

SUMMER IS STEAMING CLOSER

Each year, the Gene Slay’s Girls & Boys Club’s Summer Program focuses on reducing and eliminating the Summer Learning Loss, while kids are being physically active and having a great time! More than half of the achievement gap between low-income youth and higher income youth can be attributed to a lack of productive, skill building activities during the summer months. The Summer Program’s academic curriculum allows students to acquire and strengthen reading, writing, math, and science skills through an integrated skills-based and content-based approach to reducing summer learning loss, all while having a great time!

This year’s program will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM), while providing youth with an alternative to the streets. Through this program, youth will focus on increasing their skills in STEAM subjects through fun projects like robotics, gardening, and field trips to the St. Louis Science Center and Zoo.

Additionally, GSGBC is preparing for its fifth summer as an employment site for STL Youth Jobs. Youth who work during the summer are more likely to graduate high school, earn more as adults, and are less likely to contribute to juvenile crime.

Summer Wishlist

The Gene Slay’s Girls & Boys Club needs the following items for its STEAM Summer Program:

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| 1. Robotics Kits | 5. Poster Board |
| 2. Microscopes | 6. Seeds |
| 3. Telescopes | 7. Quilting materials |
| 4. Potting Soil | 8. Science Project Kits |

If you are interested in donating any of the above items, please contact Tim Williams at (314) 655-9011. To support the Summer Program with a cash gift, please visit www.gsgbcstl.org/donate/.



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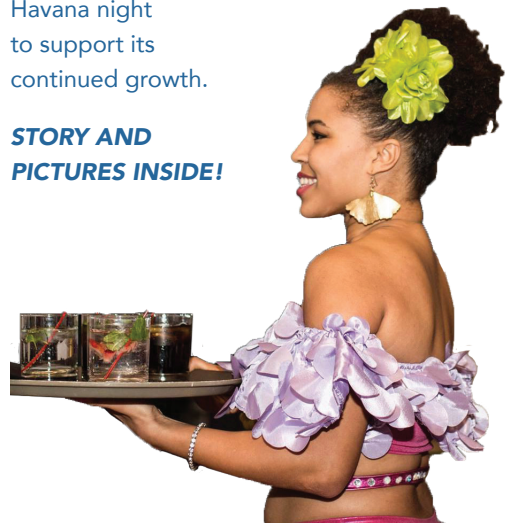
A Place To Go...A Way To Grow.



HAVANA GREAT TIME

The Club hosted its Inaugural Club Havana night to support its continued growth.

STORY AND PICTURES INSIDE!



GIRLS UPDATE

Through the completion of renovations to our building and active recruitment, the Gene Slay’s Girls & Boys Club served **191 girls** in 2016!

CLUB HAVANA

CELEBRATES TRADITION AND NEW BEGINNINGS



On January 28, 2017, the Gene Slay's Girls & Boys Club hosted its Inaugural Club Havana to celebrate the Club's evolution to serve girls. Hosted in the gorgeous Coronado Ballroom with the sounds of Clave Sol, Javier Mendoza, and Estereotipo, more than 300 guests and volunteers enjoyed a little slice of Havana. The event was a tremendous success and raised much-needed funds for the girls expansion.

The Club was thrilled to have Amy & Amrit Gill of Restoration St. Louis as our Co-Chairs for this event. Thank you, Amy & Amrit! ■



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Competing at the JCC this past winter, the Club's varsity basketball team maintained a perfect 10-0 record on their way to the championship! In addition to rigorous conditioning and skill-building drills, all team members were required to maintain their academic performance throughout the season, and were not allowed to compete if there was anything less than a C on their report card.

Coach Terrell Adger said, "Our motto this season was 'Stay humble, stay hungry.' Our kids worked extremely hard to focus on consistency and desire. The results on the court definitely showed the players' dedication to improving their game."

In addition to the middle school team, GSGBC's 4th, 5th, and 6th grade team finished 3rd in their league! All of GSGBC's scholar athletes improved their skills, learned about strategy on the court, practiced sportsmanship, and came together as a team. ■



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