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BOYS REPUBLIC

Pasadena Auxiliary Celebrates 100th Anniversary

■ **Altadena:** Boys Republic Thrift Shop now in twenty-fifth year of service to local community.

Since Boys Republic's founding in 1907, its graduates have consistently posted highly positive outcomes. More than 28,000 troubled youth have gone through the agency's programs to acquire the qualities of educational competence, personal accountability, and self-control. This record of accomplishment would not have been possible without a good century's worth of caring support by volunteer individuals, civic groups and support organizations — *it takes an inspired community to build a strong organization.* The Pasadena Auxiliary, an all-volunteer support group founded by Kate Fowler, has set an astonishing example of how friendship and commonality of purpose can nurture a nascent idea into a venerable institution.

Twin ideals stoked the early Boys Republic fires: youth worked for what they received — the Republic's motto was "Nothing Without Labor" — and youth were self-governing. Under the guidance of adults, Republic citizens elected and appointed their own government officials and enacted their



Miss Kate Fowler

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WORLD'S LARGEST RUMMAGE SALE:
The Pasadena Auxiliary sought to generate for Boys Republic a continuous flow of funding that began with the sale of fresh eggs and magazine subscriptions. But, it was the rummage sale endeavor that really captured the public's attention. From humble beginnings in rented storefront space, the semi-annual event grew to almost epic proportions. By 1944, rummage donations were so great that the sale was relocated to the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

It Takes a Community to Build an Organization

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own laws. The citizens conducted their own industries: produced much of their own food, printed their own newspapers and periodicals, and constructed their own buildings. It was a

heroic little colony, a microcosm of the larger society its citizens were preparing to enter — and it completely captivated Kate Fowler and her young friends.

In November 1911, Miss Fowler organized the Auxiliary, which was first known as the Junior League of Pasadena. The valiant group of girls eloquently pled the Republic cause to civic groups in the Pasadena area helping to engender community support and acceptance.

Within a short time, the group had established three traditions of service that have continued through the decades. The first was to improve the boy's lives. They did many odd jobs, such as making curtains and



Auxiliary Thrift Shop Extends Holiday Assistance to Disadvantaged Students

The majority of students enrolled in Boys Republic and Girls Republic programs come from economically-challenged backgrounds. They're often without the means to participate in Christmas giving.

So, Auxiliary members at the Boys Republic Thrift Store decided to help them enrich others' lives. Students were provided an opportunity to select a few items as gifts for immediate family members. Many Boys Republic and Girls Republic students volunteer at the Thrift Store.

Photo: Jessica Ruiz

bedding, darning and mending, or cataloguing library books. Their visits served to bring Auxiliary members closer to the Republic.

The second tradition of service concerned the expansion and improvement of Boys Republic's physical plant. Virtually every plant improvement has either been initiated, or contributed to by the auxiliaries (please see "Pasadena Auxiliary: A Chronology of Support," page 3).

The third tradition of service was to provide a continuous flow of funding for programs and services. In 1914, the Pasadena Auxiliary held its first rummage sale in a small store. Auxiliary membership grew each year and the rummage sales grew too large for small stores. In 1944, they moved the sale to the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and later, in 1973, moved again to the New Exhibition Hall of the Pasadena Civic Center. Auxiliary membership had swelled to 300. The semi-annual event was widely promoted by news media as "The World's Largest Rummage Sale," attracting 10,000 customers to a single sale. Celebrities and local dignitaries added luster and prestige to the event by donating personal items for sale or raffle.

Since 1986, the Auxiliary has operated the profitable Boys Republic Thrift Store in Altadena. The store is a service to the students of Boys Republic as well as to the local community who derive significant benefit from the bargains they find. Net proceeds of approximately \$70,000 each year provide vital support for the programs of Boys Republic and Girls Republic.

What began with a dozen valiant girls, sustained on friendship and ideals, grew into the primary means by which Boys Republic has maintained its ties to the community. Their efforts over a century would total well over \$4 million, if corrected for inflation. This amount — always available at just the right time for innovation or enhancement — has proved vital to the evolution of Boys Republic's programs.

Pasadena Auxiliary *A Chronology of Support*

- 1909 Kate Fowler donates 230-acre ranch in Chino Valley to serve as Boys Republic's permanent home.
- 1911 Kate Fowler organizes founding of "Junior League of Pasadena," later known as Pasadena Auxiliary of Boys Republic.
- 1914 First Auxiliary rummage sale held.
- 1923 Pasadena Auxiliary becomes ex-officio member of Boys Republic Board of Directors.
- 1923 Pasadena Auxiliary helps promote Della Robbia wreath sales.
- 1925 Dairy test barn built with Pasadena Auxiliary funding.
- 1944 "World's Largest Rummage Sale" moved to Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- 1949 Olympic-size swimming pool built with Pasadena Auxiliary funding.
- 1952 Gymnasium constructed with Pasadena Auxiliary funding.
- 1958 Eldridge Fowler Cottage on Main Campus renovated with Auxiliary funds.
- 1963 Kate Fowler Library built with Pasadena Auxiliary funding.
- 1978 Renovation of Kitchen/Dining Room with Pasadena Auxiliary funding.
- 1986 Auxiliary opens Boys Republic Thrift Store, ending "World's Largest Rummage Sale."
- 1990 Frank Graves Cottage built; Pasadena Auxiliary makes lead gift.
- 1990 Girls Republic established with gift of property from Pasadena Auxiliary member. Auxiliary provides furnishings.
- 2001 All-weather running track installed at main campus with Pasadena Auxiliary funding.
- 2004 Community Building constructed at Transitional Apartments with Auxiliary funding.
- 2007 Girls Republic Transitional Apartment furnished with Auxiliary funding.



Baseball Slugger Tim Salmon Conducts Hitting Clinic at Boys Republic

It's said that hitting a baseball is one of the most difficult skills in all sports. On-hand to help the Boys Republic baseball team learn that elusive skill was major league baseball player Tim Salmon. The former Los Angeles Angels star volunteered to conduct a hitting clinic at Boys Republic, last May 7. His informative clinic included group instruction on mental preparation, batting stance, swing, rotation and weight transfer, tracking the ball, and pitch selection.

Finally, Mr. Salmon gave a live demonstration of some major league hitting. Boys Republic's baseball field had never seen so many home runs!



Public Affairs Manager Joins Boys Republic's Board of Directors

The newest member of Boys Republic's all-volunteer Board of Directors is Southern California Gas Company employee, Tina Javid. With twenty-eight years of experience as a Public Affairs Manager, Ms. Javid brings a wealth of experience in customer service, marketing, human resources and management training to Boys Republic. Ms. Javid received a bachelor's degree in marketing and a MBA in organizational development from Cal Poly Pomona.

The primary governing body of Boys Republic is a volunteer Board of Directors. The Board is self-perpetuating, electing its members from the ranks of Southern California's leaders in business, professional and civic life.

BOYS REPUBLIC NEIGHBOR: New Board member Tina Javid lives in Chino Hills with her husband, Craig and their children, Nathan, Matthew and Jessica. Boys Republic's Board is made up entirely of volunteer citizens from communities served by the agency.

Lowe's 'Heroes' Boys Republic Project is a Grand Prize Winner

Over the past year, Boys Republic was the recipient of more than \$100,000 in Lowe's Heroes community project grants to be used at its 200-acre campus in Chino Hills. To give their support a hands-on dimension, Lowe's volunteers joined with Boys Republic students and staff for a "Lowe's Heroes Day," in which they helped paint several Boys Republic buildings. At a Lowe's International Sales Meeting, the Boys Republic project recently won a \$5,000 Grand Prize. Lowe's has donated the prize money to Boys Republic.



LOWE'S HEROES DAY: Students (above, left) from Girls Republic and Monrovia Day Treatment painted the gymnasium, while Lowe's volunteers (above, right) painted boards to be utilized in building a new restroom roof.



HEROES: As part of a community involvement program, Lowe's employees volunteer time and expertise at non-profit agencies local to their stores.



Photo: Ontario City Library, Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room

Crombie Allen Award Reinforces Values of Good Citizenship

A very notable event occurred in 1928. It was in this year that Mr. Crombie Allen, a Rotarian, donated a fund for the purpose of giving Boys Republic's students a goal in striving for citizenship.

By the combined balloting of staff and citizens, a list was prepared of five student contestants who most nearly practiced the Rotarian motto of "Service Above Self" in the following areas of daily endeavor: dormitory life and conduct, school, industry, athletics, and student self-government. The winner would receive an engraved gold watch made possible by the Crombie Allen fund.

That tradition continues. Now in its 83rd year, the Chino Rotary Club sponsored its Crombie Allen Awards on June 1, 2011. In the ceremony held on Boys Republic's main campus, five student citizens were recognized for their overall accomplishment in the program. Each received the customary watch.

ABOVE, CROMBIE ALLEN; A Rotary International member, Crombie Allen helped reinforce the goal of good citizenship among Boys Republic students. Allen published the Ontario Daily Report from 1912 to 1930. In 1922, he became the Ontario Rotary's first president. For years Crombie Allen was Rotary International's Ambassador of Goodwill and traveled accordingly.

AWARD WINNERS: Gene Hernandez (at left), a member of the Chino Rotary Club with Crombie Allen Award winners. It was no matter of coincidence that Rotary, whose motto is "Service Above Self," took an early interest in Boys Republic. From its beginning years, Boys Republic has been concerned with cultivating in students the qualities of good citizenship.



Photo: Mediha Fejzagic DiMartino/Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Memorials Honor Special People, Events, Through 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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Boys Republic is a nonprofit organization which seeks to give adolescent youth with behavioral, educational, and emotional difficulties an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential for responsible, self-directed life within the community.

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