



1989-1999

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

OF NEW ROCHELLE

HISTORY



New Rochelle Boys' and Girls' Clubs honor '2nd mom to thousands'

By Robert Marchant
Staff Writer

Honoring the spirit of volunteerism and the dedication of a New Rochelle woman to the youth of the city for more than 40 years will be the keynotes of a gala banquet Thursday evening to benefit the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of New Rochelle.

The Grand Ballroom of the New Rochelle Ramada Plaza Inn will be the setting for the benefit dinner, starting at 6:30 p.m. Grace Grosso will be honored as the club's Woman of the Year for her 42 years of volunteer service.

"She's been second mom to literally thousands of now-productive New Rochelle citizens. She is the epitome of what we like to see from New Rochelle," said the club's executive director, Richard Marano. "Grace has never shunned a call. In fact, she's usually there about 10 minutes before you call."

Grosso, who will be celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary with her husband, Daniel, next month, said she started helping out with the club's day

camp and "just stuck with it."

"I like my work," she said, "We're always with the kids."

A mother of two sons, Grosso has been involved in a range of club activities, including fund raising, the day camp, the club's roller-skating shows, knitting clothes for nursing home residents and food assistance for the needy. Above all, she has helped the young men and women of New Rochelle.

Reservations for the dinner, which costs \$25, must be made in advance.

The hotel is donating both the food and the accommodations for free. In addition, 25 donated prizes will be awarded, including a lap-top computer from the CCC Computer Center and a trip for two anywhere in the continental United States on American Airlines.

A jazz trio of local youngsters, Jaimie Knowles, 9, Shayla Titley, 10, and Aki-lah Woodard, 12, will perform. Myra Scott, 17, will perform a ballet solo. City Councilwoman Linda Levine is event chairwoman. Mayor Leonard Paduano will greet guests.

Reservations may be obtained by



Staff photo/William Funches

Grace Grosso, right, will be honored by the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of New Rochelle. She attended the event with her husband, Daniel.

contacting the Boys' and Girls' Club at 235-3736 or at 79 Seventh St.

1990

In 1990 Grace Grosso was honored with the Woman of the Year award for her 42 years of service to the Club.

Executive Director Richard Marano said "Shes been a second mom to literally thousands of now productive New Rochelle Citizens."

1992

For the second year in a row New Rochelle Police Officers volunteered 7 Mondays throughout the Summer to keep the club open.

NR - BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS

Cops volunteer to keep kids' club open nights

By Tim Donahue
Staff Writer

The youth of New Rochelle is due for some run-ins with police officers this summer — in the gymnasium, the game room and on the softball field.

For the second summer in a row, members of the New Rochelle Police Department will volunteer seven Monday evenings to enable the Boys' and Girls' Club of New Rochelle to stay open one night a week.

Budget problems would otherwise keep the A.E. Mascaro Unit closed every night during the summer, said Richard Marano, executive director.

"As more and more kids are out there with the recession, we would like to be there for them," Marano said. "Last year it was very successful."

The Police Department also sees it as an outreach effort that

6/23/92

brings police officers out of uniform and on their own time into contact with youngsters in a fun, positive setting.

The volunteering begins Monday when between three and six police officers will assist a Boys' and Girls' Club staff member supervising youngsters from 6 to 9 p.m. in the game room, gymnasium and softball field at the Mascaro unit.

The club plans a softball game that night with the police officers, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Marano said. The season concludes Aug. 10 with a picnic. Marano said the club would then be closed for two and a half weeks for maintenance, then reopen Sept. 1 for its 64th year.

Marano and Lt. Dominic Locatelli, head of the Police Department's Community Affairs Unit, said last year's effort was

successful in attracting teen-agers. They said this year the goal was to reach third-through sixth-graders.

Locatelli said the intent was similar to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program that brings police officers into contact with youngsters in the schools in an informal atmosphere.

Marano said the club was open only to members, but noted that non-members could obtain a special membership for \$5 that would permit them to attend in the seven Monday evenings. He said children age 9 and under should be accompanied by an older family member.

Marano said the club would like to expand the program to one or more other week nights this summer or next summer by involving the Police Department further or taking volunteers from other community organizations.

NR - BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS

Boys' and Girls' Clubs to honor their director

By Tim Donahue
Staff Writer

Maybe it was the years he spent teaching elementary school. Or his philosophy that "discipline is another form of love."

But whatever the reason, Rich Marano has earned a reputation for dedication to New Rochelle's youth as executive director of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of New Rochelle.

On Thursday, a tribute dinner will honor his 10 years of service with the agency, which offers the city's children everything from basketball to ballet.

The Adult Association of the South Side Branch, which Marano used to direct, is organizing the event. It starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenview

youngsters at the clubs stay in line when Marano is around.

"He doesn't let them really get away with anything," she said. "But he does a lot for them, so they do respect him."

Marano also gets high marks from Lt. Dominic Locatelli, commander of the Community Affairs Unit at the New Rochelle Police Department. He has worked with Marano through the Mayor's Task Force Against Drug Abuse.

"He's very cooperative," Locatelli said last week. "He conscientious in his position, and he's very interested in the youth of the community."

Marano was born and raised in Mount Vernon. He went to the University of Wisconsin, became an elementary school teacher after college and stayed another six years before coming back East.

Marano said during his 8½ years as executive director, he achieved his main goals: pulling the 64-year-old agency out of near-bankruptcy and modernizing programming.



Rich Marano

1993


Executive Director Richard Marano was honored for his 10 years of service to the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle. He served as Mascaro Athletic Director, Director of our Southside Club and then Executive Director.

1994


In 1994 Christian Templeman was named the Mascaro Clubhouse Director and Larry Alston was named the Director of the Southside Clubhouse.

Boys' & Girls' Clubs unit directors

Richard Marano, executive director of the Boys' & Girls' Clubs of New Rochelle, has announced the appointment of Larry Alston as director of the South Side Unit at 50 Weyman Ave. and Chris Templeman as director of the Alfred E. Mascaro Unit in Feeney Park. They join Kelly Johnson, longtime director of the Remington Unit at 116 Guion Place, in serving all of New Rochelle's youth ages 6 through 18 in activities including athletics, cultural arts, education, recreation and day camps. For more information on the clubs, "The Positive Place for Kids," call 235-3736.



Larry Alston



Chris Templeman

Remington Flyers to run race against poverty

7/13/97



Youngsters from the Remington branch of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of New Rochelle practice in Lincoln Park last week for their charity relay. The 24-hour event starts Friday and 45 runners will collectively cover 200 miles.

Staff photo/Jesse Minney

1997

Members of the Remington Flyers Track Team ran all over New Rochelle to raise money for Hope Community Services. They ran over 200 miles.

NR - BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS

Boys' and Girls' Club flourishes thanks to people from its past

1997

The Remington Men's Club started after the Million Man March in 1995 by Luther Vinson, a former Remington Clubhouse Director and Keith Cole.

"IT IS BETTER TO BUILD BOYS AND GIRLS THAN TO MEND MEN AND WOMEN"