

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley

### CEO Report



Kingston Branch, Fountain Valley



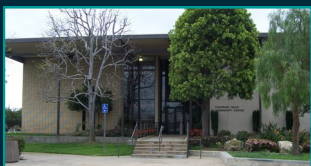
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# 2011 March



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## SPLASH - Surf City Rotary Club of Huntington Beach Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction

SPLASH – Surf City Rotary Club of Huntington Beach’s annual dinner and auction has raised more than \$135,000 in the past four years to support the Clubs capital campaign to build California’s first Boys & Girls Club on a college campus. The event brought in 270+ guests that enjoyed an evening that included silent and live auctions, dinner, dancing, and entertainment by the Boys & Girls Club’s ClubHouse Theatre kids dressed in wild characters right out of Wonderland. Arriving guests were greeted by the Mad Hatter and the March Hare.

happy” caterpillar and three crazy



Cheshire cats. The fun continued as



They entered the door manned by the Queen’s court of playing cards and were directed to the registration area by the royal Queen and King. Avoiding the command of “off with your heads,” guests passed by singing flowers, the “don’t worry, be



the “I’m late...” rabbit raced by



followed by a “greet and meet” by Twiddle Dee and Dum.

Finally, Alice said her “hello” as guests entered the silent auction room. Fun was had by the guests, but it was the cast that were truly enjoying the event. All in character, the kids added charm and innocence to the evening. The kids had a final chance to WOW the group when they performed two numbers for the guests seated for dinner.

The Boys & Girls Clubs is truly appreciative of the support that Rotary has given our Building Dreams Campaign and is thrilled at the prospects that this partnership brings. We anticipate years of support driven by the proceeds of SPLASH.



## Huntington Beach Branch

February has been a great month for our branch. We have exceeded our budget for income revenue for the second straight month and are looking to continue that for the rest of the year.

On Valentine's Day we had a huge carnival. Our kids were treated to face painting, themed games, decorating festive cookies, the bounce house and sending candy grams to their friends. These are great activities for the children and staff to bond together and have a great time. Our teens also put together a soccer tournament. As organizers and coaches they created a fun and thrilling experience for our 8 to 10 year old

members. The tournament was a round robin format culminating with the two highest seeds in a one game showdown for the championship. Everyone playing and coaching were recognized and fun was had by all.

Thursday's in February have gotten a boost. The staff from Kite Connections have been coming to the club and doing yoyo demonstrations. Our children are totally involved and love to participate. Special thanks to Dave Shenkman.



## Learning Center Preschool

As every year at this time the children at the Learning Center are blooming in most of the developmental areas, cognitively and socially. The infants are taking their first steps, sitting and/or crawling; the toddler's vocabulary have tripled and expanded, the three and three and half years old are focusing more during story time and their attention span is longer than before. The children are becoming more independent and feeling more pride in their accomplishments. There is less aggression as the children are expressing themselves more verbally instead of physically. The four year olds are starting to write their names and their self confidence has grown tremendously; their attention span has grown and they can spend hours listening to stories, doing creative movements, and following great directions. For our annual "Friendship Day" event, our two Pre-K classrooms had a "Red Day" and created their own special Valentine Post cards for their parents. One of the Pre-K teacher's took them to the Post Office and mailed the Post cards. The children and parents were very pleased to receive the Post cards. On Friday, Feb. 11 we collaborated with the Ocean View School District Nurse to provide Dental Screening to the children at

the Learning Center. A Dentist checked out children's, ages 18 months to 5 years of age, teeth and provided needed referrals to the parents. On Friday, February 25 the Family Support Network provided free Developmental Screening for the children at the Learning Center and the community. Agencies that collaborated with the event were: Family Support Network, Western Youth Services, Newport Speech and Language, VNA Home Health Systems, Blind Children's Learning Center, Intervention Center for Early Childhood, Healthy Smiles of Orange County, Regional Center of Orange County, South Coast Therapy Center, and Southern California College of Optometry.

The national celebration for the "Week of the Young Child" will be on April 11-15, 2011. The theme for this year's event is "Early Years are Learning Years", we are looking forward to this year's activities and celebration. With the support of our Parent Committee Members, the annual Week of the Young Child carnival will be on Friday, April 15 and preparations for the event has already begun.



## ClubHouse Academy, Fountain Valley

The February month has already raced by and the ClubHouse Academy pace is not slowing down. The end of February marked the beginning of the Alice in Wonderland Performances, Spring Dance Recital rehearsals, and the completion of the Winter Flag Football leagues.

Alice in Wonderland Performances was a hit early on. Each child performing in the shows had the opportunity to become transformed with intricately handmade costumes and airbrushed face paint to play their part. As the children came out on stage, families were amazed at the work involved to make these performances a reality. The ClubHouse Theatre Instructors and volunteer parents spent many hours to invest back into the lives of these young children. We are forever grateful for their time and effort! Our next auditions will be for the "Wizard of Oz". Audition dates are April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Call the

ClubHouse Academy for more information (714-593-0753).

Spring Dance Recital is right around the corner. The ClubHouse Academy Dance members have been gearing up to partake in the Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> event. Show times will occur at 2pm and 6pm. The event is marked as a stepping stone for the children to gain experience performing in front of large crowds, along with showing off their cute skills for family and friends. If you are interested in becoming a spectator at this event, please stop by the ClubHouse Academy for more information.

Flag Football wrapped up for the winter season. The Championship games came down to the wire throughout all three divisions! This season was an overall thrilling season from start to finish. Now that flag football is complete, the Athletic's Department will be gearing up for the spring 2011 basketball and arena soccer season. Season start date will be in early April 2011.



## Robert Mayer Child Development Preschool

We started the month by holding our annual free dental and health screenings for all the kids. A dentist from the Orange County Dental Society came out and screened the children's teeth and gave referrals to all those that needed further evaluation. All children who participated received a goody bag from the dentist which included a tooth brush, tooth paste and dental floss. The children learned that good oral hygiene is important to their health and growth.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the Ocean View School Readiness nurses came out to screen the children in many areas of health. The children were weighed, their height was measured and their BMI was calculated and their vision and hearing were tested. These free screenings were made possible through the school readiness expansion project which is sponsored by the OC Children and Families Commission. Staff has been incorporating the color green and the shape of a clover into

lesson plans. Some activities include mixing two colors to get the color green, cutting out clovers and decorating them and looking at a globe to show the children where we are located in comparison to Ireland. Some of the kids have been on the lookout for four leaf clovers outside in the grass. The pre-k children have been busily learning a letter each week and the sound it makes, they have worked their way up to the letter Jj. At circle time the children are asked to give a name of a person or a thing that starts with the corresponding letter of the week.

Enrollment numbers are gradually increasing; we are still giving out many tours a week. We have exceeded the max capacity of our old license and I am hopeful that we will continue to grow in enrollment. Life at the new center feels stable and day to day happenings are very smooth. We will end this month with our annual school portraits which are scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Development Department

Events: Development has been mostly focused on Surf City Splash over the last month. Thank you to all board members who attended and who helped behind the scenes to make this event a success! The event grossed about \$100,000 and the net proceeds will be shared between the Club and Surf City Rotary Club.

We have also been busy preparing for our other fundraising events. Solicitations for auction items and auction sponsorships have been mailed for our "Big & Little Moments" Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction. Please follow up with your contacts and encourage them to support the Club this year. Solicitations for support of the JMG Security Systems Annual Benefit Golf Tournament have also been mailed. We are also working on materials for the Pins for Kids Bowling tournament, which will benefit our capital campaign. We have been working with the

Huntington Beach Police Officers Foundation to get materials ready for the Constable Classic. We are excited that the Police Officers have chosen to support the Club's scholarship program this year with a portion of the proceeds from the Constable Classic. If you would like to participate in any of these events, please let Jamie or me know and we are more than happy to sign you up!

Grants: We applied for a \$50,000 grant from the AVANCE Unlocking America's Promise Program that would allow us to make major enhancements to the Twilight Education Project, including adding weekly parenting classes to the program. Laura will be meeting with two major grant funders this week: the Orange County Children & Families Commission and Orange County's United Way. Representatives from both agencies will tour the programs they fund and see the

## Kingston Branch, Fountain Valley

Spring has finally arrived and the members of the Kingston Branch have been staying very busy! All of our spring programs are still a big hit and member enrollment in each program has been high. Our Primary members have had blast learning about science by participating in various activities. Their favorite lesson and activity was learning about fossils. All 43 members showed extreme interest and enthusiasm as they made fossil replicas out of coffee grounds, flour and salt. They were excited to individually design their fossil and take it home to enjoy. Our Primary members have also been busy learning about first aid and dental health from our "Teens Doing It Right" program. The teens spent an hour teaching the primary members about the importance of these two topics with fun and interactive activities. It was an educational experience not only for our Primaries but for the teens as well!

"Teens Doing It Right" has been an amazing success! They currently wrapped up their 4<sup>th</sup> video on Dental Hygiene and did the presentation on their own at the Health Assembly for all the members of Kingston. Dr. Manriquez made a visit to our Branch to teach our teens about Dental Hygiene prior to making the video and presentation. He taught them all about dental health and gave them the tools they needed to accurately teach the subject to our kindergartners. The entire

health video project has been such a rewarding experience and a big hit around the Club due to the support from Dr. Manriquez and the Health Committee, the help of Club staff and, most importantly, the dedication and commitment from our teen members! "Teens Doing It Right" is already working on their April video and presentation for anti-smoking. They are excited to continue this project and look forward to addressing this important issue to



all our Kingston members.

March 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Kingston will be celebrating National Boys & Girls Club Week. We have special activities planned daily, including a Rocket Launch contest, Karaoke Challenge, Physical Fitness Day, Quilt Making Project and our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Teen Lock-IN event. Our members are guaranteed to have a GREAT time throughout this very special week!

good work that their investments make possible.

Community Relations: Kohl's: We have been working on developing a relationship with Kohl's "Associates in Action" volunteer program and they will be sending two teams of eight volunteers to help out with kids' events at our Kingston Branch in March. Each volunteer opportunity makes us eligible for cash donations from Kohl's as well. Kohl's was so impressed with the volunteer opportunities that we had available that she indicated they would like to keep coming back every month.

The Boeing Company: Later in March, we will be attending child care/summer camp fairs at Boeing Huntington Beach and Boeing Seal Beach at the end of March. This will help us promote all our programs, especially our preschools, to parents employed at Boeing.

Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center: OC Memorial has started providing apples for the families in our Twilight program to have healthy snacks each evening. They will also be giving a nutrition presentation and tracking the kids' BMI to see if the healthy snacks have a positive impact on the children's fitness.