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Boys Republic Masonry Team Wins "Top Trowel" Award

A team of students enrolled in Boys Republic's masonry class took first place overall in the Masonry Industry Training Association's (MITA) "Top Trowel" competition, held May 17. Many of Boys Republic's students prepare for a career in the trades. The Top Trowel competition serves as a fun way to receive acknowledgement for their skills.

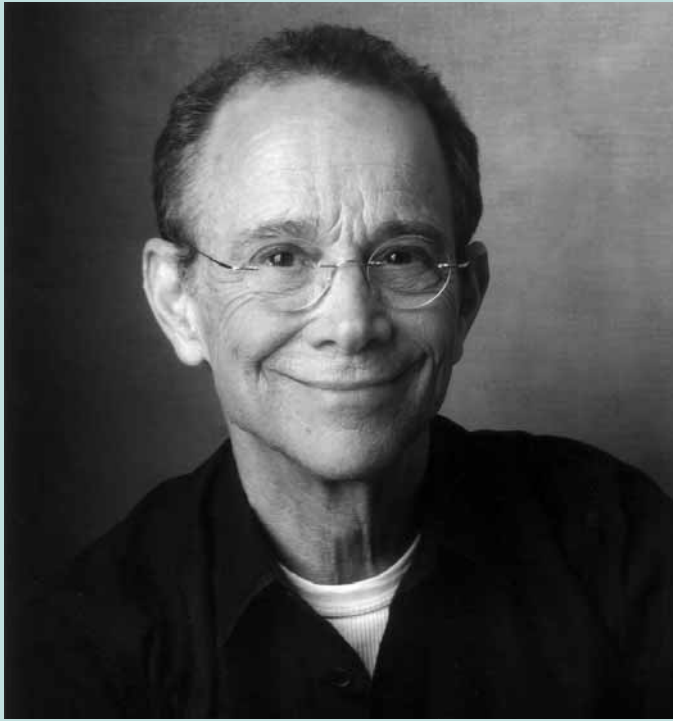
Students from several high schools compete in teams of six, demonstrating skills in four different projects. From Boys Republic: Ricardo Quiroz and Leonardo Salcedo tackled the "long wall" (an eight-foot wall), Rolando Martinez built the "sample panel," Roberto Gonzales on the "straight lead," and Edenilson Hernandez constructed the "corner lead." James Nelson worked as "tender," supplying his teammates with a continuous supply of materials and freshly mixed mortar.

Competitors are given 1½ hours to complete their projects which are judged by professional contractors for accuracy, level and plumb.

The masonry course is a partnership between the Baldy View Regional Occupational Program, Boys Republic, and several local building suppliers.



WHO'S TOP TROWEL?: *Ricardo Quiroz and Leonardo Salcedo tackle the "long wall" in Top Trowel competition. Competing against several other schools they earned a first place. Many graduates of the masonry course have gotten jobs in the trade after leaving Boys Republic.*



Actor Joel Grey To Star in 2008 Della Robbia Wreath Campaign

The talented actor, singer and dancer Joel Grey has agreed to the role as Honorary National Chairman of the 2008 Della Robbia wreath campaign. In this role, he will appear in literature promoting Boys Republic's sale of the holiday decorations.

In a career that was launched in the early 1950's Joel Grey has created indelible stage roles each decade since: as the iconic Emcee in *Cabaret* (1966, Tony Award and 1972, Academy Award), as song and dance man George M. Cohan in *George M!* (1967, Tony nomination), as Amos Hart in the landmark revival of *Chicago* (1996) and as the Wonderful Wizard of Oz in *Wicked* (2004). His recent television appearances include "*Brooklyn Bridge*" (Emmy nomination), "*Alias*," "*Law & Order: Criminal Intent*," "*House*" and "*Brothers and Sisters*".

An accomplished photographer, Mr. Grey has two books of photographs, *Pictures I Had to Take* (2003) and *Looking Hard at Unexamined Things* (2006). You may visit Joel's website at www.joelgreyphotographer.com.

New Landscaping Class combines Classroom Learning with Hands-On Experience

Derek Scott has a dual role at Boys Republic. As instructor of the agency's new landscaping class, he is both classroom teacher and job site foreman.

"In a nutshell, this class prepares you for an entry level job in commercial landscaping," Scott says to a group of first-day students. "If you show up on time, do the work and don't complain, you'll be of value to your boss."

He's got their attention.

Scott's landscaping class is part of an overall effort at Boys Republic to provide its students with marketable working skills. For Boys Republic, landscaping is a good fit. With 200 acres of farm land and a campus environment, there are almost endless projects — put some seeds in the ground, water them and watch them grow.

Of course, it's not that simple . . . and that's what the course is all about.

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The classroom material covers things like blueprint reading, plant nomenclature, irrigation basics and soil analysis — basic conceptual knowledge.

But the real meat of this course is what happens out in the field.

"Our job is to prepare you to keep a job," Scott explains. "Your attitude and performance out on a job-site makes a difference."

Out in the field, Scott is both teacher and foreman. He demonstrates method, assists young hands and generally keeps eighteen teens busy.

"We want them to learn good work habits — qualities like maintaining a steady work pace, cooperation with co-workers, and an ability to take direction or criticism from a supervisor. If they learn those qualities, they can work anywhere."

"It's a challenge and it's rewarding. When these kids see the miracle of growing plants, they say to themselves, 'I can do this. I like this work.' Then, you know you're succeeding."

A HARD DAY'S WORK: Students, below, plant a row of trees along a new roadway that borders the Boys Republic property. Work opportunities are never-ending on Boys Republic's 200-acre school and ranch.



ORIENTATION (top): First day in the classroom. BLUEPRINT READING (above): Instructor Derek Scott demonstrates that it's not so hard to decipher the symbols and instructions on a blueprint.



Boys Republic Welcomes New Volunteer Leadership

The primary governing body of Boys Republic is a Board of Directors which, by tradition, is made up entirely of volunteer citizens from communities served by the agency. The Board is self-perpetuating, drawing its members from the ranks of Southern California's leaders in business, professional and civic life.



Larry Walker

Larry Walker brings to the Boys Republic Board of Directors a wealth of experience in municipal government and public service. He has served as San Bernardino County Auditor/Controller-Recorder since 1998. In addition, he was elected to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (1986-1998), as Mayor of Chino (1980-1986), and as Chino City Council member (1978-1980). He is both an attorney and a Certified Public Accountant.

Larry lives with his wife Carri and their sons Mac, Will and Ty on their ranch in Chino.



Larry Edgar

Larry Edgar comes to the Board as a representative member of Los Solteros, a service club providing support to Boys Republic students since the club's formation in 1949. For the last 33 years, Larry has worked as an International Examiner of Multinationals for the Internal Revenue Service. He is a CPA; he earned both an MBA from Dartmouth and a masters degree in Business from USC.

In addition to extensive travel, Larry finds time to volunteer at Hollywood Studio Recordings for the Blind and VITA, a tax preparation service at Santa Monica College.



Gary Larson

Civic leader and software engineer Gary Larson finds local politics rewarding. At the local level, he says, "you can actually get things done." Gary was a Chino Hills City Council member for 15 years, a period during which he was Mayor for three terms.

For 37 years, Gary owned and operated ACS Computer Source, a Chino-based computer consulting firm. He currently functions as Chief Information Officer for Gardiner Trucking.

Gary and his wife, Marilyn, live in Chino Hills. They have four grown sons: Richard, Michael, Jeffrey and Gregory.

“Friends of Steve McQueen” Car Show an Instant Success

That the late actor Steve McQueen held a absorbing fascination with speed and racing is no secret. His memorable performances in "Bullitt," "The Great Escape," and "Le Mans" continue to thrill audiences world-wide. He loved and collected fast cars and motorcycles.

But unless you've read his biographies you may not know that he was once a student at Boys Republic. He later attributed his sense of pride in work to the time he spent at the school. McQueen remained a lifelong friend of Boys Republic.

Ronald Harris, President of the Porsche 356 Club had a great idea. Why not hold a car show, "The Friends of Steve McQueen," at Boys Republic's 200-acre ranch and main campus? There's ample room and the pastoral setting is both beautiful and relaxing.

"Our purpose was to bring attention to Boys Republic, their needs and their contributions in helping these young boys get a better start in life," wrote Harris.

The Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show was held June 14. Show-quality vehicles - too many to count - filled the campus baseball and football fields. There were Porsches, muscle cars, motorcycles and a variety of meticulously restored specialty cars.

"It was spectacular! More than we could have dreamed!" said Harris. The San Diego Auto Museum drove up two of Steve's old bikes, Jesse Rodriguez graciously agreed to show his 1970 911-S Porsche, originally owned by Steve."

Actor and racer Chad McQueen lent his personal celebrity to the event; spent the entire day

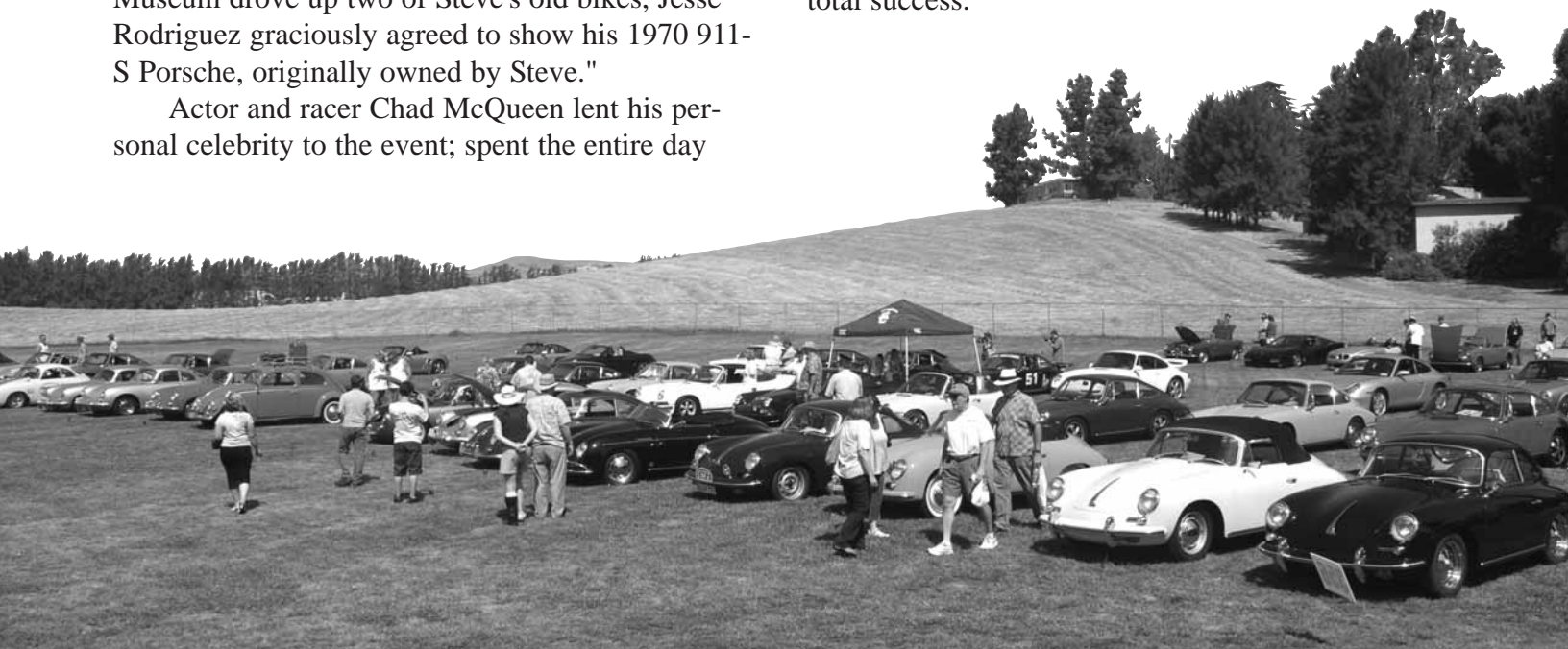


McQUEEN AND FRIENDS: Alumnus Steve McQueen (above) in a 1962 visit with students at Boys Republic. Throughout his life, McQueen remained supportive of his alma mater, as has his family. He would personally respond in writing to students' letters.

talking with fans and signing their requests. Matt Stone was also on-hand to autograph copies of his recently published book, *McQueen's Machines*.

Entry fees and contributions netted Boys Republic's programs approximately \$25,000.

Our hat's off to members of the 356 Porsche Club, 912 Registry and R-Gruppe attendees whose efforts made the event possible. The Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show was, by any measure, a total success.





PHILANTHROPIC FAMILY: *In 1996, the Boone Family Foundation's generous seed funding made possible the establishment of Boone House, an independent living program for older students leaving Boys Republic's care. From left, Dr. George Boone, daughter Lynda Fetter, Mary Lou Boone, Nick Boone, Blaine Fetter.*

Dr. George Boone, Philanthropist

Dr. George Boone, a leading Southern California philanthropist and longtime supporter of Boys Republic's programs, has passed away. He was 85.

Dr. Boone was particularly interested in Boys Republic's Independent Living Program. In 1996, Boone Family Foundation seed funding made possible a new independent living cottage at Boys Republic's main campus. It was dedicated the Boone House.

The Boone family's invaluable assistance paved the way for establishment of Girls Republic, in Monrovia.

Dr. Boone grew up in Pasadena and graduated from USC with a degree in dentistry. He practiced as an orthodontist for twenty successful years, turned his career to real estate development and finally to philanthropy.

Mrs. Mildred Faber: Housemother

As housemother to Laws Cottage, Mrs. Mildred "Millie" Faber had the all-consuming task of providing supervision to 24 "sons." She loved her job and embraced the opportunity to help disadvantaged young people. Earlier this year, the retired Mrs. Faber passed away. She was 97 years old.

Before she came to California in 1944, the Kentucky-born Millie Faber lived with her physician husband in Oregon. She, herself, was a nurse. After his death she at various times taught school. She became a cottage housemother at Boys Republic's main campus in 1959 and retired fourteen years later.

"There really isn't anything I would rather do," she once said. "I get more personal satisfaction out of this than anything I have ever done."



MRS. FABER and "SONS" (circa 1964): *Until the 1970s, cottage supervision was the responsibility of a "housemother." The popular Mrs. Faber walks down the path from Laws Cottage with her charge.*

Memorials Honor Special People, Events, Thru the Lives of Children

A memorial contribution to Boys Republic and Girls Republic is a meaningful way to honor a special person, a special event or the memory of a friend or loved one. Your gift will reap a second benefit as well by contributing directly to the programs of Boys and Girls Republic. In this way, the honor paid the designee will live on perpetually in the lives of the deserving young people you have helped.

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