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OF GREATER BATON ROUGE

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# THE CLUB MEMO MAY 2018

**PAT R. VAN BURKLEO, PRESIDENT**

**MONTHLY MEMORANDUM FOR PEOPLE WHO CARE  
ABOUT YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY**

## **Thank you to everybody for making our April successful!**

On April 13 and April 20, we held celebratory luncheons to congratulate our Club members as they graduated from our Passport to Manhood and Girls at the Table youth development programs. We would like to thank Baton Rouge Chief of Police Murphy Paul, Jr. for being the keynote speaker at Passport to Manhood, and Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome for being the featured speaker at Girls at the Table. The wisdom, advice, and words of encouragement these community leaders shared with the Club members will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Additionally, we would like to thank the City Club of Baton Rouge for hosting the events, Danielle Satawa for donating flowers to Girls at the Table, and both of our event chairs and host committees. Event chairs were Brent Cobb and Sharon Truxillo. Thank you again to everybody who helped us celebrate the amazing youth!



## **Taylor Porter Hosts Volunteer Day**

Taylor Porter Hosted 15 Students from the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge Magnolia Woods Site for Breakfast on the Terrace and a field trip to Louisiana's Old State Capitol on April 21. The service day was held through the Taylor Porter BUILD (Building Unity, Inclusion, & Legal Diversity) program, assisting diverse nonprofits year-round, thereby affecting diverse segments of the community in a most positive and rewarding way.

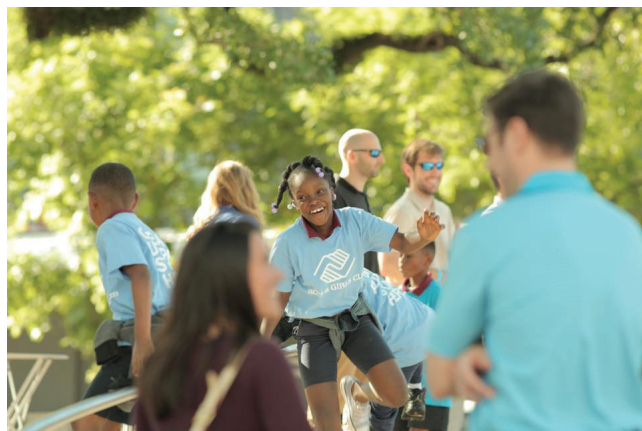


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## Club Blue Hosts Ice Cream Social

Club Blue – Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge’s young adult affiliate group -- hosted an ice cream social at North Boulevard Town Square on Thursday, April 26. The social provided Club Blue members, and their guests, an opportunity to meet and mentor Club kids.

Each Club member was paired with a Club Blue member to complete a scavenger hunt before enjoying ice cream, generously donated by Blue Bell! 27 adults and 18 Club members enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games.



## Summer Read is Back!

One of the highlights of the summer for our Club members is Summer Read. Each morning during our summer programming, volunteers visit the Club to read a favorite childhood book to Club members.

Our literacy-focused Summer Brain Gain program helps prevent summer reading loss – in fact, most of our Club members show reading improvement over the summer.

Summer Read volunteers can sign up to read from 8:30-9:00 am any day from June 8-July 6. For more information contact our Director of Community Engagement, Seresa Corbin, at [seresa@brclubs.org](mailto:seresa@brclubs.org).

## Stonyfield Organic to Sponsor Summer Enrichment Field Trip

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge was selected to receive a grant from Stonyfield Organic totaling over \$2,500. This grant will sponsor a trip to the zoo for 50 of our Club members. The trip to the zoo will be part of our summer programming and will allow Club members to opportunity to learn more about animals, both those native in the United States and those from other countries. Thank you to Stonyfield Organics for supporting the continued education of our Club members!

## Board Member Spotlight - Event Host Committees

### Girls at the Table

Chelsey Blankenship	Erin Kenny
Susie Furr	Pat Minor
Lani Gholston	Mendi Robinson
Victoria Griffin	Teri Thomas
Gail Grover	Sharon Truxillo, Chair

### Passport to Manhood

Gibbons Addison	Charlie Davis
Ryan Aldridge	Aaron Lambert
Ryan Allen	Danny McConnell
Richard Born	John McDermott
Judge Curtis Calloway	Thomas Spradley
Brent Cobb, Chair	



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