Go*. Projects like these extend Dr. Seuss's creative and imaginative world beyond the pages of books and into kids' everyday lives to help kids see just how fun reading can be!

THANK YOU! SURF CITY ROTARY

Surf City Rotary Makes a Big Splash Rotary Donates \$62,000 to the Boys & Girls Club



Thank you, Surf City Rotary, for once again choosing Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley as the premier charity beneficiary for the annual Surf City Rotary Splash fundraiser! With more than 200 participants, the event raised nearly \$125,000. 50% of the proceeds are designated for the Boys & Girls Club, resulting in a **\$62,000 donation from Surf City Rotary**. Over the years, Rotary has donated more than \$1,000,000 to support Club programs. Beyond their annual donation from the Splash proceeds, Rotary also gives additional financial support to the Club. Surf City Rotary's support provides **groceries for families who are food-insecure and purchases back to school shoes and supplies, holiday gifts**, and much more for families who need a helping hand and are part of the Boys & Girls Club. This is only possible thanks to supporters like you who help make Surf City Rotary Splash such a big success. Thank you to all who participated in this fantastic event!



Making a Big Impact and Leaving a Lasting Legacy Donor Advised Funds & Endowment Gifts

There are so many ways for you to support the Boys & Girls Club! Donor Advised Funds, often called DAFs, allow you to donate cash or stocks to charities like the Boys & Girls Club. Do you already have a DAF through Fidelity, Schwab, or BNY Mellon? If so, you can start your gift at bgchv.com/daf

Would you like to leave a lasting legacy that will help children even beyond your lifetime? **Consider supporting the Boys & Girls Club's endowment.** Your contribution either today or through your estate plans will ensure that the Boys & Girls Club is always here for the children and families who need us most. Learn more by contacting Laura at laura@bgchv.com or 714-309-4962.



Meet our New Board President Get to Know Wink Williams

The Boys & Girls Club's Board of Directors elected its new slate of officers in January, each with a 2-year term. We'd like to introduce you to our new Board President, Wink Williams, who has been on the Club's Board of Directors for five years and most recently served as Vice President for two years.

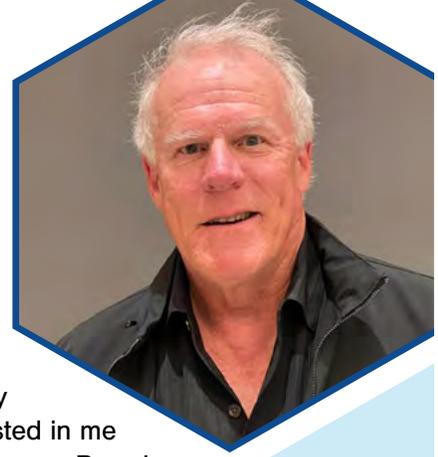
Wink shares, **"I first got involved with Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley back in the 1990's** raising money for the Club with my 'Wink's 2 on 2 Basketball Tournament.' I was fascinated with the programs and facilities provided to our local youth. It was a no brainer that this was the cause we wanted to support.

"As a volunteer for the Club, nothing inspired me more than to see multitudes of kids fully engaged in whatever activity they were participating in. And it really made me think that if they did not have the Boys & Girls Club, where would they be? Home alone? Out on the streets? Or worse. This inspires me to this day."

When asked what made him want to get more involved as Board President, Wink said, "I worked in Northrop

Grumman's leadership for 30 years and have also led many volunteer efforts over the years. I felt that I should bring those skills forward as Board President. It is very humbling that the Board trusted in me to have this position, because our Board members are all successful themselves in business, community service, and so much more."

Looking ahead throughout his two-year term, Wink comments, **"As a Board, it's our challenge to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley and its staff so the Club can emerge on the other side of the pandemic stronger and better than ever before.** This requires **unprecedented engagement** with and participation by local businesses, civic leadership, and the community at large, to raise awareness and funds that allow us to expand scholarships, education, and program offerings to our youth."



Honoring Community Leaders for their Dedication

Congratulations to the Boys & Girls Club's 2022 honorees, who received awards this year for their extraordinary service to the Club. Each honoree gives so much of their time, talent, and resources to make the Boys & Girls Club the best it can be for the kids at our Clubs and we can't say thank you enough.

- **Allison Horner & Bob Hoxsie received the From the Heart Award** for going above and beyond in their service to the Club, for their dedication to the ClubHouse Theatre program.
- **Mike and Sloan Gallipeo received the Man & Youth Award and Woman & Youth Award** in recognition for their outstanding leadership.
- **Hoag Hospital received the Corporate Partnership Award** in recognition for the many ways the Club and hospital worked together to get through the pandemic.
- **National Service Awards** honor dedicated volunteers for every five years of service to the Boys & Girls Club.
 - o Barbara Delgleize - 5 Years
 - o Ron Kupferstein - 10 Years
 - o Brian Ton - 10 Years
 - o Resa Evans - 15 Years
 - o RJ Mayer - 20 Years
 - o Bob Hoxsie - 35 Years
 - o Ed Arnold - 55 Years

Ed Arnold's extraordinary 55 years of volunteer service spans the entire history of the organization.

From founding board member in 1967 to Board of Governors and Annual Benefit Chair in 2022 and every moment in between, Ed has always given his all for the kids! Ed's commitment to Boys & Girls Clubs is legendary in our community, and there is even a County-wide Boys & Girls Club awards program named in his honor – the Eddy's. At this year's Eddy's, the Club was proud to honor **Lyn Semeta with the Eddy's 2022 Board Leadership Award** for using her strategic planning, resources and community connections to support the Club and for always making the kids at the Club her top priority.





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You're Invited



**TO A GIFT GIVING PARTY
AT SANDY'S BEACH SHACK
May 3, 2022, 5-7pm**

Hosted by
Bob & Tanya Hoxsie,
Resa Evans and Dave Theil
and Sandy's Beach Shack.

Enjoy small bites, entertainment,
and a fun night with friends
at Sandy's and bring a gift
valued at \$50+ for the Club's
October auction.

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Register at [bgchv.com/giftparty](https://www.bgchv.com/giftparty)

Ken Jacobs of JMG Security Systems and Steve Gardner of Pacific Premier Bank are teaming up once again to host JMG Security Systems 26th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, with a goal of raising \$180,000 for the Club.

The tournament will be held at Mile Square Golf Course in Fountain Valley on May 17th and 18th with a Zoom finale to award golfer and raffle prizes on May 19.

You can get involved by registering to golf, donating an item for the raffle or online auction, or volunteering at the event. Ready to learn more or register? **Visit [bgchv.com/golf](https://www.bgchv.com/golf)**



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44TH ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION

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October 8, 2022

SAVE THE DATE for our signature event and please spread the word that registration is open, item donations are needed, and volunteers for the committee are welcome!

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