

Chief Executive Officer's Report



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

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Fountain Valley Kingston Branch and Huntington Beach Branch — Nearing Capacity!

Clubs are full and filled with “happy chatter” and for all practical purposes, that’s a very good thing! The problem is that we are nearing capacity at both of our school-age branches.

On a daily basis, more than 380 kids fill each of the Clubs arriving in mass from the 34 schools we service. Check-in time is hectic, but we seem to get through it and are able to account for every child. If you think it’s easy accounting for nearly 800 kids, think again! Club staff are incredible people and their love and commitment to kids is their driving force.

NOW, if you think getting the kids into the building is a challenge, stop by one afternoon and see, first hand, what it takes to keep them busy and engaged in activities all afternoon. If you haven’t been by the club lately, please take time to come by and take a tour. You will be amazed and pleased with what you see.

Mark Your Calendars! 2007 Annual Dinner & Auction October 12, 2007

“I Believe!” Annual Dinner and Auction will take everyone’s help to make sure this event is a success for the kids that need us the most! Our next auction meeting is scheduled for May 3rd at 8:00am at the Academy. We meet the first Thursday of every month at that time, so if you can’t make May, please plan to join us in June, July, August or September. AND, bring a friend or two. The committee is growing, but we need your help if we are going to meet our goals.

Club WINS National Awards for Marketing and Communications Excellence!

Once again, Boys & Girls Clubs of America has announced the MAC (Marketing And Communications) Awards recipients and our Club will receive 4 prestigious awards competing against thousands of clubs, nation-wide. At the National Conference in May, we will be honored at a special breakfast and given four more trophies to add to our wall in the Board Room located at the Academy. It’s time for a new shelf!

Congrats to the Club and thank you to the development department, graphics department and to our webmaster for making this happen. Winning categories are as follows:

Gold – Website

**Silver – Comprehensive
Marketing Strategy**

**Silver – BGCA Initiatives and
Special Events**

Silver – Publications

JMG 12th Annual Golf Tournament

Once again we are looking forward to a very successful event. For the second year in a row we have nearly filled two courses. Considering the fact that you can find a tournament to play every week of the month, we are proud to bring in such a large crowd. There’s still time to put a foursome together or volunteer to help on the day of the event. See Art for details.

CLUB Updates

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — The month of April has been a learning experience on Horticulture for the children. The children have been watering and taking care of the vegetable and flower garden that was planted on March 21, by volunteers from Buchanan Street partners. The children are so excited to see the new growth.

During the week of April 23- 27, we are going to be celebrating the Week of the Young Child. The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 100,000 members and network of over 300 local state and regional affiliates. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) laid the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we as citizens of a community, of date and of the nation- will better meet the needs of all young children and their families. The Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensure that each and every child experiences the type of early environment at home, at child care, at school, and in the community that will promote their early learning. The preschool has planned a week of fun activities for the children in each classroom. On Friday April 27th, we are going to have a small carnival for all the children in our program and we are inviting the children at the Golden West College Child Development Center to join us as well. We have some parents volunteering but we always can use extra hands.

GWC CHILD DEV. CENTER Susan Bixler - At GWC Child Development Center we started the month celebrating Read Across America and the 50th birthday of The Cat in The Hat on Friday March 2nd. This was a nationwide literacy event that truly honored an amazing author. To help with the celebration we asked the children to bring their favorite Dr. Seuss book so staff or parent volunteers could read aloud in the class.

Our pre-k staff incorporated the color green and four leaf clovers into their curriculum then provided an activity that had all the children collecting four leaf clovers which they later turned into necklaces that they wore all month long. You would be amazed at the great eyesight the kids have for spotting over 40 four leaf clovers!

March 12th our Infant/Toddler staff attended a great PITC (Programs for Infant Toddler Caregivers) training on environments, which showed staff how to properly arrange the rooms to meet the needs of the children served in those particular classrooms. Staff enjoyed this training and arranged and re-arranged the rooms until the children functioned smoothly with the new set ups.

CLUB Updates Continued...

CLUBHOUSE ACADEMY Sara DeBoom — Our Spring Sports Leagues are up and running with a total of 70 teams (over 500 participants)! You can stop by the HB Branch or Kingston Branch any week day after 5:30pm or on Saturdays to catch a glimpse of the soccer and basketball action. We have started accepting registration for our Summer Sports Leagues and will continue through June in hopes of another huge turnout for a successful summer season!

This month also brings the addition of a new voice coach Chad Kimball. Chad will be offering voice lessons at our ClubHouse Academy. He is very excited to work with our members as well as the ClubHouse Theatre program. Our Gymnastics and Dance programs are busy preparing for their spring recitals. Both recitals will be in June along with the ClubHouse Theatre performances of *High School Musical, Jr.* and *Kilroy was Here*. It is hard to believe it is already April! We have had a busy first part of the year and are excited for what is to come

KINGSTON Shannon Roache - Everything at the Kingston Branch has been going great! We have been running a lot of really great programs and the kids have been having a really good time. We have had a great response with our Race into Reading Program and collectively, the kids have read over 30,100 pages and do not seem to be slowing down- all of the age groups are determined to win. We also just completed our Culture Awareness Week where each of the rooms were decorated to represent a different culture. Some examples of the events that took place were a Mexican Hat dance in the Activity Center, the Education Room did a Chinese checkers tournament, the Kitchen had a "Welcome to Italy" cooking class and the Art Room had a "Create your Country's Flag day which was displayed around the club.

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — Our second of three National programs that I will be highlighting is Money Matters. This program is sponsored by Charles Schwab Foundation to teach teens ages 13 to 18 financial responsibility and independence. Our participants will receive a booklet call the Teen Personal Finance Guide. This booklet contains practical tips and activities to help the teens learn the important skills of balancing a checkbook, creating a budget and saving and investing for college and retirement. To help with the program we have had financial leaders (bankers) come to our club to run seminars for our kids. When our program is completed I will give you a full update of the goals that have been accomplished.

With the completion of Graphic design, our Club Tech program has come to an end for this school year. With every portion completed, and a National Championship won in Screenwriting, our program was a huge success. We are having a party to celebrate all the kids who participated in this year's program.

Spring Break went great. Everyday we were packed with kids and our lunches and field trips were a huge hit.