

# Chief Executive Officer's Report



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Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

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## Annual Meeting of the Corporation

Celebrating the year's accomplishments and acknowledging what's ahead was the theme for our Annual Meeting held February 23, 2007. The event was also the venue for recognizing many key individuals for their part in our success. The awards and recognitions were as follows:

### The National Service to Youth Award

Presented to individuals whose continuing concern and deep involvement have played an important part in the development of the Boys & Girls Clubs and its constructive activities and guidance for youth.

5 YEARS - **RJ Mayer**, 10 YEARS - **John Rich**  
20 YEARS - **Bob Hoxsie** and 40 YEARS - **Ed Arnold**

### From the Heart Award - Ed Arnold

Designed as a special thank you to an individual that has gone above and beyond to help and support the CEO in leading this organization.

### Man and Youth Award - Wes Bryan Woman and Youth Award - Janet Houllihan

An award that recognizes outstanding leadership.

### Eagle Award - Al Guidotti

The most prestigious award given by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley. It is given to someone who makes a difference to the future of our organization.

### Corporate Partnership - Edison International

Recognizes the corporate partner that best supported the efforts of this organization in 2006.

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

"I Believe!" ...and that's a good thing, because 2007 will be a year to believe that dreams do come true. Please mark your calendars! it will take everyone's help to make this event a success... for the kids that need us the most!

## CLUB Make-Overs

This is a great time to tour one of our sites..and bring a friend or colleague. New changes include:

**HUNTINGTON BEACH BRANCH** is thrilled to have a brand new computer lab. Thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the Plunkett Foundation and software partners, the new lab is up and running.

**KINGSTON FOUNTAIN VALLEY BRANCH** is excited to finally have a new floor in the teen room. Thank you to Taco Bell for your donation!

## ClubHouse Theatre Performs "High School Musical" to Sell-out Crowd

For the first time in the history of the ClubHouse Theatre, the advanced class performed to a sell-out audience. Every chair in the house was filled opening and closing nights. Congratulations to the 24 aspiring actors and actresses that worked so hard to make this production a success.



SO, if you missed the show, the fun isn't over. Clubhouse's beginning and intermediate casts open February 28th with their version of Seussical. Two casts, made up of 60 kids, will sing and dance to delight the audience. Performances are at 7PM on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Matinees are 2PM on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$5,

## CLUB Updates

**LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak** — The Learning Center has started a new year with lots of inquires about the program, we enrolled 13 new children, ages infant-5years, and we have 56 names on our Infant waiting list. Our two Toddler rooms are full, and a couple of names are on the waiting list. Infant and toddler staff continues with the trainings from PITC; we will have trainings twice a month and our trainer will be here once a month to provide us with technical assistance. The week of January 15 – 19 we had our first parent conferences and it was successful. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Ocean View School District School readiness nurse came and screened 18 children on vision and hearing. The month of February has been filled with lots of love and friendship. The children were busy exploring the colors pink, red and white, they made several crafts and decorate their classrooms with them. On Wednesday February 14, they had friendship potlucks in their classrooms. On Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Family Support Network came for the fourth year to screen children on seven different developmental areas. The Family Support Network screened 49 children and 11 were from the Learning Center; the rest of them came from around the community not only from Huntington Beach, but as far as Mission Viejo, and Corona.

**HB BRANCH Tim Nolan** — Hello and welcome back. There have been a lot of great happenings since we last spoke. Briefly, the Christmas season was a huge hit with the kids. The staff, with the help of the children, went crazy decorating the club with Kwanza, Hanukkah, and Christmas designs. During the holiday break we also had great field trips and a huge carnival to close the break with a bang.

Our Club Tech project is going great guns. We have submitted the latest portion, Screenplay Writing and Movie Tech. Both projects were based on a news report about events going on within the club. We felt we had done a great job on each and have come to find out, just today, that our screenplay has won top prize in the regional competition. Congratulations go out to all involved. The next two portions are Web Design and Graphic Design. We are really looking forward to these next two projects.

We have started three new National Programs: Triple Play, Money Matters, and Goals for Graduations. Each program has exciting goals for our members. In the next three weeks I will highlight each one of these programs.

## **DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Laura Portier** —

We are pleased that Audrey McAulay will be joining our team as the new Assistant Director of Development. Audrey has a bachelor's degree in communications with a concentration in public relations from University of Texas, San Antonio. She has 2 years of experience as the marketing director for the YMCA and prior experience in corporate marketing. Her organization, writing, community relations and special events skills will all be assets to the Club. Audrey's first day will be March 12th. Welcome!

## CLUB Updates Continued...

**KINGSTON Shannon Roache** — Kingston has been really busy during the beginning of 2007. We have been renovating and updating several of our rooms including putting in a much needed tile floor in the teen room and repainting the mural in the games room. The kids are very excited about the changes and have begun fundraising in order to make some additional improvements. The club has also added additional programs to our already packed schedule to include a new session of our Newspaper Club, as well as a new "RACEing into Reading" Program that is run through the Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies Motorcycle Racing, Inc. The kids are very excited about this program as well as the amazing incentives that are being offered to them to encourage reading such as IPOD's, DVD's, and Leapfrog Learning Material as well as many other great prizes. We currently have 150 members that have signed up to be a part of this program. We can't wait to get started.

**CLUBHOUSE ACADEMY Sara DeBoom** — Our basketball and arena soccer leagues have finished their season! Games were played at both our Kingston and Huntington Beach branches. For the season, basketball has 24 teams and soccer has 31 teams and we are still adding through the season! The coaches, kids and parents had a great season. In addition, the Clubhouse Theater is more popular than ever. We saw a huge turn out for auditions for Suessical the Musical and High School Musical. We also had two big shows in the December. Our Winter Dance Recital and our Gymnastics program had their Winter Showcases. Both shows were a great opportunity to see what that the ClubHouse offers and the hard work of the members in these classes

**GWC CHILD DEV. CENTER Susan Bixler** - The beginning of January was still quiet on campus due to college students on Winter Break. We took this quiet opportunity to enjoy a more intimate teaching environment with smaller group size settings. The 3 and 4 year olds explored the weather and watched how certain trees lose all their leaves in the winter. The end of January brought the beginning of the colleges spring semester which meant the return of all children from winter break. Classrooms reached full capacity once again with waiting lists for our Infant/Toddler programs. The new semester also means the incorporating of specific school readiness criteria for our Pre-K children who will need to be ready to enter Kindergarten in September. Specific activities will include name writing, sounds and recognition of the alphabet, counting from 1-10, working on longer attention spans, building on their independence and so much more.

Infant/Toddler staff continues with PITC trainings which have covered various topics such as Social-Emotional Milestones, Socialization and Guidance, Understanding Children's Behavior, Responsive Caregiving and Routines as Curriculum. These trainings are moving the staff in the direction of providing primary care which is very crucial in the attachment process of infants/toddlers.