

# Chief Executive Officer's Report



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

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A Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

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## Haven View Site preps for Learning Center Move-IN!

It continues to amaze me when I see what a few dollars can do! Renovations at Haven View, our soon to be new preschool home, have started. We are currently in the demo phase which involves removing old cabinets, counter tops and chalk boards. The walls are being patched and painting started last Saturday. Below are current pictures, next month I'll share with you the results.



## ClubHouse Academy

The ClubHouse Academy continues to grow. More than 300 kids, ages 3 to 17 participate in classes each week. One of the struggles has been transportation and thanks to Los Caballeros, we will have that problem handled in the next few months. Los Cab has generously donated a 28 passenger bus that will become the Academy Bus that will be used to transport kids to and from the Academy. A few repairs are in progress and then some graphics and we're good to go!



## JMG Benefit Golf Tournament, May 17, 2006 at Mile Square Golf Club

Don't forget that we need everyone's help and support. This is the year we grow from one course to two. We need foursomes, sponsors and volunteers to help man the eight hole-in-ones. If you can help, please call Art at 531-2582. This is one event we can't do without your support!

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## CLUB Updates

**LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak** — March was a very quiet month; parents are still digesting the news about the move. On the other hand, April was a busy month. During the week of April 3- 7, we celebrated the Week of the Young Child with many activities that the parents and kids enjoyed. On Wednesday, April 5, 2006, The Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council invited the Learning Center to the "Celebration of Quality" honoring Accredited Child Care Providers in Orange County. The Learning Center received a banner with a rating of a Five Star Program, plus certificates of Commendations from the OC Child Care Development Planning Council, U. S. House of Representatives, plus the California State Assembly.

This Wednesday Disneyland has invited all children 3 – 5 years old, their parents and teachers to attend a preview of a new show that its is going to be aired to the public May 5<sup>th</sup> on the Disney Channel. Disneyland will provide bus transportation, and everyone will receive a ticket to go to Disneyland another time.

**KID CONNECTION Sara de Boom** — The month of April meant Spring Break for our members. It was an exciting week full of field trips, lunches, games, tournaments, art projects and making new friends. All three clubs were able to go on the same field trips to fun places like Boomers, the movie theaters, Nickle Nickle, skating and bowling! This gave our members the opportunity to meet friends and staff from the clubs they will be attending in the near future.

Citibank led a second "Money Management" session for members in grades 3-5. The kids learned how to compare prices and how to get more for their money. They are asking when the next session will be! Our Photography Club is diligently working on projects for the ImageMakers National Photography Contest which is put on by Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Members can choose to submit a photo from five different categories (color process, black and white, alternative process, digital and photo essay). Other Club members are involved in our Club Basketball Tournament which has been going on throughout April. After a rainy April, we are looking forward to plenty of sunshine in May.

**ATHLETICS Tynisha King** — Spring has finally arrived! It is an exciting time right now in our Athletic Department. Basketball and Soccer are finishing the season and gearing up for play-offs. Basketball play-offs begin Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at our Huntington Beach Branch. Soccer play-offs will begin Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>. We conclude the season with a grand finale, the All-Star game, which is Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>. The All-Star game has definitely become an event that coaches and players definitely look forward to, it is a great motivational tool to encourage good sportsmanship and a positive attitude throughout the season. We transition from Basketball and Soccer to Flag Football. Evaluations will be held Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be our first season hosting a flag football league and we are definitely looking forward to all of the participants.

## CLUB Updates Continued...

**HB BRANCH Tim Nolan** — The month started off with a bang. Our branch was the host for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Orange County monthly association meeting. With the clubs new look many of the visiting clubs we amazed to see our changes and gave us rave reviews. The meeting went off without a hitch.

With the graphic design portion of Club Tech uploaded the program has been completed for the year. All of the kids who took part in this program had a great time and received a wonderful knowledge of many different computer programs. We also threw a pizza party for all its participants.

Spring break went great this year. Our numbers were huge again for field trips and lunches. We culminated the week with a day called the "Silly Spring Spectacular". Due to the large amount of rain we received that day the carnival was moved inside. With special events going on in each room the club was alive with activity, energy, and Fun. The kids had a wonderful time and look forward to next year's spring break. That's all for now, see you next month.

**GWC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER Susan Bixler** — March was exciting at Golden West and filled with fun learning spring activities. We started by having one of our parent's majoring in Dental Hygiene held a demonstration on proper tooth brushing for 3 & 4 year olds. The Pre-K children took a walking field trip to the garden located on campus where they were taught about different flowers and their growth cycle. The children enjoyed watering and learning about different smells. Ages 2 years and up also experienced the life cycle of a butterfly; each classroom watched a caterpillar spin their cocoons and come out as beautiful butterflies. We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading "Green Eggs and Ham," followed by cooking and eating green eggs and ham.

Staff continues attending workshops and administration will be attending the CAEYC conference being held in April at the Anaheim Convention Center. Classrooms are at capacity and each room has a waiting list of 10+ families.

**KINGSTON Shannon Voigt** — April was fun-filled at the Kingston Branch. In the Education room, we have been turning in our final projects for the club tech competition. One of the teens turned in a very creative web page design and another teen submitted a short movie which we are hoping will win the regional competition. On the playground, we just completed our annual athletic challenge where some of the newly added activities included Steal the Bacon and Sharks and Minnows. The winners as well as those who attended and participated in all activities received a pizza and ice cream party. To end the month, we had a huge Easter blow-out where we even rented a full size bunny costume and had the children participate in an Easter egg hunt. The highlight of the event was the fact that one of the Easter eggs had a Five Dollar bill in it.