

Chief Executive Officer's Report



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

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School-Age Branches Report Record Attendance

The Fountain Valley Kingston Branch and the Huntington Beach Branch are reporting the largest daily attendance numbers in the history of this organization. On an average, 350-400 members participate daily in a variety of programs including arts and crafts, cooking, computer learning, sports, field trips and special events. Last week at the Western Roundup, members had the chance to visit a petting zoo, ride ponies, play carnival games and compete for prizes as our playgrounds were transformed for this special event. Unit Directors, Program Directors and all of their staff members are working hard to provide experiences for our kids. If you haven't had a chance to visit one of the Branches lately, please find some time to come by. You will be amazed at our growth!

Transportation Program Gearing up for Fall

Getting ready for school is quite a process for our transportation department. Drivers spend the summer waxing, painting and cleaning our 13 school busses. In their spare time they attend trainings and prepare bus schedules ... gearing up for the first day of school.



ClubHouse Academy Offers A Summer Theatre Camp!

For the first time, ClubHouse Theatre offered a two-week long summer camp for our youngest members. Aspiring actors and actresses, ages 5 to 9 years, met for three hours daily learning all aspects of theater. The camp ended with the production of 101 Dalmatians performed to a sell-out audience. Pictured are the thirty-one cast members that attended summer camp. It was truly amazing to watch how quickly these young performers caught on to theatre life.

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CLUB Updates

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — Our children have been busy this month. To celebrate July 4th they did some crafts using the colors of the flag, and they talked about Independence Day. Some of the classrooms even paraded around the premises. With the hot weather here, the children around the preschool are playing with water and shaving cream. They are also enjoying eating their popsicles for afternoon snack. Last week we cut a couple of pumpkins from our garden. One of them weighs 80lbs. and measures 4'10" around. It is **BIG!** This big pumpkin has been traveling to every classroom so the children can see it and measure it with their arms. So far we have not found arms big enough to go around the pumpkin. We have been taking pictures, and we are hoping that the pumpkins will last until Halloween.

Teachers and administrators from The Learning Center Preschool and Golden West College Child Development Center attended a training on the proper way to administer medication. This is one of the few new criteria to NAEYC and is mandated for all staff that work at an accredited center. So far we are doing 98% - not bad? During the next few weeks, the pre-K children will be taking a few walking field trips around the community. Our re-enrollment is in progress right now, and we've had a very good response from the parents. They are returning their paperwork on time, and we're working hard to enter all the re-enrollment information.

GWC CHILD DEV. CENTER Susan Bixler - Summer is apparent the Golden West College Child Development Center. The children have enjoyed the many water activities that staff has provided such as swimming in pools, running through sprinklers, playing in the water table with funnels and measuring spoons, and playing catch with beach balls. The week of July 4th the pre-k children experimented with water, vegetable oil and food coloring to make "fireworks" in a glass. Friday July 20th we had our annual Family Picnic special event. This was a wonderful opportunity for families to picnic out on the preschool playground where dinner was provided, listen to kid's music, win prizes in our raffle and enjoy the outside weather.

Numbers in the program are slowly picking up and we have opened registration for the fall. Looks like we will be close to full capacity when we start at the end of August!

Administration and staff continue their professional growth through the summer by attending great workshops and trainings being provided by West Ed and United Ways Success by 6. On Thursday July 19th administration attended a training on the 5 rights of administering medication. Saturday July 21st staff attended a workshop on helping children resolve conflicts.

CLUB Updates Continued...

KINGSTON Shannon Roache - The Kingston Branch has been very busy during the month of June. We have been registering new members daily and now have more than 560 children registered in our summer program. We have been filling the day with fun and exciting activities in order to keep the kids occupied such as water balloon fights, dodge ball games, pool tournaments and much, much more. We recently had our Western Roundup in which we had 180 kids in attendance. At this event we had a live petting zoo as well as pony rides for all of the children who participated. The kids were also able to participate in many carnival games and activities such as "lasso" the bull, water gun shoot out, a watermelon eating contest, and the chance to pie their favorite staff in the face. We are looking forward to the rest of the summer and all of the fun activities that we have planned for our kids.

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — Our club is bursting with life as we hit the half way mark of summer. We have over 400 kids signed up for our program and still we continue to grow. As the days go on our kids are having a wonderful summer. They are actively participating in programs that will enrich their lives mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. As an administrator it is unbelievable to watch the children make new friends, broaden their horizons, develop and grow. Our staff has done an excellent job of running programs and getting the kids involved.

Last week one of our members earned a special privilege. Skyler Myers won a National Award in our "Club Tech" program, for screen play writing. As a winner, Skyler and one of our staff earned a free trip to a special conference in Seattle, Washington. This conference was for Boys and Girls Club kid's from all over the country who excelled in the Club Tech program. This trip is designed to be a developmental, as well as a culturing experience for Skyler. I am sure Skyler will remember this trip for the rest of his life. See you all next Month.

CLUBHOUSE ACADEMY Steve Savage Summer is in full swing and the Clubhouse Academy is enjoying the influx of members who are taking part in our dance, gymnastics, karate, and tae-kwon-dao classes. At a successful June 16th Kids Day, the Clubhouse Academy had the opportunity to showcase these many talented members and instructors that take part in our various Clubhouse programs. These performances resulted in many inquiries about the programs that the Clubhouse Academy has to offer. Both basketball and soccer are ready to go for another exciting summer season. The Theatre program provided the community with a wonderful production of *High School Musical Junior* this past June. Over 100 club members took part or acted in the production. The *High School Musical Junior* had over 250 guests at each show. The advanced cast also performed the WWII era of *Kilroy was Here*, with great success. Many WWII Veterans were seen attending this presentation and were moved by the sights, sounds, emotions, and the attitudes of the 1940's.