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On behalf of the Pacific Region Board Leadership Conference Committee, welcome to beautiful Marina del Rey!

This event marks the first time that all area councils from each of the nine states in the Pacific region have come together to put on a region-wide board leadership conference. The collaboration of each area council leadership team has resulted in an exciting conference with informational sessions and first-rate guest speakers.

Everyone at this conference has something in common—volunteers and professionals alike, they share a passion for Boys & Girls Clubs and are committed to our communities' youth. Meet them; talk with them; share your experiences and listen to theirs. More than the educational information you will receive and the fun you will have, the people you meet will make this conference a lasting experience.

We know you will leave recommitted and reenergized having made new friends and acquired valuable tools and skills to help take your local club to the next level.

By coming together and sharing experiences, we become stronger advocates for youth. As a collective group, the impact we have on young people stretches far beyond our own backyards. Nationally, Boys & Girls Clubs serve over 4.4 million youth in over 3,700 clubs. There are clubs on Native American land, in public housing projects, and on military bases at home and overseas. There is even a club in Baghdad, Iraq serving over 400 Iraqi children!

The celebration of Boys & Girls Clubs efforts is only just beginning. As we embark on our centennial year, let's rejoice in the progress we have made and strategize for the challenges that lie ahead. This conference as well as the national centennial celebration next April in Boston, not only remind us of where we come from, but also show us where we are headed. We hope that each of you will realize the impact you have and celebrate your success!

By being here you are proving yourself to be a leader of your organization, the region, and the movement. Thank you for your participation.