



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF COACHELLA VALLEY

## *Be in the Know*



November 15, 2023

Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Supporters,

A recent headline caught my eye: **“Being thankful is good for your health.”** As the season of thanks is here, we are very thankful to have recently celebrated 521 years of volunteerism by our 36-member Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley Board of Directors who do some pretty amazing things to help our Club kids.

Like 15-year member, **Tony Reagins**, an Indio Club alum and Major League Baseball’s Chief Baseball Development Officer who also sits on the national Boys & Girls Clubs of America board. MLB designated BGCA as an official charitable partner in 1997 and this robust relationship has given countless youth the chance to realize their dreams both on and off the field. After hearing a young Club member “Pearle P.” sing at an event, Tony went to bat and arranged to have her perform the National Anthem at the World Series. This exposure is quite a success story that represents what a Boys & Girls Club CAN DO for kids! **Thank YOU for being part of this national Movement.**

*(You can read the full story in this newsletter.)*



**Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s 2023-2024 National Youth of the Year, Alejandra L. (BGC McAllen, TX) delivered the game ball to the mound & Pearle P. (BGC Olympic Peninsula) sang the national anthem in front of a record-setting stadium at Game 2 of the World Series.**

### **A word from our Board Chair, Lee Osborne...**



**Southwestern Growers Invitational Golf Tournament Co-Chair Pat Lizza (L) and Chair Matt Johnson (R) pose with Friend of the Southwestern Golf Tournament honoree, Thomas DiMare during the sponsor appreciation dinner and car drawing.**

We just wrapped up the 58th annual Southwestern Growers Invitational Golf Tournament (SWG) sponsored by global agricultural equipment distributor **RDO Equipment Co.** Many of you support this fundraiser by playing or buying a car raffle ticket, or two. This year’s raffle winner was FIRST-TIME buyer **Karen Church** of Rancho Mirage.

The Friend of the SWG award was given to **Thomas DiMare**, whose company, **DiMare California**, has been a major sponsor of the tournament for more than 30 years. In 2011, the **Marco A. DiMare Scholarship Fund** was established in memory of DiMare’s late son. Since then, the fund has made it possible for hundreds of Boys & Girls Clubs kids to pursue higher education. And when the agricultural community was asked to help make a dream come true, the DiMare family stepped in with funds to help build the new 30,000-square-foot Mecca Boys & Girls Club, which opened its doors in 2011.

# SAVE THE DATE

Grand Auction 2024  
*Every Step of the Way*

Saturday, March 9, 2024  
Hyatt Regency Indian Wells

honoring

**JUDY VOSSLER**

*Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley  
Board Member  
since 1992*

## ***And don't forget to sing along with Barry!***

If you attend a Barry Manilow Christmas concert at the McCallum Theatre, a percentage of the proceeds comes directly to us from five live performances

**December 12, 13, 15, 16 & 17**

Go to [www.AGOL6.com](http://www.AGOL6.com) and select Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley from the drop-down menu at the time of ticket purchase.



***"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives."***

***John F. Kennedy***

So let me wrap up this newsletter by extending my heartfelt thanks to you, our esteemed donors, whose generosity indeed makes a difference in our Club members' lives and certainly in the longevity of this organization! We will be going on 58 years soon with many of our donors now third generation supporters. Our four Club Unit Directors have each been with us over 20 years. I have been here 41 years and thankful for every one of them. **THANK YOU again for all you do** and have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

Quinton Egson, President & CEO  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley

 **TOGETHER**

 **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF AMERICA**

## ***Club youth take spotlight in Game 2 of World Series***

Recently, two of our very own Club youth had the opportunity of a lifetime to participate in Game 2 of the World Series. First up was Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2023-2024 National Youth of the Year Alejandra L. of Boys & Girls Club of McAllen, who was presented the inaugural FOX Sports World Series Scholarship by FOX MLB Studio Analyst and Club alumni Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez pre-game. The newly announced FOX Sports scholarship honors the accomplishments of the National Youth of the Year and spotlights the Teen Ambassador's achievements during its coverage of the World Series. Alejandra then delivered the game ball to the mound and spent time with A-Rod in the media booth. How cool is that?

Alejandra was followed by high school senior, Pearle P. of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula who had the honor of singing the national anthem -- and wow, did she deliver! In front of a record-setting stadium audience of nearly 43,000 baseball fans and 1.5 million television viewers, Pearle sang a flawless rendition from start to finish -- moving the audience to an ovation and many to tears, including her proud family in the stands.

Pearle's exceptional talent not only brought immense pride to her family, community and the Movement as she represented Boys & Girls Clubs, but also showcased the extraordinary potential within all our Club youth. **It was a beautiful reminder of the importance of the work you do every day to encourage, support and uplift kids and teens.**

These incredible moments would not be possible without the robust partnership and advocacy we have with Major League Baseball and FOX Sports. Their long-term support has helped stories like Pearle's and Alejandra's reach new audiences and countless other Club youth to realize their full potential.

Thank you for all you do to support and celebrate our nation's youth.



Jim Clark, President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of America