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# 21<sup>st</sup> CYO Golf Classic Honoring Marty Flynn



### The 21<sup>st</sup> CYO Golf Classic will honor Marty Flynn as the 2017 CYO Man of the Year!

This is a very fitting tribute to Marty as he has always been one of the greatest supporters of the CYO. He serves as Director of the Technology and Economic Development Office for Hamilton Township. He also was Athletic Director for West Windsor /Plainsboro Regional School District for over 15 years and was a longtime teacher and coach/administrator in the Hamilton Township school system. Marty was born and raised in Trenton before moving to Hamilton. He graduated from St. Anthony's High School and received his Bachelor and his Masters degrees from The College of NJ. Marty lives in Hamilton with his wife Mary Ann. They have 3 adult children and 3 grandchildren.

The Golf Classic is scheduled for Thursday, October 5 at Mountain View Golf Course in West Trenton, with a 1:00pm Shotgun start. The cost to participate is \$150 and includes golf fees, cart, tee gift package, lunch, dinner & cocktails, and prizes. For information including registration, or sponsorship, contact Patrick Hardiman at (609) 585-4280 x 102, or via e-mail at phardiman@cyomercer.org



## Dr. Ingbritsen Named to CYO Board

The CYO is pleased to announce the appointment of Ellieen Ancrum Ingbritsen, Ed. D. as a new member of its Board of Trustees. Dr. Ingbritsen has over 30 years of experience in the field of education. She received her undergraduate degree at the College of Saint Elizabeth. Upon her graduation, she received NJ certifications in pre-school, elementary, secondary, English, and special education. Her Master's degree was conferred at Rider University with a concentration in curriculum, instruction, and supervision. Recently, she received her Doctoral degree in education from Holy Family University with a focus on literacy. In addition to her work as an educator, she served as the Secretary of Ethnic Ministries and Director of the Office of Black Apostolate for the Diocese of Trenton under the administration of Bishop Emeritus John M. Smith. Dr. Ingbritsen's experiences as a member of numerous Diocesan, recreational, and community based organizations add a substantial array of knowledge to the CYO Board of Trustees.



### CYO & JAZZERCISE : PERFECT TOGETHER!

The CYO is proud to announce a new partnership with Jazzercise! This popular exercise program will now be offered four times per week at the CYO Yardville location. Pictured above is certified Jazzercise Instructor, Eileen Garretson and CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz. For more information, call (609) 658-8473 or e-mail yardvillejazzercise@gmail.com.

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# Grants Help with the Purchase of a New Bus!

The CYO was able to purchase a 2017, 29 passenger bus with the help of many generous funders including Kerney Foundation, Mary Owen Borden Foundation, Mercer Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ, Roma Bank Community Foundation, NJM Insurance Group, Arvesen Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ, and Investors Foundation. Motor Vehicle requires that school buses be retired after 12 years on the road and with some in the fleet approaching that time, we are very happy to have made this purchase considering the thousands of children that are transported in CYO programs throughout the year. Bus 7 is added to the fleet and ready to ride!

Additional grants for other programs include: Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Trenton Thunder, and Rommel Foundation for the South Broad St. After School Program tutoring, and Kiwanis Club of Trenton and Bristol - Myers Squibb for South Broad St. and East Street camp scholarships and camp nature programs.



## Busy Spring at Bromley Center

Busy times continue at the Bromley Center. The highlight of the Spring was the First Annual Easter Egg Hunt that was held Saturday, April 8 at Farmingdale Park. 90 children between the ages of 3-10 attended and had fun running through the park, finding Easter eggs, and candy, a visit from the Easter Bunny and a pizza party that followed at the Bromley Center! Each participant was sent home with a handmade Easter basket from St. Gregory The Great Parish, and Doctors Express, both of Hamilton Township, that contained several toys and additional candies.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Clean Up Day took place Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day). About 20 volunteers showed up to help clean the streets, Bromley Park, and help beautify the neighborhood by planting flowers. A productive day was had by all as all of the tasks that were set out to be accomplished were.

The Food Pantry was recently improved and upgraded from 60 square feet to 300 square feet allowing us to store more food, accept more donations, and ultimately feed more families. In addition to an upgrade of space a new refrigerator/freezer was added and new shelving units to store the food and make the monthly food drop, and monthly preparation and distribution of the food much easier to do. Donations are always accepted so help us keep the new pantry stocked and more families fed! For questions on how to donate or how to register to become a Food Pantry client, contact us at (609) 587-8100.

The Evening Teen Center has been busy too. Many fun activities have been happening including field trips to the Circus and WWE Wrestling at the Sun Center, and a Trenton Thunder baseball game.



## What's Happening at East State Street Center

On Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> the East State Street Center Preschool was chosen by Children's Futures, a community service organization serving mothers and their children in the Trenton area, as the venue for their Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration. Dr. Seuss, who would have been 113 years old this year, is the beloved author of many children's books that employ the use of rhyming and nonsense words to encourage the development of reading skills in young children. The event featured a reading of *The Cat in the Hat* by a member of the Trenton Fire Department, *Cat in the Hat* crafts and a visit from the Cat himself! Finally, every child who attended the event was given a copy of *The Cat in the Hat* to take home. Children from CYO East State Street, South Broad Street, Children's Home Society Head Start and other children and their parents from the surrounding neighborhood were able to take part in this wonderful event. It was a very special day for everyone!

On Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> a group of volunteers from Bristol Myers Squibb Helping Hands visited the East State Street Preschool for a morning of stories, gym activities, face painting and crafts. It was a great event, mostly because the volunteers were having as much fun as the children!

On Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> our 4 and 5 year old children visited Trenton Circus Squad. Trenton Circus Squad is a program for High School students, that teaches them circus performance skills such as acrobatics and juggling. The purpose of the program is to show these students how "clowning around" can serve to brighten the spirits of the surrounding community. Visits to Trenton Circus Squad are also a regular feature of the East State Street after school program. Our preschool children enjoyed performances of tumbling, climbing, juggling and dancing by the Trenton Circus Squad students. Both children and staff were completely delighted! Also in April and May we will begin our Safe & Sure program with Campfire USA. This is a program aimed at building self esteem, learning the difference between appropriate and inappropriate touches, learning how to spot "safe adults" and learning about proper use of medicine. We are also being visited by Kidsbridge Tolerance Museum for 3 days of lessons about bullying and how to "be an upstander" and stop bullies from hurting other people when you see it happening. In June, the preschool classes are scheduled to visit Stuart Country Day School for their end of the year carnival. The children will join their "Big Buddies" at Stuart for a day of games and crafts. This is always a popular event and everyone is looking forward to it with great anticipation. And of course, our End of the Year Program/Graduation will take place on Friday, June 9. All in all, it's been a busy year here at the CYO East State Street Preschool and we are looking forward to a relaxing, enjoyable summer filled with fun and learning!



# CYO Athletics



TCA Boys Freshman team members receive their Championship trophies.



St. Raul's girls pose for a picture after their Championship.



Spring co-ed basketball action at the CYO Yardville Center.



CYO Yardville Spring T-ball action.

## CYO Soccer:

The Mercer County CYO Soccer Season began on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. This year there are 5 teams in the Girls Soccer League, 6 teams in the Boys Soccer League and 4 teams in the Freshmen 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 5<sup>th</sup>, after an exciting week-long tournament, St. Catharine's (Holmdel) captured the GJV title by defeating St. Mary's (Bordentown) while St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) won the BJV title by defeating St. Gregory's in double overtime. In Varsity action, St. Gabriel's (Marlboro) won the girls title by defeating St. Mary's of the Lakes (Medford) while St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) won the Boys Championship by defeating St. Gregory's. It was a Monmouth county sweep of all four Championships this year!

## CYO Basketball:

The Mercer County CYO celebrated its 64<sup>th</sup> season of CYO Basketball during the 2016-17 season. This year there were over 60 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. Gregory's Blue captured the championship for the Red and White Division. In Junior Varsity playoff action, St. Paul's Gold won the Girls Championship and St. Gregory's captured the BJV title in double overtime. In Varsity playoff action, St. Gregory's won the GV Championship while the St. Gregory's Blue won the BV Championship. In the CYO High School League Championships, OLS captured the Girls title while St. James White (Pennington) won on the Boys Championship. The Girls High School league was brought back this season after a 30 year absence!

## Mercer County CYO Track & Field Meet

- 1) TCA 173 Points
- 2) St. Ann's 116 Points
- 3) St. Paul's 84 Points
- 4) OLS 76 Points
- 5) St. Raphael's 15 Points

Trenton Catholic Academy captured their 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive CYO Track & Field Meet Title. Audrey Lillie-Bing from Trenton Catholic Academy, set a new CYO record in the Girls Junior Varsity 400 Meter Run with a time of 1:07.4 breaking the previous record of 1:09.7. Ciaran Chambers from St. Paul's, set a new CYO record in the Boys Junior Varsity 1600 Meter Run with a time of 6:00.0 breaking the previous record of 6:04.0. Colton Estilow from Trenton Catholic Academy, set a new CYO record in the Boys Varsity 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:29.5 breaking the previous record 2:31.9. The Trenton Catholic Academy Boys Varsity Sprint Medley Team consisting of Anthony Aririguzoh, Jayden Holmes, Gabe Luna and Quasim Maine, set a new CYO record in the event with a time of 1:56.2 breaking the previous record of 2:00.3.

## HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR GAMES

The tradition continued at the CYO Center again this year with the closing out of the Mercer County Basketball season with the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Basketball All Star Games for boys and girls. The games took place on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and were sponsored by Doctors Express, IAABO Board 193 and Capitol City Vending.

The Sandra Valenza Orpel Girls MVP was awarded to Ciahi Hunt from West Windsor Plainsboro North and the Andrew Kusnirik Boys MVP award went to Myles Mitchell White from Lawrence who scored a game high 40 points!

Additionally, the CYO was once again the venue for the presentation of the prestigious Renee Keister and Jack Cryan award winners. Pictured at left is Morgan Comfort from Steinert receiving the Keister award with CYO Hall of Famer Renee Kesiter Balke. Lawrence Joseph from Ewing received the Jack Cryan Award.



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**South Broad Street After School Book Club**

Pictured at right are members of the South Broad Street's After School Program Book Club recently started by volunteer Tanya Beckman. The girls meet weekly to read the new books (which they get to keep when they are done) and then perform activities based off of the book. Girls below are dyeing eggs from the most recent book they read!



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**Food Pantry Reopening**

Hamilton Township Mayor Kelly Yaede, Center prepares to cut the ribbon on the Food Pantry Re-Gran Opening. Pictured left to right with the Mayor, Donna Marie Clancy, Bromley Center Assistant Director, Patrick Hardiman, Bromley Center Director, Dina Thornton Hamilton Councilwoman, and Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director.



**Recognition of Volunteers**

In celebration of National Volunteer Week (April 23-29), CYO awarded Certificates of Appreciation to the 90 individual & 18 group volunteers that have helped CYO during 2016. CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz, had this to say: "CYO's mission, to provide affordable, quality educational & recreational services to Mercer County youth & their families, could not be carried out without the tireless efforts of our many individual & group volunteers. We congratulate them & thank them from the bottom of our hearts."



CYO recently took a bus trip to Yankee Stadium to see the Yankees play the Orioles. Pictured above are two bus trip participants.