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ART CAOLA TO BE HONORED AS "MAN OF THE YEAR" AT SEPTEMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT



Longtime Board member and CYO supporter, Art Caola, is being honored as the "2007 CYO Man of the Year" at the Thursday, September, 27 Golf Classic at Mountainview Golf Club. This is a very fitting tribute to Art as he was one of the founding members of the CYO Golf Tournament in 1990. Since that time, Art has served as a very active member of the CYO Board of Trustees, playing a big part in the growth of the organization in the last decade, at both sites, and has been a major decision maker and leader of the CYO.

Without doubt, the CYO would not be where it is today without the service that Art Caola has given to it, and the dedication he has shown over the last 20 years. He has been extremely helpful in fundraising and as a facility consultant. Art is a self employed businessman serving as the long time owner / operator of "We Secure It, Inc." Art and his wife Patty reside in West Trenton, and are the proud parents of three

adult children - Christopher, Philip, and Lauren.

This, the 16th playing of the Golf Classic will be one of the first Tournaments taking place at the newly re-modeled Mountainview Golf Course, which will soon unveil a beautiful new clubhouse and banquet facility. The entry fee is \$150.00 per golfer, and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, tee gift package, coffee and bagels, lunch, dinner, cocktails, and prizes. Registration must be received by September 4th, and entry is based on first come - first paid basis. A dinner only registration is being offered for \$50.00. Registration begins at 11:00am and the shotgun start is set for 1:00pm. Cocktails will be served at 6:00pm and the buffet dinner, along with awards and dinner will start at 7:00pm. The Calloway scoring format will be used, a putting contest, as well as closest to the pin, and longest drive contests will featured too. Four hole-in-one contests for a car and cash prizes are also scheduled.

In memory of Michael Fahey, long time CYO Auditor and CPA, the Fahey family will be donating a cash prize to the top golfer, as well as a beautiful trophy which will forever be named the "Fahey Cup".

Sponsorship opportunities are available; for more information on sponsorships, to register for the Tournament, or for any questions, contact Patrick Hardiman at the CYO Yardville at phardiman@cyomercer.org or at (609) 585-4280 x 102. Hurry, golfers are limited to 120, a form is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

UNITED WAY ELIMINATES CYO FUNDING FOR TRENTON YOUTH PROGRAMS

For the past 50 years, the CYO has greatly appreciated the financial support received from the United Way of Greater Mercer County (and their predecessor agencies: the Delaware Valley United Way, the United Fund, and the Community Chest). Unfortunately, as a result of major changes in how United Way is now allocating grant funding this year, the CYO was recently informed of the total elimination of their \$25,000 yearly allocation as of the end of this year. Since the United Way operates on a three-year funding cycle, this is in effect a \$75,000 funding cut for the CYO.

Ironically, these funds were earmarked for the Trenton After School Program and Summer REC Camp (both offered at the CYO Center on South Broad Street) during a time of deadly gang violence in the City. The CYO is hopeful to draw upon other resources to offset the loss of this major funding allocation.

During the next three years the only possible continuation of any United Way funding for the CYO is through the "donor designation program". Any CYO supporters who work for a company or government agency which conducts a workplace giving campaign through United Way is strongly encouraged to designate the CYO as the beneficiary of their donation (which is typically done via payroll deductions). Of course, anyone wishing to contribute directly to the CYO may do so by sending their donation to the Main Office at 920 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08611.

The CYO Board of Trustees is hopeful the many supporters of the CYO will recognize the importance of stepping up at this time so that the loss of this critical funding will not affect the quality of the Trenton programs for school-aged children. We thank you in advance for your support!

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PHILADELPHIA 76ERS BASKETBALL 101 CLINIC VISITS CYO TRENTON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Former professional basketball All-Star, World B. Free and members of the Philadelphia 76ers marketing department recently visited the children at the CYO Center one afternoon to conduct a basketball clinic. All of the after school children were led by World B. Free in shooting, passing, dribbling and defensive drills. Children were eager and excited to participate in a circuit of basketball drills that allowed them tremendous success at every turn! A special message about making the right choices, the right friends and staying away from gangs was also incorporated into this program. Each child also received a participation certificate signed by World B. Free and a 76ers wristband.

The CYO would like to thank World B. Free and the 76ers professional basketball team for their commitment to community and their unwavering support of CYO Programs over the years.



Students at the Trenton After School Program enjoy some basketball fun during World B. Free visit.

INAUGURAL YARDVILLE TEE-BALL SEASON A HUGE SUCCESS

The Yardville CYO recently wrapped up their inaugural Tee-Ball season after six weeks of play! The four team league, with 50 players was a huge success. The participants were made up of 4 and 5 year olds that played on Saturday mornings at the CYO Yardville Tee-Ball field. Participants were instructed on the fundamentals of the game, including batting, running, and throwing. Special thanks to the four sponsors, Graphics West, The Pizza Kitchen, Borsos Electric, and Villaggio Iccara. Without their support the league certainly would not have been as successful as it was. Also, special thanks to all of the volunteer coaches who did a tremendous job with the players, showing patience and dedication every Saturday morning for the games and practices.

The Yardville CYO will be sponsoring a fall Soccer league, as it did last year, for 4 and 5 year old. More more information, including registration, sponsorship opportunities, volunteer coaching positions, or general questions, contact Dan Bossio at dbossio@cyomercer.org or at (609) 585-4280 x 112.



A Tee-Ball participant Ryan Hardiman prepares to take a swing.

YARDVILLE TEEN TRAVEL CAMP

The Yardville CYO will be running their Teen Travel Camp for 14 and 15 year olds once again this summer. The camp will take place for four weeks, and registration can be done for any single week, multiple weeks, or for the entire 4 weeks. The cost is \$230.00 for a week, or \$850.00 for all four weeks, lunch and field trip admission is provided each day, and included in this cost. Trip destinations include Dorney Park, New York City TV, and Movie Site Tours, Spirit of Philadelphia Lunch Cruise, Hershey Park, Hurricane Harbor, and West Point Military Academy to name a few. A complete list of trips, to register, or for questions contact the CYO at (609) 585-4280 x 103. The camp operates the following weeks: July 9-13, July 16-20, July 30-August 3, August 6-10.

SWIM LESSONS AVAILABLE

Summer evening swim lessons are once again being offered at the CYO Yardville pool on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening at either 6:00pm or 7:00pm, for 45 minutes. The classes are for children ages 4-12, and will last for 8 weeks, from June 25 to August 16, and the cost is \$72.00 per child per class. Currently, spaces are very limited, register today! The maximum teacher-student ratio is 1:10, and all lifeguards are certified. For more information, or to register, contact the CYO Yardville at (609) 585-4280 x 103.

CYO PRE-SCHOOL IN TRENTON, BUSY AS EVER!

This past year we opened our 6th classroom. This new "non-Abbott" classroom is open to everyone, including Hamilton residents and those who missed the September 30th birthday cutoff date. There will be openings for this class starting in July '07. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call the Trenton main office at 396-8383, ext. 10. We are currently at our 90 student capacity for the Trenton Pre School!

So far this year, our children have been very busy! We visited Westhaven Farms to find pumpkins, we walked to the firehouse, we went to see a play at the Kelsey Theatre, and we have trips planned to Johnson's Farm in Medford to plant and pick vegetables, and also a trip to Camden's Adventure Aquarium.

A benefit from being a NAEYC accredited center was our recognition by Bristol Myers Squibb in choosing our center to receive a grant. We were asked to participate in a new Pre-K program designed to help young children learn through science exploration. This program is called BLAST Pre-K Exploring. The teachers have been busy with the children in helping them find new ways to explore and discover.

To help celebrate "Read Across America", which the CYO Pre-School participated on March 2nd (Dr. Seuss' birthday), Staples employee Arlene Hernandez from the Rt. 1 store, presented the CYO Pre-School with \$100.00 in Staples gift cards.



Trenton Pre-School students gather for a photo while enjoying Dr. Seuss's birthday week.

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

The Basketball Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, February 11 in front of nearly 300 people at Roman Hall Restaurant in Trenton. John Castaldo, Head Men's Basketball Coach at TCNJ served as the Guest Speaker. Twenty one men and women were inducted in four categories; Male players, Female players, Referees, and Coaches, bringing the total number of inductees to 47 since the Basketball Hall of Fame was established in November 2004. CYO Basketball has been in existence for 53 years in Mercer County and has over 40,000 player graduates, 5,000 volunteer coaches, and 1,000 referees officiate our games. The following inductees into the Class of 2007 are the best of the best:

FEMALE PLAYERS		REFEREE	Nick Massari
Shelly Walters-Dearden	St. Hedwig's		
Ann Ermi-DeMille	St. Raphael's		
Beth Ardery-Fitzpatrick	St. Raphael's		
Lauren Kokotajlo-Grace	Incarnation		
Jen Hutchinson-Piotrowski	Incarnation		
Jaime McCormack	Holy Angels		
Erin Walton	St. Mary's, Bordentown		
COACHES		MALE PLAYERS	
Rose Astore*	St. Raphael's	Art Bobik	St. Mary's, Trenton
Vince Lanzi	St. Raphael's	Steve Brown	Sacred Heart
Sandra Valenza-Oropel	Immaculate	Bryan Caver	St. James
		Michael Fahey*	Incarnation
		Doug Hice*	Immaculate
		Tom Kaczor	Immaculate
		Jack Madden	Incarnation
		Brian Sakowski	St. Raphael's
		Bill Schuler	Our Lady of Sorrows
		Al Tezsla	St. Stephen's

* Posthumously

The next Basketball Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Banquet will take place in the Fall of 2008. For more information, to make a nomination, to join the Hall of Fame Committee, or for any questions contact Patrick Hardiman at phardiman@cyomercer.org or at (609) 585-4280 x 102.

CYO BASEKETBALL

The Mercer County CYO celebrated its 53rd season of basketball during the 2006-07 season. Congratulations to all of this year's winners that were crowned in March. Trenton Catholic Academy captured the Girls Junior Varsity Championship in overtime, while the team from St. Raphael's / Holy Angels Blue was crowned champions for the Boys Junior Varsity League. In Varsity action, St. Mary's of Bordentown won the Girls Varsity championship and St. Raphael's / Holy Angels Blue won the Boys Varsity title.



SPRING SPORTS

The Mercer County CYO Spring Sports Season began on Monday, April 16th. This year there are 11 team competing in the Girls Soccer Leagues, 7 teams in the Boys Soccer League and 6 teams in the CYO Softball League. Schools / parishes that are represented in the CYO Spring Sports Leagues include: Incarnation / St. James, Our Lady of Sorrows / St. Anthony's, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Mary's of Bordentown, St. Paul's, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels and Trenton Catholic Academy.

DISCOUNTED THEME PARK TICKETS AVAILABLE AT YARDVILLE OFFICE

The CYO Yardville has unbeatable prices for Theme Park tickets on sale now! If you're interested in visiting Hershey Park, Great Adventure, Hurricane Harbor, Sesame Place, Dorney Park, or the Philadelphia Zoo this summer make sure to contact us at (609) 585-4280 x 103 to check out our prices. Tickets will remain on sale throughout the summer.

CYO CHEERLEADING

The Mercer County CYO held its Annual Cheerleading Competition on Saturday, February 10th at the CYO Center. As usual, there was a packed house to watch this year's tournament. The squads from OLS / St. Anthony's were crowned champions for the Junior Varsity Team and Miss Yell Competitions and the Varsity Team Competition, while Incarnation / St. James won the Varsity Miss Yell Competition. Congratulations to all of this year's winners and participants. We look forward to seeing everybody again next year.

TRACK & FIELD MEET

The Mercer County CYO held its 46th Annual Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 5th at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville. St. Ann's captured 3rd place at this year's meet and St. Gregory's finished in 2nd place. It was the team from Incarnation / St. James that defended their title by capturing the championship trophy. There were 3 records that were broken at this year's meet. In the Girls Junior Varsity 400 Meter Relay, Incarnation / St. James set a new record with a time of 59.9 seconds and in the Boys Varsity Sprint Medley, the team from Incarnation / St. James set a new record with a time of 55.4 seconds. In the Girls Varsity 200 Meter Dash, Samantha Csik of St. Ann's set the new record with a time of 30.6 seconds. Congratulations to all of this year's participants.

YARDVILLE PRE-SCHOOL

2007 has been very busy for the Yardville CYO Preschool. The students are engaging in lessons that teach them about multiculturalism, weather, plants, animals, and so much more. Special visitors have taught the children about bag-pipe music, reptiles, the science of bubbles, and occupations.

Everyone was very excited when our fifth classroom, the Orange Room, opened just after the New Year. This new classroom offers a fun learning environment for three year olds. Both classes of threes have joined together to prepare for a Spring Concert that will be held at the end of May. The children are having so much fun learning new songs such as an alphabet song from Chicks Chicka Boom Boom.

The four year olds are getting ready for Kindergarten! They are learning early math concepts, prewriting skills, letter recognition and sounds. The children are so proud of themselves for all of the soon-to-be graduates can write their first names! The four year olds are looking forward to graduation in June.

Students, families, and the CYO staff are thrilled with our new addition to the preschool playground. Throughout the school year, the Yardville CYO has been working with families and friends to raise money for our new play piece. Our new play equipment has a tunnel, slides, a spin bar and so much more to offer days of fun for the students. This new play piece will allow the students to grow physically, build friendships, and use their imaginations. It is such a great addition!



Yardville Pre-School students enjoy themselves on the new, beautiful, and colorful, playground piece at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony as Pre-School Supervisor, Mrs. Kara DeBonis, and Yardville Branch Director, Patrick Hardiman look on. Many Yardville Pre-School families were very generous in fundraising efforts that were set-up to help offset the cost of the new piece.

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16th Annual CYO Golf Classic

Honoring
Art Caola

"2007 CYO Man of the Year"

WHEN: Thursday, September 27, 2007
WHERE: Mountain View Golf Course
Bear Tavern Road, West Trenton, NJ



ENTRY FEE: \$150.00 (per golfer)
Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Tee Gift Package,
Lunch, Dinner & Cocktails and Prizes

QUESTIONS: Contact Patrick Hardiman
585-4280 x 102

GOLFER ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Name _____
Address _____ Address _____
City, State, Zip _____ City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Name _____
Address _____ Address _____
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Phone _____ Phone _____

Make all checks payable to and mail sponsorship and or golfer registration application to:

Mercer County CYO
453 Yardville-Allentown Road
Yardville, NJ, 08620

*Registration Form must be received by Sept 4th
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