As the end of 2012 quickly approaches, we have a lot to be thankful for in Club 22. The program is growing each day and has flourished within the three years since it was first started. Staff and participants within Club 22 have worked together toward a goal of independence, community integration, and relationship building. It has been an exciting year here at Opportunity Works and we all look forward to making more memories with each other and developing more opportunities for growth in years to come.

Happy Holidays from the staff and participants of Club 22!

Halloween Costumes By: Cara Mitchell

The Halloween costumes at Opportunity Works were funny and great! All of club 22 had creative and impressive costumes. My favorite staff costume was Alex Glover, who dressed up as a penguin. My favorite peer costume was Danny Patterson’s. Danny was dressed as a hippie.

Upcoming Birthdays

December 31 – Matt
January 1 – Heather
January 8 – Jeff

Capricorn traits: Practical and prudent, Ambitious and disciplined, Patient and careful, Humorous and reserved

Left: the group in their Halloween garb.
Right: an outing downtown
Chorus
By: Kaitlin E Dower and Craig A Michaud

Here at Opportunity Works we have started a chorus class! Phil is the person who runs the chorus class, he is very nice. Here are some of the songs that we are singing: Jingle – Bell Rock, Up on the House Top, The Twelve Days of Christmas, Silent Night and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. It’s not just Club 22 involved with chorus; it’s also other members throughout Opportunity Works as well. We have our concert on December 20th 2012 here at Opportunity Works.

Another reason why Craig and I love chorus so much is because we have been involved with chorus from 3rd grade to 12th grade in school and we love singing! We recommend chorus to everyone who loves to sing here at Opportunity Works and we hope it continues after the holidays.

My first Few weeks in Club 22
By: Kevin Benoit

My name is Kevin Benoit! I’m 22 years old and I graduated from Methuen High School. I started at Opportunity Works in November of this year. I love Club 22 because it’s a lot of fun! I’m looking forward to making new friends and making lots of money!

I have a job at the restaurant TGI Fridays and I work there 2 days a week at night. I work as a host and enjoy getting a good paycheck. I don’t like being bored because it puts me in a bad mood. I like music, video games and going out to eat. My first few weeks were awesome and I’m looking forward to many more to come.

“Every Tuesday and Friday nights I go to bingo in Seabrook and Maynard. I order grilled cheese and fries. I love going to bingo because I am really good at it!”

Christmas Song Review
By: Heather Corniel

My Favorite Christmas song is Jingle Bells. It was handwritten by James Pierpoint in 1957 but was called “One Horse Open Sleigh.”

In 1859, it was rewritten as Jingle Bells. It was also sung in German and French to celebrate winter fun. It was first recorded in 1898 in the U.S.A Schroder from Charlie Brown plays the movie version on the piano.
I have a lot of stuff I want for Christmas and most of them are related to Wrestling and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. One particular gift I want more than any other is “The Attitude Era” 3-disc DVD Box Set from WWE Home Video; this is a collection of memorable matches and moments from arguably the most influential era in wrestling history. In my opinion, it is LONG overdue.

Before you buy this though, I must warn you that this collection does NOT contain Steve Austin vs. Shawn Michaels at WrestleMania 14, Austin vs. Rock at WrestleMania 15 or any Austin vs. Vince McMahon matches, but it does feature plenty of other great moments and matches including some that are making their first appearances ever on DVD such as Owen Hart vs. Ken Shamrock in the first ever Lion’s Den match at Summer Slam 1998. The Lion’s Den match is basically a glorified Steel Cage Match based on the “No Holds Barred” fighting style of the Ultimate Fighting Championship™, Jeff Jarrett vs. D’Lo Brown for both the Intercontinental and European Championship belts, and lots of great promos, interviews, and funny and wacky situations in and out of the ring! The best part about this collection is that unlike most recent DVD releases, the previously censored and banned WWF Attitude logos as well as the WWF initials are no longer censored due to a new policy that permits them to use these logos and/or other WWF references.

For those of you who don’t know what the Attitude Era is, let me educate you about it. The Attitude Era was a time period from late 1997-early 2002 that featured a new “Attitude” in the WWF where “saying your prayers and taking your vitamins” became boring and WWF fans wanted more dark, evil subject matter and more rage so basically it was a time to rebel against the corporate powers that be which is what I loved about it. In addition to the matches and moments, there’s also a documentary on how influential this era was to the WWF’s survival as a company that is about an hour long according to some reviews I’ve seen online, which is how I found out what content was in this great collection and also how I found out about the lack of censorship of the logos and WWF initials. I can’t wait to get this DVD!!!!!

Phew! I apologize for taking up so much space on one topic but oh well, it was worth it!!!! Until next time, this is “El Gringo Loco” saying Adios Amigos and “Viva la Revolution” (Spanish for Long Live the Revolution)!!!!!

About The Author

Jeff is extremely excited to share his views on wrestling and movies with you. He has worked hard to edit this full page spread and as you can read, he has a way with words. Jeff has aspirations of one day working for a gaming magazine or in the media industry. I’m sure you will agree, this is a very attainable goal for Jeff based on his talents.
“The best thing of 2012 was, on December 18th when some of my girl friends and myself went to Whittier Vocational High School and got our hair and makeup done.” – Kaitlin

“The biggest thing I did in 2012 was joining Club 22 at Opportunity Works. I have met a lot of nice people.” – Kevin

“In 2012 I enjoyed spending time with my mom on our weekly trips to the stores to shop and go out to eat at our favorite restaurant.” – Heather

“The best thing about 2012 was my fantastic trip to Puerto Rico with my Mom and my sister and good friend.” – Ashley B
2012 has been a nice year meeting new friends” - Cara

“The best thing about 2012 was spending time with my Mom” - Sarah

“In 2012, I liked going to Nantucket for vacation. I enjoyed swimming, surfing, and boogie-boarding at the beach” - Matt

“The best thing about 2012 was my trip to Florida to visit my grandparents with my Mom” - Renee

“The best thing about 2012 is getting a girlfriend and being with my very best friends in club 22 every day” - Craig

“2012 has been a nice year meeting new friends” - Cara
Hi my name is Vanessa Cruz and I went to Methuen high school. My experiences is what is important to me. I am 24 years old and I speak English and Spanish but only occasionally speak Spanish. Sometimes I go on the computer and work on searching for jobs. I like to write about my life so people can know more about me. It takes courage to be yourself and even more to share yourself with other people. It also takes courage to have positive things to say to people in life. No matter where you are in life or what your age is, you can always make a positive change about your life. Try to understand yourself and get to know who you are. This helps with being honest with people and setting your dreams.

My favorite interests are music, money, art, fashion, computers, and journalism.

I am willing to work on my interests to develop my talents.

I am a professional hard worker and want to make lots of friends at home and at work.

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**Special Olympics**  
**By Renee Doucet**

I like to play on the Special Olympics basketball team. I like to pass the ball to my teammates so they can shoot the ball in the hoop.

**It’s great exercise running up and down the court.** It is fun to go to state games in Worcester. We get to stay in a hotel, go dancing and play games with other teams. John is a fun coach, but he yells at us to go after the ball. We go to different schools in March for the state games. Go Haverhill Stars!

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**Scary Movie Review**  
**By Kelly Krebs**

I like scary movies because they are fun to watch. They are fun to watch because they are scary, some movies even make me jump.

My favorite scary movie is Birds. Some body dies because they tried to kill the birds. This is a very old movie. I recommend people who love scary movies to watch this movie because it is very good and scary!
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS have a 10 – 4 record for this season. They lost to San Francisco with a score of 41 – 34. The patriots are now in 3rd place in AFC East Conference so far this season.

Tom Brady is my favorite player, he plays quarterback for the Patriots team. He went to Michigan State for college.

I am a Hostess at Sylvan Street Grille. I help people by giving them the menu and a special greeting. I ask them if they want a table or a booth and how many people in the party. I like it because I like to help customers. I give kid menu and a high chair to some kids. I tell them to wait if no tables are available I am looking forward to working there for a while.

Danny working hard on the production floor

Grace at Sylvan Street Grille

Welcome Kevin to Club 22!
Congratulations to Grace on her new job at Sylvan Street Grille as Hostess
Club 22 has started filming “How-To” Videos
The food drive was a success. We will be dropping off all items to a local shelter.

Thank you to Whittier Vocational Cosmetology Program for providing us with a day of beauty.
Phil Comeau, musician volunteer, will be expanding the chorus group after the new year!

A BIG Thank You to all who donated and helped out for our Holiday Bazaar!
It was a great success!

Questions? Comments?

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