



# Club Welcomes New Board Members

The Boys & Girls Clubs of NEPA recently added three new board members: Alexia Kita Blake, Esq.; Eddie L. Davis, former chief human resources officer at Regional Hospital of Scranton; and Lisa DeNaples, DDS, owner and managing trustee at Mount Airy Casino Resort. The new board members responsibilities include: serving on Club committees; establishing Club policies; and continuing the Club's mission.



Alexia Kita Blake, Esq. is an arbitrator for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Mediation. A member of the Pennsylvania and Lackawanna County Bar Associations, Attorney Blake is a frequent lecturer at seminars for human resource professionals sponsored by the National Business Institute, Lorman Education Services, and Sterling Education Services. Atty. Blake resides at Moosic Lake with her husband Geff and three children, Emma, Hannah and David.



Eddie L. Davis was formerly employed at the Regional Hospital of Scranton as the chief human resources officer. Other professional affiliations include: the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), where he served as Diversity Chairperson for the Central New Jersey Chapter in 1999; the National Association of Health Service Executives; the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) where he served on the District 2 Regent Advisory Council in 2007, and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, where he served as Community Service Chair from 2004 until 2006. He has a MSA degree in Human Resources Administration from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland, University College, Adelphi, MD. Davis resides in Clarks Summit.



Dr. Lisa DeNaples is a graduate of Scranton Prep, and holds a B.S. degree in Biology from Marywood University. Dr. DeNaples is also a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Dental School with a focus on General Family Dentistry. She and her partner of over 15 years and a staff of 7 operate two dental practices in Northeast Pennsylvania. She is currently a Board Member at Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau. She was a former board member of Mercy Hospital, Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton Prep, SCOLA (Scranton Council on Literacy Advance), the University of Scranton, as well as being an active alumnus of the schools she's attended. Dr. DeNaples resides in Scranton.

# 2012 Youth of the Year Announced



Pictured are Pat Atkins, Abram Harris and John Atkins.

Abram Harris, a 14-year-old from West Scranton Intermediate, has been chosen to represent the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeastern Pennsylvania as the 2012 Youth of the Year. This program is proudly sponsored by the generosity of Pat and John Atkins.

According to Pat Atkins, "I wish everyone could visit the Boys & Girls Clubs to see what they do with and for the kids. It's an amazing organization that John and I are proud to support."

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome. "The Club is extremely proud of Abram. The Club's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. The Youth of the Year program helps us to continue our mission," explains Tricia DiBiasi Thomas, Club executive director.

Abram has been coming to the Club since 2006. When asked to describe what he would be doing if he didn't attend the Club, he explains, "Going to the Boys & Girls Club keeps me out of trouble. I don't know where I would go after school if the Club didn't exist."

As the first place winner of the 2012 Youth of the Year competition, Abram is awarded \$1,000 scholarship to his college or university of choice. With the help of the Club, Abram will have funds to help pay for his education after he graduates from high school.



2012 Youth of the Year



Pictured are participants (l-r), Alaina Evans, Jasmyne Moody, Abram Harris, Elijah Colon and Joseph Evans.



Representatives from the community volunteered their time to judge the competition. Pictured are judges (l-r) Ellyn Schindler, Sanofi Pasteur; Patricia Blahnik, Wells Fargo; Tom Lystash, Wells Fargo; Bridget Goryeb, Highland Associates; and Kelly Brown, Lavelle Strategy Group.



After the judging, guest speaker Dan LaMagna, president of NEPA Miners and career coordinator at Lackawanna College, shared with the group why higher education is a wise choice to make after high school graduation. At the competition are sitting (l-r) Abram Harris, 2012 Youth of the Year; and Laura Gentile, Club director of operations. Standing (l-r) are Dan LaMagna; and Tricia DiBiasi Thomas, Club executive director.

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## Mission Statement

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

## SAVE THE DATE:



New Place, New Time, New Food – everything is brand NEW for our fall fundraiser! Save the date for the Club's 13th Annual Captain and Crew Golf Tournament being held on September 28th at Mount Airy Golf Club. Registration/breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.; shotgun starts at 9:00 a.m.; and dinner/cocktails follows tournament. This tournament is once again being dedicated to two board members who passed away – Hank Belin IV and Jerry Klein. Join us for a day of golf – all to support a worthy cause. More information will be available in the upcoming months or visit [www.bgcnepa.org](http://www.bgcnepa.org).

Sanofi Pasteur presents the 5th Annual Lackawanna County Community Fundraiser will be held on September 21st at the Scranton Cultural Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. The theme this year is Our Kids Come First. Both the Boys & Girls Clubs of NEPA & EOTC have been chosen by Sanofi Pasteur & VaxServe who sponsor the event and pay all event costs to be the beneficiaries of this special event. One hundred percent of all tickets and sponsorship sales will benefit both organizations. The honorary chairpersons are US Senator Bob Casey and Mrs. Ellen Casey. At the Club, we strive to reach out to our community's young people to offer programs that provide hope and opportunity to all children. Both organizations serve a diverse population that crosses economic, social, cultural and ethnic sectors of our community. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, please contact Kelly Brown at Lavelle Strategy Group, at (570) 969-6000 or [kbrown@lavellestrategy.com](mailto:kbrown@lavellestrategy.com).

Pictured are front row (l-r) Julianne Kalasinski, Club development director; and Ellyn Schindler, Sanofi Pasteur Director, Home State Public Affairs – Pennsylvania. Back row are (l-r) Tricia DiBiasi Thomas, Club executive director; and Erwin Kost Jr., Club president.

## New York Yankee World Series Hero Visits Club



It was a very hot day when Jim Leyritz stepped into the gym at the Club. With no air conditioning in the building, the World Series New York Yankee joyfully spent over an hour speaking to the children at the Club about lessons on life and baseball. The Club members really enjoyed meeting a professional baseball player. Mr. Leyritz gave the children at the Club advice: to do what they love and work hard to get there – whether it is dance, playing chess or playing baseball. In addition, Roy White, the New York Yankee World Series Hero, made a special appearance at the Club. Hanging out at the Club with Jim Leyritz are Club members, front row, Ivan Valera. Back row, l-r, are Khadiya Gregory, Harlie Jean Rosencrance and Raj Gandhi.

We would like to send a big THANK YOU to Jimmy Brozzetti and the others who helped make this a possibility.

## KRW Foundation Supports Boys & Girls Clubs of NEPA ... by donating the proceeds from "Party With the Pros" Event in Scranton



The KRW Foundation, founded in loving memory of Jeremy Kelleher, Joe Ralicke and Mike Wilding, recently donated \$10,000 to the Club during a check presentation. The donation was raised through the "Party With the Pros" event where attendees had the opportunity to meet New York Yankee legends Bucky Dent, Dwight "Doc" Gooden, Joe Pepitone, Mickey Rivers and Roy White. At the check presentation are front row (l-r) Club members Ben Howard, Mike Brozzetti, Bobby Bromage and Jaylene Delossantos. Club executive director, Jimmy Brozzetti, Club director of operations, Tricia DiBiasi Thomas, event coordinator. Third row (l-r) are Ryan Alpert, event coordinator; Tomara Wilding, family member of Mike Wilding; Diane Kelleher, family member of Jeremy Kelleher. Back row (l-r) are Tom Ralicke and Tommy Ralicke, family members of Joe Ralicke; and Bob Kelleher, family member of Jeremy Kelleher.

## Club Members Celebrate the Easter Holiday ...sponsored by the Lackawanna Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division and Marywood University Net Impact Group

The Club held its annual Easter party for Club members. Members enjoyed a pizza party, holiday candy and treats, an Easter Egg hunt and fun. Members of the Lackawanna Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division was a proud sponsor of the party and volunteered by helping serve pizza to the Club members. The lawyers also spent time with the Club members sharing what lawyers do and how they help the community. Pictured are front row (l-r) Bob Sheils, Kelly Lenahan, Sheila Flanagan-Sheils, Chris Carling, Kim Scanlon and Julie Zaleski. Back row (l-r) are Jason Shrive, Shane Scanlon, Mike Dempsey, Mike Ossont, Diana Collins, Chris Osborne, Judge Thomas I. Vanaskie, Bill Dunstone and Michael O'Brien.



Marywood University students, who are members of Net Impact, also sponsored the party by hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the Club members. After the "hunt", Club members enjoyed treats provided by the students. Pictured are back row (l-r) Easter Bunny played by Rebecca Kinsey, Katie Pardee, Samantha Coco, Cameron Judge, Jess Harhut and Jessica Argento.. Front row are Club members (l-r) Kiasia Porter, Raj Gandhi, Mary Montgomery and Derek Jones.



Hanging out with the Easter Bunny after the "hunt" are (front) Linasia Spinelli along with Hope Goble and Marquis Johnson (back row, l-r).