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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

When: Thursday, April 14th

**Where: Frank & Edith Morton
Clubhouse, Grant Road**

Location

Time: 11:30p - 1:00p

Executive Board Meeting

When: Thursday, April 14th

Where: Conference Room

Time: 11:00a - 11:30a

The EVENT Committee Meeting

When: Friday, April 8th

Where: Acacia

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Hump Day Mixer



Where:

Blanco

When: Wed, April 6th

Time: 5:00-7:00 PM

A Message from Debbie Wagner, CEO

Spring is an exciting time of year! The warmer days with a cool breeze, the buds on the trees, the awakening of a hibernating desert. You can feel the buzz in the air.

Here at the Clubs, things are all-a-buzz as well! The hard work and dedication of the Board, staff and community are culminating into what will be an amazing event, our 15th annual The EVENT at La Encantada on April 3rd.

We are thrilled to announce that The EVENT committee surpassed its sponsorship stretch goal by over \$9,000 coming in at \$119,700 as of 3/23. Special thanks to Laurie Wetterschneider and Julie Butcher for leading the charge in securing so many of these sponsors. With a week until the big day, we have less than a dozen tickets left to sell. I know we can do it!

We are also excited to announce that we have secured the funding to extend our Summer hours. Team Cholla through their amazing efforts and golf tournament were able to raise over \$31,000 for the Clubs which will be allocated to Summer hours and programming at the Clubhouses. Our Club Members are so excited to know we will be here for them through July. Thank you Team Cholla!

Thank you to all that have made the start of our year so great! Our success, hard work and excitement equals great futures for our kids. Keep up the great work!

Debbie

Board Spotlight

New Board Member Spotlight



Aaron Skoczen
Chief Financial Officer
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Aaron Skoczen is a financial engineer with extensive experience in the construction industry. He currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer for a local construction company and is responsible for the overall accounting, operations, and profitability of the company. Prior to this Aaron founded and operated a successful construction management company, performed analysis as a structural engineer, and served as a business consultant.

In his spare moments, Aaron enjoys spending time with family as well as various outdoor activities such as running, hiking, and traveling. He also enjoys contributing to the community by being a part of Business Executives Leadership League (BELL), Financial Executives and Affiliates of Tucson (FEAT), and serving as the treasurer of the Autism Society of Southern Arizona.

Aaron is honored to serve on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Tucson and will continue to work hard to assist youth in developing self-esteem, values, and skills.

Join us in welcoming Aaron!

Board Member Juan Cardenas Runs for the Clubs - Raising Over \$4,200 (as of 3/20)



Juan running the AZ Distance Classic

Long time board member Juan Cardenas pledged to run three consecutive half marathons for our Club Members and has sought donations from friends, family and coworkers through his JoinMe fundraising page provided by BGCT - check it out here <https://bgctuc.ejoinme.org/juancardenas>.

Two of his three half marathons is over and he has already raised over \$4,200 for the kids.

This Saturday is the final 13 miles. He is going to start at 6:45 at the Safeway plaza in Rancho Vistoso and Tangerine and will run all the way to Orade (via Rancho Vistoso), down for 500 meters on Innovation Park, and back to the plaza. For those of you that live in Tucson and want to join Juan for a few miles, you are more than welcome.

Head out and support Juan this Saturday! or Congratulate him by sending a message to JuanC@CAID.COM

Partner Spotlight

New Partner Cenpatico Excited to Support the Clubs



We are so grateful to Cenpatico for their partnership! Their support allows us to continue to offer our members low cost memberships of only \$10 per school year and also provide Club membership scholarships. Our partnership will also allow us to collaborate on Club staff training in areas like "Mental Health First Aide", ASIST, QPR. We are so excited for all the great things that their support will make possible for Clubs

members and staff alike!

About Cenpatico

Cenpatico Integrated Care is a new company that joins the best programs and services of two companies: Cenpatico Behavioral Health of Arizona and University of Arizona Health Network. These two health plans bring 25 years collective experience providing behavioral and physical healthcare in greater Arizona. Together we provide the highest level of integrated care to the members we serve. To learn more visit: <https://www.cenpaticointegratedcareaz.com/>

Resource Development - Elizabeth Bolliger



The Event 2016

Co-Chairs: Lisa Bayless and Tom Robertson

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT - our expectations have been exceeded!

Needs: We have less than a dozen tickets to sell. And if you are out in the community, be sure to thank and or be a patron of our great sponsors, partners and restaurants who have made this event possible!

Thank you to our Sponsors

Presenting: Nova Home Loans

Entertainment: Desert Diamond Casinos & Entertainment

Rusing Lopez & Lizardi * Title Security * Sam Levitz & The Gallery at Levitz The Garrett Found * My92.9 * Precision Toyota * Long Realty Cares Foundation * Perfection Plastic Surgery, Dr. Peter Kay * Tucson Electric Power BMO Bank * Andy Courtney RESidential Properties, Ltd. * Valle Gold Team

Thank you to our Presenting Restaurants

AZuL * Agustin Kitchen * Alfonso Gourmet Olive Oil & Balsamics
Blanco Tacos + Tequila * Charro Steak * Commoner & Co. * Contigo
The Cup Café * The Coronet * El Charro Café * El Cisne * Epazote
Fini's Landing * Firebirds Wood Fired Grill * Fleming's Prime Steakhouse
Frost Gelato * Goodness Fresh Food & Juice Bar
Gourmet Girls Gluten Free Bakery / Bistro * Humble Pie * Las Margaritas
The Living Room * Mama Louisa's * Mama's Hawaiian BBQ
Maynard's Market & Kitchen * Monsoons Tap and Grill * Noble Hops
North Italia * The Oink Café * P.F. Chang's China Bistro
Pastiche Food Drink * Penca * Pita Jungle * Prep & Pastry * PY Steakhouse
RA Sushi * Reforma Cocina Cantina * Reilly Craft Pizza & Drink
Renee's Organic Oven * Saffron * Sir Veza's Taco Garage
Sullivan's Steakhouse * Tavolino Ristorante Italiano * Union Public House
Vero Amore * Vivace * Wildflower * Zinburger Wine and Burger Bar * Zona 78

Questions/ More Information: Contact [Jill Conway](#) at 520.573.3533

Supporting Our Clubs in the Community

Team Cholla Raises over \$31,000 to Subsidize Clubhouse Summer Hours



The Cholla Foundation 2016 Golf Tournament



Thank you to Team Cholla and our Board Members Chris Nanos, Tamra Briley and Julie Butcher for making the golf tournament a huge success! Over \$31,000 was raised to help extend summer hour of operation this year!

The Team Cholla Foundation was originally founded in 2013 by Tim Meyer and Ken Cockerham of Brentwood, TN. The Foundation was created to formalize and give shape to many years of informal charitable fundraising by the founders and others through outdoor group activities such as golf outings, fishing trips and pheasant hunting. Historically, the unorganized efforts have yielded many tens of thousands of dollars "for the Kids".

Thank YOU Team Cholla!

**Chris Whitson Memorial Golf Tournament to Support the Clubs
April 15th**



The Chris Whitson Memorial Golf Tournament is to honor the memory of Mr. Whitson and his love for the Boys & Girls Clubs. It is with pride that the Men's Active 20-30 Club of Tucson carry on his legacy and along with Falbaum Investment Group present this 2nd annual event.

For Registration and Tournament Information:

>> [Whitson Memorial Golf Tournament Website](#)

>> [Printable Registration and Sponsor Opportunities Form](#)

Tucson Conquistadores Charity Car Raffle



**Purchase tickets to win your choice of a 2016 Camaro 1LT or
2016 "Blacked Out" Chevrolet Silverado WT!**

The Tucson Conquistadores and O'Reilly Chevrolet have partnered to benefit members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson! Help us enrich the lives of our Club Members by purchasing raffle tickets for just \$10 each (5 ticket minimum purchase).

Your support will enable over 5,000 members annually to participate in programs that promote Character & Leadership, Education & Career Development, Health & Life Skills, The Arts, and Sports, Fitness, and Recreation.

Grand Prize drawing will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at O'Reilly Chevrolet. Winner need not be present. Actual 2016 Camaro 1LT or 2016 "Blacked Out" Silverado WT to be awarded may not resemble the particular models pictured above.

****Last day to purchase raffle tickets is on Sunday, June 12, 2016****

[Purchase Tickets Online](#)
[Print Order Form](#)

Program Operations - Karin Malbrough

Club Highlights - Our Clubs Making a Difference For Our Kids

Triple Play Training

We hosted a Triple Play Training and had a facilitator from national here on Friday, March 4th.

The training was prompted by our Avandia grant program officer and several teams from southern AZ BGC locations joined us for the day.

Triple Play is a dynamic wellness program currently offered in Boys & Girls Clubs that demonstrates how eating right, keeping fit and forming positive relationships add up to a healthy lifestyle. The goal of the Triple Play program is to improve Club members' knowledge of healthy habits; increase the number of hours per day they participate in physical activities; and strengthen their ability to interact positively with others and engage in positive relationships.

Triple Play programming is being delivered at all of our Club's.

Frank & Edith Morton Clubhouse

Gabriel's Angels

Gabriel's Angels is the only program in Arizona that delivers healing pet therapy to abused, neglected and at-risk children. Our short term goal is to instill in children an overall emotional sense of well-being, safety and happiness. Long term aspiration is to help children learn core social skills that will prevent them from continuing the cycle of violence as adults.

We have been fortunate to receive service at FEM from The Gabriel's Angels Team.

Daniel and Michelle will be awarded for their engagement with the organization in May at their Unleash the Love event.

Steve Daru Clubhouse

Local Hip-Hop artist performed at the Club Friday, March 11th

The Club invited local artist, Lando Chill, out to rap and share some positive messages with our members.





**Roy Drachman
Mental Health Symposium**

Multiple Club sites took youth over to RD to connect them with a learning event focused on youth mental health; community mental health providers were present and was included a DJ about 50 folks attended!

Other things Roy Drachman Club Members enjoyed recently include Lego robotics, cooking dub and a Suns game!





All Clubhouses have so much happening. We will share more from PY and JVC in our next issue of the Good News Newsletter. Thank you to the Board for your part in making all these amazing opportunities available to our Club Members