

# ***BE IN THE KNOW...***

September 29, 2021

Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Supporters,

**Is it Fall yet? *IT IS for our four Clubs!***

After taking a week's break after summer for semi-annual top-to-bottom cleaning, we are finally moving forward to the good old' days when the Clubs were full of kids learning, growing and having fun. Right now we are operating seven successful after-school programs: our four, full-service Clubs and three, **After School Educational & Safety** programs at non-Club locations in the Indio community. "**ASES**" is a structured after-school academic enhancement program that supports the regular education day with free enrichment activities and a healthy snack. In addition to Desert Ridge Academy and Thomas Jefferson Middle Schools, **our newest campus is Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School.**



As you know, kids need and love to eat. So, thanks to our partnership with **FIND** (*Food in Need of Distribution*) and a church in Moreno Valley, we are feeding our Club kids healthy snacks and a wholesome dinner each day while continuing to provide a safe place, aka "a second home" for kids while their hard-working parents try to make ends meet.

At a recent weekly Boys & Girls Clubs of America meeting of CEO's, an important accolade was noted. One of which we are quite proud, but one that we owe to our **exceptional donors (that would be YOU)**. In the aftermath of last year's severe pre-COVID vaccine period, many Clubs still remain in crisis; either not having a CEO or adequate staff. **Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley was noted for its exceptional ability to continue providing top notch services** during those many unparalleled months. We are feeling pretty good about this, and you should too. You may remember, we turned our Clubs into full-time distance-learning centers when schools closed and we provided virtual programming. On a weekly basis, our leadership service Club teens served both boxed and fresh food to hundreds of folks in our community. We did what it took to keep not only our kids safe and engaged, we helped our neighbors in need as well. And this, my friends is how we nurture our Club kids by helping them to become caring adults with character and the mindset to give back to others. It feels great that we are able to keep moving in the right direction and doing what we do best: **Saving and enhancing young lives.**



We just wrapped up the 56<sup>th</sup> annual Southwestern Growers Golf Tournament which many of you are linked to as car raffle ticket buyers! **(Thank you!)** This year's produce-industry event was sold out weeks in advance, and for the first time, all 400 raffle tickets were bought up before tee time! The lucky car winners are (*drumroll here...*) **Ellen and Mike Way!** You may recall just about a year ago, in the October *BE IN THE KNOW*, we saluted Mike for his 20 years as a BGC Board member/past



President and his 23 years as a SWG Golf Tournament Committee member/past Chair. Ellen has supported us all along the way too! She is an Emeritus member of the BGCofCV's *Friends* which means she has put in her time on the Executive board! Ask Ellen anything about agriculture here in the valley. She'll have the answer and that's part of the reason why we ask her to join us on our combo tours of the east valley agriculture fields and Mecca Club. So allow me to repeat last year's sentiment and extend it to Ellen as well:

***"You (both) epitomize everything that is good about Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley."***



There are so many people to thank for supporting the Southwestern Growers Golf event, but a special shout out this year goes to **Heather Jiggins and Amber Spinello** for their creative veggie-decorating skills! Who knew Vitamin C-packed artichokes and broccolini could double as beautiful room and table décor? Oh, and the winners of this year's SWG Golf Tournament are **Matt Jiggins and Mike Walton**. Congratulations guys and gals and thanks again for teeing it up for our Club kids!



**Our next event is...you guessed it! The annual Grand Auction!** Our 12-time champion Auction Chair Extraordinaire **Sandy Taylor** wants you to **Save This Date— Saturday, March 12, 2022** at the beautiful Hyatt Resort & Spa Indian Wells. Here's a *sneak peek* at what just *ONE of the MANY* unique items going up on the auction block! Yes, that would indeed be a **1917 Studebaker!**

After the auction, we're calling all golfers to come play in the annual **Tony Reagins Alumni Association Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament on Friday, May 6, 2022**. All proceeds benefit our Club kids by helping to defray college expenses with scholarships.

**As you know, we are celebrating 55 years during 2021; did you know Bob Hope actually dedicated our Indio Club in person?**

***"Thanks for the memories..."***

...which you all have helped make for this organization AND thanks for supporting thousands of kids all these wonderful years.

**Quinton Egson  
President & CEO  
39 years of humble service!**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF COACHELLA VALLEY**

**BOB HOPE**

February 24, 1966



Mr. Dick Davis  
P.O. Box 1146  
Indio, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mr. Hope has asked me to say that he will be very happy to serve on the Honorary Advisory Board of the Boys Club of the Coachella Valley. He was pleased to be asked to do this.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Secretary to Mr. Hope