About Our Newsletter

Participants within the Club 22 Program are excited to share with you the first issue of their newsletter! Throughout the past months, the group has worked hard to develop the various pieces needed to create this publication. A unanimous decision was voted upon to outline the vision of the newsletter. Participants will use this as their voice. A place to express their interests, skills, desires, and hobbies as well as aspirations and individual visions for themselves. The newsletter will be distributed to family and friends to open Club 22’s door to readers. The content, headings, illustrations and format will all be discussed during program and participants will have the opportunity to add pieces of interest each issue. Club 22 is composed of ambitious young adults who are very excited to share their world with you. We hope you enjoy the contents throughout each issue.

Our Logo

The group brainstormed many great names and voted on “The Pier” as the official name for Club 22’s newsletter. Jeffrey Gonyea, who demonstrates excellent computer graphic talents and aspires to one day work in the media and editing field independently created the logo for the newsletter. Thank you Jeff for your excitement and creativity in helping us with the logo!

Upcoming Dates

- **October 25** – Nutrition Class
- **Ongoing Wednesday** – Chorus Practice
- **10/29-11/2** – Halloween Spirit Week
- **11/22-11/23** – Thanksgiving Break
- **12/14/12** – Holiday Bazaar
- **12/20/12** – Holiday Party
- **12/24-12/25** – Holiday Break

The participants and staff of Club 22 posing with Scarecrow Charlie
I participate in a lot of sports for the Special Olympics, but I am going to tell you about three of the sports that I do. Now the first sport that I am going to tell you about is swimming. Swimming is my favorite sports because when I get in a pool I feel very relaxed. Now here some of my strokes that I do: I swim a 50 meter freestyle, a 4x50 freestyle relay and a 200 meter freestyle. I swim for the Haverhill Stars! For the state games for swimming, my swim team stays at the B.U dorms and swim at the Harvard pool. I got a lot of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals from swimming! My swim coach, Wendy is the nicest person you could ever meet.

Now the second sport that I will tell you about is basketball. The thing that I like about basketball is being with my friends and shooting the ball in the basketball hoop. I really like the state games for basketball because my team stays in hotels. Another thing that I like about basketball is it is really good exercise because you are running up and down the court. Basketball also teaches you about being a team player.

I just joined the cheerleading team for the Special Olympics. The thing about cheerleading that I love is that my voice is not a big deal. I really love learning all of the new cheers. I have my first cheerleading competition on October 14th at Harvard Stadium in Boston.

My Passion For Photography by Vanessa Cruz

Hi my name is Vanessa Cruz and I went to Methuen high school. I love to take pictures of my family, friends and neighbor. When ever I go places, I take lots of pictures to remember the places I've been. Pictures are Important to take all the time. I get to chose things that I'm interested in. I love to take lots of pictures and make scrapbooks. People love to take pictures all the time and even make a collage. By making collages and scrapbooks we remember our memories and adventures. I love money and you need money to be a photographer.

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Club 22’s Scarecrow Takes 1st Prize by Cara Mitchell

Club 22 made a soldier scarecrow. I am very proud that we won first place. It took some time but we made the scarecrow. It looked great and awesome. Our scarecrow was hung downtown. We went downtown on Columbus Day to see our scarecrow. We all voted on October 8th. Our scarecrow was also at the annual dinner.

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“John Cena vs CM Punk” by Justin Norwood
The Kindness Coin Challenge
By Chelsea Barr

The Kindness coin challenge is working for being kind and helping other people. I help out in other program rooms by getting people’s snacks and drinks, doing paperwork, and shredding. I help with art group and with cook group in the red room and in Club 22. I have won the challenge four times and hope to win again soon!

Renee posing with a sunflower at the community garden

Terrific Tom
by Kelly Krebs

During the Patriots season debut on Sunday September 9, 2012, Tom Brady was back to his Flashy plays and his winning ways. There was a lot of speculation going into this season, about Tom and his performance still being “Brady like” due to his climbing age. Tom answered those questions and doubts by throwing for 236 yards, 2 touchdowns and 0 interceptions. Continuing a recent trend of using his tight ends as his favorite wide receivers Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez combined for 12 catches, 119 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Tom Brady was sporting a bloody and possibly broken nose after a play during the game in which a Tennessee Titans defensive player’s foot went through his facemask and hit his nose. Tom who said after the game, “I need a few scars” was not too worried about a possible broken nose. A few days later a story came out in which his super model wife Gisele said she liked the scar on his nose.

Fans, both at the stadium and at home, should be electric!

Next week’s match up with the Arizona Cardinals will be a challenge for both teams. With each of them winning their first game of the season, it should make for a suspenseful and nail biting match. This Sunday, September 16th, will be the Patriots home opener and the fans, both at the stadium and at home, should be electric.

Kelly (pictured above left) writes using a tobii communication device which converts her pupils’ eye gaze into the written word. She has aspirations of one day becoming a sports writer and is currently looking into journalism classes at NECCO.
Justin enjoying his hamburger at a summer cook group barbecue

Vanessa and Danny during a cooking class presented by Whittier Technical Vocational culinary students

Matt and Sarah enjoying pool time at the YWCA

Cara assisting at the Bresnehan School garden

Nutritional presentation by The Healing Center. Thank you Sarah!

Danny cooking up something yummy!

Sarah getting a makeup lesson during Up With People

Group photo after apple picking at Cider Hill Farms
I enjoy the fall season because my favorite sport to watch on TV is the college football season. I enjoy watching many teams play but I have a favorite group of teams that play. My favorite teams are the following:

Boston College - Mascot is the Eagles
Michigan State - Mascot is the Spartans
Iowa State - Mascot is the Cyclones
North Carolina - Mascot is the Wolf pack
Miami - Mascot is the Hurricanes
Michigan - Mascot is the Wolverines
Southern California - Mascot is the Trojans
Connecticut - Mascot is the Huskies

If you want to see any of these teams in action you can check them out on the following networks: ESPN, ESPN2, ABC, NBC CBS or any cable listing. You can also check Google to get any of the Schools websites and check out their athletic sites and get their schedules, TV listings and stats.

Let The Games Begin It’s Football Time!!

“Blast from the Past” TV Show Review by Jeff Gonyea aka “El Gringo Loco”

As many people close to me may or may not know, I grew up a HUGE Professional Wrestling fanatic, and that my Favorite Wrestler was the late great Owen Hart, but that’s another story for another time.

Dick Lutsk and WZID radio personality Mike Morin from the 1997-98 season until 2006 when it was cancelled prior to WNDS changing its name to MyTV (WZMY-TV).

Nowadays there is a lack of Candlepin programs on TV and that’s a shame for a sport that was once on virtually every local TV Station.

However long before I became a WWF fan, I was interested in another sport. One that is a lot more real and one that requires lots of strategy, a sport that is exclusive to the New England area and/or Nova Scotia and is very hard to play even for the pros. That sport is called Candlepin Bowling and for many years, the leading Candlepin TV program was Candlepin Stars & Strikes on the old WNDS-TV, now known as WBIN-TV. It was the first TV Show I ever watched and it got me interested in Candlepin Bowling so much that I would bowl in the hallway of my first house in Amesbury using plastic cups as pins.

Stars & Strikes aired from 1984 to 2006 and was originally hosted by Doug Brown and Dan Murphy for the first 13 seasons and were replaced by

Jeff writes under the pseudo name “El Gringo Loco”
My favorite bands and singers are Josh Groban, Blake Shelton, and Tim McGraw. I love their style and country music. My favorite song by Josh Groban is, *You Raise me Up*. My favorite song by Blake Shelton is *Honey Bee*. I love the song *My Best friend* by Tim McGraw. They have a great voice. You can check out my favorite singers by going on the following social medias:

Facebook, YouTube, iTunes and lastly a Google search to find there fan websites which will show you the following information: (tour dates, upcoming events, TV appearances and song samples).

Hope you enjoy the music!

Craig shakes things up to one of his favorite country songs at an America's Got Talent show

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### Congrats to our Club 22ers!

Artist of the Year- Ashley Bishop

2012 Recognition Award- Grace Sullivan

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Questions? Comments?

Is there something you would like to see in our newsletter? Your feedback is welcome! Please send any suggestions or comments to Monica.Albach@Opportunityworks.org