

Chief Executive Officer's Report



March 2005 Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends Tanya Hoxsie

NFL Club Alumnus, Tony Gonzalez Signs autographs for H.B. Club Members

TONY GONZALEZ, Celebrity Chair of the Club's Building Dreams Capital Campaign made a visit, last month, to the Huntington Beach Branch. In front of 250+ Club members he shared his experiences while inspiring Club members to follow their dreams.

Tony Gonzalez, the Kansas City Chiefs' tight-end football player spent the afternoon with the kids at the Huntington Beach Branch where he spent many afternoons as a kid. To support the Club's Building Dreams Capital Campaign, Tony has agreed to be the honored Celebrity Chair. "The Club made such a difference in my life," said Gonzalez. "I'm excited to be part of a project that will do so much for the kids of my hometown."

Gonzalez played games with the kids and hung out in some of the activity rooms talking to the members. Then the Club presented a plaque to Tony for breaking the National Football League record for most receptions by a tight end in a single season. Way to go Tony!

What an AMAZING Staff!

It has been a difficult and busy time the last few months for our Administrative Team. I have asked them to do many things, in addition to their everyday work. So it's time to take an opportunity to thank them for all of their hard work. Without a doubt, this is the best group of people I have ever had the pleasure of working with. They are talented, creative and committed to their work and this organization. **THANK YOU!** You are very appreciated!

Youth of the Year Dinner, April 8th

Congratulations to Jose Luis Gonzalez (age 17), Jordan Bulloc (age 12) and Rachel Gajardo (age 11) for being chosen to represent our Club as our Youths of the Year. These three outstanding members, along with nearly 40 other youths from Clubs in Orange County will be honored at the annual Youth of the Year Dinner, "It's Their Night to Shine". The event, chaired by Unit Director, Shannon Voigt, will be held locally at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort. Helping Shannon with the event are many Boys & Girls Club staff members from Clubs in the County. But, my special thank you to all of the Huntington Valley staff that have worked so hard to make this event memorable for everyone attending. Please let Art know by March 25th, if you would like to attend.

Building Dreams at the Club

Every day at the Boys & Girls Club, members build their dreams because the Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley provides much more than quality supervision at an affordable cost. Character building, school readiness and support and enrichment opportunities are recurrent themes in all of our core programs.

In our changing world, we realize that our role is important because families truly depend on us to take an active and positive part in their children's lives. This means that in addition to teaching arts and crafts, cooking and sports, we must teach socialization and living skills in a positive and nurturing environment, and provide homework assistance and academic support to assure success in school and in life.

We provide the highest quality programs that give kids the tools they need to succeed. Added to their toolboxes are improved academic skills, self-confidence, creativity, experience with technology, good health and fitness habits, leadership skills, values, and so much more. Whether children dream of being artists, professional athletes, astronauts or scientists, activities at the Boys & Girls Clubs help them build the path to success.

NASA ASTRONAUT TO VISIT CLUB

On April 8th, Guy Gardner, NASA Astronaut (retired) will spend the afternoon at the Kingston Branch talking to members about building dreams. This will be his first stop for the day. After warming up in front of 375 club members, Guy will proceed to the Youth of the Year County Dinner to address the group as the keynote speaker.

Many young boys and girls dream of flying into space, but only a few get the chance to make that dream come true. The Boys & Girls Clubs in Orange County are honored to have the opportunity to learn first hand about the adventures that Astronaut Guy Gardner has experienced. At the Boys & Girls Clubs, these opportunities are offered to our members on a regular basis.



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CLUB Updates

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — Our second Tsunami fundraiser was fantastic. The Pizza Pig Out went better than expected and raised \$500. Six local pizza restaurants and a supermarket sponsored the event. It was great to see our local business rally to support our club. We also had 125 people attend the event. It was a great mix of members, family, and friends. Both fundraisers made \$650. Great job to everyone involved.

The Kansas City Chiefs, All-Pro Tight End, Tony Gonzalez visited our club last month. Tony visited many rooms and took part in an on line program call Youth Net. This programs allows members, as well as Tony, talk to other Boys & Girls club members across the country. Tony also took part in an award ceremony for a football program that was run between our three branches. The H.B. Branch won that championship and Tony presented the victors the medals. As a past club member and a football star, it was great for the kids to see his success and build from that.

We are submitting our Club Tech Movie-Making project. It was great that the kids were able to tie in our Tony Gonzalez visit. Our kids are really excited about their work and hope they do well in the regional contest.

KINGSTON Shannon Voigt — The Kingston kids have been having fun and trying to stay dry. Our Lego League kids returned from Florida with a great trophy that they won for Teamwork. Adding to that adventure, we have been working very hard to complete the final project of our **Digital Arts Suite** to submit to the National organization. The project includes the **Movie Makers** program in which members are required to create a 2 minute video, edit it, and add music to the background that they create using the **Music Makers** program. The video is based on our Lego League and some of the footage includes the tournament in Orlando. Our kids enjoy participating in all aspects of the Club Tech Programs.

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — February at our center is "Friendship Month," children were busy creating friendship cards, experimenting with red, white, and pink paint and on Monday February 14 they celebrated the day with a special lunch and fun activities.

The Learning Center's enrollment keeps growing as it usually does every year around this time, Susan keep busy touring prospective parent's who have been referred by other parent's. On Friday February 18 the Family Support Network was onsite to developmentally screen 38 children, 15 of those children were from our preschool. On Friday February 25 the preschool teachers and administrators started their first training of the 2005 school year.

The Family Resource Center is now running parenting classes; Irma, the Coordinator, is busy collaborating with different agencies in an effort to expand services.

CLUB Updates Continued...

ATHLETICS & PERFORMING ARTS Tynisha King — The month of March started off strong with Auditions for our 2nd play this year. Clubhouse Theatre will put on two musical productions, "Disco Knights" and "Friday Knight Fever." This will definitely be a play you won't want to miss! Furthermore our additional performing arts classes are doing well. Tae Kwon do, Karate, Gymnastics, and Dance continue to grow and attract the interests of the kids.

Our spring Season for Basketball and Soccer is underway. It has been a joy to watch the kids expend vast amounts of energy participating in our sports leagues. This season we started something new, selecting a "Team of the Week" from each division that has demonstrated good sportsmanship and team work.

Every week we will acknowledge the teams on our sports board. The goal of our programs is to keep kids engaged in a positive atmosphere. Our leagues allow children from the age of 3 ½ years old to 15 years old to participate, which will help their development in becoming well rounded individuals.

KID CONNECTION Nicole Cryan — The Movie Making club recently finished filming and editing their movie. They decided to film a documentary in which they featured the Lego League team. The Lego League team calls themselves the "Inferno Fireballs" and they were definitely on "fire" in Orlando Florida returning from their first tournament with the technical presentation award. Congratulations to the Inferno Fireballs!

! We also recently had a pie in the face fundraiser. The kids purchased tickets and when their ticket was drawn they choose the staff they wanted to pie in the face.

This month, our program director attended the middle managers conference. Topics covered included staff retention, stress management, and time management. The kindergarten staff also attended trainings related to Music and Movement, and Art inspirations.

February 2005	King	HB	KC	LC
Total Membership	980	577	401	171
Full Time Enrolled	268	190	214	133
Part Time Enrolled	53	42	39	38
Daily Attendance	365	300	280	160
Kindergarten	53	36	45	0
Walk-in	0	49	89	15
Scholarship Youth	87	77	23	11