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The CYO of Mercer County Wishes You and Yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



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We Serve On A Daily Basis With A Christmas Donation

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If you have any questions about a donation, contact Tom Mladenetz at (609) 396-8383 x15, or via email at tom@cyomercer.org

7th Basketball Hall of Fame Awards Dinner



Danielle Bottoni (left) presents to Hall of Fame Player Beth Ryfinski-Lo.



Vince Peroni (left) accepts his Hall of Fame Coach award from CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz



Erika Porter (left) accepts her 2015-16 Ms. CYO Basketball Award from Quincy Walzer, CYO Athletic Director



Tom Pihokken (left) accepts a Hall of Fame Special Contributor Award for his father, the late Charles J. Pihokken, from Bob Bucchi

The CYO celebrated its 7th Basketball Hall of Fame Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 20th at the Nottingham Ballroom in Hamilton. 300 people attended to watch 17 individuals inducted into the Hall. Those honored are as follows: **Coaches Division:** Carl Chianese Jr., Immaculate; Vince Peroni, St. Raphael's; Vince Radice, St. Joachim's; DiAnne Trail, St. Raphael's and St. Greg's. **Referee Division:** Chris Chianese and Larry Ivan. **Female Player Division:** Susan Antosiewicz-lorio, St. Stan's, Kelly Roche-Audette, St. Greg's; Beth Ryfinski-Lo, Holy Cross; Christine Salinas, St. Stan's and Holy Angels; Monica Staniec, St. Hedwig's. **Male Players Division:** Bart Carr, St. Anthony's; Jack Gallagher, St. Anthony's; *Frank Korchick, St. Stan's; Jeff Migliaccio, St. Joachim's. **Special Contributors Division:** *Charles J. Pihokken, Immaculate, *Bill Ryan.

CYO Basketball recently started its 64th season and those assembled inductees of players and coaches made up some of the very best in its history. Referees Larry Ivan and Chris Chianese worked the CYO games for over 50 years combined! Pihokken was a 35 year Athletic Director at Immaculate Conception and Bill Ryan was a founding member of the Trenton Parochial League which was the predecessor to the CYO league. Also honored were Gianna Lucchesi and Cory Bork as the 2014-2015 Mr. and Ms. CYO Basketball and Erika Porter and Julian Diamond as 2015-2016 Mr. and Ms. CYO Basketball.

The next CYO Basketball Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place in the Fall of 2018. For more information on the Basketball Hall of Fame, check out our website at www.cyomercer.org and go to the Hall of Fame link.

*Honored posthumously

CYO ATHLETICS

CYO Basketball

This year, the Mercer County CYO is celebrating its 64th season of CYO Basketball here in Mercer County. The 2016-17 CYO Basketball season started on Saturday, November 5th with our Annual Opening Day Mass at the CYO Monsignor Toomey Annex in Yardville celebrated by Father Dennis Apoldite, Pastor of Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy Parishes (and CYO board member), followed by a full slate of weekend games. This year there are a total of 52 teams competing in the 6 leagues that the CYO offers (Girls Freshmen, Boys Freshmen, Girls Junior Varsity, Boys Junior Varsity, Girls Varsity & Boys Varsity) for a total of nearly 500 games. The schools and parishes that are represented in the CYO Basketball leagues include: OLS / St. Anthony's, Princeton Academy, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. James (Pennington), St. Paul's, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels, Stuart Country Day School, Trenton Catholic Academy and Villa Victoria. Stop by the CYO Center most Saturday & Sunday afternoons and throughout the winter for exciting CYO Basketball action. For schedule information, please contact the CYO at (609) 396-8383 x 14.

Cross Country Meet

On Saturday, October 15th, the Mercer County CYO held their 11th Annual Cross Country Meet at Mercer County Park. This year there were over 50 participants that represented the following schools and parishes: Our Lady of Sorrows / St. Anthony's, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Paul's and Trenton Catholic Academy. The length of the course for the JV meet was 1.25 miles and the length for the Varsity Meet was expanded to 2.25 miles this year. Trophies were handed out to the top 3 finishers in each division.

GIRLS JV (1.25 Miles)

- 1) Audrey-Lillie Bing, TCA 8:35
- 2) Charlotte Demarco, St. Ann's 10:05
- 3) Fernanda Luna, TCA 10:31

BOYS JV (1.25 Miles)

- 1) Matthew Juliano, St. Ann's 8:20
- 2) James McDonald, St. Ann's 8:23
- 3) Christian Elwood, St. Paul's 8:27

GIRLS VARSITY (2.25 Miles)

- 1) Emma Rollo, St. Ann's 13:24
- 2) Gianna D'Sauza, St. Ann's 13:43
- 3) Caitlyn Scarborough St. Ann's 13:44

BOYS VARSITY (2.25 Miles)

- 1) Will Cooper, St. Paul's 10:59
- 2) Tyler Kostin, St. Gregory's 11:24
- 3) Colton Estilow, TCA 11:30

Scholar-Athletes / Male & Female Athlete & Coach of the Year:

At the Opening Day Basketball Mass on November 5th, the CYO recognized the 2015-16 CYO Scholar Athlete Team. The recipients were selected for their athletic success and participation as well as their academic achievements during the 2015-16 school year. This year's participants were: Michael Abbondandolo (St. Paul's), Amy Aririguzoh (Trenton Catholic Academy), Noah Brachelli (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels), Julian Diamond (Trenton Catholic Academy), Veronica Figueroa (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels), Grace Goepfert (OLS / St. Anthony's), Samantha Humbles (Stuart Country Day School), Louis Pasculli (OLS / St. Anthony's) and Anna Sarubbi (St. Paul's). In addition, the CYO also honored Erika Porter (St. Paul's) and Julian Diamond (Trenton Catholic Academy) as the Female and Male Athletes of the year for their athletic success during the 2015-16 season. Lastly, Joe Sarubbi from St. Paul's was honored as the 2015-16 CYO Volunteer Coach of the Year for all of his hard work, time & dedication that he put into the St. Paul's Athletic Program as both a coach and the parish athletic director for the past several years.

BROMLEY CENTER



The CYO is proud to announce the renewal of the contract from Hamilton Township for the management of the Bromley Neighborhood Center. The contract was finalized in June, and is for 2 years with an option to extend for another 2 years!

The CYO Bromley Center's Annual Halloween Parade and Party was held on Wednesday, October 26th. There were approximately 75 children in attendance dressed in costumes. Prizes were awarded for the Scariest, Funniest, and Prettiest. Mayor Yaede came to visit the party and see the neighborhood children in their costumes. The families enjoyed pizza and all children left with a goody bag of candy.



Bromley Food Drive

Pastor Josh Conn from Church 217 brought food from a collection that he took up in his neighborhood during a Halloween Party for our food pantry. Donations like this which we receive from organizations, businesses, and people of the community are greatly appreciated. At the CYO Bromley Center we service an average of 60 families a month with food from our food pantry. The food pantry is subsidized with food from the Federal and State Department of Agriculture, but donations like this one from Pastor Josh is a huge benefit to the families.



Nature Program for Trenton Campers

Living in the heart of Trenton, kids are more likely to come across asphalt and cement than they are turtles and butterflies. But thanks to a grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb, groups at the South Broad Street Center and East State Street Center Summer Camps got firsthand experience with these creatures. This summer was the first year that the CYO partnered with the Tulpehaking Nature Center, in which our campers visited the center (operated by the Mercer County Park Commission) and got their hands nice and dirty. Little did our campers know that a five minute bus ride puts them smack down in the middle of a marsh with an abundance of fauna and flora for them to explore. The passionate instructors at the center showed our campers the wonders that exist in nature and taught them the importance of taking care of our environment.

East State Street Preschool visited Windsor Farm in West Windsor



On October 26th children and staff of the CYO East State Street Preschool were invited to a special Halloween Party at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. Each child had the opportunity to choose a Halloween costume and then their "Big Sisters" from Stuart Country Day accompanied them to a number of special activities including cookie decorating, pumpkin painting, and some of the children even turned their big sisters into toilet paper mummies! Everyone had a wonderful time and we thank Stuart Country Day School for this extra special Halloween treat!



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PRINCETON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO SOUTH BROAD STREET CENTER

A \$25,000 grant was awarded to CYO's Broad St. Trenton Center after school and summer day camp programs, from the Princeton Area Community Foundation (PACF).

CYO has operated its Broad St. After School Program since 1976 and the summer Recreational/Educational Camp since 2001. The programs are designed to provide positive activities for children, during crucial non-school hours, to engage them, stimulate their interests & provide alternative to "hanging out" unsupervised, leaving them vulnerable to less savory choices like crime, substance abuse & gang involvement. Availability of subsidies & transportation, as well as continuing efforts at programming expansion & facility improvements, contribute to making CYO's programs essential elements of area families' childcare plans.

CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz, notes, "Nearly 100% of CYO's Broad St. Trenton Center participants are from working families who depend on CYO for affordable childcare, and we are thrilled that the Princeton Area Community Foundation recognizes this and has chosen to generously support CYO in our efforts."

Other Recent Grants Received

- Bishop Ahr Endowment Fund (Bromley summer camp & food program).
- Bristol-Myers Squibb (Broad St. & ESSC Centers' summer camp nature programs).
- Dombal-Vogel Foundation (ESSC summer camp field trips).
- City of Trenton Community Development Block Grant (ESSC roof project).
- Mercer County Department of Human Services (Broad St. Center ASP).
- I Am Trenton Community Foundation (Broad St. Center peewee soccer program).
- PSEG Foundation (Broad St. Center ASP tutoring program).
- Walmart (Bromley teen leadership program).



Left to right: Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director, Hamilton Township Mayor Kelly Yaede and Walmart store manager AJ Riaz at the check presentation.