



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE GULF COAST

D'Iberville Unit

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November Calendar of Events:

Veteran's Day Parade	Nov 7
BGCGC Qatar Center, Pass Christian 3rd Annual Pink Heart Walk of Hope	Nov 7
Parent Meeting	Nov 19 5:30 pm
Thanksgiving Dinner	Nov 19 After meeting
Thanksgiving, Club Open	Nov 23—25 7 am - 6 pm
Thanksgiving, Club Closed	Nov 26
Day After Thanksgiving, Club Closed	Nov 27

November Birthdays:

Mr. Casey Almond
Marissa Babbitt
Maggie Bourque
Adam Daley
Alara Donaldson
Daniel Donaldson
Nevaeh Dyle
Zachary Goninan
Christian Holland
Jeremy Murphy
Jamey Raley
Roshae Shorter
Dylan Smith
Glorimar Vazquez
Thomas Wheeler

On Wednesday, October 28 club members joined community leaders in the groundbreaking ceremony of the new IP Center at North Bay. Youth of the Month Savannah Hartley was chosen to give the invocation. Club members also helped in the ceremonial shoveling of the dirt.

The new club will be approximately 21,000 square feet and will house multiple age appropriate learning centers, a computer lab, kitchen, art room, full service teen center, full size gymnasium, and community meeting space. This facility will enable us to serve nearly 300 youth in the

North Bay area each day. The building was designed by Chris Root from JBHM Architectural Firm and is being constructed by Century Construction. The entire project will total close to 7 million dollars.

Funding for this project is a combination of donations and pledges through the Capital Campaign, Project Rejuvenation. Officials from the IP Casino Resort and

Spa presented a check to BGCGC for \$500,000, the final installment of the 1.5 million they had pledged for the project. The new club is expected to open Summer 2010.



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Savannah Hartley Youth of the Month

Savannah was chosen to be the Youth of the Month for October. Savannah is a member of the Torch Club and participates in many service activities.

This past month Savannah participated in the Coastal Clean Up and the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk. She also works PPP. Savannah says, "I enjoy coming to Boys and Girls Club because of all of the nice instructors and all the games. I am able to get the help I need on my homework so I can keep passing all of my classes. I hope this will get me in to USM one day. I am proud to be in the D'Iberville Boys and Girls Club."

Torch Club Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

On Saturday, October 24, the Torch Club of D'Iberville joined thousands of Coastal residents in The American Cancer Society's Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5-K Walk. Participants walked from the Biloxi Town Green to Bayview Avenue and back.

Prior to the walk, the Torch Club sold Hope Starts Here Ribbon Cards for a

small monetary donation. The D'Iberville Unit raised \$164.68 for the charitable organization. The cards were displayed in the gym lobby and the office.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the second leading cause of death among women. The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign uses donations to

promote early detection, help those affected by the disease, and support vital research to find a cure.

The Torch Club was joined in the walk by younger club members and their families. Several of the lucky members were given pink wigs from our friends at The Hard Rock Casino to wear for the walk.

Lights On Afterschool

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast D'Iberville Unit celebrated Lights On Afterschool On Thursday, October 22. Nearly 100 parents and visitors learned about programs and services available here at the club. Refreshments were served by the Torch Club.

Lights On Afterschool is a nation wide campaign that brings attention to after school programming.

According to the Afterschool Alliance, 1 in 4 youth are alone and unsupervised after school. Organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs are a safe place for kids to learn and grow, all while having fun.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast offers afterschool programming in Education, Health and Life Skills, Character and Leadership, The Fine

Arts, and Sports, Fitness, and Recreation. All programs strive to instill in our members a sense of belonging, usefulness, influence, and competence.

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