

1929-1939

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NEW ROCHELLE HISTORY



1929

The Boys Club movement in New Rochelle began in April 1929 by George Johnsen, Assisted by Gus Miele in Washington Elementary School. The original name of the club was known as "The Better Boys Club."

1930

In 1930 The City of New Rochelle lease the "LaBella House" to the Boys Club at the top of Feeney Park for a nominal rent to base their headquarters. Soon after the Club moved into the "Ricci House" which became the first official Clubhouse in New Rochelle known as the Feeney Park Branch.



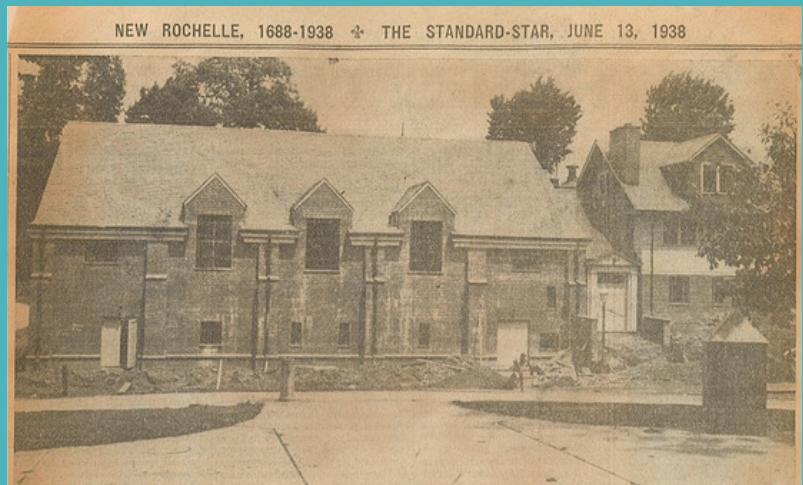
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The Winyah Boys Club was formed, independent of the Boys Club of New Rochelle with the help of Executive Director Morton Fuerst. Winyah became a precursor to our Remington Clubhouse.



1935-1938

In 1935 the need for additional space was realized. With help from the City and the WPA the creation of the gym was attached to the Feeney Park Branch.



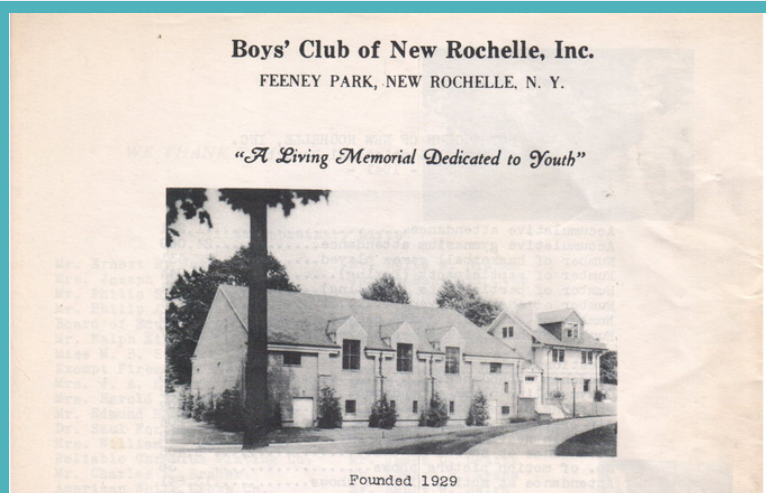
MORTON S. FUERST

MAN OF THE DECADE

Morton Fuerst was the First Executive Director for the Boys Club of New Rochelle. He was instrumental in the creation and existence of the club. He passed away in 1957 after many years of service to the youth of New Rochelle.

FAMILY OF THE DECADE

The house that became the Feeney Park Boys & Girls Club belonged to the Ricci Family- Esther & Aurelio Ricci.



"IT IS BETTER TO BUILD BOYS THAN TO MEND MEN"