

# Chief Executive Officer's Report



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

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## Kingston Branch Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

Hard to believe that ten years ago, at this time, we held the grand opening of the Fountain Valley Kingston Branch. It's amazing to think of how much we have changed and grown over the years. The good news is that the building still looks great and we are serving more community kids than ever before. Kingston and HB Branches are packed. That's why it's time to work together to raise the funds needed to open our third Club!

## DAY FOR KIDS! Breaks all RECORDS...

We celebrated kids in style this month with our Day for Kids celebration. Families started arriving an hour before we opened and stayed long after we closed. Everyone joined in the fun. Kids played carnival games, tasted lunchbox treats from local restaurants, made crafts, ate cotton candy, jumped in one of two jump houses, and performed on stage throughout the afternoon. The event gets bigger every year!

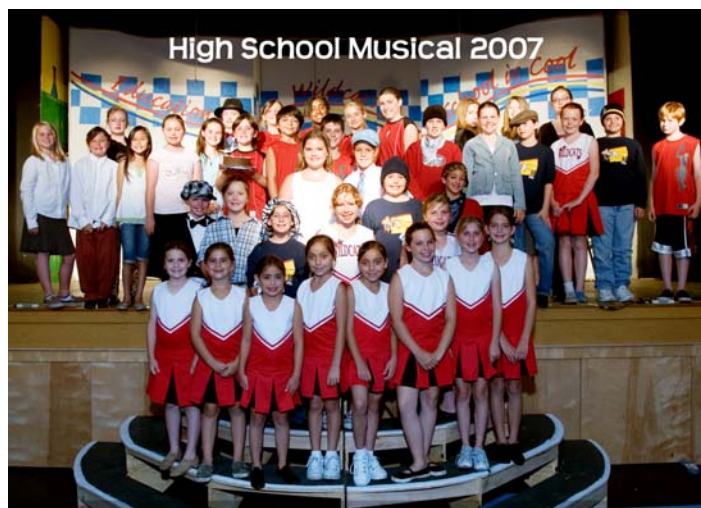
## ClubHouse Academy just keeps growing!

June has been a busy month filled with many special performances. The dance program filled the gym for three shows highlighting the talents of more than 100 young dancers. The cameras didn't stop flashing as proud parents, grandparents and friends cheered the kids on ages 3 and up.

Next, gymnastics classes held their showcase filling the gymnastics center with parents and friends. Martial Arts programs held testing events and everyone walked away feeling like a winner.

Keeping pace with the rest of the performing arts programs was the ClubHouse Theatre. Nearly 100 kids performed last week to sell-out crowds. It's amazing to watch the kids act, sing and dance with such confidence in front of sold out audiences. This weekend, the advanced group will open their show, "Kilroy Was Here" — a patriotic musical comedy salute to the GI Joes and Jills of the 1940's.

The ClubHouse Academy keeps growing and our main program goal... "Offer high quality, affordable enrichment instruction and opportunities to all kids" ...is being met.



## CLUB Updates

**LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak** — The parent-teacher conferences were completed successfully the first week in June. Thirty-five kindergarteners are ready to face new challenges in kindergarten starting in September. We are so proud of all of them and wish them the very best.

The children are so excited to see our vegetable and flower garden. On cooking day, the children cut the lettuce picked from our garden, washed it, diced tomatoes and shredded carrots and ate the salad with dressing for snack. They talked about their pumpkins and how fast they are growing. They also talked about how tall the sunflowers are, how big the flowers are that are blooming and how fast they grow.

Last week, the Huntington Beach school readiness nurse came to school to talk to the children about the importance of brushing their teeth. She read a story about going to visit the dentist and she brought her big toothbrush and demonstrated the proper way to brush teeth.

The toddlers are enjoying the warm days; playing outside with water, shaving cream and bubbles. All the children in the preschool made cards and gifts for Father's Day.

Now that summer is here, we have lots of fun summer activities planned for the next month.

**GWC CHILD DEV. CENTER Susan Bixler** - The month of May started with our second set of Parent/Teacher conferences. Attendance for these conferences was higher than expected, but we were delighted to be able to sit down with parents and show them their child's progress throughout the year. Parent's were able to look over the Desired Results Assessment tool we use to evaluate the children and Portfolios, which are a compilation of art work, dictations, pictures, etc. for the year, were sent home. Pre-K children were assessed by the teachers in collaboration with their parents to see who would be ready to enter Kindergarten, all but one as requested by the parent will move on.

All the children and staff have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather and have incorporated "the outside classroom." Art, circle time, free choice and even snack have been taking place outside. Many of the classrooms have been going on nature walks on campus. Our Toddler room children ages 15 months-2 years have been enthralled with the many birds they see on campus. Staffs have provided books on birds like "Five Little Ducks," finger painting a big bird then collaging feathers on it, they hung a bird feeder so they could better explore and observe birds, and they learned to sign "bird." The children are truly engaged in these activities due to their inquisitive interest they have displayed.

We are looking forward to water play as the weather warms up and some walking field trips to nearby areas such as Wendy's for lunch.

## CLUB Updates Continued...

**KINGSTON Shannon Roache** - The Kingston Branch has been very busy lately with the end of the school year festivities as well as getting ready for our summer program to begin. We recently celebrated with all of the kids who participated and remained in our club programs throughout the school year with a huge Hawaiian Luau. Any children who participated in the following programs SMART Girls, Career Launch, Youth 4 Unity, TRIPLE Play, Torch Club, Keystone, Double Dutch, Sign Language, POWER Hour, Jr. Staff, Healthy Habits, and Fine Arts were able to participate in the festivities. We also had a very successful Kindergarten Graduation in which 45 children were recognized and given diplomas for completing our primary program. These kids were all very excited to have graduated from their primary room as well as their new ability to have free roam of the building throughout the day.

We have been taking many new registrations for our summer program and currently have 365 enrolled for our full day program and 36 enrolled in our summer school pick up with new registrations continuing to pour in daily. We have many fun activities planned for the summer and cannot wait until we are in full swing.

**HB BRANCH Tim Nolan** — Our club really finished off the school year with a bang. Our kindergarten graduation was a huge success with all of our kids and parents in attendance. Our primary staff did an excellent job, and received many accolades from our parents. We can't thank Matt Brady and the LASD Motorsports Team enough for bringing us the "Racing into Reading" program. Our kids did a phenomenal job with their reading and were rewarded at the programs closing ceremony. I would like to thank all of the staff who has worked at the club especially those who have spent time in the education center. Each of these staff has truly made a significant contribution to our members. This has been clearly seen in their report cards and the low numbers of our children needing to attend summer school. Great Job everyone!

At this time I would like to introduce our new office manager Megan McGrady. Megan, along with her office assistant Alicia has done an excellent job of getting us ready for summer. Their preparation and effort has set us up for a huge level of success. See you next month.

**CLUBHOUSE ACADEMY Steve Savage** — The ClubHouse Academy would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for a series of donations to our theatre including Stage Curtains/Valances, an AMAZING Sound System, a new Mixing Console, and a real Front Curtain. GSC Audio Products, Apex Audio, Donation in memory of Jody and Chase Thomas and in honor of Justin and Jordan Hexem, Audio Geer, Hoxsie Builders, Boeing Employees Community Fund, Collaborative Neuroscience Network, Disneyland Community Fund, Entertainment Industry Foundation, Saenz Family, Fishbein Family and many other individual and family donations totaling nearly \$75,000!