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*A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year Wish to You and Yours from the CYO!*



**CYO Supports the Troops!**

Yardville Pre-School students adopted a troop through Project Frontlines. The Pre-School families and staff gathered items such as toiletries, snacks, reading materials and more to send overseas to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Air Defense Artillery Regiment in Afghanistan. The packages will arrive Christmas week.

## HELP SUPPORT THE CYO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

**Help us better provide for the families we serve through our new TECHNOLOGY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!**

The CYO has launched a Technology Fundraising Campaign to enhance the opportunities for all of the children in our programs. Through increased technology purchases, we will be able to better serve the thousands of children registered in CYO Programs. Items such as "Smart Boards" for our pre-school classrooms, tablets for our satellite Before and After School Programs, iPads for our Teens and on-site After School Programs, Power Point presentations for our parents and trainings, and increased staff technology are on our wish list. Please consider the CYO this Holiday season with a donation to our TECHNOLOGY FUND so that we can continue to educate and shape the minds of all of the young children we serve. To make an online donation, visit our website at [www.cyomercer.org](http://www.cyomercer.org) and go to the donation link on the top of the page, or fill out the form below and mail with a check to **CYO Center, 920 South Broad St., Trenton, NJ 08611**. If you have any questions about the donation, contact **Tom Mladenetz** at (609) 396-8383 x 15, or via e-mail at [tom@cyomercer.org](mailto:tom@cyomercer.org).



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- \$50 Monitors, Keyboard & Mouse
- \$75 Tablet
- \$100 Staff Technolgy Training
- \$250 Laptops
- \$500 Smart Boards
- \$1,000 Tech. Ed. Leader
- Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# 20<sup>TH</sup> GOLF TOURNAMENT RE-CAP



*Pictures left and right: golfers enjoying a good time on the course and center: Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director with Sean Hartmann, middle, and Nick Gregorio, CYO Golf Chairman, pose for a picture as Sean shows the Fahey Cup as the 2015 champion!*

The 20<sup>th</sup> CYO Golf Classic was held September 24<sup>th</sup> at Mountainview Golf Course in West Trenton. Over 100 CYO friends and supporters turned out for a beautiful day while enjoying lunch, dinner, golf, and good times! Due to the great turnout and tremendous support from so many sponsors, the CYO was able to raise just under \$14,000, and fully pay off the purchase of a new 2015, 29 passenger bus!

As always, the competitive golfers were in pursuit of the Fahey Cup (The prize named after the late longtime CYO auditor, friend, and competitive golfer, Mike Fahey), and this year's champion was Sean Hartmann. The next CYO Golf Tournament will take place in September, 2017.

## CYO Basketball

This year, the Mercer County CYO celebrates its 63<sup>rd</sup> season of CYO Basketball here in Mercer County. The 2015-16 CYO Basketball season started on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> with our Annual Opening Day Mass at the CYO Monsignor Toomey Annex in Yardville celebrated by Monsignor Ron Bacovin, Pastor Emeritus, St. James (Pennington), followed by a full slate of weekend games. This year, there are a total of 55 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 the Monsignor Toomey Annex on Sunday afternoons 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 17<sup>th</sup>, the Mercer County CYO held their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Country Meet at Mercer County Park. This year there were over 60 participants that represented the following schools and parishes: Our Lady of Sorrows/ St. Anthony's, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Paul's, St. Raphael'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-Lille Bing, TCA 9:17
- 2) Gianna D'Souza, St. Ann's 9:42
- 3) Esther Johnson, TCA 10:21

### BOYS JV (1.25 Miles)

- 1) Tyler Kostin, St. Gregory's 8:09
- 2) William Cooper, St. Paul's 8:13
- 3) Christian Elwood, St. Paul's 8:28

### GIRLS VARSITY (2.25 Miles)

- 1) Emily Steege, St. Ann's 13:14
- 2) Veronica DiBlasio, St. Paul's 14:28
- 3) Caitlyn Scarborough, St. Ann's 15:04

### BOYS VARSITY (2.25 Miles)

- 1) Nolan Brody, St. Paul's 11:17
- 2) Aiden Laugren, St. Paul's 11:47
- 3) Zachary Klein, St. Paul's 11:52

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



**Gianna Lucchesi, CYO Female Athlete of the Year.**



**Chad Nelson, CYO Male Athlete of the Year.**



**Harry Wright, CYO Volunteer Coach of the Year.**

At the Opening Day Basketball Mass on November 7<sup>th</sup>, the CYO recognized the 2014-15 CYO Scholar Athlete Team. The recipients were selected for their athletic success and participation as well as their academic achievements during the 2014-15 school year. This year's award winners were: Luke Brown (St. John's), Dominic Colter (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels), Kyle Dixon (OLS / St. Anthony's), Sara Haas (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels), Amy Jones (Trenton Catholic Academy), Gianna Lucchesi (St. Gregory's), Emily Ryan (St. Paul's), Christopher Spinden (Trenton Catholic Academy), Jack Tonra (St. Paul's) and Natalie Wright (OLS/St. Anthony's). In addition, the CYO also honored Gianna Lucchesi (St. Gregory's) and Chad Nelson (St. Gregory's) as the Female and Male Athletes of the year for their athletic success during the 2014-15 season. Also, Harry Wright from Our Lady of Sorrows/St. Anthony's was honored as the 2014-15 CYO Volunteer Coach of the Year for all of his hard work, time & dedication that he put into the OLS Soccer Program as their parish athletic director and as a coach.



## "Around" the CYO

**Above:** The CYO Bromley Center sponsored a trip to Universoul Circus at Fairmount Park in Philadelphia. 50 people packed the bus and had an amazing day at the Circus!

**Top Right:** CYO staff and Bromley Center members pose for a picture with Hamilton Mayor Kelly Yaede (third from left) along with Shop Hamilton and First Constitution Bank representatives that recently dedicated time, money, and resources to the Bromley Center.

**Bottom Right:** Ricky Boytis, top left, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project at the CYO Yardville where he built benches for the Peace Garden along with other landscaping work including installation of a brick wall, plantings, fresh mulch, and bird houses.



## AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Visit

As part of the STEM programming for the Satellite After School Programs, the students had a lesson on what lives in the water in our area. The AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador visited each of the four programs, Greenwood, Klockner, Lalor, and Wilson to teach the After School students about the macroinvertebrate that live in the area waters. Miss Allison brought in water from Spring Lake and the children were able to explore the trays of water to find the macroinvertebrate. They learned about the types of macroinvertebrate and how important they are to nature. Miss Allison will be back to teach the students about the water cycle and water pollution later in the year.

## Fall & Winter Fun in Ewing

On Friday, October 16, the children in Rooms 101 and 102 enjoyed a morning of pumpkin picking at Windsor Farm in West Windsor, New Jersey. In addition to picking pumpkins and gourds, the children were treated to a hayride through the woods which featured a number of their favorite cartoon and movie characters. At the end of the hayride, everyone had a chance to pet and feed some of the farm animals. We all left the farm exhausted but happy and later, at snack time, everyone had a chance to sample some delicious apple cider, courtesy of Windsor Farm. On Friday, December 18, the children in Room 102 will be traveling to the Kelsey Theater on the campus of Mercer County Community College to see a special one-hour, narrated performance of The Nutcracker. What a wonderful way to ring in the holiday season! Finally, everyone at Ewing CYO Pre-School extends their very best wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!



While some people may see some gym mats stacked on top of each other, the pre-schoolers saw castles they had to run through. Starting in October of 2015, the students at the S. Broad St. Center Pre-School have a weekly gym session where the only rule is to have fun. Exercise is important for everyone, and that includes the 2 ½ to 4 year olds who will be exercising their minds as much as their muscles. Some days may involve crawling under mats that are "castles," but others days might be tossing "frogs" (bean bags) onto "lily pads" (hula hoops). Some classes will even be yoga sessions where the students learn to stretch their body while going on an adventure. It is never too early to receive the benefits of an active lifestyle, and at the S. Broad St. Center Pre-School, the only equipment required is imagination.

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### In Memoriam



The CYO recently lost two dear friends, and dedicated employees. Former Executive Director John Klein passed away October 11, in Swansea, Illinois, he was 79. John was the Executive Director of the CYO for 20 years from 1974-1994 until his retirement and return to his home state of Illinois.

*Photo: John Klein at a visit to the CYO in 2013 with CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz.*



Arabia "Ms. Rae" Corbin passed away on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 79. Ms. Rae was a part time employee for the CYO Broad St. After School Program and the Yardville Camp for 25 years and into the Summer of 2015. She visited on the last day of the Yardville Camp this past Summer and was presented with a plaque for her service and dedication to the thousands of children (and hundreds of staff) that she positively affected over her 25 years with the CYO.

*Photo: Top left, Patrick Hardiman, CYO Yardville Director; Ginny Taylor, Center, CYO Yardville Camp Kitchen Manger; and Tom Mladenetz, right, CYO Executive Director, pose for a picture with Ms. Rae on the last day of Summer Camp 2015 when she returned to see all of her CYO friends and campers.*

### Grants Awarded

Bristol-Myers Squibb awarded \$1,425, in May 2015, for environmental science programs for South Broad St., East State Street Center & 4 Hamilton Township Satellite School's programs. The Mercer County Naturalist from the Tulpehaking Nature Center is providing the programs.

Dombal-Vogel Foundation awarded \$3,300, in June 2015, for East State Street Center summer camp field trips.

The Mary Owen Borden Foundation awarded \$15,000 in June 2015, towards the purchase of the new bus.

The City of Trenton awarded 2 grants to CYO, through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, in July 2015, as follows: \$25,500 for South Broad St. Center's REC program & \$17,000 for East State Street Center summer camp.

I Am Trenton Community Foundation awarded \$750, in October 2015, for South Broad St. Center's ASP tutoring program.

PSEG Foundation awarded \$5,000 in October 2015, for Audubon Society bird watching projects in the Hamilton Township satellite schools after school programs.