Oak Harbor Club Member Named Youth of the Year

Selected from 17 outstanding local youth from Snohomish, Island, and Kitsap Counties, Lexus (Lexi) Jones of Oak Harbor was named the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County 2015 YOUTH OF THE YEAR at an Awards Dinner on January 28 at Rosehill Community Center in Mukilteo. Erika was awarded a $1,500 scholarship and went on to participate in the Washington State Youth of the Year on March 30.

“The Boys & Girls Clubs rely heavily on mentors who possess a fun, kind, warm, patient, and caring personality and Lexi Jones is that individual.” shared Morrie Perreault, Program Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Oak Harbor.

The Youth of the Year program begins at the Club level as each BGCSC Club selects their Youth of the Month. A finalist from each Club competes to become the BGCSC Youth of the Year, Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s premier youth recognition program. Youth of the Year recognizes outstanding contributions to a member’s family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles. BGCSC has had two National Youths of the Year (1983 and 1998).

InspireHer S.T.E.M. Workshop

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County hosted an S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math) workshop for girls through its InspireHer program. Over 175 girls in 4th-12th grade attended the free workshop on February 8 at the Alderwood Boys & Girls Club.

The InspireHer workshop gave the girls a better understanding of interesting majors and careers that are available in S.T.E.M. related fields, where women have been traditionally underrepresented. The day included guest speakers, science experiments, interesting activities, and fun educational prizes.

The InspireHer program is led by community volunteers and sponsored by Moss Adams with the purpose of engaging girls by creating opportunities that develop a strong body and mind, foster leadership and community involvement, and provide access to career and academic resources.
Granite Falls Celebrates
New Club Location Opening

The Granite Falls Boys & Girls Club has a new home!

Earlier this year, the community of Granite Falls celebrated as our Granite Falls Club made the long anticipated move from their old 3,000 sq. ft. building to the refurbished 12,000 sq. ft. facility at 110 South Alder Avenue, just two blocks from the old location. The transition to the new Clubhouse was made possible after nearly $1M in state funding was awarded to the Club by the State Legislature in June.

“We are extremely grateful to everyone involved in making this possible,” says Bill Tsoukalas, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County, “the new larger space has made it possible for us to provide significantly more programs as well as increase the number of children that we serve.”

A celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on April 27th, at 3:30pm to thank all the generous community partners that made the move possible.

The next phase of the project will be to build a much needed gymnasium. Contributions to the project can be made at www.gfbgclub.com.

Meet Marlin Fryberg, Jr.
New Tulalip Club Unit Director

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Tulalip Boys & Girls Club
Unit Director

We are excited to welcome Marlin Fryberg, Jr. as the Unit Director at the Tulalip Boys & Girls Club. We are fortunate to have Marlin’s wisdom and expertise from his previous service of 12 years on the Tulalip Tribe’s Board of Directors.

Marlin’s departure from the Tulalip Board was influenced by his desire to spend more time with his family and to have the opportunity to have a deeper impact on tribal youth.

“It’s very important to me to send this message to all of our young people who are growing up, to take the time to listen to your elders and hear their stories,” says Marlin, “there were a lot of struggles, there were a lot of things that a lot of families sacrificed in their lives to help us get where we are today.”

The Tulalip Boys & Girls Club was the first Tribal Boys & Girls Club in Washington State, and the fifth in the nation.

Along with Marlin’s time on the Tribal Board, he has also served as president of the Quil Ceda Village Council, which oversees the business and development activities within the village, a municipal and corporate body on the Tulalip Reservation.

Marlin also coaches the the Boys Basketball team at Heritage High School. His commitment to youth, along with his depth of community experience and knowledge will serve the Club well. Our Tulalip youth and Club staff are fortunate to have Marlin’s leadership and direction.

80 lucky Club kids spent the afternoon with several MLB players at the Everett Club. The kids ages 8-14 worked at skill stations interacting with the pros, several of whom were involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County growing up.

Reach for the Stars
Grand Gala Auction

Save the date! October 8, 2016 at the Tulalip Resort Casino. To become a sponsor, table captain, volunteer, or to donate items, email gala@bgcsc.org.

Membership at the Granite Falls Club has increased by over 60% in the last two years
2016 Campaign for Kids
We never turn a child away.

An Annual Club Membership is $30, but the True Cost of Caring for Each Kid is $450 a Year.

Every year it costs our clubs 15 times more than they charge for membership to provide healthy meals and snacks, homework help, and a positive place for kids to be when school is out.

Through Campaign for Kids, the community can help bridge this gap in funding and make a difference in the life of a child.

With your support, we can make sure that every kid has the opportunity to become the best version of them self.

Make Your Gift Online today: www.classy.org/bgcsc

Everett Club Music Makers

Every Friday afternoon at the Everett Boys & Girls Club 15 kids pull out their instruments for Music Makers! This free program is run by volunteer Dave Shere, who has a doctorate in music theory. The kids learn and practice acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass, percussion, singing.

Umpqua Bank Wish Upon A Star Program Supports Club Families

Umpqua Bank supported two of our club families at the holidays this year through its Wish Upon A Star Program, which grants basic needs or special requests for those struggling through tough times during December.

One mother, who has two boys and another unofficial foster son, was granted a wish for new clothes and shoes for the kids. She works two part-time jobs, but could not keep up as her teenage boys outgrew their clothes.

The second family is a family of nine that includes both biological and foster children. They had been saving pennies to purchase a dishwasher, but Umpqua Bank granted their wish for a new dishwasher.

2016 Campaign for Kids

Actor Chris Pratt has teamed up with the Lake Stevens Boys & Girls Club to raise money to build a new teen center at the club. For more info visit: www.bgcsc.org/lake-stevens-teen-center

The Arlington Boys & Girls Club is in a final fundraising push to add a teen center and more gym and field space, at the club. Donate today at www.bgcsc.org/stilly2000donate
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To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Community Calendar

April
21  Everett Club Friends of the Club Celebration
30  Arlington Club Bids for Kids Auction
30  Monroe Club Mom & Son Carnival

May
3  GiveBIG
7  Snohomish Club Wine Auction
20  InspireHer Sleep-in

June
11  Daddy Daughter Dance at Monroe Club
11  Tulalip Club 16th Annual It’s for the Kids Auction
11  Mukilteo 48th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

July
TBD  Alderwood Club 25th Birthday Celebration

August
4  Tulalip Club 11th Annual Golf Tournament
20  Edmonds Club Motorcycle Ride

September
TBD  Monroe Club Police vs Fire Flag Football
TBD  Lake Stevens Club Golf Tournament
24  Mukilteo Luau

October
6  Snohomish Club Breakfast of Champions
8  BGCSC Grand Gala Auction
21  Coupeville Club Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction
14 31 Oak Harbor Club Frightville

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• Arlington
• Brewster
• Cascade
• Coupeville
• Edmonds
• Everett
• Granite Falls
• Inchelium
• Lake Stevens
• Marysville
• Monroe
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