



Center Court

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San Diego/Balboa teams win National Championships at Mylan WTT League Nationals in Indian Wells

The Mylan WTT National Championships included more than 490 players from 23 states who advanced to the Finals after winning regional qualifying events at nine national qualifier events held between March and September.

All matches were played using the WTT format, a fast-paced team format that encourages equal contributions from both genders. A team has a minimum of four players, two men and two women. The WTT format uses six no-ad sets: men's and women's doubles, men's and women's singles and two sets of mixed doubles.

The weekend kicked off with a Wilson clinic, one of the largest demo clinics in the U.S., and player party with Mylan WTT co-founder Billie Jean King in attendance.



3.5 DIVISION: The battle for the 3.5 Division title was between Ratchet Racqueteers of San Diego, Calif., and team Smash of Waldwick, N.J. The Racqueteers squeezed out a 28-26 victory in their only head-to-head meeting to finish with a 5-0 round robin record and the division championship. Smash finished in second place with a 4-1 record. Team members pictured left to right are: Tybun Ferguson, Jay Palma, Tommy Sydavong, Kim Pathammavong, Ali Moosa, Captain, Priscilla Umel-Martinez, Jose Medrano and Steve Cole.

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4.5 DIVISION: The Jungernauts of San Diego, Calif., were the juggernauts in the Senior 4.5 Division as they went 3-0 in round robin action to advance to the finals. In the championship match, the Jungernauts, led by Captain Peggy Jung, outlasted previously undefeated Killer Beez of Calabasas, Calif., 32-27. It was the first Mylan WTT League National championship for the Jungernauts. Team members from left to right are: Ruth Young, Robyn Leong, Romeo Matias, Capt. Peggy Jung, Tony Perez, Jim Winters and Patti Matsuoka.



President's State of the Club... so far we're so Very Good!

By BTC President Janene Christopher



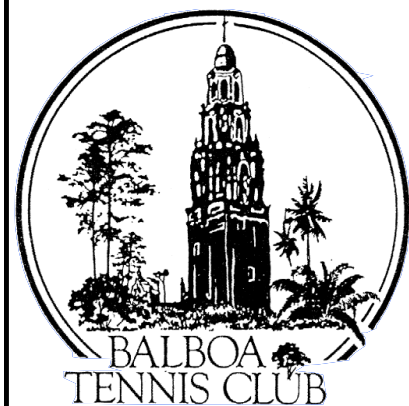
If you Google “Best Public Tennis Facility in North America”, Balboa Tennis Club shows up somewhere on page five. I must admit I don’t take tennis vacations and my “visits” to other facilities have been largely for “going to Sectionals” - USTA or WTT leagues. So are we the “Best”? In my mind we’re pretty much up there in the top 10! I have spent some time looking at other public facilities on-line and while many have grass and state-of-the-art clay courts, club houses with posh furniture and several large

screen TVs and restaurant café stocked with edible offerings; all those glamour shots lacked one thing that we are blessed with [and no it’s not the fabulous weather], it’s our members. Yes “YOU” make our club the friendly, fun and “the” place to pick up a game or watch some tennis on our popular Challenge Court!

We are nestled in an area of Balboa Park called Morley Field Sports Complex. Steps away from a great public pool, the first off-leash dog park in the City and a velodrome! So it’s so very gratifying when visitors, new and even long time members espouse on the merits of our club. The grounds look great, thanks to Landscape Dan and his girl Friday, Melissa; the Pat Mason touches in the club house; charitable contributions and good deeds done by our Tennis Director – Geoff; the Pro Shop sees to the needs of many of our players; and our helpful staff and awesome Club Director, Colleen keeps everything running smooth. The former Club President, Dwight Van Slyke’s legacy is full of positive changes; such as establishing our Facebook page, a You Tube Channel, camera surveillance, lights on the lower courts and the renovations to the Club House. No wonder he decided to retire early, that was a lot to get done. So kudos to Dwight for his leadership over the last 7 years!

This year to date we have done some housekeeping - Members voted on revising the by-laws which down-sized the board from 11 to 7 members. We raised membership dues and fees to insure financial stability for the Club [including providing the amenities members have now come to expect]. Now we can move forward to face the challenges of a non-profit, public facility. These challenges range from the on-going and mundane maintenance tasks (ie. cleaning, repairs, trash etc...) to trying to fund “better lights for the upper courts”. The Board has created a Capital Improvement Project list. These are projects we would like to have funded and constructed for the Club; and includes projects such as a Tournament Pavilion; shade structures for the Stadium (player level and spectator level); solar panels; HD cameras; better lights for the upper courts; signage for Club off Morley Field Drive and Upas and perhaps even a reservation app. We have a new Club Web page. I’d like to acknowledge and thank BTC Member Paula Di Dio for donating hundreds of hours of time towards the design and implementation of the site.

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(President's Report continued from page 2) Until our new board takes the helm in January 2016 we continue to do our best to represent the membership and the club. Thanks to you all for your continued support and special thanks to the other 10 board members who volunteer so much of their time and expertise to keep this place open, friendly and safe for everyone. It has been an honor and privilege to work with you all!

Director's Report

by Colleen Clery Ferrell



I just celebrated my 10 year anniversary as Director of Balboa Tennis Club in July. In looking back, I am very proud of the BTC evolutionary path during this time period, which includes numerous upgrades in every aspect of the club. I will forever be grateful to former president Robin Rodgers who recommended I apply for the position and gave me excellent training, along with former treasurer Ron Celeste. I also need to thank past President Dwight Van Slyke for his vision and attention to detail in getting projects completed, as well as, the Board of Directors, who offered approval and guidance for our club facility upgrades. "A chain is as strong as its weakest link," as the great Bill Tilden once commented about tennis games. Luckily we've had very strong links along the way.

I recently found the letter I drafted to the Board of Directors in 2005 when I applied for the position. Here is an excerpt from the letter which reflected my thoughts at the time and still represents my position to this day.

"The courts at Balboa Tennis Club have always had a special place in my heart from the first time I played here in 1980. I had just moved to San Diego with a dream of playing professional tennis. I was a top ranked player at the University of Arizona during college, yet I wanted more opportunity to get better. When I arrived here, people kept telling me to go to Morley Field – that's where all the players hang out and you'll get connected. Fortunately I met the iconic and legendary Bill Stack on the court and the world of San Diego tennis unfolded before me. I played every tournament I could between 1980-1982, achieved a #1 women's singles record and eventually played briefly on the pro tour.

I felt privileged every time I played at Balboa Tennis Club. I hope to carry on this tradition for years to come in the hearts of every competitive and recreational player who embraces Balboa Tennis Club. I am yearning to give back to the game I love. Becoming the Director at the finest municipal facility in the nation will be a challenge, yet one I would accept with honor and integrity. I'm a very hard-working individual who will strive to promote, improve and propel Balboa Tennis Club to the highest level desired by the Board of Directors, valued members and the City of San Diego."

10 years later I still feel very strongly about my commitment to my job and goals to keep improving BTC. I thank all of you long time members and former Board members for your support. I am lucky and fortunate to work at a job I enjoy and appreciate daily.

Estate Planning – Tennis Legacy for BTC

Leave a wonderful tennis legacy in your name that will significantly help carry forward the BTC tradition of service to the tennis community. You can arrange a bequest in your will or trust. You can also make BTC the beneficiary of an insurance policy, an IRA or a bank account.

For additional information, call the Club Director, Colleen Clery Ferrell at 619-295-4242

BTC Tennis Pro Ron Seno – Tennis by Day and Music by Night

I was born and raised in Hawaii. My first interest in tennis and music started at 12 years old. My parents, brother and sisters were all musicians. I was voted “most talented musician” in high school during my junior and senior years of high school. At the same time, I also played tennis at a recreational center where I lived. I played all sports, yet tennis seemed most challenging. None of my friends played tennis at the time, so I played only adults in the beginning.

I continued both tennis and music after high school, going to Los Angeles for junior college and living in Hollywood playing rock n roll. I eventually returned to Maui, Hawaii and started my professional tennis teaching career at the Royal Lahaina Tennis Ranch, with John Newcomb as the Touring Professional (my boss). It was the biggest tennis facility on the islands and hosted professional tournaments for years during the early 70s. Encouraged by the professional tennis staff to become a teaching pro, I embraced the idea and put all my efforts to learn from great professionals who came to Hawaii. Ironically, I was teaching tennis and performing music at the same resort: tennis by day and music by night. I taught and played the ukulele. People who heard me play always wanted to learn so I gave lessons and performed.

In 1978, I had my first position as a Professional Tennis Pro and Director of Tennis at The Kona Hilton Beach and Tennis Resort, which included my own pro shop. In 1980, I got married and started a family. During those years, I played music at several resorts. I was Director of Tennis for 35 years in Hawaii before coming to San Diego in 2005.

I have continued my tennis teaching career here at Balboa Tennis Club for the past 10 years and I’ve been playing music, teaching and entertaining as well. I feel very blessed having two careers which in reality, are very similar and fun!! The basic teaching techniques practice health, concentration and imparting knowledge. I feel it is important to understand personalities when teaching private lessons as well as groups. Everyone is different in obtaining information.

I’ve been fortunate to meet so many people from all over the world. It has been very rewarding to see people learn and have fun in tennis and music too. It has not ended. Teaching is also learning at the same time. Mahalo, Ronnie.

*Ron is currently playing with Laura Zayats in the band named Sugarcane. Follow him on Facebook at SugarcaneUkulelemusic.com

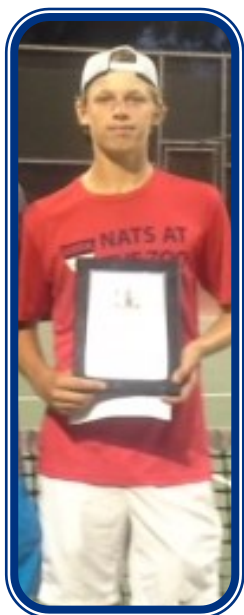


ROZ KING – Just Keeps Winning!!!



Congratulations to iconic member ROZ KING, as she and her team recently captured the Queens Cup (75 Division) for the United States in Croatia and she was also instrumental in bring home the gold at the Intersectional competition in Boca Raton last week. BTC is so proud of Roz and her accomplishments in senior tennis. She is a great role model for all players striving to continue to get better no matter what age.

Ryan Seggerman – A Bright Junior Tennis Star on and off the Court



16 year old Ryan Seggerman recently won the Men's Open Singles division of the 79th Annual San Diego Metropolitan Tournament held at Balboa Tennis Club. This was a special victory for Ryan as so much of his success began at BTC only six years ago when he was playing as a junior. Now as a rising star, Seggerman's father Scott and mother Pam, reflected on the ascendance of their son in the tennis world.

"So much of Ryan's tennis success can be attributed to Morley Field and the Balboa Tennis Club, where he spent many hours on the challenge courts with his Mom, Dad and various other members while he was at the formative ages of 10-13. This exposure to broad and effective styles of play, techniques, personalities and strategies against various opponents with different partners, gave him competitively advanced levels of familiarity that few other junior players in the country experience. The diversity of play gave Ryan a level of confidence to compete against and adapt into his own game. This was not typical experience of players at such a young age," said Scott and Pam.

Ryan is currently a junior at Coronado High School and is ranked among the top 40 in the country for Boys 16 and under. He began his development at the age of 10. He was ranked #1 in the 10's, 12's and 14's. He won a gold ball in doubles at the 2011 Winter Nationals Championships in Tucson, Az. He won a silver ball in singles and a bronze ball in doubles at the 2012 National Clay Court Championships in Delray Beach, Fl. At this tournament, Ryan was also awarded the National Sportsmanship Award. His career high was #3 in the nation in 2012. Additional accolades include a San Diego Junior Team National Championship in 2013, which took place in South Carolina. Ryan's tennis resume speaks for itself – the boy has talent and has been well trained!!!

Ryan is now being recruited by several D1, Ivy League, Big Ten, ACC and California Universities. He won't make a decision on his college of destiny until next spring or fall, since college will begin for him in the fall of 2017. Ryan's tennis goals include competing for a NCAA team and individual collegiate championships. If his game is worthy, he may try the Futures or Challenger competition to compete on the professional level. Educationally, Ryan plans to focus on science, technology, mathematics or medical pursuits.

"Ryan has always considered Morley Field and BTC to be his tennis home," said Scott and Pam. BTC is proud of Ryan's accomplishments!! He is a bright star in our junior tennis population with so much potential to be great.

80's Shine at Intersectional Play in Boca Raton



Left to Right: Janet Hubbard, Patti Dodgen, Pat Giebink and Captain, Nancy Kibbey

Experienced captain and player Nancy Kibbey knew she was getting two potentially good thoroughbreds when she summoned BTC members Pat Giebink and Patti Dodgen to play on the Southern California 80's Intersectional team. Little did she know, the duo would click on the court and produce one upset after another.

First round, unseeded So Cal pulled out a clutch three setter from Giebink and Dodgeon to defeat a seasoned Florida team and take the match 2-1. Next round, Dodgen and Giebink again defeated their opponents from Middle States in three sets, yet needed an exciting finish from Captain Nancy Kibbey and LA teammate Janet Hubbard to win 7-4 in third set tiebreaker to capture the match and spring into the semi finals. These matches were played in 87 degree heat and 90% humidity. The resilience of these 80 something senior women was amazing!!!

Due to health challenges, Kibbey was forced to retire in both of the final matches. Nonetheless, these four women served notice to the other 80's players that this was just the tip of the iceberg. They will be back to play for many years to come. Tennis truly is the sport of a lifetime!

Savo Simic – Junior Player at BTC Destined for Greatness

BTC's latest junior prodigy started playing tennis with his father Srdjan at the age of three, when he received his first racquet as a birthday gift. From this day forward, Savo Simic has been on the fast track to junior success. He began his first group lessons at BTC's Quick Start Program with Geoff Griffin and Tiffany Filipovich at the age of 4 ½. Since then, he has played in group clinics with BTC pros Armando Sandoval and Eduardo Afini. Presently, Srdjan plays the role as his primary coach who works him out five days a week.

When asked what he likes most about tennis, Savo replies, "running around and having fun." His favorite player is Novak Djokovic because he likes "his personality and that he works hard." He also likes Roger Federer as a player because he is "good for tennis." "I try to be like them," says Savo. Truly this is a "destined to be great junior" who idolizes the two best players in the game and is willing to work as hard like his two idols to achieve success.

When Savo turned eight, he started playing tournaments. He won two of the first five satellite tournaments he entered and also one open level tournament.



Milo and Savo Simic

So far he has an impressive record of 25-9. Savo is currently ranked #45 in Southern Cal age 10 division with 2 ½ years left to compete in this division.

When asked what his best stroke is, he replies, "my backhand. I have a tricky shot I use when I move the player from left to right and then sneak a winner in," he says with a smile. When asked how the other kids beat him, he says, "with power." Which totally makes sense as he is 8½ playing against 10 and 11 year olds.

Savo loves to train and practice often, says his Dad. He often asks to be taken to the courts. When questioned about how far he wants to go in tennis, he replies, "I want to become a pro by the age of 17." What makes him special? He says, "I work hard and love the game."

Savo's younger sister Mila comes to all Savo's practices and is becoming a very good player as well. The entire family including his mother Dara, often play together as tennis is their favorite pastime.

Savo loves BTC and gets great support from the members. Let's hope he keeps his drive and makes the big time someday. Either way, he's off to a great start.

2016 Tennis Board Election– Please Take Time to Vote!

Please make voting for the 2016 Board of Directors a priority. Stop by the Reservations Office sometime before **December 7th and cast your vote.** All members as of November 1st are eligible. Voting will take place by secret ballot at the **Reservations Desk.** After eligibility to vote is confirmed on the Club roster, members will receive a ballot with information about each of 11 candidates. Members may vote for a maximum of 7 of the 11 candidates.

At close of business on December 7th, the Election Committee will collect the ballot box, count the votes and results will be posted within seventy-two (72) hours of the final tabulation.

Bios from Prospective Board Members:

Gary Smith- During my term as Vice-President of the BTC Board of Directors, I was fortunate to work with a cadre of capable, energetic, and team-building professionals. I have no personal agenda, other than to work with the competent staff at BTC, and the new Board Members in a positive and constructive manner....ensuring that correct decisions are continually made during my term. I hope that my life experiences would continue to serve me well in this effort: * Have five children who either played Division I tennis on full ride scholarships or were ranked in the top ten USTA nationally. * Served as Tournament Director for several sanctioned tournaments in NorCal.
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Julia Gregory- I hope you will support my re-election to the Board. As Treasurer I work closely with our Director to make sure that our wonderful club is managed in a financially prudent manner. With the help of our CPA we have instituted a budget that aides us in this process. Prior to joining the Tennis Board, I have worked with many non-profits. This past year I spearheaded the revision of our Bylaws which had not been updated since 1995. As a retired fiduciary attorney, I believe I have skills which are valuable to our club.

Janene Christopher- I have been a member for past 18 years and served on the BTC Board since Sept 2013 (currently serving as Club/Board President). As a partner in the architectural firm - RJC Architects my design-construction background has afforded me the ability to assist the Club in a number of ways. Most recently the completed renovations to the clubhouse, the ADA access ramp to the hitting wall and renovations to the reservation office and I'm currently working on the concept design for a new tournament pavilion. My other volunteer activities include administration of the Club's Facebook page and YouTube Channel; photographing, editing and displaying player photos at the various tournaments held at the Club. As we move forward, I hope to continue developing BTC's environment and amenities for members. My goals for the future include shade structures for the Stadium and my big hope/challenge is to upgrading the upper court lighting. With your vote, I am willing to continue serving on the Board to make BTC the Best Public Facility in the Nation. Thank You.

Ruben Carriedo- I have been playing at Balboa Tennis Club over sixty years, beginning as a junior in the early 1950s. The Balboa Tennis Club is one of the finest public/private tennis playing facility in the country and I am proud to be a part of it and cherish the friends and colleagues I have made playing tennis here. I currently serve as the coach of the St. Augustine High School tennis team and appreciate the special relationship that exists between the club and school. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for BTC and seek re-election with a commitment to maintain the high quality tennis-playing environment with support for its members.

Esther Leeftang- Service on the Board is a privilege that I have had to engage in this past year. I firmly believe that you get out what you put in, whether it is training to become better at tennis, raising children or affecting policies to improve the world. As a board member it is my intention to work diligently on various aspects (infrastructure, policies, tournaments, leagues, membership, etc.) to continue to make improvements at Balboa Tennis Club. BTC is in an excellent location and has the potential to become a world-class facility, attracting beginners as well as accomplished players, while fostering love for the game. My international upbringing (Dutch citizen, born in Africa, raised in Asia) has given me experience in bringing people of various backgrounds together for a constructive good. My degrees in the sciences (B.S. and Ph.D. in Chemistry) and research in neurogenetics have trained me in critical, creative and logical thought. In my 9 years at BTC I have captained scores of (joyous!) women's league teams that have been league winners numerous times and have raised my NTRP level from 2.5 to 4.5.

M.A. Hillier- I have been a member of Balboa Tennis Club for 10 years and also a league player and captain for several Balboa teams. I served on the all volunteer committee for the US Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships for the 7 years it was held at Barnes. I served on the USTA National Committee (Senior Adult Competition) for 4 years. I have served on the SDDTA Board for the last 7 years and I'm completing my first year on the Balboa Tennis Club Board. In 2014, I received the SDDTA Community Service award. For the last 4 years my passion has been serving as camp coordinator for the Annual Wounded Warrior National Tennis Camp held at Balboa and this year the USTA has awarded our camp with the USTA Adaptive Tennis Program of the Year award! I have also been the tournament director for the annual Run and Roll tournament held at Balboa. My favorite pastimes include off- roading in the desert, reading, playing pickleball, and scrapbooking.

Kirk Lorraine- I have lived in San Diego for about 44 years. South Park for about 15 years and have been a member of our beautiful club for 25 years. I took up tennis later in life as I grew up surfing and skiing....born and have lived in Cali. all my life..alumni SDU...served on the Midway during the Vietnam period.....end.

Jeffrey Light- I have lived in San Diego most of my adult life. I graduated from San Diego State and the University of San Diego, School of Law. Tennis has been part of my life ever since I can remember. I played competitively as a youth and on my high school team. When my daughter went away to Mills College, I would fly up to Oakland to assist her tennis team in a program that introduced inner city youth to the game of tennis. I am actively involved in the community, serving on the San Diego Bowl Committee which puts on the Holiday and Poinsettia Bowls, participating in the Jewish big pals program, and acting as an arbitrator for the San Diego County Bar Association. I would like to see the Balboa Tennis Club stay strong and continue to serve its members and the community.

Camila Gill- I am a tennis addict working a day job as an Engineer with an MBA (Masters of Business Administration). I am an independent consultant project manager that manages software engineers and executive management through software implementations. I also own and operate multiple rental properties and a small business with success. I have a long history of profitable business experience. I am also working on my USPTA and USRSA Tennis certifications. I am the tennis captain of evening WTT and Girls Nite Out, Saturday Mixed Doubles Leagues and a player in Balboa's daytime leagues. I also play many local tournaments each year. Being in these diverse timeframe leagues and tournaments, I hear all the great things about Balboa and all the grumblings. My goal for being on the board is: Listen to the members for Board Priorities, Assure that lighting the upper courts project is a priority, Streamline any processes and procedures that prohibit efficient decision making and action, Develop Tennis Programs and Financial management to assure BTC is profitable every year.

Andrew McFarlane- I am Andrew E. Macfarlane and I would like to serve as your board member for Balboa Tennis Club. I work as an associate attorney at the downtown San Diego law firm Rosenberg, Shpall and Zeigen. My law practice includes primarily civil litigation and representation of immigrants in business and immigration matters. I moved to San Diego in late 2012 after practicing law for 5 years in the Washington, D.C. area. I joined BTC soon after moving here and now spend most of my evenings playing tennis at the club. I am inspired by the dedication of the current leadership and I hope that I can serve as your board member to continue the great tradition of tennis and community.

Carolina (Carolynn) Carreño- I grew up in San Diego and returned last year after 30 years living in NYC, and Los Angeles, where I established my career as a freelance food writer. This wonderful public tennis center, crazy as it sounds, is one of the things that inspired me to move back, which brings me to the first reason I'd be good on the board of BTC: because of my passion for and belief in this diverse, active, friendly, and embracing tennis center. I also have the time to devote to BTC—nobody likes a distraction like a writer on deadline. I have worked as an event and wedding planner, so I have the ability to organize the masses in a way that is efficient, fun, and usually delicious. I can also string sentences together should the need arise for that sort of thing. As singularly special as this place already is, I would commit to making it even better.

NOVEMBER 2015

Calendar of Events

December

9	BTC Volunteer Holiday Party	
15	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
25	Club Closed for Christmas Day	

January 2016

15	SDDTA Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet, LJB&TC	6:00 p.m.
19	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

February

13-14, 20-21	Hector Ortiz Jr. Tournament	
16	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

March

11-13	K&W Junior Tournament	
18	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

April

8-10	BTC Spring Tournament	
19	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

David Saranglao – New Reservations Attendant



There is a familiar face at Balboa these days who recently became an employee. David Saranglao started playing tennis at BTC regularly a year ago and then soon thereafter was recruited as an employee. He has been a great addition to the staff.

“I like the people at Balboa,” he says. “All the tennis addicts and different personalities make BTC interesting.”

David was born and raised in Southern California. He is the youngest of five siblings from a Filipino/Mexican heritage. He started playing tennis at 13 years old in Corpus Christi, Texas. The following year, he played on the high school tennis team. He picked up a few tips from his coach, but mostly learned his tennis skills from watching the pros on television.

“I like that tennis is a sport which puts emphasis on sportsmanship and respect,” he says. David not only respects the great game of tennis, but also has tremendous regard for life, as he is a cancer survivor. In 2011, David was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer and subsequently endured chemotherapy treatments and radiation to survive. Every day is a bonus for David as he enjoys his tennis and working at BTC.

David is a proud member of the San Diego Tennis Federation. He says he “walks wherever he goes and there is no need for a car.” Tennis is his sport of choice these days, yet he also enjoys track and field, basketball and surfing. “I’m very approachable and easy to talk to,” he says. Welcome to the staff David.