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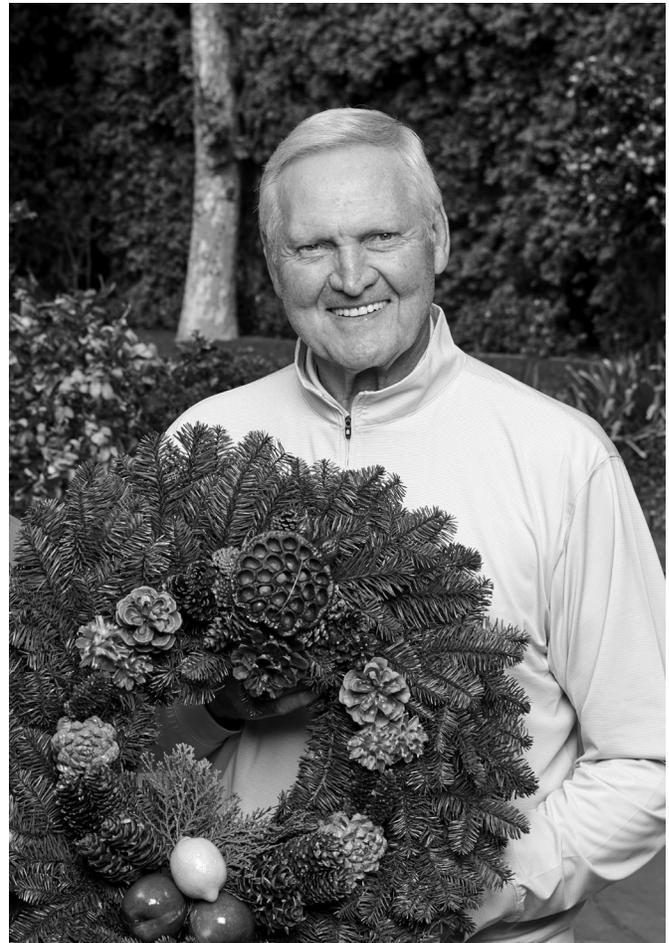
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Former NBA star and current special team consultant Jerry West serves as this year's Honorary Chairman of the Della Robbia wreath campaign. In this role, Mr. West will generously appear in literature promoting Boys Republic's handmade holiday wreaths.

Mr. West entered the NBA in 1960 as a gold-medal Olympian and began his distinguished career as a player for the Los Angeles Lakers. He established himself as one of the greatest players in NBA history throughout his 14-year career. Among his sterling accomplishments as a player, Mr. West was elected into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History. The NBA logo is based on Mr. West's dribbling silhouette.

Following his retirement as a player, Mr. West remained influential as the Lakers club head coach and later as a consultant for the Los Angeles Clippers and Executive Board member for the Golden State Warriors. He has won nine NBA Championships as a player, executive, and special consultant.

Currently a consultant for the Los Angeles Clippers, Mr. West resides in Bel Air with his wife Karen. Mr. West has five sons and four grandchildren.



How Girls Republic's Structured Program Works

Teenage girls who have experienced instability, abandonment and abuse are thriving under the supervision and care of staff at Girls Republic, a residential treatment facility in Monrovia serving ages 13 to 17.

The main residence can accommodate up to eight girls and a smaller unit in the back provides transitional housing for two program graduates.

Girls Republic provides the same array of services as the main Boys Republic campus, including individual and family counseling, substance abuse education and counseling, life skills preparation, vocational training and aftercare support.

“We pack a lot into our program,” says Girls Republic Program Director Rebecca Aguilar.

Most of the students are significantly behind in their academics. They attend Monrovia Day Treatment Program, which offers year-round instruction from a credentialed teacher to bridge the gaps in their school deficiencies.

In group sessions held after school, students assess their progress and get feedback from their peers. Today Melissa shares that she is struggling to stay focused on school work.

A classmate next to her in the group circle responds, “I see you trying every day at school and you get your work done. You’re a Fence Sitter now, but you can move to Reformer.”

A “Reformer” is a student who shows leadership and progress in the program, a “Resistor” has not yet “bought into” their program goals, and a “Fence Sitter” falls somewhere in between the two, with the potential to go to either side.

Another student, Josie, identifies herself as “Fence Sitter,” but her peers counter she is a “Reformer” because she has a leadership role at the residence and gets the highest test scores at school. As house foreman, Josie is responsible to see that the rules are followed and to communicate any problems to her peers and staff.

The therapeutic model at Girls Republic promotes a group culture that expects and supports



PEER SUPPORT: Girls Republic residents and Monrovia Day Treatment Program students evaluate their progress and receive feedback from their peers during a group session held after school.

positive behaviors of each other, according to Ms. Aguilar.

After group, the girls return home from school and have a quick snack before bounding up the staircase to their bedrooms for some “downtime” before the evening activities. Tonight’s introduction meeting to welcome a new girl will be followed by dinner and, before lights out, chores.

Having daily household chores helps the teenagers in the process of learning to become responsible citizens.

Each girl must also keep her room clean and do her personal laundry. Some girls have never done laundry before and they are taught when they arrive.

The weekend schedule includes family visits and various recreational activities. In the summer, the girls may swim in the residence pool, which is a new experience for many of them, Ms. Aguilar explains.

Ms. Aguilar says the girls work through the new experiences and grow to meet their challenges in the supportive environment at Girls Republic.

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Students Create Space For Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Boys Republic students and staff worked hard to prepare for “We the People Day” and the results proved the effort worthwhile. The Chino Hills campus, Girls Republic, Pomona and Silver Lake residences participated.

Students were tasked to work together to create a visual representation of diversity, equality and unity to display inside each residence and cottage.

Sharing ideas about race, religion, background, and personal identity was at the heart of the project. “Every cottage discussed the issues in group and there was a lot of planning,” says Boys Republic Treatment Director Jessica Ruiz.

Boys Republic’s Chino Hills campus celebrated “We the People Day” on July 23 with music, a special barbecue lunch on the lawn and presentations by students.

“For the kids to speak on the stage was a huge step for them,” says Ms. Ruiz. “Many of them have insecurity issues and just don’t feel safe,” she adds. “The fact that they actually feel safe to voice what’s important to them, and to have others hear it, was important.”

An award for the best visual representation of diversity and inclusion was given to the students from Graves Cottage. They won a dinner of their choice and an ice cream party.

Caseworker Jamie Helenihi says Michael (age 16) stepped up to the role of project leader early on during group discussions about race and identity at the cottage.

Michael says the idea to make a “Family Tree” was a collective decision to include everyone living in Graves Cottage. He painted the tree on canvas and the others boys added their painted hand prints to create a crown of colorful leaves.

The words “unity, coping skills, love and peace” describe “all the things we want in the cottage,” he says. Michael wrote the students’ collective hopes down the length of the tree trunk and grounded them in the words “honesty and



WE THE PEOPLE: Boys Republic residential facilities participated in the July 23 event that gave students the opportunity to share their ideas about diversity, equality and inclusion. Above, a student shares a game board McCormick Cottage residents created.

respect” at the roots. Michael says he felt happy, but that he wasn’t surprised when staff announced the prize-winning cottage. “I saw the other projects, and ours was the best,” he stated with confidence.

“We the People Day” was planned by Boys Republic’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, comprised of employees who elect to participate in planning monthly events.

Ms. Ruiz, representing the committee, says, “We are hoping that students and staff can explore the concepts and learn about each other.”

“The group process is what makes Boys Republic successful; it’s the answer to everything we do here,” she adds.

“I think we are making this place as safe as possible. Students are feeling safe that they can speak their minds and that what they say will not be judged,” Ms. Ruiz says.

Crombie Allen Award Reinforces Values of Good Citizenship

In 1928, Rotarian Mr. Crombie Allen donated a fund to give Boys Republic students a goal in striving for citizenship. That year, staff and citizens selected five student contestants who most closely practiced the Rotarian motto “Service Above Self.” The winner received an engraved gold watch made possible by the Crombie Allen fund.

Now in its 93rd year, the local Rotarian tradition continues. The Chino Rotary Club’s Crombie Allen award recognizes qualities of good citizenship that Boys Republic teaches students, including personal responsibility, helpfulness to others, and contributing to the campus community.

To be considered, students with exceptional leadership skills were invited by Boys Republic High School teachers to apply for the award. The select group of teenagers submitted a personal essay and resume. Then, they were interviewed by



CROMBIE ALLEN: Newspaper publisher and Rotary International Ambassador of Goodwill Mr. Allen helped reinforce the goal of good citizenship among Boys Republic students.



AWARD WINNER: Chino Rotary members fasten the special engraved watch onto the Crombie Allen Award recipient. Kendrick and two other students were honored for exemplifying “Service Above Self” at Boys Republic.

Boys Republic High School teachers and Rotary members about their service to fellow students and areas of personal growth.

On June 16, the Chino Rotary held the small but significant Crombie Allen awards on Boys Republic’s main campus. There, three student were recognized for their leadership skills and overall achievements in the program. One student, Kendrick, received the Crombie Allen award and customary engraved watch for his exceptional citizenship.

Kendrick reflects on the qualities he has developed at Boys Republic, which undoubtedly made him a deserving candidate of the award. “I learned three main things here,” he explains. “The first is how to help others. If someone is struggling, I talk to him and help him work through the issue,” the former student councilman says. “I learned self-control too—how to actually talk about my problems instead of getting angry. I also learned integrity: how to do the right thing when no one is watching.”

BR Welcomes New Members to Board of Directors



Jody Moore

Jody Moore—local pastor, business professional and community leader—is dedicated to helping people, organizations and communities thrive while maintaining integrity in a rapidly changing world.

Raised in the Los Angeles city of Compton, he learned responsibility from a young age while serving at a small United Methodist Church. By age 15, he felt a calling to enter pastoral ministry. He attended Talbot School of Theology and earned a master's degree at Biola University.

Pastor Moore was ordained in 2001, then pastored for 17 years at Praise Tabernacle Church in Chino. In 2017, he founded Transformation Church in Chino and currently serves as its lead pastor and teacher.

Mr. Moore attended El Camino Community College and Texas Southern University, majoring in Economics and Public Affairs. He works as Head of People and Culture for Impact Museums and has assisted Boys Republic with staff training on diversity, equity and bias.

Mr. Moore is also a Planning Commissioner for the City of Chino. He and his wife, Keniya, have four grown children.



Mia Montpas

Mia Montpas served on Boys Republic's Advisory Board for three years before joining the Board of Directors last year. As a retired employment attorney, she brings valuable knowledge and skillsets to assist with Boys Republic's programs and development planning.

Ms. Montpas practiced labor and employment law for one of California's oldest law firms, O'Melveny, for ten years before leading Honeywell's International Labor and Employment practice for 20 years. She was past president of the California Employment Council for over 10 years.

Boys Republic appeals to Ms. Montpas' desire to give back to the community and youth. Both her parents were involved in serving under-privileged communities in Minnesota, and she grew up with a focus on helping those less fortunate. She spent many of her legal years doing pro bono work and helping companies with diversity issues.

Ms. Montpas is married to fellow Minnesotan Mark Kelly. She splits her time between their home in Rancho Palos Verdes and Palm Desert. She has two children and two grandchildren. She loves travel, spending time with their large extended families, golf and pickleball.

Memorials Honor Special People 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 to the designee will live on perpetually in the lives of the deserving young people you have helped.

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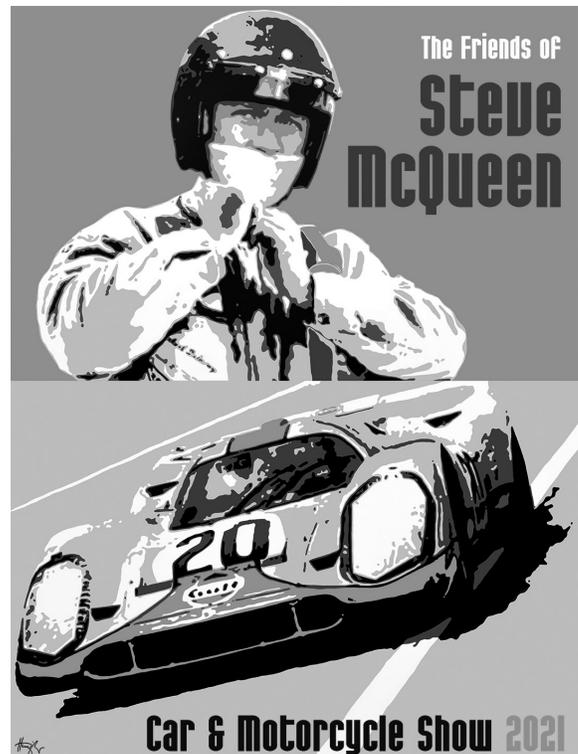
Save the Date: Car Show Scheduled for October 3

The Friends of Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show is racing around the corner. Scheduled for October 3, the event will be held on Boys Republic's Chino Hills campus. The commemorative dinner is planned for October 2.

Organized by an all-volunteer committee, the show continues Steve McQueen's legacy of care for students. Boys Republic's most famous graduate often visited the campus to talk with the teenagers and bring them toiletries and other goods.

The Friends of Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show drives community awareness and significant support for programs in guidance and education at Boys Republic and Girls Republic.

All previous ticket sales for the cancelled 2020 show and dinner will be honored. For more information about the events, please visit www.stevemqueencarshow.com.



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