

Chief Executive Officer's Report



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

March 2007

Tanya Hoxsie

Club to Celebrate Fountain Valley's 50th Birthday with a Special "Day For Kids"

The Boys & Girls Club will be joining the City of Fountain Valley' as they celebrate their 50th Birthday with two events in June. The first, a car show, to be held on June 9th on the soccer field that adjoins the Kingston Branch. At that event, the Club will be hosting a pancake breakfast followed by a lunch BBQ. Stop by and join us.

The second event, scheduled for June 16th, is our annual KIDS DAY CELEBRATION. This year, instead of holding the event in August, we will be joining the FV Fireworks Show and celebrating kids in June. The event will kick off our summer program and will include a health fair, cook-off, crafts projects, carnival games, dancers, singers, gymnasts and martial arts performances from our ClubHouse Academy kids on the stage, jump houses, and more. Mark your calendars and join us from 2PM to 5PM at the Fountain Valley Kingston Branch as we celebrate kids.

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

"I Believe!" Annual Dinner and Auction will take everyone's help to make sure this event is a success for the kids that need us the most! Our next auction meeting is scheduled for April 5th at 8:00am at the Academy. We meet the first Thursday of every month at that time, so if you can't make April, please plan to join us in May, June, July, August or September. AND, bring a friend or two. The committee needs to grow if we are going to meet our goals.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference

We are heading for Orlando to participate in the annual Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference May 15-20, 2007. Club staff including Tanya Hoxsie, Art Groeneveld, Shannon Roache, Tim Nolan, Susan Bixler, Chelo Loshak and Sara DeBoom along with Board members John Rich, Bob Hoxsie and Alex Accetta will be participating in the week-long event. The conference is the largest Boys & Girls Clubs of America event held each year. Clubs from across the United States, Europe and Mexico will gather to share their best practices, hear about new trends and learn new techniques that we can bring home. The plan is to bring the information home to implement as we strive to continually improve the services we offer to the kids in our communities. We look forward to this opportunity to get trained, re-inspired and build our administrative team skills so that we can continue to be known the primary provider of youth services in our community. If you are interested in joining us, it's never too late to join the group.

Youth of the Year

Each year our organization, along with the other 15 Boys & Girls Clubs in our county have the pleasure to celebrate outstanding club members with a Youth of the Year dinner. The event will be held this Friday at Joe's Garage in Santa Ana. This is an event to remember, so if you haven't attended a Youth of the Year dinner, please make an effort to do so. You will be amazed at the accomplishments and stories behind the winners. If you are interested in joining us on Friday, please see Art for details. Thanks in advance for supporting our kids.

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CLUB Updates

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — March has been a busy month for the children at the Learning Center. March 12th, and 13th we had picture day. All of the children had a chance to have their picture taken, and we can hardly wait to see the proofs. The children celebrated St. Patrick's Day by painting shamrocks, doing green collages and even drinking green milk! United Way and Success By 6 recruited seven volunteers from the Buchanan Street Partners, a real state company from Newport Beach, to work in our vegetable garden. They came on March 21st - the first day of spring. The volunteers planted vegetable and flower seeds. They got the children involved with this project. The children were very excited when they took turns to plant the seeds. They will even be responsible for watering and pulling out weeds. We can hardly wait to see all those vegetables and flowers bloom.
Chelo Loshak

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — As I wrote last month I will be highlighting a National Program Each of the next three months. This month is "Triple Play". This is an athletics program that teaches the kids physical fitness and healthy habits. The physical fitness portion is broken into six categories which are: Basketball, Jump Rope, Home Run Derby, Get Fit Challenge, Walk and Run Relay, and Invent Your Own Sport. The healthy habits portion consists of diet and nutrition. Both portions goals are to promote and insure both physical and mental health through exercise and diet. We have just finished the basketball portion and are now moving on the jump rope portion. Nutrition and diet will be done consistently throughout the whole process. With spring break ahead the club is getting all fired up to have the kids here all day. We have lunches, field trips and a special event planned for the week. We are also doing community service projects with the teens. The teens that complete these projects will get to go to a beach bon fire and a special dance.

GWC CHILD DEV. CENTER Susan Bixler - The month of February was filled with curriculum that was based on friendship and the colors red, white and pink. Friendship books were read and experiments were conducted with mixing the colors red and white to get pink. We incorporated a mailbox in the writing center for our pre-k class so the children could use that to mail letters to their friends. This group also made homemade Valentine cards to pass out to their friends which was the perfect activity for the children to practice writing their names.

Our new staff attended a workshop on Child/Teacher Interactions put together by United Ways Success by 6 on March 3rd. This workshop highlighted how to improve interactions with children during group time, meal times, personal care routines, indoor and outdoor play, and conflicts between children. This workshop also helped staff use their interaction skills to help children understand and use language to think, reason, experiment and problem solve. The staff thoroughly enjoyed this workshop.

CLUB Updates Continued...

CLUBHOUSE ACADEMY Sara DeBoom — Our Fall basketball and arena soccer season came and went and we are already gearing up for the start of the Spring season! Participation levels are high and we are looking forward to an exciting season that will begin the week of April 9. We are finishing up Flag Football with the Super Bowl scheduled for March 31. This has been a great season and playing in the "Super Bowl" is the big talk with the players.

ClubHouse Theatre had a **huge** turnout for all of its shows at the end of February. This may have been one of the reasons why there was an overwhelming response for auditions for their two new shows. It's great to see all the current club kids involved, as well as all the new members it is bringing in. At the ClubHouse Academy, our numbers are consistently growing. The dance classes alone have doubled in amount of participants from last February. Gymnastics and Martial Arts are seeing an increase in interest as well. We can't believe it's already Spring but we are ready for a great season!

KINGSTON Shannon Roache - Everything at the Kingston Branch has been going great! We have been running a lot of really great programs and the kids have been having a great time. We have had a huge response with our Race into Reading Program and collectively, the kids have read over 30,100 pages and do not seem to be slowing down- all of the age groups are determined to win.

We also just completed our Culture Awareness Week where each of the rooms were decorated to represent a different culture. Some examples of the events that took place were a Mexican Hat dance in the Activity Center, the Education Room did a Chinese checkers tournament, the Kitchen had a "Welcome to Italy" cooking class and the Art Room had a "Create your Country's Flag day which was then displayed around the club.

CLUBHOUSE THEATRE PRESENTS...

**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL**

"High School Musical"

June 20-23 at 7PM

June 23, 24 at 2PM

Beginning/Intermediate Casts



"Kilroy Was Here"

June 29, 30 at 7PM,

June 30 at 2PM

Advanced Cast