

Chief Executive Officer's Report



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

May 2007

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Twilight Education Project Open House

Community members, program partners and Club supporters are invited and encouraged to attend the Twilight Open House. It is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30th at 5:30pm at the Golden West College Child Development Center.

Words can not give justice to what you will see...Twilight is a wonderful program that is changing lives of immigrant families by offering ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for parents, tutoring and academic support for school age youth, and English language focused activities and instruction for infants, toddlers and preschool-age youth. Twilight programs run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 8:30pm on the campus of Golden West College. Come see for yourself!

TWILIGHT OPEN HOUSE

May 30th at 5:30pm, Golden West College

CAR SHOW & Pancake Breakfast

June 9th from 7am to 2pm, Kingston Branch

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EVENT

June 11th at 5:30pm, Golden West College

DANCE RECITAL

June 2 & 9 at 7pm, June 10 at 2pm, Kingston Theatre

GYMNASTICS SHOWCASE

June 14th at 5pm, ClubHouse Academy

KIDS DAY Community Event

June 16th from 2pm to 5pm, Kingston Branch

CLUBHOUSE THEATRE

"High School Musical," June 20-24 (Beg/Int. Class)

"Kilroy Was Here!," June 29 & 30 (Advanced Class)

GOLF TOURNAMENT Breaks all RECORDS!

The 12th Annual Golf Tournament was an amazing event proving that together we can cause great things to happen for the kids that attend our clubs. It's hard to believe that only a month ago, we only had enough registered golfers to fill one course. Then we asked for help and the registrations started coming in. Our goal was 256 golfers. By tournament day we had 292 registered to play!

What an amazing site to see that many golfers and Club supporters at one course at the same time. AND, almost everyone stayed for the dinner, which doesn't usually happen at golf tournaments.

Thank you Ken Jacobs, the golf committee and everyone that helped fill the tournament. You all continue to amaze me.



CLUB Updates

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — The month of May is one of the busiest months for our preschoolers. They were busy preparing Mother's Day cards, gifts and a little questionnaire that consist of 12 questions such as: My Mom's name is? She is...years old. She weighs...pounds? She loves to...? It's amazing the answers that the children give their teacher.

Our flower and vegetable garden looks very good. A couple of weeks ago we pulled out the raishes. Teachers cut them into small pieces for the children, but they were too hot to eat. At least this is how the children described them.

Parent Conferences are scheduled for May 21-25, teachers have been busy working on the DRDP (Desired Results Developmental Profile) which measures 39 different areas of development. This evaluation will show the parents the progress of the children in all of these areas which will determine if the pre-k children are ready to go to Kindergarten in the fall.

GWC CHILD DEV. CENTER Susan Bixler - The month of April started with the conclusion of our first module PITC training through West Ed. Out of 6 infant /toddler staffs that have been committed to these trainings 4 completed the full 28 hours and two received 24 hours. In June we will start module two of this three part training in Infant/Toddler Care giving.

April 23-27, 2007 we celebrated the Week of The Young Child which was themed "Building Better Futures for All Children." This is an annual celebration that is held to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Our celebrations started with banners made by the children and displayed in front of our center, we also had parent's fill out a form that asked them the question "My child is special because....." and those were also displayed throughout the center after reading them out loud in the classrooms. The children participated in special crafts such as planting lima beans, creating bookmarks and making silly hats out of really big coffee filters. We held a breakfast for parents and their children one morning to provide valuable time before having to rush off to work. The celebrations ended with a carnival that was held at our Learning Center location where children enjoyed face painting, bounce houses, music, crafts and lunch. This week long celebration was a huge success thanks to everyone's efforts and dedication for our passion in "Building Better Futures for All Children."



CLUB Updates Continued...

CLUBHOUSE ACADEMY Sara DeBoom — It is so hard to believe that summer is a few weeks away. There is excitement in the air at the ClubHouse Academy. Our Gymnastic and Dance classes are busy preparing for their spring performances. We will be having our Preschool Dance Recital on June 2 at the Kingston Branch, followed by the older members Dance Recital on June 9 and 10, also at the Kingston Branch. The Gymnastics Showcase will be at ClubHouse Academy on June 14. If you get the chance, you should stop by and see what a great job our instructors are doing and see the impressive skills our members are learning and the fun they are having!

Our sports leagues are rolling through their last couple weeks of the spring season with much success. I had a coach call me recently to tell me what an incredible experience coaching has been for him. He commented that he learned more from the kids than he thinks they learned from him. He excited to continue coaching with the Boys and Girls Club and said "it truly is a positive place for kids!"

KINGSTON Shannon Roache - Last month at the Kingston Branch the kids came to join in the fun of our exciting Spring Break Program. We were filled to the brim with eager and excited kids who were happy to be out of school and able to get a glimpse of what the upcoming summer will have in store for them. One of the new programs that we have started is called Career Launch and is geared toward our teen population. We had 17 teens sign up for the program and attend the first meeting which included researching different colleges on the internet and visiting their websites. They read articles on goal setting and college standards including what school are looking for in future applicants. By the end of the session the teens were wanting more and were all very excited for next week where they will focus on goal setting as well as creating a "personality shield" that will reflect their personal interests and values. Our newspaper club has also restarted and kids are excited to publish Club news.

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — The third and final highlight, for some of our national programs, is "Goals for Graduation". This is a great program to help 6th through 12th graders. The program is designed not only to figure out what is needed to complete school work but to also set up our children for a very successful future. Although Boys & Girls Clubs of America is in the process of restructuring the program, we have still been working with the kids and adding our own ideas to the process. One idea that we have thrown in is to prepare the kids for work. We have given them training in interviews, job conduct, developing a work ethic, and separating work from home. The design goal is to set kids up for a healthy and productive future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tanya for the chance to continue my development as a Boys & Girls Club professional. By allowing us to go to conferences, take part in sessions and hear wonderful speakers has been great for me. Thanks again for investing in me.