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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SONOMA VALLEY**

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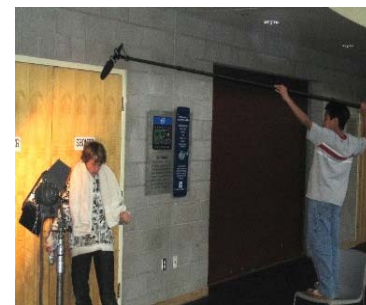
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[Sonoma Valley Film Festival](#) **Student Works Program:**

Nine middle school students recently spent a weekend at the Boys & Girls Club learning how to plan, story-board, shoot and edit short videos. The students used puppets, cameras, green screens and Final Cut Pro software to create two PSA-style videos.

Sonoma Valley Teens

Teenagers are a tough group to impress, and they yearn to find their independence and express their individuality. Add to that the idle time many teens confront in the afternoon hours, and the potential to get into trouble is even higher. As a result, Boys & Girls Clubs face a recruitment and retention challenge with teen members. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley has reached out to **Sonoma Valley High School (SVHS)**, **Operation Youth** and the **Valley of the Moon Teen Center** to find where we can combine efforts and reach more teens. With the guidance of **Peter Hansen**, and financial investment of a wonderful investor we have upgraded the **Intel Computer Clubhouse** with a video productions lab. We wanted to provide a place for teens to continue their work on school video projects and to mentor younger Club members in film and editing. Also happening with **SVHS** is the coordination of teen events with the **Leadership class** and **Keystone Club**. The groups hosted a high school Valentine's dance and had 180 kids in attendance! And finally, the **Valley of the Moon Teen Center** leadership has joined **Keystone Club** in their efforts to remove graffiti in the Valley and are planning for opportunities to bring the teens together for a night in the gym or Computer



Keith Hughes of Hughes Family Vineyards has joined the Executive Board as VP of Resource Development.

Special Thanks

Thanks to the [Don Sebastiani & Sons](#) employees for their day of service at the Maxwell Clubhouse!



August Sebastiani



Don & Sons employees

Support the Club!



Sonoma Market is selling See's Candy for Easter and all proceeds will go to the Club! No need to drive out of town for your See's treats! Thank you Sonoma Market!

Local artist [Steve Brumme](#) is donating 25% of art sales on display at **Sonoma Meritage** to the Club. You can view his art while enjoying a meal or one of their famous martinis through May 1st.

Upcoming Events

Clubhouse.

Member of the Month



Congratulations to **Adalberto Rameriz**, Maxwell Clubhouse Member of the Month.

Adalberto, (Adal) is an 8 year old at **Dunbar Elementary School**. Adalis known for his great attitude! Some of Adal's favorite things are:

Club Activity - Dodgeball * Animal—Penguin
 School Subject - Math * Staff—Kirsten (Discovery Room)
 If Adalberto was President: "Free puppies for everybody."

24th Annual Sweetheart Gala & Auction



and Rob Gemmell



Gary and Ruth Edwards

Bonnie



Gary and Marcia Nelson



Chris Zdenek

Thanks to our very generous supporters, the **24th Annual Sweetheart Auction** was a great success! Special thanks to our food and wine sponsors, [Sonoma Meritage](#), [Kinyon](#)



Grand Marshal's Banquet
June 19, 2009



Oct 26-Nov 1st

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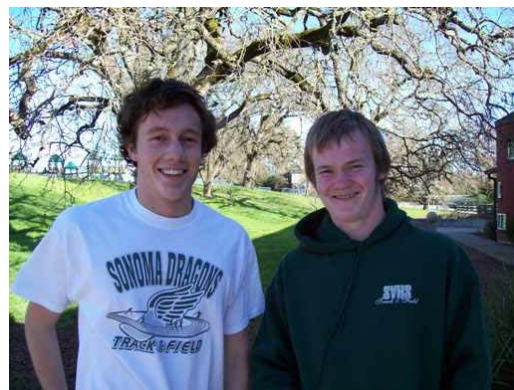
Thanks also to the band **Crossfire** for rockin' the dance floor.

New Programs!

The Boys & Girls Club is currently running a wonderful new program called **SiteSeeing, Making Neighborhoods Visible**, authored by Mary deLaittre. The environmental literacy **Neighborhood Based Learning** teaches students how to see, read and think critically about the built and natural environment. It is an in-depth process of envisioning what their neighborhood could be with the intent on improving the quality of life for its current and future residents. Thanks to the Fund a Need donations at last year's Muse event benefiting the **Sonoma Community Center**, the Boys & Girls Club is able to offer the 12 week program to 15 middle school students.



Eleven 5th grader members are participating in [Girls on the Run](#), a non-profit prevention program that encourages preteen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. They will be participating in the Dr. McDonald Just Go! REACH 5k Run/Walk on April 26th in Santa Rosa. They have been outfitted with new shoes courtesy of **New Balance**, Girls on the Run t-shirts, water bottles and running outfits courtesy of **Kiwanis of Sonoma Plaza**. GOTR is sponsored in part by [Athleta](#). "Girls on the Run is so much fun!"



Sonoma Valley High School seniors **Niko Conner and Troy McArdle** are conducting a track and cross country running clinic for 25 1st-5th grade boys for their senior projects. The kids are really enjoying learning about the sport and especially love spending time with Niko and Troy.



Thanks to our **Sonoma Garden Club** volunteers for coming out each week to work with our members in the garden.

Athletics



It's that time of year again, **T-Ball and Coach Pitch baseball** have begun and we have over 150 kids participating. Opening Day is Saturday, April 4th; come on out for the fun!



Athletic Club Director **Mike McEntee** receives a check from **Danny Fay** of **Benziger Family Winery** to help purchase sports equipment. Thanks Danny!

Next up, volleyball and flag football ...

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