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21st Century Readers Club members "invent" with staff from West Hartford Science Museum. The activity is one of 6 brought to the Club during the Spring of '06. The program will bring 10 modules this year.



"Fingerprinting" activity made amateur Detectives out of Club members.

Governor Rell Announces Bond Award

On September 21, Governor Jodi Rell visited the Boys & Girls Club to meet with staff and members and to announce the award of a \$300,000 bond issue for the Laura Cuno Camp Construction. Governor Rell was joined by local legislators and dignitaries as she praised the work that Boys & Girls Clubs do for the youth of the State.



Members welcomed the Governor with several posters telling her what they liked about coming to the Club each day. "Completing my homework" received a full compliment of hands when the Governor asked if they did their homework at the Club everyday. Members presented her a "lifetime" membership card and a monogrammed Club sweat shirt. Executive Director Don Maleto welcomed her to the Meriden Club and introduced all the legislators and dignitaries. A short speaking program included words from Senator Thomas Gaffey, Mayor Mark Benigni, and Club Board Chairman Ric Suzio.

Club's Assistant: 'Giving Them the Sense of Empowerment'

Paul Avery hopes to break down barriers in club's program

By Jeffery Kurz Record-Journal staff

MERIDEN — Paul Avery was diagnosed at an early age with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, one of the most prevalent forms of MS that is characterized by rapid muscle degeneration. The disease affects males, about one in 3,500 worldwide, and is an inherited disorder. Paul's brother, Patrick, has it as well.

One of the more cruel aspects of the affliction, said Paul's mother, Kathy Avery, is that the muscle degeneration typically begins at the time when boys are just discovering their physical prowess. Both of her sons were forced to use a wheelchair at an early age and were thus isolated from activities and socialization young people take for granted.

For the past two years, Paul Avery has worked at the Boys & Girls Club of Meriden, supervising the game room and helping children with their homework. He's now about to become an integral part of a new program at the Lincoln Street club, one that aims to recruit children with any disability as members.

The initiative will bring in "kids who really haven't taken part in our programs," said Don Maleto, the club's executive director.

"We're hoping that that's going to create sensitivity among our members,"

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COX Connect Day

On Saturday October 21, 2006 over 30 COX Communications Employees visited the Club during COX Connect Day to team up with members and gave the game room area a facelift. They painted

- * the pipes in the room; the benches; railings in the stairway; the cloakroom; the ceilings; Domenic Pereyo's Office; the radiator covers & the counter;

Then they;

- * washed and mounted posters on the walls; donated and assembled a new Foosball Game; donated and mounted new pool stick racks on the walls.

The renovation was followed by a cookout that was attended by State Representative "Buddy" Altobello, Mayor Mark Benigni, Northeast Vice President of Operations Paul Cronin, Cox Government Relations Vice President John Wolfe, COX Meriden Operations Administrator Peter Talbot and the COX Community Relations Coordinator Jill Thompson, Club staff, COX employees and Club members. Jill Thompson was responsible for planning and coordinating the day's activities - A special "Thanks" to our friends at COX Communications for their commitment to the boys and girls at the Club.

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Junior Staff Program

The Junior Staff program is designed to give members ages 12 to 18 an opportunity to gain job experience and to be role models for other members. They attend a regular Junior Staff meeting and also meet local business leaders.

They go through the same process anyone would go through to get a job. They fill out an application and have an interview. During the interview they are asked a series of questions and are also notified they will need to be role models to other members of the club.



Junior Staffers manage the Snack Bar among other duties

Strict Standards

Junior Staff members are held to strict standards. Staffers are expected to adhere to all club rules and give "a little extra" to help the club be the best it can be. Staffers who are removed from the club or are caught breaking rules will be removed from the Junior Staff program.

The Junior Staff program is in full swing. Currently there are 12 members of the program. They have a variety of responsibilities including complete control of Papa's Snack Bar where they serve customers, restock, manage and clean. In addition they also assist in sporting and other events such as COX Connects Day. They will be working with members who are part of the new Inclusive After-School Program and will act as mentors as they help them acclimate to the Club culture.

The response from members to the Junior Staff Program has been tremendous. Members apply each week to be Junior Staffers and understand they need to be one of "the best and the brightest" to join this elite program.

Wilderness Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Meriden's Wilderness Program started off its hiking season with an adventure to our own Cuno Camp. Ralph K., Walter K., Anthony F, John D., Aaron W. and Jordan W. have learned about leaf identification, navigating in the woods and safety. The program will teach new outdoor skills each week.



The program has also ventured to Hubbard Park and hiked to Castle Craig. The program meets on Saturdays and heads to a new park each week. The next hike... conquering Sleeping Giant in Hamden.

For more information on this or other exciting Boys and Girls Club programs visit our website www.bgcmeriden.org.

College Program Goal to “Raise Sights”

Catalina Pagán, new Girls Program Director, conducted a trip to the University of Connecticut Storrs campus as part of the *College Education* program she is implementing at the Club.

7th, 8th, 9th & 10th graders took part in the first step of the program that enables students to understand and learn all of the skills necessary to enter higher educations. They attended an Open House at UCONN in Storrs for a day full of guidance and support that explained in-depth what to expect when arriving at the point of transition from secondary schools to colleges.

They attended seminars that helped define the majors and minors that are offered and the importance of them in a future career goal. They took workshops that explained the application and financial aid process, and they toured the campus.

For the students, the day proved to be well worth the early 7 AM rise, and reassured them that programs like *College Education* are truly meant to help and make a difference in choosing the right path. The Club is in the process of establishing new connections to raise the sights for members who are potential school dropouts or who do not envision any achievements past a high-school diploma.



Dance Team Enters Second Year



Catalina Pagan, the new Girls Program Director, and Anthony Washington are leading a talented group of teens in their second year as a dance team. Anthony is the instructor and choreographer. He brings experience and creativity to the Club this year and is drawing high

praise from Pagan and dance team members.

He has participated in other dance teams around the State and is aligned with the Yale University Dance Team. His new program is centered around exciting Hip-Hop choreography.

Team Goals

The team was created as a vehicle for members to perform, develop their creativity and exhibit their unique personalities. Dancing interpretation helps them to explore their talents in a safe, positive, afterschool setting.

Their is also a strong cultural aspect to the dance program as well as high energy and fun. Dancing is their way of telling a story or of expressing emotions. Dancing has developed as a means to help people express themselves and relate to others.

The team has several performances planned during the year and the schedule will be published at a later date. Anyone interested in having the group perform for a function should contact Catalina at 203-235-8185

Club Offers Exciting Project Create Programs

A variety of art classes at the Boys and Girls Club of Meriden encouraged boys and girls to develop his or her creative side! Through a combination of drop-in and themed classes, children had the opportunity to express themselves through the visual arts and experiment with various media and techniques. All classes were taught in a supervised environment with experienced adult teachers.

Varied Offerings

The fall art program included The Art Club, weekly drop-in classes of fun and challenging projects that enhanced the imagination and encouraged creativity. They participated in Medieval Madness, a themed class which included creating castles, clay goblets, miniature armor and a medieval feast! Classes were taught by Barbara Zemetis, a certified elementary school teacher and art educator who has taught children for thirty years, both in Meriden and in Middlefield at The Independent Day School.

Members explored drawing fundamentals, including perspective and composition, with Derek Andrews, a practicing artist who exhibits locally. Drawing with Derek was offered twice



Derek Andrews looks at members "Pencil Magic".

weekly as a drop-in class. Pencil Magic expanded the concepts introduced in the drop-in classes and included new techniques and developing individual style.

To find out about CREATE call Dominic Pereyo, Senior Program Director, at (203-235-8185) for future schedules and fees.

‘It Just Takes One’

As I walked through the doors of the Club yesterday at 5:45 PM it was hard to believe the amount of activity that was taking place.. Just twelve months ago at this time the doors would not have been open because of the 5:00-6:00 PM shutdown, but on this night it had all the hustle and bustle of a day after sale at a discount store - only better organized.

Members roamed and recreated around Papa’s Snack Bar which is now operated by the junior staff. The Game Room was packed to capacity, an Archery Class was in session, and both gyms were full for open gym until 6:00 PM when the High School Girl’s League took over. The Power Hour Homework Club was in full swing in the teen room. In the lobby the Middle school Torch Club ran a food drive. There was the clank of weights from the fitness center.

Moving upstairs... a Medieval Art class, as well as a Pencil Art class were being taught. Our Alumni Board had a well attended meeting to talk over the success of the Golf Tournament and plan ways to help the Club. The Computer Lab was full and there was a Science Program being held by the Science Center of Connecticut in the next room. The 21st Century Raising Readers parent group was meeting across the hall. Not bad for a Thursday night in down town Meriden.

I encourage all whether you are a parent, Alumni, Corporator, Board of Director or friend to stop by and see the energy, enthusiasm and smiles. You will not be sorry.

But of course, not all of this can be paid for with Membership Fees. We need you to do your part and join us. Please remember the Meriden Boys and Girls Club in your year end/Holiday Giving, your Estate Planning and our Annual Appeal **‘It Just Takes One’** or as your United Way designate. Believe me the youth of Meriden will appreciate it and our whole Meriden community will benefit from it!

Ric Suzia,

President Board of Directors of the Joseph F. Coffey Boys & Girls Club of Meriden



Act Now for IRA Rollover Gifts

The new law provides an exclusion from gross income for otherwise taxable IRA distributions of up to \$100,000 per year from traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs for “qualified charitable distributions” made during 2006 and 2007 by plan owners who have attained at least age 70½ on the date of distribution to charity.

In August, President Bush signed the Pension Protection Act of 2006 that includes a long-awaited provision that will permit taxpayers to make direct charitable transfers from their Individual Retirement Accounts.

Tax Liability Removed

Until now, making a charitable gift from an IRA during a donor’s lifetime meant the donor would incur tax liability for the IRA withdrawal. Congress has temporarily changed that by eliminating taxes on distributions that rollover directly to qualified charities such as Boys & Girls Clubs. The provision expires on December 31, 2007 so immediate action on your part can help the Club take advantage of this opportunity. Here are the rules:

- ◆ donors must be 70 ½ or older between now and the end of 2007.
- ◆ the money must be distributed directly to the Club (the donor should not take the money out and then give it to you).
- ◆ The maximum contribution allowed per donor is \$100,000 per year.
- ◆ The rollover is not eligible for a charitable tax deduction.
- ◆ The gift cannot be used to fund a deferred gift plan (such as a charitable remainder trust).

Which Plans Are Eligible?

The exclusion applies to traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs only. Other forms of retirement plans such as 401(k), 403(b) annuities, defined benefit and contribution plans, profit sharing plans, Keoghs and employer sponsored SEPs and SIMPLE plans are NOT eligible.

What are the Effective Dates?

The new rules are effective for transfers made during 2006 and 2007. We presume the standard delivery rules will apply. Therefore, distribution must be delivered or postmarked to the charity no later December 31st of the year for exclusion.

Who Can Exclude IRA Distributions?

The exclusion applies to individuals who have reached age 70½ by the date of contribution. It is important to distinguish this rule from the rule that requires plan participants to begin receiving minimum required distributions in the same year they reach 70½ (if they have already begun receiving distributions) and no later than April 1st of the year following the year in which they attain age 70½ (if they have not). Therefore, donors, their advisors, and helpful charities will want to check the calendar to make sure this important test is satisfied.

Annual Philanthropy 2005

The Boys & Girls Club of Meriden would like to thank all our friends who made gifts to the Club during the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. Great care has been taken to ensure that each gift has been listed accurately. If an error appears in the listing, please notify the Development Office so that we can give the proper credit. (Alumni (AL), Board of Directors (BOD), Business (BUS), Corporator (C), Foundation (FND), Friend (FR), Parents (P) Service Clubs (SER). *All staff members contributed to the Club through the United Way.*

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he said. “And together they’ll pass along the positive experience they’ve had and have an impact on the community.”

The “Inclusive After School Program” is thanks to a 15-month \$7,500 grant from the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, which supports programs for disabled young people that focus on inclusion.

The Meriden club is one of just six in the nation, and the only club in the Northeast, to receive the grant. “I’m really proud of that,” said Richard Seethaler, the Director of Resource Development who handles grant applications.

“Hopefully, we’re going to grow it,” he said. Part of the grant is serving as an example. “We’re going to share our best practices with other clubs that want to do special needs programs,” said Maletto. Spurred in great part by their experience with Avery, staff members had been talking about starting a program for some time.

“We knew we wanted to do something,” Maletto said. Early this year the club hired Shawn Porter as a senior program director. Porter had worked for more than seven years at the Kennedy Center, in Fairfield County, as a therapeutic recreation specialist. Porter will be in charge of the new program.

“It’s amazing how this all came together,” said Maletto. “Starting off we’d like to get a good half-dozen kids and hope the program will grow,” said Porter.

Because the goal is to break down barriers between those with and those without disabilities, those with disabilities will be encouraged to participate in all club activities, including sports, arts and crafts, and the other clubs within the club. “Ideally, they’ll be just like any member of the club,” said Porter. “We want an inclusive program,” he said. “One of the titles of the grant is called ‘embracing inclusion’ — to get kids with special needs and those without special needs to hang out and have fun.”

Will Visit Schools in the Community

As the special needs program assistant, Avery will visit schools and parents with Porter to talk about the new program. Another special assistant is Elijah Rivers, a 27-year-old who’s been coming to the Meriden club since he was six. “Better than hanging out on the street,” said Rivers, with a smile.

The muscle degeneration that forces Paul Avery to use a wheelchair affects his breathing and speech as well. That can make it initially difficult to recognize what becomes obvious once you start talking with him, which is that he is extremely intelligent.

The 1997 Maloney High graduate has a degree in sociology from Southern Connecticut State University. Before joining the Boys & Girls Club, he had an internship with the Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership program in New Haven. “I’m living proof that handicapped people can make it through all the obstacles life throws at you,” said Avery. “I’m still a person with aspirations.”

Avery, who is 28, controls his wheelchair with a small, joystick-like control. When he speaks, he jiggles the wheelchair back and forth, which helps gather the muscle power for speaking and breathing. The wheelchair, and his disability, can be a barrier and tends to make people “keep their distance,” he said. “It’s very hard for some guys,” said his mother. “People are scared.”

Avery said he hopes the new program will help others feel “like they’re not outcasts, giving them the sense of empowerment that they never had.”

Patrick Avery graduated from Maloney in 1998 and has a degree in English literature from the University of Hartford. Kathy Avery said she worked hard to give her sons the kind of experience Paul hopes the new program will provide. Of, as Paul put it, having “a social life and feeling a sense of empowerment and happiness.”

“We just kept taking them places,” Kathy Avery said. “But I can remember thinking, I wish somebody was calling you and asking if you wanted to go here or there, and that just didn’t happen a lot,” she said.

“Friends didn’t come easily,” said Paul. Now he hopes the new program will make it that much easier for others.

“He always wanted to help kids who were disabled,” said his mother.

More information about the “Inclusive After School Program” is available by calling the Boys & Girls Club of Meriden at (2-03) 235-8185 or via e-mail, to shawnporter@bgcmeriden.org.

Our Wish List:

This wish list identifies items and materials that would enhance our programs. If you would like to donate any of these items yourself or if you know of somebody else who would, please contact the Club at (203) 235-8185.

- 1.) Video cameras (for members to produce videos in Technology Center) (Needed: 2)
- 2.) Copy paper for Technology Center.
- 3.) Digital Photography equipment for members in Project Create.

Connecting

Connecting is a publication of The Boys and Girls Club of Meriden. It is sent to the friends of The Club including members families, alumni, Corporators, businesses, and anyone interested in our mission.

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