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## Riverside **Uptown** Kiwanis Quarterly Report to Supporters

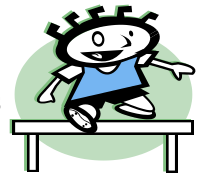
April through June 2008

This short Quarterly report provides highlight information about activities of Riverside's Finest Service Club, the **Uptown** Kiwanis Club. You have supported us, and we want you to know what we are doing. *Indeed, we would be flattered if you would consider joining us as a member in our ongoing pursuit to make this a better Community. Contact us at 780-1977 if you are interested. Here are a few of the things we have been doing in the Community this past Quarter:*

**THE RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT** ..... was the happy recipient of \$790 from **Uptown** Kiwanis to purchase a "Fred the Fox" costume, which they use so effectively in their 911 Education Program to 1st and 2nd Grade Children in the Riverside School District. The Fox is used to drive home the point that you only use 911 when it is an emergency situation, not for a cat in the tree, etc. The education frees up a lot of operator time on frivolous 911 calls.



**THE JUNIOR AND TOT OLYMPICS** at RCC's Wheelock Field was supported by a number of Uptown Kiwanis Volunteers on April 5th. Members worked various stations to help keep things running smoothly for our next generation of excited athletes. Foot races, sack races, tennis competition, T Ball and much more were enjoyed by hundreds of youngsters.



**THE LATINO WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** was supported once again by **Uptown** Kiwanis. The focus this year for the all day conference was on Women's Health issues.

**FOUR NEW MEMBERS** were added to the rolls of our club during this quarter. A nice crop of dedicated and accomplished folks, ready to pitch in and help improve their community.



**IMPROVEMENTS TO THE Phillip Fouke Library at the COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT HOUSE** on Riverside's East Side were dedicated on April 23rd. **Uptown** contributed \$10,000 for the purchase of new furniture, library shelves, carpeting and books. What a beautiful new addition this is to that facility, with room now for the children to work on computers, reading, studying and playing table games.

***Uptown** Kiwanis Meets every Tuesday Noon at the Canyon Crest Country Club for Lunch and an enlightening Program about activities in our community. Visitors are always welcome.*



**THE ANNUAL UPTOWN KIWANIS PRAYER BREAKFAST** was held once again on May 1st at the Canyon Crest Country Club, with our own Willie Martin delivering the message. The event is timed to match the annual National Prayer Breakfast held in Washington and elsewhere around the country.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS** who together with their advisors joined us for lunch on June 3rd. Advisor Ralm Jung from Ramona HS presented winners **Travis Eutsler** and **Monica Martinez**. Advisor Beth Pounders from Woodcrest Christian HS introduced **Cameron Gagnon** and **Erika Gagnon**. Advisors Bob Michalka and Rolando Flores from North HS presented **Aden Tedla, Hyo-Jung Choi, Nancy Chavez, Tzu Lu Lin, Andy Lu, and Derek Ignatius**. A total of **\$7500** was awarded to help promote their college educations. What a fantastic group of scholarship winners from the youth in **Uptown's** sponsored Key Clubs.

**A \$5000 CHECK FOR SUPPORT OF THE HIGHGROVE, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** was also presented from **Uptown** to staff members of the Family Service Association on June 3rd. Dom Betro, CEO; Veronica Gober, Executive VP; Robin Manning, Director of Development; and Ann Slocum, Manager (and daughter of our own Grace Slocum) were all with us for lunch to recognize this occasion. This is an important program for children of mostly low income level families.



**A GRACIOUS THANK YOU LETTER** from the pastor's wife of the **Botswana Africa, Baptist Church** was received and read to the Club members. **Uptown** donated a large bundle of sewing materials — buttons, rick-rack, and other supplies — that the local ladies use to make decorative and usable clothing. It was a small gift from us, with a big meaning at the receiving point. Thanks to Chuck and Patti Sprague for promoting and delivering these thoughtful gifts.

**THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY FOUNDATION** for perpetual maintenance of this historical site was awarded \$2000 by **Uptown** Kiwanis. Here you see Willie Martin, Judge Vic Miceli, and President elect Steve Mains examining some of the headstone replacements. Congratulations **Uptowners** and our supporters; you have clearly made a lasting impact.



**THE WYLIE CENTER** (formerly the Riverside Children's Center) was awarded \$1000 by **Uptown** Kiwanis in May for their Stroll & Roll Fund Raiser. The Center is dedicated to serving young handicapped children in our area.



**OUR ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL** was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the **Tamale Factory** on the Downtown Mall across from the Mission Inn. Hundreds of folks showed up to enjoy the evening with great food and beautiful dancing entertainment. This is one of our major fund raisers for which sponsors and members work together to make our programs possible. Thanks to every one of you!

**SACK LUNCHES WERE PROVIDED** by **Uptown** to some 60 volunteers from the HSBC Bank. They made tremendous progress doing clean-up, painting, and other jobs at the Riverside Community Settlement House on a Saturday in June.