

Chief Executive Officer's Report



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A Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

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WINDING DOWN!

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. Kingston and Huntington Beach Branches have been crowded, busy and filled with fun activities. With the closure of the Kid Connection Branch, our two Clubs have been very impacted. Daily attendance numbers have averaged more than 300 at each site, not including the hundreds of kids and families participating every evening in our sports leagues. I'm pleased to say that our Unit Directors and Staff Members have stepped up to the challenge. Thank you!

As summer winds down, work to prepare for the fall begins. Program books, registration forms, bus schedules, hiring and training new staff are only a few of the tasks that begin to occupy our time. Based on a very successful summer, I anticipate a busy and successful fall program. We should all be proud of the many things we have accomplished this year as we look forward to the beginning of the school year.

Boys & Girls Clubs "DAY FOR KIDS"

2006 "DAY FOR KIDS" was the most successful event to date. Nearly 1,500 kids, parents and friends participated in the event. There was fun available for everyone...carnival games, cotton candy, jump houses, drawings for prizes, food tasting from local restaurants, a large community fair with booths covering topics from nutrition to fingerprinting — and everything in between. On stage all of our performing arts classes did demonstrations and Club Talent Show winners displayed their talents. Inside the club, rooms were opened and activities were offered. On the patio hot dogs and hamburgers were a hit. We toured prospective members and had a great day!

Disney Recognizes ClubHouse Theatre with \$5,000 Grant

Once again, the ClubHouse Theatre will receive support from the Disney VoluntEARS program. This is the fourth contribution in the last two years from Disney. Funds donated, totaling \$12,000, have been used to help the Club reach their goal of fully equipping the theater with sound, lights, curtains, etc. It's not easy transforming a gym into a theater, but we're doing our best to get it done!

ClubHouse Theatre is currently working on the musical production of Annie. You will see songs from this play, along with Seussical at the "Dare to Dream" Auction in October.



CLUB Updates

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — The children have been enjoying the summer by playing with water on a daily basis, talking about the beach and the ocean, as well as their family vacations. Our Pre-K classrooms have gone to explore the neighborhood by going on walks to eat lunch at Carl's Jr. and Taco Bell. We are hoping that before the summer ends we will take a ride in the bus to Chuck E Cheese's, which is located on Edwards and Warner.

We are proud to say that our Pre-K classes are well prepared to face the new challenges that are waiting for them in Kindergarten. We have started re-registration for the up coming school year and we are getting good responses from the parents of the children that will continue with us. We are also continuing to enroll several new students for all ages. On August 24th, we are hosting a one day nation wide "Read for the Record", which is part of the JumpStart Program sponsored by the Orange County Register. There are 8 volunteers that will come and read to our children. They will be reading the book, The Little Engine That Could, starting at 9:30 am. Also, each child will receive a copy of the book and a book marker.

GWC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER Susan

Bixler — The children have had a blast enjoying their summer with many fun activities such as water play, ocean and summer themes in the classrooms and nature walks. Our center has been busy with re-registration of all the children that will be returning for the upcoming school year and numbers are looking great with enrollment full in the classrooms for September 5, 2006. Staff has also been preparing our pre-k children for their big step in leaving us and starting kindergarten, by reading books and talking about what they can expect. We are hoping to alleviate some of the anxiety they may be feeling about going to kindergarten.

Monday August 14th Infant/Toddler staff attended another PITC (Programs for Infant Toddler Caregivers) training which discussed the ages of infancy and brain development. Staff received great knowledge on the very first steps of understanding developmental issues for the different ages in infancy and how that plays a role in care giving.

August 24th some volunteers with the Jump Start program through United Way will be out to our center to read books for the children. In participating in the Jump Start program we are hoping to expose the children to more reading at school and in their home so literacy can be a positive factor in their daily lives. We are looking forward to another wonderful year on Golden West Colleges campus!



DARE TO DREAM Auction and Dinner

— October 20th is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars and help the Club reach our goal at this amazing event! We can't do it without everyone's help. See you at the Hyatt!

CLUB Updates Continued...

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — As we progress through summer are numbers have remained strong. We continue to receive sign-ups each and every day. With many inquiries, our fall sign-ups look like they will be huge.

On 8/17/06 six of our club members were treated to a very special event. Southern California Edison's staff was doing a team building seminar, down at the Huntington Hyatt. During the exercise Edison's staff, were to assemble bikes to create team cohesiveness. The teams that were building the bikes had no idea that they would be donating the bikes to children. That's where our kids come in. At the club we looked at all the in need families and chose the most deserving kids to receive their first bicycles. Because of the way we approached the children, through a non-descript questionnaire, none of them had any idea that they would be receiving a bike. When the kids arrived at the seminar the emotions were overwhelming to all. What a great day for everyone involved.

Our summer special events have been absolutely huge. Our Western Round-up had 225 participants and the Luau had 255. This is a great showing for the kids as well as the staff. Great job to everyone involved.

KINGSTON Shannon Voigt — Kingston has been enjoying the summer with our many outdoor water activities and special events. We recently were given the opportunity to visit Nickelodeon studios to enjoy a tour of the set as well as to have a personal party. The kids had a great time and really enjoyed their experience behind the scenes.

We also were able to send 25 low-income members to summer camp for a week. There the children were able to sleep in cabins as well as participate in archery, horseback riding, mountain climbing and many other activities. We recently celebrated our summer luau where the kids were able to dunk their favorite staff. We also had a steel drum band playing Hawaiian music and an entire carnival with games and activities.

The education room has been preparing for our Digital Arts Festival that will be beginning in September by running various graphic contests. They are also putting together their first newspaper issue to be released at the beginning of the school year.

ATHLETICS — Tynisha is doing much better, and has her next surgery scheduled for August 29th. If all goes well, she should be back to work in October. We miss you!

The summer seasons for Basketball and Indoor Soccer are functioning at a high level, we have more than 80 teams in both Soccer and Basketball with a total enrollment of over 700 participants. Playoffs are the last two weeks of August, All-Star games are the weekend of Sept 8th.

In Tynisha's absence, the Athletic staff has risen to the challenge – I want to thank Kevin Greene, Joe Little, Kevin Moore and Cortney Stafford for their tireless efforts (including long days on Saturday and several Sunday's) in offering our members a sports league experience.