

Chief Executive Officer's Report



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

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A Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

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Learning Center Move Only 2 Weeks Away!

BEFORE and AFTER pictures tell it all...



BEFORE



AFTER

JMG Benefit Golf Tournament A HUGE SUCCESS

What a great day! We filled two courses, the play was fast and the golfers had a great time. Can't ask for more! Thank you Ken Jacobs for helping make our dreams come true. Have you ever seen so many carts lined up?



Boys & Girls Clubs of America Adopts New Mission Statement

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley Mission Statement

To inspire and enable the healthy development of all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring members of the community.



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CLUB Updates

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — The children at the preschool are very excited about the move. The last four weeks, we have talked to the children about the move, read moving stories, and have done different activities related to moving. We only have two weeks left at Wardlow and I am pleased to see that 94 children from various ages are coming with us to Haven View. Our teachers and children have been busy with packing a few boxes with the toys that they are not planning to use in the next two weeks.

On Friday evening, May 12, Tanya gave the teachers a tour of Haven View. Everyone was excited to see newly painted walls and ceilings. Our phones keep ringing inquiring about enrollment for Heaven View. Our last Parent/Teacher Conferences for the school year are in progress this week and next week.

KID CONNECTION Sara de Boom — The month started with the Centennial Boys and Girls Clubs of America National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. It was a great time of meeting new people, hearing great speakers (like Colin Powell) and going to sessions to gain valuable information to take back to the club. It is hard to believe we are starting our second century of service with BGCA!

Our members are anxiously awaiting the results of the National ImageMakers Photography Contest. We were excited to submit four digital photographs this year. No matter the outcome, we are proud of our club's work. Cinco de Mayo was a blast at the club, especially for the kinders who celebrated with a piñata full of candy and prizes! The rest of the club had a fiesta and made maracas with pinto beans, plates and streamers.

The middle of May was filled with preparations for Mother's Day. The members were busy creating cards, making paper flowers, and doing arts and crafts projects for moms, grandmas, aunts and guardians. The month of May also brings the start of our inter-club soccer tournament. Four teams are vying for a chance to play the championship game. With the arrival of warm weather, the kids are thinking about the end of school and the start of summer programs.

KINGSTON Shannon Voigt — This month was spring break for the children so we had a full week of activities to keep the kids occupied. The Education Room recently started a puzzle club and has already completed one of the 1000 piece puzzles. They have also entered 10 essays to the "No TV Week" contest sponsored by Old Navy where the kids are competing for a chance to win a gift certificate for \$100 and \$50 dollars. In the Activity Center there has been a large increase in the interest of Chess so we have purchased several new sets and started a chess club. The Playground has been busy with their Athletic Challenge, a Piñata Activity to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and our Carnival that ended the spring break week. The Carnival consisted of many games, contests, and a bounce house and was very successful with over 120 kids in attendance.

CLUB Updates Continued...

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — With the addition of our new program director, Steven Savage, our programs are now firing on all cylinders. With more of an emphasis on daily activities and a continued commitment to National Programs, our club's programs have gone to the next level of service. We look forward to continued growth and success. Great work Steve!

In an effort to continually draw in more children to our program we have created solid clubs within each room. Some of these clubs are Fashion club, photo club, creative writing club, reading club, and art club. Each staff designates a specific day each week and runs a monthly curriculum. This has established more ownership by staff and children and the result has been more participation.

For the last part of this report I would just like to thank the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley for letting me take part in professional growth through National and Regional Conferences. Just recently I had the privilege of attending our 100th Annual National Conference. The sessions were great and they were highlighted with keynote speakers such as Colin Powell, Bud Selig, and Soledad O'Brien. Thank you again. We will see you in June.

GWC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER Susan Bixler —

The month of April continued with many spring activities for the children. The children took such an interest in the life cycle of a butterfly that we decided to continue the activities and introduce silk worms which also make cocoons and come out as moths. Administration attended the CAEYC conference held in Anaheim. There were informative workshops in leadership skills and fun workshops in enhancing curriculum in the classroom.

May was busy for staff preparing for Parent/Teacher conferences which were held May 8-12. Conferences are a great opportunity for parents to view their child's assessments which track progress and also take home a portfolio of art work, pictures and dictations of their child.

ATHLETICS Tynisha King — The spring sports season has just wrapped up and the play-offs for basketball and soccer were very exciting. Switching gears we began our first flag football season. It truly has been a great addition to our sports leagues. We have three divisions, ages 6-15 years old. We have a total of eighteen teams. It is truly a pleasure to see the kids partake in something out of the norm; our league is co-ed which has drawn interest from several girls. Our volunteer coaches from our Soccer and Basketball League have jumped aboard and are assisting with our Flag Football Program. We greatly appreciate the support of the parents as volunteer coaches which allows our programs to continue to grow.

The Performing Arts Program is definitely blossoming. This month we will prepare for many upcoming events planned for June including Tae Kwon Do testing, two plays, "When in Rome" and "Suessical" and a Gymnastics and Dance Recital. We are very proud of the upcoming events.