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THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CELEBRATE 40 YEARS





BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley and the Foundation are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations dedicated to the following:

Mission:

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Vision:

To create a stronger community by developing boys and girls into healthy, productive, responsible members of society.

OUR CORE PROMISE for our valley's youth is to provide a safe, positive place and to have a significant impact upon their lives.



The Positive Place For Kids

Welcome

To The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley
40th Anniversary Celebration & Recognition Dinner

Friday, September 12, 2008

● **5:30 p.m.**
Reception

● **7:00 p.m.**
Dinner
Courtesy of
Hacienda Don Cuco
Mexican Restaurant
– Canyon Country

● **Entertainment**

● **8:00 p.m.**
Program

- Introductions
- Special Recognition
- The Commemorative 40th Anniversary Program
- Memories From our Open Mic – Volunteers, Alumni, Staff, Others
- Stand Up if You Are Here
- Where Will We Be in the Next Ten Years?

40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Host Committee

Ed Bolden
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Program Designed by:
Barbara C. Morris
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Special thanks to Tony Newhall
and Linda Pedersen



“I arrived in Santa Clarita in March 1985. Since then I have seen the Boys & Girls Club grow along with our Valley.

From playground locations, classrooms, bungalows and satellite buildings to 27,000 sq. ft. full service buildings.

The club has always offered a variety of affordable programs, hope and opportunity, and a caring staff.

I know the Club has impacted many young people because they come back to visit, email, write or call to let us know what they are doing with their lives. Some are managers, lawyers, teachers, military personnel, police officers, truck drivers, city employees and even a neurosurgeon.

Most Alumni say that the Club was an important part of their growth and development. It was a second home for many.”

— Jim Ventress
Chief Professional Officer

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c. 18,000 BC

Man arrives in the Santa Clarita Valley.

c. 5,000 BC

Chumash Indians living in the Santa Clarita Valley.

c. AD 450-500

Tataviam Indians, arrive in the Santa Clarita Valley.

1769

Portola expedition crosses Newhall Pass at Elsmere Canyon, camps at Chaguayabit (Castaic Junction).

1821

California becomes a territory of Mexico in the war between Mexico and Spain.

1825

Henry Mayo Newhall born in Saugus, Massachusetts.



1842

Francisco Lopez discovers first gold in California, in Placerita Canyon.

1848

Mexican-American War ends, California becomes U.S. possession.

On Behalf of The 1968 Charter Officers of the Boys Club of Newhall-Saugus

Bill Kohlmeier, President

Ed Bolden, Vice President

Larry Margolis, Secretary

Jerry Vaught, Treasurer

Charter Directors not listed below:

George Pederson, Lee Willoughby, Ralph Wells ¥ Al Vierra, Charter

The 1970 Executive Board

Ed Bolden, President

Bob Rollins, Vice President

Bill Kohlmeier, Exec. Vice President

Joe Mussack, Treasurer

Jim Foster, Secretary

Ted Snoddy, Executive Director

The 1970 Directors

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The 1970 Women's Council of the Boys Club of Newhall-Saugus

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Cathleen Towner - 1st Vice Presid

Chris Kalil - Vice President

Linda Pedersen - 3rd Vice Presid

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Bernadine Beltin - Treasurer

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ANDEL Engineering Company Congratulates

The Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley For 40 Years of Service

“I am so impressed with the volunteers that the Foundation has recruited to help raise the necessary funds for the Boys & Girls Club. They are everywhere all the time doing whatever is necessary, decorating trees, setting up and tearing down the Auction, the night of the Auction there are 200 volunteers on the grounds, a corps is out asking for funds through our Campaign for Kids, serving on committees, coordinating the Golf Classic. They are a truly a dedicated and devoted group of men and women, that makes me so proud now to live here in SCV and assist them in their efforts to raise the funds to help our kids become good citizens.”

— Ivan Price,
Executive Director/CEO
Boys & Girls Club
of SCV Foundation

1850

California admitted to the Union as the 31st state.

1853

Lt. R.S. Williamson surveys Santa Clarita Valley for Southern Pacific.

1869

Sanford Lyon, Henry Wiley and William Jenkins begin drilling first oil well in Pico Canyon.



1875

Henry Mayo Newhall purchases Rancho San Francisco in a sheriff's sale.

1878

Town of Newhall completes its move from Bouquet Junction to the present town site.

1882

Henry Mayo Newhall dies in San Francisco following a riding accident at Rancho San Francisco (SCV).

1883

Heirs of Henry Mayo Newhall incorporate The Newhall Land and Farming Company.

1887

Town of Saugus founded, Saugus Train Station dedicated.

“I would like to recognize the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley and the outstanding achievements that they have made in the past 40 years.

It is a great honor for the City of Santa Clarita to partner on projects with this exceptional organization.

With the continued support of the City and its residents, our wish is that the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley will continue to inspire and benefit our local youth throughout the next 40 years and beyond.”

— Bob Kellar
Mayor
City of Santa Clarita

Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley

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1899

January 18: Martin and Richard Wood purchase Tolefree's Eating House and change its name to the Saugus Cafe.



1900

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. establishes the Newhall exchange. SCV gets its first telephone.

1915

Town of Castaic founded.

1927

Actor William S. Hart occupies his new Spanish-style mansion, La Loma de los Vientos, at the Horseshoe Ranch in Newhall.



1928

St. Francis Dam breaks, killing more than 450 in California's second-worst recorded disaster.

1930

Roy Baker sells his rodeo arena in Saugus to actor Hoot Gibson; it would later become the Saugus Speedway.

Congratulations!
40 Year of Service, Hope and Opportunities
For the Kids of the Santa Clarita Valley

In Memory of
Joe and Yvonne Ventress



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“It is my pleasure to extend congratulations and best wishes to The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary. The assistance this organization has provided to the children of the area is legendary throughout the 17th Senatorial District. I am very pleased to represent The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita in the Senate of the State of California.”

— George C. Runner
Senator 17th District

1940

Santa Clarita Valley's population reaches 4,000.

1947

Bill Bonelli's "Rancho Santa Clarita" in Saugus is SCV's first modern, postwar tract housing, and first official use of the name: "Santa Clarita".

1952

Actor Gene Autry buys Ernie Hickson's Western movie town in Placerita Canyon, renames it "Melody Ranch".

1955

September 30: Actor James Dean, 24, eats his last meal (pie and milk) at Tip's Coffee Shop on Highway 99 in Saugus, hours before his fatal car crash.

1962

April 16: Buffalo herd arrives at William S. Hart Park – donated by Walt Disney from Golden Oak Ranch in Placerita Canyon.

1963

Community of Canyon Country founded.

1967

August 20: Community of Valencia dedicated by The Newhall Land and Farming Co.; tract homes sell for \$25,000.

THE GROWTH OF A PROMISE: From a Pallet of Bricks to Big Brick

Executive Directors / Chief Professional Officers of the Club

1968 to 1969 – Al Vierra
1969 to 1971 – Ted Snoddy
1971 – Larry Cruz
1972 to 1978 – Bob Ross
1978 to 1980 – Dan Sherlock
1980 – Carol Brown (acting)
1981 to 1984 – John Macktal
1985 to Current – Jim Ventress

Executive Directors / CEO's of the Foundation

2002 to 2007 – Judy Belue
2008 to Current – Ivan Price

By Carolina Kelly

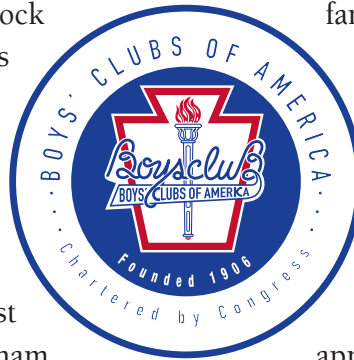
Santa Clarita was a small collection of housing tracts and strip malls in 1968. Although separated from the great L.A. “megalopolis” by a range of rolling hills, the residents were not immune to the tragedies that took place in Los Angeles and Memphis that year. The country had scarcely recovered from the shock of President John F. Kennedy’s 1963 assassination, only to be stunned by the 1968 murders of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert Kennedy. Adding to the national angst was the fierce fighting in Vietnam, which was claiming about 300 American lives each week.

Fortunately for the country, there were some bright spots on the 1968 landscape –



the U.S. dominated the Mexico Olympics winning 45 gold medals to the Soviets 29; technological gadgets were enriching the average person’s daily life; and young mothers were rejoicing over the introduction of “The Epidural,” an anesthetic which eased the pain of childbirth.

On the local scene, there was also a reason for rejoicing. The children and teens of the Newhall-Saugus area were about to get a much-needed recreational boost. Young families, who had flocked to the area to take advantage of its low-priced housing, had discovered a cruel reality – most developers had peppered the area with large tracts of houses leaving little more than passive pocket parks to appease the exuberance of the homeowners’ children. The four elementary school districts were among the first to sound the alarm of neglected “latch-key” children, and bored youngsters using



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● **1968, was a year of great excitement and great sadness, here are some of the highlights and lowlights of what took place 40 years ago:**

● **Early 1968: a group of community-minded Santa Clarita Valley citizens convened to discuss the growing problem of unsupervised youth and “latch-key” children in an expanding population.**

● January 23: The USS Pueblo is seized by North Korea and 83 crewmen are held.

● February 16: A police station in Haleyville, Alabama, is the first to officially use 911.

● March 16: US soldiers destroy the South Vietnamese village of My Lai.

● **March 20: The Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation in San Francisco approves a grant of \$24,000 to found the proposed youth program for the Newhall-Saugus area.**

● April 4: Civil rights activist Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated in Memphis.



The assassinations of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert Kennedy, along with protests against the war in Vietnam, proliferate the news in 1968. In Santa Clarita, community leaders converge to form a new organization for local youth.

Plaques are presented to supporters of Newhall-Saugus Boys Club. Supervisor Warren Dorn shakes the hands of 7-year-old twins Leonard and Robin Hall. Looking on are Dr. James Foster, executive vice president; Herb Oberman, president; Larry Margolis, director and George Wells, director. (1972)

● **June 2:** Articles of Incorporation, under the name of Boys Club of Newhall-Saugus, were approved by the new Board of Directors. They were recorded with the Secretary of State on July 30.

● June 5: Robert F. Kennedy assassinated in Los Angeles.
 ● July 1: The US, the Soviet Union and the UK sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.
 ● September 14: "60 Minutes," a news program, debuts on television.
 ● October 11: Apollo VII is launched for an 11-day journey, orbits the earth 163 times.

● **October 28:** By-Laws are approved by the Board and a budget (\$21,941.39) for 1969 is later approved. First offices/clubhouse was in an old church at 6th Street & Newhall Avenue, later moved to the Pardee House at Walnut & Market Streets in Newhall.

● November 1: The Motion Picture Association rolls out its first rating system.
 ● December 9: Stanford University announces the invention of the first word processor. Douglas Englebart, a US computer scientist, demonstrates the first computer mouse.

Board Presidents of the Boys & Girls Club

1968/1969 – Bill Kohlmeier
1970 – Edward Bolden
1971 – Dr. James Foster
1972/1973 – Herb Oberman
1974 – Thomas Lee
1975 – Bobbie Trueblood
1976/1977 – Dick Keysor
1978 – Samuel X. Garcia
1979 – Rick Stephens
1980 – Tony Newhall
1981 – Dr. Chris Upham
1982 – Patrick McCabe
1983 – Dan Bobroff
1984 – Dick Keysor
1985/1986 – Craig Johansen
1987/1991 – Tom Veloz
1992/1993 – Dr. H. Clyde Smyth
1994/1995 – Lynda Chadwick
1996/1998 – Gary Condie
1999/2000 – Carl Kanowsky
2001/2004 – Tom Dierckman
2005 – Rick Putnam
2006/2007 – Brad Spahr
2008/2009 – John Mahaffey

Board Presidents of the Foundation

2002/2004 – John Reardon,
Founding President
2005/2006 – John Gedney
2007/2008 – Craig Peters
2009/2010 – Anna Ott, President-Elect

neighbors' yards as baseball fields and bike paths.

Current Valencia resident George Pederson was a sergeant working at the L.A. County Sheriff's Newhall office when Sheriff Peter Pitchess demanded some solutions to the area's recreational void. Pederson was directed by Captain Joe Engar to make contact with Larry Margolis and Herb Oberman of the Department of Social Services. The three men were charged with the responsibility of assembling community leaders to create an



The 1979 Board of Directors meet to discuss plans for the upcoming year. From left: Chris Upham, Sam Garcia, Pat McCabe, Rick Patterson, Gage Biren, Betty Bardwell, Tony Newhall, Charlotte Kleeman, Vern Zimmerman, Executive Director Dan Sherlock and President Rick Stephens.

agency that would supply adult-supervised recreational activities for youngsters 7-18. What seemed a fairly straightforward task turned out to be anything but. After exhaustive study, it was deemed that an affiliation with the Boys Clubs of America would be a good first step.

Margolis, Oberman and Pederson next organized a board of directors seeking men with organizational skills like school superintendent Dr. Jim Foster; the business acumen of entrepreneurs like Ed Bolden, Tony Marincola, and Stan Dyer; the energy of restaurant owner Bill Kohlmeier; the salesmanship of insurance man Jack Boyer; and the P.R. skills of Signal publisher Jon Newhall and Newhall Land's Larry Wade.

The board members set up quarters in a small vacant church at the corner of 6th Street and Newhall Avenue, across from Hart Park, and they called themselves the "Boys Club of Newhall-Saugus." The group discovered that becoming a chartered club of the national agency was the easy part –

1969

September 22: College of the Canyons founded; first classes held at Hart High.

● ARPANET, the precursor of the Internet, is created.

● July 20: Man first walks on the moon.

● Concert at Woodstock.

● Sesame Street first airs.

1970's

Expansion/Decentralization – Boys Club opens satellite locations in Saugus & Canyon Country; Emblem, Honby, Valley View, Wiley Canyon, SkyBlue playgrounds.

1970

● Beatles break up.

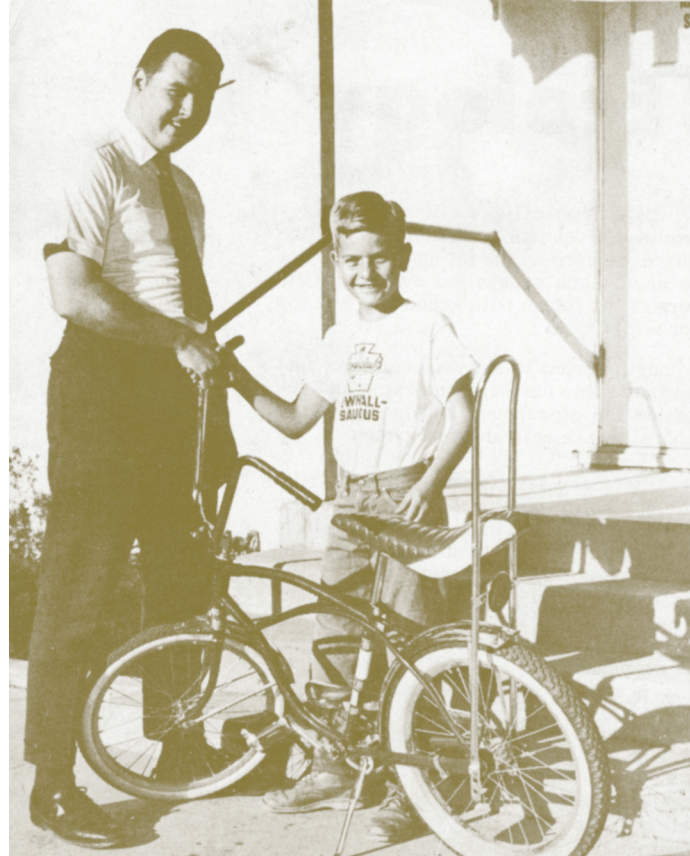
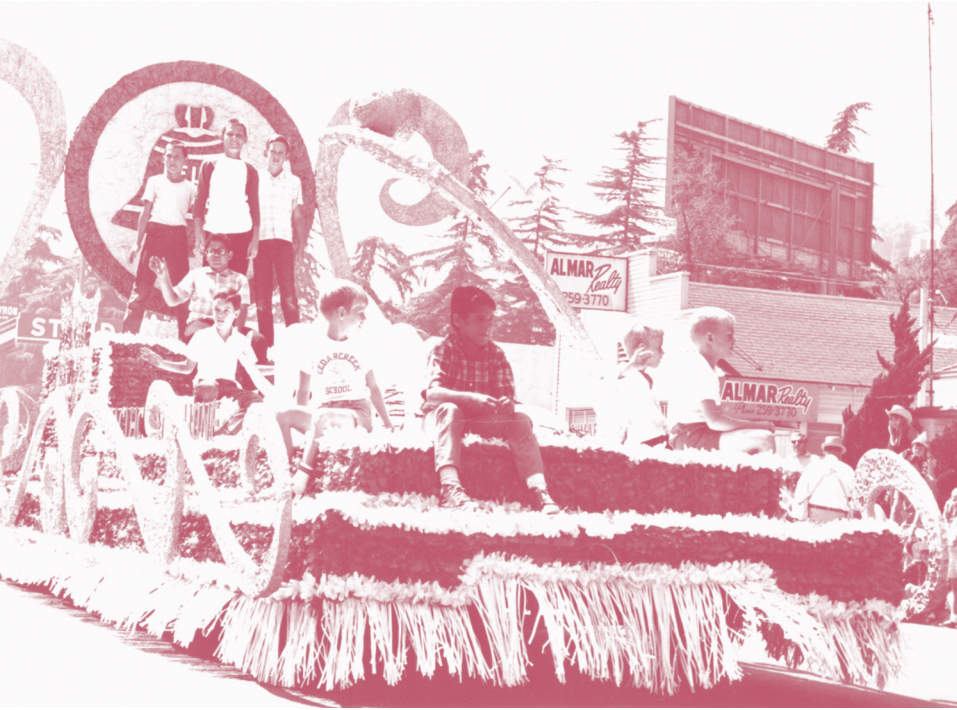
● Computer floppy disks introduced.

● Kent State shootings.

1971

● Walt Disney's California Institute of the Arts moves to its new campus in Valencia.

● February 9, 5:59 a.m.: 6.5 magnitude Sylmar earthquake shakes the valley.



United Way's Lou Roebuck (left) was on hand for the installation of 1974 Boys Club Officers (left to right) Tom Lee, president; Bobbie Trueblood, vice president; George Wells, treasurer and Jack Boyer, secretary. Seated are Mr. and Mrs. Herb Oberman, Mrs. Tom Lee and Bob Ross, executive director. Mr. Oberman received the Boys Club award for outstanding service.

Upper left: Boys Club of Newhall-Saugus members ride atop their July 4th parade float, (1969).

Top: Boys Club director Ted Snoddy presents a new Stingray bicycle to 9-year-old member Perry Bauman for selling the most tickets in the Honorary Mayor's contest, (1970).

Below: Dennis the Menace dons a Boys Club t-shirt in this 1970 billboard displayed on Lyons Avenue.



● **March 22:** The Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors set the annual membership dues at \$1.00 per calendar year, and membership is opened to all boys and girls ages 7-18.

● **May 29:** Magic Mountain opens.
● **June 3:** Castaic Lake opens.

● **London Bridge** brought to Lake Havasu, AZ.
● **Constitutional amendment** lowers voting age to 18.
● **VCR's** introduced, but not marketed until 1977.

● **1972**
May 13: 1st Auction conducted at Ranch House Inn – nets \$5,300.

● **October 2:** Valley officially named "Santa Clarita Valley."

Boy of the Year

1969 – Frank Giardina / Allan Eaton
1970 – Lorenzo Lopez
1971 – Scott Coe
1972 – Joel Paulin
1973 – Scott Mullins
1974 – Tony Davis
1975 – Larry Salinas / Gary Salinas
1976 – Eddie Luster
1977 – Ed Winslow
1978 – Jim Jablonski
1979 – Ron Wedhoff / Jim Bellanger
1980 – Pat Rodgers
1981 – Jim McKee
1982 – Jeff Glaser
1983 – Benny Serrano / Frank Zanella
1984 – Brian Edminston
1985 – Clarence Pullum, Jr.
1986 – Shane Hanna
1987 – Jorge Velasco
1988 – Larry Rinkenberger
1989 – Ernie Gudino
1990 – Danny LeBlanc
1991 – Chris Gant
1992 – Anthony McKinnies
1993 – Jose Molina / Eddie Lopez
1994 – Justin Roberts
1995 – Martin Escobar
1996 – Gopal Patel
1997 – Jeremy Bissonette
1998 – Pete Villarreal

the challenge would be to secure enough money not only to build a recreational facility, but to keep it running. The men went to the most obvious source of charitable dollars at that time, Tom Lowe, president of the Newhall Land and Farming Company. Lowe gave the new board members two things: a large pallet of bricks to help them with a new building, and their first-ever grant — \$24,000 that he secured



Miss Newhall-Saugus Debbie Uhey crowns Boys Club director Ed Bolden as "Citizen of the Year" for 1970 at a Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce luncheon in his honor.

from the San Francisco-based Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation, payable at \$8,000 per year for three years. The annual pledge would have to be matched by the Boys Club board, and the directors would need to find a way of turning the bricks into a building. The two tasks presented formidable challenges, but they were enthusiastically tackled under the leadership of charter president Bill Kohlmeier, and newly hired executive director, Al Vierra.

The pallet of bricks languished in a storage yard while fund-raising efforts took center stage. The board's initial benefit was a community luau held at River's End recreational park in Soledad Canyon. Chairman George Pederson helped dig a pit to roast the traditional luau pig, and Reverend Sam Dixon of Val Verde cooked gourmet side dishes for the 100 guests who attended the event. The colorful affair raised close to \$1,000. However, the time and effort expended in the effort made the board face facts – the all-male organization needed a woman's touch.

With the help of Signal editors Ruth and Scott Newhall, a 1970 luncheon was organized at the couple's Piru Mansion. Twelve community matrons carpooled to the home to be regaled with food and inspiration

● E-mail first introduced.
● Terrorists attack at the Olympic Games in Munich.
● Watergate scandal begins.

● **1973**
● Abortion legalized in US.
● US pulls out of Vietnam.
● Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns.

● **1974**
● Mikhail Baryshnikov defects.
● Patty Hearst kidnapped.
● President Richard M. Nixon resigns.

● **1975**
● August 3: Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital opens.
● December 12: Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society founded.

● Arthur Ashe becomes first black man to win Wimbledon.
● Microsoft founded.

● **1976**
● Nadia Comaneci given 7 perfect tens in Olympic gymnastics.
● Tangshan earthquake kills over 240,000 in China.



In the early '70s, the Boys and Girls Club occupied the Pardee House, located at Newhall Avenue and Market Street.

● **1977**

- Elvis dies.
- Miniseries "Roots" airs.
- Star Wars movie released.

● **1978**

April 14: the Board officially changed its name to Santa Clarita Valley Boys and Girls Club.

- First test-tube baby born.

- John Paul II becomes Pope.
- Jonestown Massacre in Guyana.

● **1979**

- Iran takes American hostages in Tehran.
- Three Mile Island nuclear accident.
- Mother Theresa awarded Nobel Peace Prize.

● **1980**

3,000 sq. ft. Emblem satellite building completed.

Girl of the Year

1972 – Donna Miller
1973 – Lauri Mullen
1974 – Rhonda Defino
1975 – Lisa Johnson
1976 – Bennye Cisneros
1977 – Janine Glenn
1978 – Sharleen Brent
1979 – Tina Azevedo
1980 – Kathy Roberts
1981 – Kim Boing
1982 – Sylvia Diaz
1983 – Domenica Albergo
1984 – Dorothy Eskew
1985 – Stacy Alexander
1986 – Helen English
1987 – Jenny Rinkenberger
1988 – Theresa Haig
1989 – Molly Flores
1990 – Amber Ballesteros
1991 – Veronica Hall
1992 – Dianne Farias
1993 – Veronica Oliva
1994 – Erika Chavez
1995 – Kelly Friscia
1996 – Amy Blankenship
1997 – JoAnna Barajas
1998 – Rosanna Reyes

then challenged to organize a Women's Auxiliary of the Newhall-Saugus Boys Club. Before leaving the mansion, a group was formed and Old Orchard I resident Jacque Morse became the president. Jacque would be aided in the quest to fill the Boys Club coffers by her vice president in charge of fund-raising, Newhall resident Linda Pedersen.

The small, but determined group of women became the club's fund-raising front line, decorating and organizing everything from dances to luaus with a Lake

Tahoe Casino Night thrown in for good measure. The auxiliary's value to the club was such that in 1971, the officers became its first women board members. The women's influence on the board, coupled with a scarcity of organized recreation in the valley, made it inevitable that the club would expand its membership to include girls. Although not fully sanctioned by Boys Clubs of America, the umbrella organization didn't object when the club added the name "girls" to its title.

This new designation meant added growth in club membership. At the same time, budgetary constraints meant that the dream of a large central facility had to be abandoned for more cost-effective "satellites" utilizing the physical facilities of neighborhood schools. Emblem, Skyblue Mesa, Honby, and Valley View elementary schools became the flagships for the club's after-school programming. (The 80s would later mark such milestones as the construction of a 3,000 sq. ft. modular building at Emblem



Artistic expression was encouraged in the early days of the Boys Club of Newhall-Saugus. Young members of the Club pose with their creations.

1980

- John Lennon assassinated.
- Mount St. Helens erupts.

1981

- Val Verde programs started.
- Sierra Vista satellite building completed.

- First woman appointed to US Supreme Court.
- New plague identified as AIDS.
- Personal computers (PC's) introduced by IBM.

1982

- E.T. movie released.
- Falkland Islands invaded by Argentina.
- Michael Jackson releases "Thriller".

1983

- President Reagan announces defense plan called Star Wars.
- Sally Ride becomes the first American woman in space.
- US Embassy in Beirut bombed.
- 125 million watch M*A*S*H finale.



Upper left: In the early days of the Boys Club of Newhall-Saugus, Magic Mountain began collecting all the coins thrown into their fountains and donating the revenue to the Club. In 1974 Club members Neal Johnson and Tim Semels accept a check for \$580.

Left: Boys Club Newhall-Saugus 1972 flag football champions sat for a seasons-end photo with director Bob Ross.

Above: 1975 Board President Bobbie Trueblood takes instructions in shooting pool from Club member Larry Salinas.

- **1984**
Indira Gandhi assassinated.
Macintosh computer introduced.
PG-13 movie rating created.
Vietnam War Memorial opens in Washington, DC.

- **1985**
Hole in the ozone layer discovered.
Wreck of the Titanic found.

- **1986**
Challenger space shuttle explodes.
Chernobyl nuclear accident.
US bombs Libya.

- **1987**
Feasibility Study for central facility conducted with the Parks and Recreation Department.

- December 15: City of Santa Clarita incorporated.

Youth of the Year

1999 – Carolina Lopez
2000 – Alex Kontogiannis
2001 – Jonathan Singh
2002 – Ricardo Medrano
2003 – Alex Shefton
2004 – Danielle Young
2005 – Garrick Lefebvre
2006 – DeAndre James
2007 – Darren Young

Club Board Member of the Year

1969 – Tom Lowe
1970 – Bob Rollins
1971 – Larry Margolis / Jim Foster
1972 – Tony Newhall
1973 – Herb Oberman
1974 – Tom Lee
1975 – Bobbie Trueblood
1976 – Rick Stephens
1977 – Dick Keyser
1978 – Sam Garcia
1979 – Charlotte Kleeman
1980 – Tony Newhall
1981 – Barbara Giardina
1982 – Dr. Chris Upham
1983 – Stephen Schmidt
1984 – Danny Bobroff
1985 – Connie Worden
1986 – Geri Jacobs / Joyce Rodgers
1987 – Tom Veloz
1988 – Alan Wright
1989 – Ken Determan
1990 – Gary Condie
1991 – Lynda Chadwick
1992 – Sheldon Allen

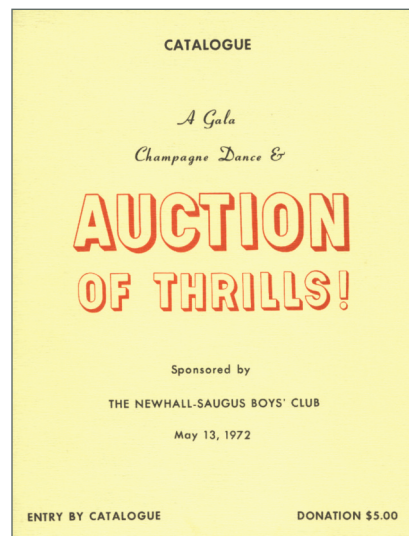
in 1980; the long-awaited opening of a club in Val Verde in 1981; and the establishment of a 3,000-sq.-ft. facility at Sierra Vista Junior High in 1981. The Haunted Jailhouse, a collaboration between the Boys and Girls Club, the city of Santa Clarita, the Sheriff's Dept. and other agencies added another programming element in 1989 (which doubled as a fund-raiser).

Satellite programs not only served the valley's far-flung communities, but also helped bring recreational opportunities to children who did not have access to transportation (either private or public). As the recreational programs doubled, the need to fund them tripled. With the annual \$8,000 pledge from Newhall Land coming to an end, the club needed a quick, reliable source of "big money," something more than luaus and dances could supply.

In 1972, a two-pronged attack was launched under new executive director Bob Ross and directors Herb Oberman and Larry Margolis. The first, securing United

Way support, was aided by a grass-roots letter-writing campaign and visits to the downtown L.A. agency by board members like Newhall Land's Tom Lee, Saugus School's Jim Foster, and the women on the Board. Margolis and Oberman asked Signal general manager Tony Newhall to lead the second prong of attack – an innovative fund-raising phenomenon dubbed "The Auction of Thrills."

Newhall's endless supply of creativity, coupled with hours of volunteer support from auction committee members like Hal Carr, Deputy Bob Rollins, Jacqué Morse and Linda Pedersen led to a compilation of such unusual items as the chance to drive a car in the Saugus Speedway Demolition Derby, quarterbacking a few scrimmage plays with the College of the Canyons' football team, a ride in The Goodyear Blimp, a street named after you, and lunch with L.A. County Supervisor Warren Dorn. That first auction, held in 1972 at The Ranch House Inn, raised an



First auction catalog cover.

1987

DNA first used to convict criminals.

New York Stock Exchange suffers huge drop on "Black Monday".

1988

Boys & Girls Club Capital Campaign starts.

Community of Stevenson Ranch established.

Pan Am flight 103 is bombed over Lockerbie.

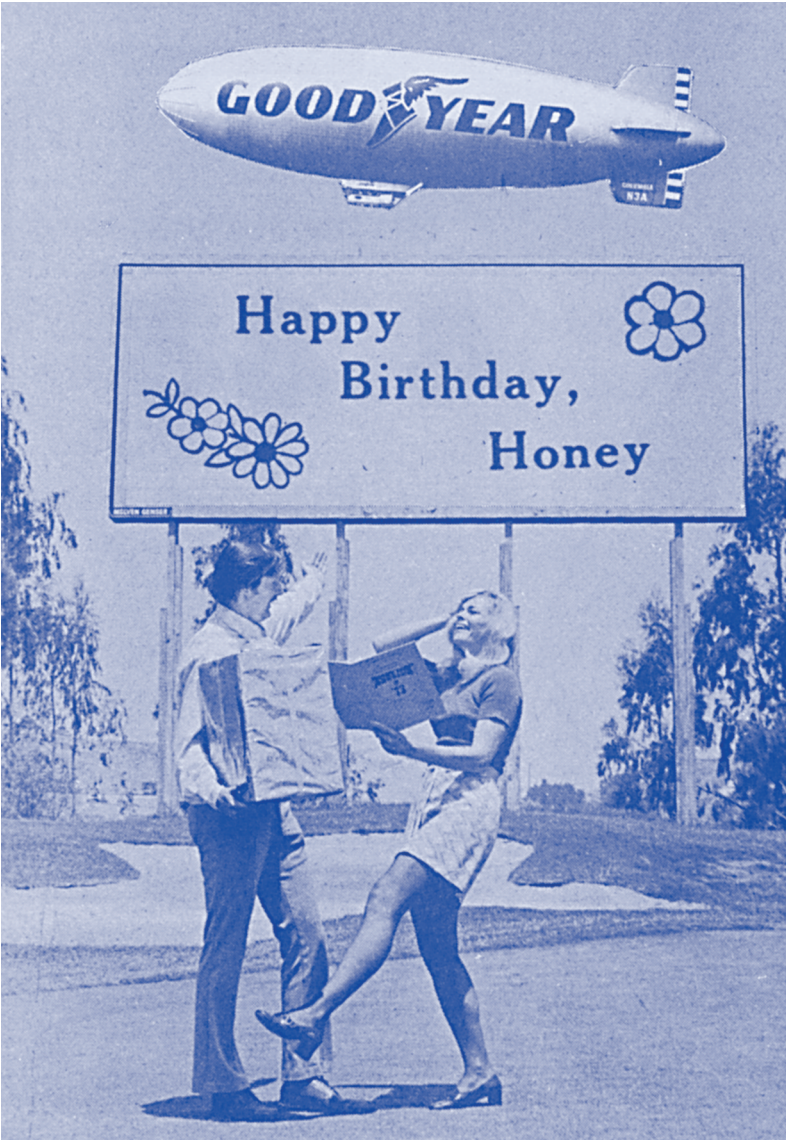
US shoots down Iranian airliner.

1989

Berlin Wall falls.

Students protest in Tiananmen Square.

Exxon Valdez spills millions of gallons of oil in Alaska.



Above: Boys Club executive director Bob Ross shows Linda Pedersen a sample of what she'll find at the second annual auction in 1973 including a gift from Tiffany's, a personal message on a local billboard and a ride in the Goodyear blimp. Tickets for the event were \$6 per couple.

Top right: What was hot at the 1973 auction? Burt Reynolds famous playgirl centerfold.

Right: One of the more unique items at the 1975 auction was a "stag cake" which auction attendees tried out for size.

1990

- Hubble telescope launched into space.
- Nelson Mandela freed from prison.

1991

- Collapse of the Soviet Union.
- Operation Desert Storm.
- South Africa repeals Apartheid Laws.

1992

July 17: Central facility in Newhall opens with a cost of \$1.8 million.

The National Boys Club changes its name to the Boys & Girls Club of America.

- August 4: Pardee House (former Good Templars Lodge) relocated to Heritage Junction.
- September: Valencia Town Center Mall opens.

- Official end of the Cold War.
- Riots in Los Angeles after the Rodney King verdict.

1993 – Dr. Clyde Smyth
 1994 – Lynda Chadwick
 1995 – Louis Brathwaite
 1996 – Bryan Haserjian
 1997 – Del Holland
 1998 – Carl Kanowsky
 1999 – John Reardon
 2000 – Tom Dierckman
 2001 – Geri Jacobs
 2002 – Robert C. Lee
 2003 – Dr. Clyde Smyth
 2004 – Teddy Gordon-Martin
 2005 – Rick Putnam
 2006 – Brad Spahr
 2007 – Gary Saenger

Foundation Board Member of the Year

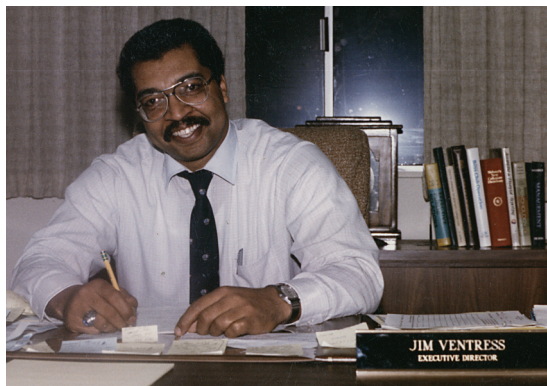
2004 – Anna Ott
 2005 – Wayne Crawford
 2006 – John Gedney
 2007 – Todd & Karen Stevens

Board Member of the Decade

2000 – Gary Condie

unprecedented \$5,300. The large turnout, over 300 guests, was credited to the ticket-selling talents of social maven Bobbie Trueblood —no one could say “no” to Bobbie!

The auction “fired” the community’s enthusiasm and soon became “The Social Event” of every year, packing its new venue, the CalArts main gallery, with crowds that reached over 1000 and contin-



Veteran Boys & Girls Club executive Jim Ventress has been at the Santa Clarita Club since 1985.

ually raised the bar on net income. In 1976, chair Rick Stephens chose a “Bicentennial” theme and raised \$37,500. In 1980, under the chairmanship of HR Textron’s Sam Garcia, the “Showboat” themed auction was the first to break the \$100,000 mark; and the highest net to date came in 2005 when co-chairs Don & Cheri Fleming chaired the Disco Inferno auction, which

earned \$527,507!

The annual successes of The Auction, along with United Way support enabled successive board presidents and executive directors to expand programs and membership – that organizational growth was being paralleled by valley-wide growth. Not only were housing tracts proliferating, the Valencia Industrial Center was adding a new “corporate” presence to the Santa Clarita Valley.

That corporate presence created a profound change in the make-up of the board. New and larger corporate donations began augmenting United Way and Auction funding. To meet the challenge of coordinating the diverse recreational programs with the new fund-raising resources, executive director Jim Ventress was brought aboard in 1985. Ventress proved to be the perfect leader to take the club into the 21st Century.

The residential and corporate growth of the ‘80s and ‘90s made the dream of a central facility a reality. Familiar corporate leaders like Tom Lee, Dick Keysor, Tom Veloz, Gary Condie, John Reardon, and Tom Dierckman joined forces with educational and political facilitators like Hart District Superintendent Robert Lee, Dr.

1993

- Cult compound in Waco, Texas raided.
- Use of the Internet grows exponentially.
- World Trade Center bombed.

1994

January 17, 4:31 a.m.: 6.7-magnitude Northridge earthquake kills 53 and causes \$11 billion in damage. Several homes in SCV are severely damaged or destroyed. Red Cross sets up the largest shelter in LA County at the Boys & Girls clubhouse in Newhall.

- Channel tunnel opens, connecting Britain and France.
- Rwandan genocide begins.

1995

Program partnerships established with Cal Arts; COC Scholar Programs, etc. Transportation and Extended Care programs started.



Top: A hot-air balloon ride was among the many unusual items offered at the first Boys Club auction in 1972. The item was popular for many years. Bottom: Items go up for bid at the 1973 auction.



- Ebola virus spreads in Zaire.
- Bosnian peacekeeping mission.
- Oklahoma City bombings.

● **1996**

- Mad Cow disease hits Britain.
- Dolly the sheep first mammal cloned.
- Unabomber arrested.



The CalArts main gallery served as the site for the annual auction for many years.

● **1997**

- Hale-Bopp comet visible.
- Princess Diana dies in car crash.
- Tallest buildings in the world built in Kuala Lumpur.

● **1998**

Plans begin for Canyon Country expansion in partnership with the William S. Hart Union School District and the City of Santa Clarita.

- "Titanic" most successful movie ever.
- President Clinton impeached.
- Viagra introduced.

Volunteer of the Year

1983 – Frank Kleeman / Cliff Sales
1984 – Jami Kennedy
1985 – George Pederson
1986 – Ken & Darlene Determan
1987 – Sam Garcia
1988 – Sheldon & Pat Allen
1989 – Glen & Loretta Rollins
1990 – Mike & Pat Sellhein / Pat Warford
1991 – Bruce McFarland
1992 – Harold & Kathy Weiner
1993 – Barbara C. Morris
1994 – Alan & Rise Barbakow
1995 – John Warren
1996 – Donna Nuzzi
1997 – John Reardon
1998 – Herb Williams
1999 – Paul & Wendy Ash
2000 – Bill Johnson
2001 – Carol Ingelido / Felice McRoberts
2002 – Thomas, Kathleen & Erik Petersen
2003 – Lisa & Robb Dunlap
2004 – Don & Cheri Fleming
2005 – Jeanna Crawford
2006 – The Tree Toppers
2007 – Cheryl Gray / Judy Penman

Clyde Smyth, and Howard “Buck” McKeon to oversee campaigns that resulted in the 1992 opening of the first Central Facility next to Hart High on Newhall Avenue, and the full-service Canyon Country Facility on the Sierra Vista Junior High campus in 2003. (It does not appear that the original pallet of bricks, donated in 1968, was ever used and there is a tongue-in-cheek reward being offered by some of the “old” board members to discover whatever became of them!)

It’s almost impossible to comprehend the speed with which the club has grown in 40



As membership grew, transportation became an important part of trips and after-school programs. Executive Director Jim Ventress shows off a new van to Board members Ken Determan and Joyce Rodgers, Supervisor Michael Antonovich and two Club members.

years. What started as a bare-bones recreational outlet, established in 1968 by educators, bankers, small businessmen, lawyers, and clergy, has grown and matured exponentially. Today, the SCV Boys and Girls Club is a vital, valley-wide agency offering far more than recreational programs to more than 3,000 boys and girls throughout our valley.

Through the efforts of 40 hard-working boards of directors, the club sites have become beehives of activities, spawning everything from after-school tutoring to educational scholarships to sports and chess tournaments to computer laboratories to gang-prevention resources. The multi-faceted agency has evolved to meet the diverse needs of Santa Clarita Valley youngsters and teens utilizing corporate input, new sources of funding, and guidance from the many community leaders saluted in this program booklet. Obviously, there are far more people and events contributing to this legacy than can be mentioned in this humble essay.

1999

- Fear of Y2K bug.
- Killing spree at Columbine High School.
- Panama Canal returned to Panama.
- The EURO is the new European currency.

2000

- Elian Gonzalez seized by the INS and returned to Cuba.
- Alaska Airlines Flight 261 crashes in the Pacific Ocean, killing all 88 people on board.
- George W. Bush wins presidency amidst controversy.

2001

- June 9: 30th Annual Auction conducted. Congressman “Buck” McKeon obtains \$921,000 grant for operations.

- 9/11, almost 3,000 people are killed on the attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in rural Shanksville, PA.
- Anthrax sent through US mail.
- Enron files for bankruptcy.

2002

- Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley Foundation founded.

How Life Has Changed in 40 Years

	1968	2008
New house	\$14, 975	\$231,000
Median income	\$7,844	\$48,201
New car.....	\$2,822	\$28,000
Average rent	\$130	\$898
Tuition at Harvard	\$2,000	\$32,557
Movie ticket	\$1.50	\$10.50
Gallon of gasoline.....	\$.34	\$3.99
1st class postage.....	\$.06	\$.42
5 pounds – granulated sugar	\$.60	\$2.99
1 gallon of vitamin D milk.....	\$1.21	\$3.39
1 pound of ground coffee	\$.93	\$4.99
1 pound of bacon	\$.75	\$4.39
1 dozen eggs.....	\$.38	\$4.49
1 pound ground hamburger	\$.50	\$3.59
Loaf of bread.....	\$.22	\$2.99
Gold per ounce	\$39.26	\$834.00
Silver per ounce.....	\$2.14	\$13.58
Dow Jones average.....	\$825.13	\$11,715.18
Minimum wage	\$1.60	\$6.55
Life expectancy - man	66.2	75.3
Life expectancy - woman	74.2	81.1
World population	3,573,561,732	6,720,864,027
US population	200,706,052	305,997,084
California population	18,953,133	36,857,549
LA County population	6,841,980	9,962,081

Congratulations on a Great 40 Years!

Tom & Sandy Dierckman

Congratulations on 40 phenomenal years!



“Congratulations on the occasion of the Club's 40th year anniversary. The staff, boards of directors and many volunteers are to be commended for compassionately providing ongoing leadership, guidance, mentoring and encouragement to the youth of our community. Thank you for your commitment and dedication.”

— Cameron M. Smyth
Assemblyman, 38th District



A special thank you to **Myrna Condig** for her efforts in bringing the annual **Festival of Trees** to the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley

“The Boys and Girls Club has played a vital role in our community working with the youth of our valley for the past 40 years. Patricia and I offer our most sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done and express our best wishes for another 40 years of continued service.”

— Congressman
Howard P. “Buck” McKeon,
25th Congressional District

● Winter Olympics held in Salt Lake City.
● Congress authorizes Iraq War.

2003

June: Sierra Vista 27,000 sq. ft. facility opens at a cost of \$6.2 million.

● Foundation conducts major new special event – 1st Annual Festival of Trees which nets \$100,000.

● US invades Iraq.

● Sky marshals introduced on US airlines in an attempt to prevent hijackings.

● Space Shuttle Columbia explodes upon re-entry.

2004

● Foundation conducts a second new event – 1st Annual Golf Classic at the Valencia Country Club which nets \$100,000. Club membership grows to 3,000 kids!

● Final episode of “Friends” airs on NBC, advertisers pay \$2 million for 30-second ads.

● Dedication of the National World War II Memorial is held in Washington, DC.

● President Ronald Reagan dies.

● Tsunami devastates 12 Asian countries, 225,000 die.

Samuel Dixon Awards

1974 – Delta Theta Tau
1975 – Newhall Signal
1976 – Magic Mountain
1978 – Keysor Century
1979 – West Coast Van Club
1997 – LA County Sheriffs Department
1980 – Connie Worden
1981 – Sunrise Food and Spirits
1982 – American Beauty Homes
 Jack Shine and David Bock
1983 – Bill Lightner / Jim Stone
1984 – Aquafine Corporation
1985/1986 – Newhall Land & Farming
1987 – Jami Kennedy
1988 – Magic Mountain / Joe Schillaci
1989 – Tom Veloz
1990 – Magic Ford
1991 – C.A. Rasmussen Company
1992 – Carpeteria
1993 – Jeff Klein / LA Times
1994 – Henry Mayo Newhall
 Foundation
1995 – The Ahmanson Foundation
1996 – McCabe Foundation
1977 – HR Texton
1998 – LA Junior Chamber
 of Commerce
1999 – Baldwin Piano / Center Staging
2000 – GG Industries
2001 – Santa Clarita City Council
2002 – Gruber Systems
2003 – Tom Dierckman
2004 – Gary & Myrna Condie
2005 – The John Mahaffey Family
2006 – Richard & Marian Sandnes
2007 – Salt Creek Grille

One Man's Impact on a Whole Community

Reverend Samuel Dixon was a pastor who arrived in Val Verde the 1960s. He became a social activist and, over the next 10 years, became a legend in the Santa Clarita Valley.

He served as founder of the First Macedonia Church in Val Verde and became the spiritual leader and social conscience of that community, helping the local adults and children with their problems – health, financial, governmental and spiritual.

He became so familiar with social services and the needs of the community that he was hired by United Way as their representative when they started serving this valley.

Reverend Sam was appointed to the founding board of the Boys Club of Newhall-Saugus in 1968. He not only helped raise funds and surveyed the needs and services of the Club, but with his skills as a former hotel banquet chef, he cooked the entire meals for the Club's fund-raising luaus in 1971, 1972 and 1973. Rev. Sam died in 1974. He



The Reverend Samuel Dixon, also a master chef, created Hawaiian themed dishes at the Fourth Annual Boys Club Luau in 1973.

left a wife and five children, two of whom are now doctors.

Today the Samuel Dixon Family Health Centers carry on his dreams. With clinics located in Val Verde, Newhall and Canyon Country, and outreach centers at CalArts and COC, they provide medical services to uninsured and under-insured citizens of our valley.

To honor Sam's memory, the board established the Samuel Dixon Award in 1974. The annual accolade is presented to a local business or individual who has contributed significant time and effort to the club.

2005

- Hurricane Katrina devastates gulf coast.
- The largest evacuation in Houston takes place as millions evacuate from Hurricane Rita.
- Astronomers discover that Pluto has three moons instead of one.

2006

- Saddam Hussein is executed in Baghdad.
- NBA star Kobe Bryant scores 81 points in a Lakers game.

2007

- October 21-22: "Buckweed" fire, ignited by a 10-year-old boy playing with matches, burns 38,000 acres and destroys 21 homes in Canyon Country and Agua Dulce.

Dow Jones closes above 14,000.

- Mississippi River Bridge in Minneapolis collapses during rush hour, killing 13 people.
- 1 million evacuated in California wildfires.

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*on 40 years of
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to our Youth!**

Gloria Mercado-Fortine

President, Wm. S. Hart Union
High School District Governing Board
Boys & Girls Club Executive Committee

Bruce Fortine

Board of Trustees
College of the Canyons



**Congratulations on your
40 year milestone, we have
been proud to be with you
since the beginning.**



**Boys & Girls Club
Special Awards**

- 1985 – Newhall-Saugus Kiwanis Club
- 1986 – Rotary Club of Newhall;
Professional Office Services –
David Singer
- 1987 – Floyd Irvin / Builder Plumbing /
Bob Kennedy
- 1988 – Gwen Blackstone /
Larry & June Rinkenberger
- 1989 – Blue Barrel Disposal
- 1990 – Bob Hall / Gervasi Pools
- 1991 – Gerald McCarney /
Mike Friscia / Jim Ventress
- 1992 – Zonta Club
- 1993 – Lt. Marv Dixon / LA County
Sheriffs Department
- 1994 – Gerald Price
- 1995 – Cal Arts Community Arts
Partnership - SCVAP
- 1996 – COC Scholarship Program
- 1997 – Applebee's Neighborhood
Grille and Bar
- 1998 – SJC Video
- 1999 – Sol Sorgenstein / Sam Danny
- 2000 – Neill & Anne Anderson
- 2001 – Del Holland /
Six Flags California
- 2002 – Outback Steakhouse / Rosy
& Dave Cass
- 2003 – Fire Stations #73 and #126
- 2004 – Valencia Country Club
- 2005 – Camelot Moving & Storage
- 2006 – Barbara C. Morris
- 2007 – Hyatt Valencia

**What a great Legacy the SCV Boys &
Girls Club has started – keep it up.**

Ivan & Barbara Price

**40 years! Congratulations! Thanks for the
privilege of being part of the Club.**

Paul, Wendy & Peyton Ash

**Thanks to the Boys & Girls Club of Santa
Clarita, we are truly a great community!**

Mayor Bob Kellar

**God Bless America, and God Bless our Boys
and Girls Club of Santa Clarita.**

Bill & Donna White

**Congratulations to You – 40 Years Strong –
Our Club That Beats the Streets! You Rock!**

Jami & Bob Kennedy — 36-Year Volunteers

2008

September 12: The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley celebrates the 40th Anniversary at the Newhall Clubhouse.

Club and Foundation leadership announce three new recognition programs for 2009 (see page 32).

The Boys & Girls Club Foundation announces that since its founding, through the generosity of many, it has raised and contributed to the Club more than \$4 million. And over the next 16 months (by December 31, 2009) expects to contribute \$1 million more!

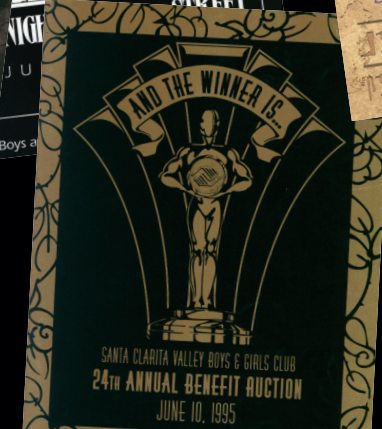
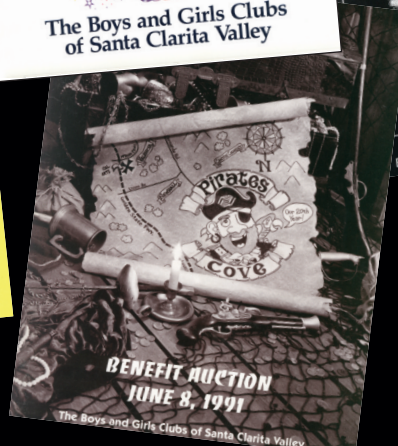
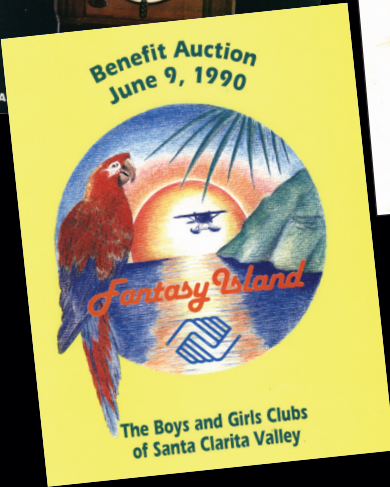
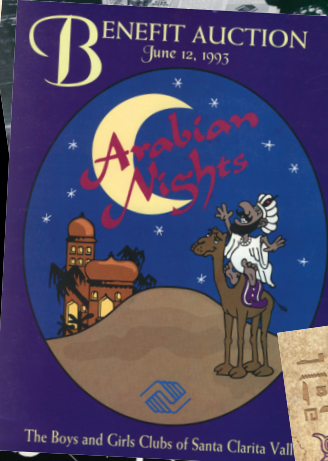
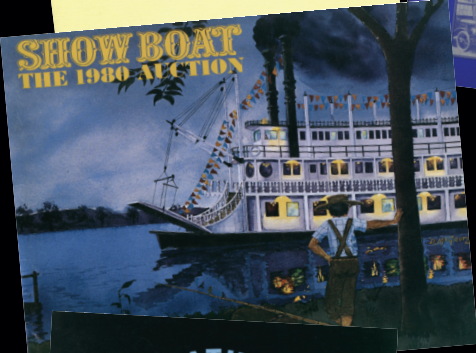
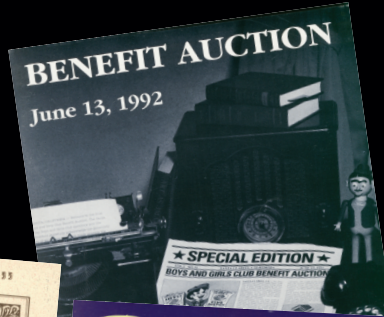
US Senate passes a \$170-billion economic stimulus package.

Pope Benedict XVI visits the United States.

General Motors announces it will cut production of pickup trucks and SUV's in 3 plants.

Large fire engulfs parts of Universal Studios in Universal City, CA.

37 Years



of Auction Themes



Year	Theme	Chair
1972	Auction of Thrills	Tony Newhall
1973	Auction of '73	Tony Newhall
1974	Auction of '74	Frank Kleeman
1975	Auction of '75	Tom Lee
1976	A Bicentennial Celebration	Rick Stephens
1977	Circus	Steve Hall & Rick Stephens
1978	The Roaring 20's	Dan Hon
1979	Fiesta	Dick Keyser
1980	Showboat	Sam Garcia
1981	Mardi Gras	Arthur Briner
1982	Old Newhall 1882	Ben Curtis
1983	Around the World in 80 Days	Bill Brawley
1984	Jukebox Saturday Night	Craig Johansen
1985	An Evening in Paris	George Pederson
1986	Carnival	Craig Johansen
1987	Hooray for Hollywood	Sam Garcia
1988	Yankee Doodle Dazzle	Joe Schillaci
1989	Through A Child's Eyes	Glen & Loretta Rollins
1990	Fantasy Island	Glen & Loretta Rollins
1991	Pirates Cove	Senator & Mrs. Ed Davis (honorary)
1992	Special Edition	Kathy & Harold Wiener
1993	Arabian Nights	Kathy & Harold Wiener
1994	A Night on 42nd Street	Alan & Rise Barbakow
1995	And the Winner is.....	John Warren
1996	An Affair to Remember	John Warren
1997	Masquerade	John Warren
1998	A Night on the Nile	Jane & Bert Boeckmann
1999	Club Millennium	John & Suzy Reardon
2000	2000 Leagues Under the Sea	John & Suzy Reardon
2001	Gotham City Nights	Del Holland
2002	Wild Safari Nights	Del Holland
2003	Caribbean Rhythms	Del Holland
2004	Denim & Diamonds	Don & Cheri Fleming
2005	Disco Inferno	Don & Cheri Fleming
2006	It's Five O'clock Somewhere	Don & Cheri Fleming
2007	Grease is the Word	Bob Kellar & Kathy Keyser Smith
2008	A Night on the Diamond	Chell & Greg Amsler



Programs that Work

Boys & Girls Club programs engage young people in activities with adults, peers and family members that **enable them to reach their full potential**.

We nurture young people's self-esteem by instilling in them a sense of belonging, usefulness, influence and competence. We provide young people with one-on-one relationships with caring adult professionals and fun, age-appropriate, well-rounded programming. This framework for youth development and proven, nationally recognized programs provide young people with the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to pursue their dreams and succeed in life.

Education and Career Development

Our goal is to support and enhance the efforts of teachers and counselors to ensure academic achievement and instill a desire for life long learning.

PROJECT LEARN is an innovative program that increases learning skills and academic achievement by engaging members in interesting and fun high-yield learning activities during non-school hours. **PROJECT LEARN** activities include:

- Focused homework help and tutoring Learning Activities in all program areas at the Club
- Parent and adult involvement
- Collaboration with schools Incentives and Accountability
- Computers in our Learning Center offer members the chance to sharpen their skills and to complete homework assignments.
- Scholarships to College of the Canyons are awarded to selected Club members annually.

PROJECT LEARN



The Arts

The arts programs enable youth to develop their creativity and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of the visual arts, crafts, performing arts and creative writing.

In the Digital Arts Lab at our Central Facility, Club members receive training in digital arts including photography, photo illustration, filmmaking, music making, stop motion animation, and web design, while introducing them to possibilities for future careers.

Our annual Fine Arts Contest, Digital Arts Festivals and Talent Shows encourage creativity and artist expression while everyday art projects with clay, paints and wood give young people many avenues for personal expression.



Character and Leadership Development

We strive to empower youth to support and influence their Club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image and good character, participate in the democratic process, and respect their own and others' cultural identities.

Our **KEYSTONE CLUB** gives young people from 14-17 years of age an opportunity to develop leadership skills and the value of community service, as they design and implement projects and activities that help them grow personally.

Our local teens have received national recognition for community service and leadership. Their signature event is the annual Haunted Jailhouse, staged at our local Sheriff's





Station. This community-wide event attracts over 5,000 people and provides a safe, fun Halloween experience for Santa Clarita families. Regional and National Keystone Conferences broaden horizons and help develop young leaders.

LEADERS IN TRAINING (L.I.T.) - Leaders in Training is a development program for teens ages 13-17. L.I.T. helps empower our members to become caring, productive and responsible leaders through training and positive experiences achieved by the following guiding principles:

- Character Development
- Volunteer Service in the Club and Community
- College Career Readiness
- Community & Cultural Awareness
- Team Building.



CREATE Tomorrows Leaders is a multi-faceted After School enrichment program designed to create college-ready and career-oriented grads. Grades 6-10 youth can improve their academic achievement, social and leadership skills, increase their computer competencies, and benefit from a higher level of college preparatory guidance for themselves and their parents.



Sports, Fitness and Recreation

These programs seek to develop fitness, positive use of leisure time, skills for stress management, appreciation for the environment and social skills.

The Club sponsors leagues in basketball, softball, soccer, arena hockey, flag football and other sports with an emphasis on teamwork, fair play and effort.

Other activities include volleyball, whiffle ball, and radical relays. Activities in our games room area include the annual Pinewood Derby, daily ping-pong, pool, air hockey and foosball. Special tournaments for all age and skill levels are conducted.



Health and Life Skills

These programs develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals and live successfully as self-sufficient adults. In addition to specialized programs, informal counseling sessions occur as needed and referrals are made in circumstances when specialized counseling is needed.

SMART GIRLS and **PASSPORT TO MANHOOD** groups address critical health and lifestyle issues with an emphasis on avoiding drugs, alcohol, tobacco and teen pregnancy. Discussions on responsible conflict resolution, healthy dietary choices, handling peer pressure and cooking classes help prepare young people for healthy, productive lives as adults.

TRIPLE PLAY: A game plan for the mind, body and soul is a dynamic program that demonstrates how eating right, keeping fit and forming positive relationships creates a healthy lifestyle. Members engage in daily physical activities for the health of their growing bodies and demonstrate the fun of staying fit. This program includes a cooking class every Wednesday to equip our members with the skills in preparing healthier meals. They also participate in monthly presentations that encourage them to take small steps to a positive behavior changes.



Program Partners

City of Santa Clarita

Rick Gould, Director of Parks & Recreation

College of the Canyons Scholarship Program

Kathleen Maloney, Foundation

Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department

Captain Anthony Le Barge

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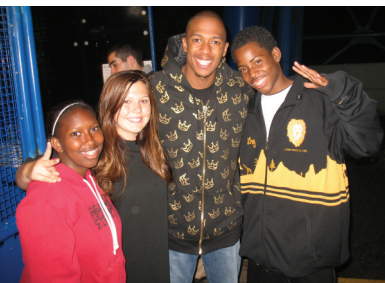
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Positive Proof the Boys & Girls Clubs Work!

Boys & Girls Clubs of America commissioned Harris Interactive to conduct a survey of Club Alumni to assess their experience and the impact the Clubs had on their lives in 2007. Alumni reported that Boys & Girls Clubs had both an immediate and long-lasting impact on their lives.

Majorities of alumni report a positive impact on each aspect of life examined in the survey.

86%

Ability to work with others.

85%

Sense of belonging.

84%

Outlook or attitude as a youth.

80%

Health and fitness.

69%

Emotional life.

Educational Attainment

“If not for the Club I would not have attended college. I would not know how to make friends. I learned responsibility and self-respect – for myself and others.”

— MARVETTA S.

Club Impact

“Without the club I don’t know what would have become of me, running with a bad group of kids, drugs. I just don’t know. What I do know is, because of the Club, I had a safe place to go and mingle with kids who were looking for the same thing I was – friends and a feeling of family. Thanks.

— BEVERLY S.

On average, alumni were Club members for 5.2 years attending 4 days a week!



Character Development

“At the club I learned team spirit, tolerance, caring and self-esteem. Had I not learned those things, I would not be where I am now.”

— JIM O.

A Critical Role

“The Club helped me find alternative paths when I had run into dead ends. The people at the Club gave me respect when I thought I deserved little to none. It saved me from a life on the street.”

— JEFF K

Civic Engagement

“The Club kept me doing positive worthwhile things and taught me to share my talents with the community.”

— BILL S.



57% of alumni said that the Club saved their life!

Overall, **91%** of alumni are satisfied with their adult life.

90% of Club alumni graduated from high school, compared to 85% nationally.

92% of alumni believe helping others is a priority of theirs.

81% said the participation in the Club helped them develop a sense of responsibility to give back to their community.

75% are actively involved in their community.



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(In Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Park)
(661) 254-CLUB (2582)
Includes Administrative Offices and Foundation Office

Sierra Vista Clubhouse
19425 Stillmore Street
Canyon Country, CA 91351
(On the campus of Sierra Vista Junior High School)
(661) 251-6017

Val Verde Clubhouse
30300 Arlington Street
Val Verde, CA 91384
(at Val Verde Park)
(661) 257-4021

Announcing New Levels of Recognition: The Heritage Club, The Legacy Wall and The Alumni Wall of Fame

In 2009, the Club and Foundation will launch some new programs of recognition that will highlight past members and contributors, enhance the Club's financial stability, and assist in planned growth.

The Heritage Club – Estate Planning

Membership in The Heritage Club is reserved for those individuals who have named the Club or Foundation as a recipient as part of their estate planning.

Making a commitment in writing, naming the Club or Foundation in their will, a trust, as beneficiary to an insurance policy, an annuity, major cash gifts to the Endowment Fund, gifts of stocks, bonds, securities, real estate and so forth all qualify for membership. Heritage Club members will be invited to semi-annual meetings where reports will be given on the long-range financial health of the Club and Foundation.

If the Club or Foundation is already a part of your estate planning, be sure to let us know. If not and you would like to find out more about how you can help ensure the long-term financial success of the Club, contact the Foundation office to learn how to become a Heritage Club member.

The Legacy Wall – Our Endowment Fund

Currently 41 generous men and women have made cash gifts to our Endowment Fund totaling nearly \$200,000. The Club and Foundation's new strategic plan calls for a minimum of \$3.274 million to be raised in the next 10 years. The Legacy Wall will highlight those who contribute to the Endowment Fund.

The Alumni Wall of Fame

During the past 40 years, the Club has had many thousands of boys and girls who we now call Alumni. Who are they? What are they doing now? How have they been contributing to society? Are they teachers, doctors, entrepreneurs, or sports stars? We want to know. Their success reinforces the positive influence the Club has on kids. Each year five or more former Club members will be honored on the Alumni Wall of Fame. The tribute will include a current and past photo along with a biography.

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