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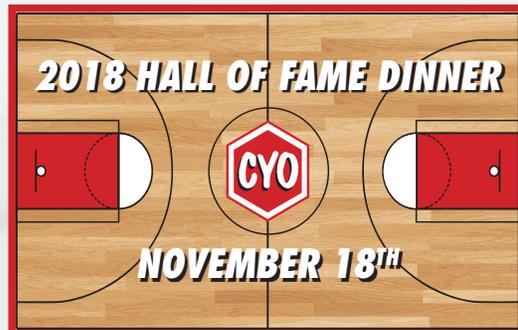
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CYO's 2018 BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS ANNOUNCED

The CYO has announced the Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2018. The list includes 16 inductees in four categories including Referees, Coaches, Players, and Special Contributors. The Awards Banquet will take place Sunday, November 18th at The Nottingham Ballroom in Hamilton. The list includes the following:



Referees: *Herman English, Fred Dumont

Coaches: Lou DeMille, *James Haggerty Sr., Don Walsh Sr., Dawn Wolfsgruber

Special Contributors: Joe Hejda, Rosemary LaMacchia

Female Player: Deb Zsenek Hart, Maya Jackson, Kristin Voorhees Jacobs, Alexis Millis

Male Players: Ralph Chiarello, Rashawn Glenn, Peter Kelly, Steve Maczinko

*inducted posthumously

CYO Basketball will be starting its 66th season in November and has an estimated over 50,000 players, 6,000 volunteer coaches, and 1,000 officials participating in the program. For more information including tickets or sponsorships, contact Patrick Hardiman at 609-585-4280 x 102, or via e-mail at phardiman@cyomercer.org

HELP SUPPORT THE CYO'S 20/20 VISION

The CYO operations are headquartered at 920 South Broad St. in Trenton. This site was purchased by the Diocese of Trenton in 1961, and prior to that the building was the former RKO Movie Theatre which was built in 1920. The building will therefore be celebrating its Centennial Anniversary in 2020! The CYO Center, located in the heart of South Trenton, is a thriving Community Center, home to pre-school, after school, athletic, and many other programs serving thousands of children. The Center (with the old marquee having been restored in recent years) is indeed a landmark and has come to be identified as a "safe haven" throughout all of Trenton and Mercer County. Also, the iconic gymnasium, considered to be one of the nicest gyms in the area continues to be used extensively seven days per week.

Preparing for the 100th anniversary, CYO is undertaking three capital renovation projects including: completion of brick pointing, improving lobby and gym ventilation and lighting systems, and parking improvements. Help the CYO reach their 20/20 vision by raising \$20,000 for each of the three main projects by 2020 to keep our bustling Community Center and Neighborhood Anchor (in an area of rundown buildings and physical decline) as a first class and safe facility!

To support the CYO 20/20 vision, tear off the coupon to the right and mail it with your donation to CYO Center 920 South Broad St., Trenton, NJ 08611, or to make a secure online donation, visit our website at www.cyomercer.org and go to the donations link. For questions contact Tom Mladenetz at 609-396-8383 x 15, or via e-mail at tom@cyomercer.org



CYO 20/20 Vision for Brick Pointing, Parking & Lobby/Gym Improvements

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TOM MLADENETZ NAMED NJRPA PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

CYO Executive Director Tom Mladenetz was recently named the New Jersey Park and Recreation Association Professional of the Year for 2017! Mladenetz has been involved in Parks and Recreation for over 40 years. In addition to his time with the CYO Tom has served with East Windsor, West Windsor and Princeton Recreation Departments. When receiving his award Mladenetz reflected on his lifelong affiliation in the Recreation field and thanked former colleague Jack Roberts as one of his mentors. The awards banquet was held March 6 in Atlantic City at the annual NJRPA conference, and was attended by Tom's family, as well as CYO staff and Board Members.



CYO RECEIVES \$1,000 GRANT FROM FRIENDS OF AULETTE INT.

The CYO was recently awarded a \$1,000 grant from Friends of Alouette, International, in support of CYO's East State Street Trenton Center's summer day camp. Here, Alouette founder, Marsha Browne (center), and Board member, Linda Oliaro (to Browne's right), present the award to CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz, while CYO Program Director, Robert Donaldson and CYO Grant Writer, Nancy Podeszwa, look on.



CYO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ALL-STAR GAMES AND KEISTER AND CRYAN AWARDS PRESENTATION

The 19th Annual CYO High School Basketball All-Star games were held March 23. Posing for a picture (left) are members of the winning boys team. The prestigious Renee Keister and Jack Cryan Awards were presented. Pictured (center, left to right) are Linda Weise, Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at Allentown High, Ryan Weise, Allentown High player and recipient of the Renee Keister Award, Kostro Montina, Nottingham player and recipient of the Jack Cryan Award, and Chris Raba, Head Boys Varsity Coach at Nottingham High. Pictured at right members of the girls all-star team.



CYO ATHLETICS

CYO Soccer:

The Mercer County CYO Soccer Season began on Thursday, April 12th. This year there are 4 teams in the Freshmen Soccer League, 4 teams in the Girls Soccer League and 5 teams in the Boys Soccer League. Catholic schools and parishes that are represented in the leagues include: Our Lady of Sorrows/ St. Anthony's, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Paul's, St. Raphael's/ Holy Angels and Trenton Catholic Academy. The regular season is scheduled to conclude at the end of May with the playoffs taking place in early June.

Diocesan Basketball Tournament:

The Diocesan Basketball Tournament returned to Mercer County in March following the conclusion of the CYO Basketball Playoffs. Each of the four counties in the Diocese (Mercer, Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean) were represented as a total of 8 teams (2 from each county) qualified for this year's tournament in each of the four divisions (GJV, BJV, GV & BV). On Sunday, March 4th, after an exciting week-long tournament, St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) were the champions while Our Lady of Good Counsel (Moorestown) took home the runner-up trophy and in the BJV final, TCA (Hamilton) defeated St. Leo's (Lincroft). In Girls Varsity action, Sacred Heart (Riverton) defeated St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) while St. Leo's (Lincroft) defeated St. Gregory's (Hamilton) in the BV championship game.

CYO Basketball:

The Mercer County CYO celebrated its 66th season of CYO Basketball during the 2017-18 season. This year there were 67 teams that participated in the 8 CYO Leagues for elementary school-aged children and the Boys and Girls High School Leagues. Congratulations to all of this year's winners that were crowned in March. In CYO playoff action, St. Paul's Gold won the title for the Girls Freshmen Playoffs. In the Boys Freshmen League, TCA won the championship for the Blue Division while St. Paul's Gold captured the championship for the Red and White Division. In Junior Varsity playoff action, OLS won the Girls Championship and TCA the BJV title. In Varsity playoff action, OLS won GV Championship and TCA won the BV title. In the CYO High School League Championships, St. Gregory's captured the Girls title while St. James (Pennington) won the Boys Championship.



Pee-Wee Soccer at South Broad Street

This past April the CYO started its 3rd Spring Pee-Wee Soccer League at the South Broad Street Center. Open to any 4 to 6-year-old boys and girls in the area, over 40 participants got to play the world's game; many for the first time. At such a young age, the focus is placed on having the kids get some physical activity while making new friends and having fun! If they happen to learn that the use of their hands is not allowed, consider that a bonus. After six weeks of games, each athlete went home with a medal and a cupcake. With the help of local high-school students as volunteer coaches and sponsors that were fully invested, this league was very much a success.



Ewing CYO Pre-School Opens a Third Classroom!

In the last issue of the Marquee, Ewing CYO Pre-School at Hollowbrook was thrilled to announce our return to the Hollowbrook Community Center on September 11, 2017. We started slowly with about 15 children and grew to 21 by the end of September. As the months went on, we continued to register new families and in March 2018 we realized it was time to open a third classroom at the center! Room 102 just reopened on May 1, 2018 with Ms. Helen Cook as the lead teacher, Ms. Cynthia Ward as the morning teacher assistant and Ms. Patty Jones as the afternoon teacher assistant. This classroom is comprised of children ages 3 ½ to 4. Prior to joining CYO, Ms. Cook was a lead teacher at the Children's Home Society Head Start Program at the CYO East State Street Center. Ms. Ward and Ms. Jones both served as teacher assistants at CYO East State Street. We are delighted to welcome them to Ewing and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new children. At present, we have 53 children registered and are taking calls every day from interested families. We are also taking registration for our 9 week Summer Camp Program which operates from June 25 through August 24th. If you or someone you know is interested in either our pre-school or our summer camp, please call Debbie at 609-883-1560 or email dkirschenbaum@cyomercer.org.



Pictured (left to right) Patty Smith, Helen Cook, Cynthia Ward

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BROMLEY CENTER EASTER EGG HUNT

Participants in the annual Bromley Center Easter Egg Hunt pose for a picture with the Easter Bunny!



GRANTS AWARDED 11/1/17 - 5/3/18

- Arvesen Fund of NJ Community Foundation - for Ewing pre-school re-start
- Borden Foundation - for Ewing pre-school re-start
- Bristol-Myers Squibb - for Broad & ESSC camp environmental science workshops
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development - for Broad St. ASP Tutoring
- Friends of Alouette International - for ESSC summer camp
- Janssen Pharmaceutical - for Broad St. ASP Tutoring
- Kiwanis of Trenton - for Broad & ESSC camp scholarships
- MAXIMUS Foundation - for Broad St. ASP Tutoring
- Mercer Fund of NJ Community Foundation - for Bromley teen leadership program
- NJ Golf Association Youth Foundation - for Broad camp golf program
- NJ Juvenile Justice Commission - for Broad & ESSC camp service learning projects
- Rummel Foundation - for Broad St. ASP Tutoring
- United Way of Greater Mercer County - for Bromley food pantry expanded marketing program
- Walmart (Nassau Park) - for Ewing pre-school music program
- Wawa (Nottingham Way, Hamilton) - for Bromley food pantry