

Chief Executive Officer's Report



February 2005

A Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

Tanya Hoxsie

Annual Meeting, 2005

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation, held last month was a fun evening of fellowship and recognition. Awards were presented to individuals that have made a significant contribution to the organization in 2004.

MAN & YOUTH AWARD

RJ Mayer, The Robert Mayer Corporation

The Man and Youth Award is a special recognition given at the Club level. It is an organization's way of recognizing outstanding leadership. Each Boys & Girls Club across the country sets their own criteria but clearly, "Man and Youth" is fundamentally an award designed to recognize devoted service that makes an impact on the lives of the children we serve. This AWARD it is not given away lightly.

RJ Mayer became involved with our organization three years ago. During that time, he has grown into a truly valuable and contributing Board member. His contributions are important because he knows where we should go and has led the path to get us there. One accomplishment was when he volunteered to chair the voice auction committee. What a project, but the results were seen this past year at our 2004 event. If that wasn't enough, another outstanding event happened at our November board meeting. It was when he volunteered to lead our newest endeavor, a capital campaign. And, lets not forget how he helps arrange annual galas, donates hotel rooms, plans lunches, dinners, retreats and is around whenever we need him and all of this happens, in his very special quiet way.

FROM THE HEART AWARD

Laurann Cook

A special thank you award. Since Laurann's first involvement, there was one thing that always stands out; it is that she is always about the kids. There is no agenda, there is no need for personal recognition, there is only a fundamental love for the kids, the kids that need the love most of all. There are so many moments that stand out, but the one I remember most was in 1997, when we moved our auction from the gym to the Hilton. Sure we had the idea but who, along with friends, convinced all the prominent folks in our two cities to dress up and make fools of themselves. She asked, they did and we doubled the revenue. Then in 2003, we decided to move the event from the Hilton to the Hyatt. Once again, she came on board and helped us . 40 tables to 72 tables in two years. Of course, a lot of folks make it happen, but one continues to lead the charge and for that we honor Laurann Cook with the organization's first Helping Heart Award.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP AWARD, 2004 Huntington Beach Dodge, Clay James

Clay James and Huntington Beach Dodge have made a difference in the lives of the youth in this community in so many ways. For the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, it began years ago when we asked Clay to join our board. From board meetings, to sponsoring hole-in-ones at our golf tournament, to donations from the HB Dodge Helping Heart employees fund, to co-chairing the voice auction in 2003, to that red Magnum that sat in the middle of our silent auction room this past October...Huntington Beach Dodge has shown, over and over, in so many ways that they care about the kids in this community. For that we honor them with our Corporate Sponsorship Award for 2004

Ocean View School District & Club become Even Start Partners

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley together with the Ocean View School District have partnered to provide more services to the community. Even Start is a program designed to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) families with important opportunities. The program offers parents English instruction while their children get extra opportunities for academic support and enrichment. A collaborative grant from the State pays for it all. The program, designed to target families attending Westmont School is growing numbers at our Huntington Beach Branch. Through the grant, our buses pick up 26+ Westmont kids and transport them to the HB Club after school three days a week. At the end of the day, the kids are bused back to Westmont, where their parents are waiting to pick them up. The kids are thrilled with the programs at the Club, parents are amazed with what we offer and since the grant pays for the kids to attend... Everyone WINS!



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CLUB Updates

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — The first fundraiser for the Tsunami Relief Fund went great. We ran a raffle for the kids to win a chance to pie your favorite staff in the face. All the staff participated and had a great time. Each staff anticipated their turn, to get a face full whip cream, while the kids cheered. The children had a great time and we raised \$138. The staff, unfortunately, will never be the same. Our second fundraiser we have planned is a Pizza Pig Out. This event will be held on February 18, 2005. We have invited several local pizzerias to participate. Each restaurant will donate 10 pizzas for our members to sample. This will be a great time for family and friends to share a meal and support a great cause.

Our club is also beginning a new program with the Westmont School. The Even Start program will bring kids from ESL families to our branch three days a week. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley will provide the transportation for these families. The program is designed to get the children of these families involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs. Our goal is to mainstream these kids into everyday society. All of our core programs are running smoothly. The first week of March we will be submitting our moviemaking and screenplay portion of the Club Tech program. Our kids are really excited about this project.

KINGSTON Shannon Voigt — The Kingston Branch has been working hard on a new program that was brought to us by Boys & Girls Club of America. It is called FIRST Lego league and their motto is to "inspire children around the world to work together, use their creativity and engage in real world problems and opportunities." In this program the children build and then program a robot to do the following things: put the cd away, play ball, climb the stairs, feed the pets, open the gate, read the bus route signs, push in the chairs, serve dinner, and remove the glasses. The kids have been really involved with this project as well as their parents and we were even invited to compete in Orlando Florida this month.

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — NEW YEAR, NEW CHILDREN! Like always we have started the New Year with many inquires for our Learning Center program. We have been busy providing tours for new parents that want to enroll their children of all different ages. We enrolled 11 children and currently have a waiting list for our Pre-K classrooms. Staff has been hard at work preparing children to enter the school system healthy and ready, especially our 3 pre-k classrooms. Our goal for this year is to ease the transition for the pre-k children going into kindergarten, Chelo continues attending the HBCSDSR Task Force and Steering Committee meetings where we are working on that smooth transition and we are hoping to have that in place by the end of the school year.

CLUB Updates Continued...

ATHLETICS & PERFORMING ARTS Tynisha King — We started off the year 2005 with a bang! Our theatre program put on a great production of "The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree." The play was showcased two weekends and there was a great amount of interest. Numerous viewers from the community took in the play and were able to see first hand the Boys and Girls Clubs' positive involvement with the kids in the community. Furthermore, the athletics program expanded by adding their first flag football season, the season concluded with a Super Bowl Game, in which the Huntington Beach Club captured the victory. We plan to continue flag football in the future and put the season in our yearly calendar. Its that time again, Basketball and Indoor Arena Soccer league play begins the 1st week of March. The number of children participating in our leagues is steadily growing, making the leagues more exciting and competitive. Our additional classes—Karate, Dance, Tae Kwon do and Gymnastics—are continuing to grow and interest new students.

KID CONNECTION Nicole Cryan — This year is off to a great start! Our Lego League team is very busy building and programming their robots. The Lego League consists of a team of ten members, three of which are preparing for the tournament in Florida. Members will take their robot and compete against other teams to display their proficiency to complete the obstacle course.

Club Tech is hard at work creating their first movie. This gives members the opportunity to write, direct and star in their own creations, while teaching them about spacing, lighting and all of the technicalities that go into the making of a movie. This month we also hosted a Jog-A-Thon in order to raise money for the Tsunami Relief Fund. Our kids worked really hard collecting pledge sheets and donations. Our goal was to raise \$250.00; so far we have far exceeded this amount and not all of the pledge sheets are in. Congratulations to all that participated!

January 2005	King	HB	KC	LC
Total Membership	975	443	357	156
Full Time Enrolled	279	192	202	122
Part Time Enrolled	54	33	38	34
Daily Attendance	370	273	269	136
Kindergarten	53	36	40	0
Walk-in	44	58	58	0
Scholarship Youth	91	74	21	11