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Riverside **Uptown** Kiwanis Quarterly Report to Supporters

July through September 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:*

Uptown Kiwanis installed Steve Mains as its new President

near the end of this Quarter. A gala event was celebrated on September 23rd, honoring the work of Past President Esther Velez-Andrews for all of her accomplishments during the year. Steve runs a Water Quality Monitoring Consulting Company and will be a very busy guy steering our ship for the next year.



Uptown Kiwanis was also honored to have **Dennis Hodges**, one of its long time members, selected to become the **Lt. Governor for our Division**. He took the reins for oversight of the eight clubs in our Division on October 1st.



VOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded by **Uptown** Kiwanis to the California Women's Chorus Convention in the amount of \$500, to help young artists further their education.

A Major Donation was made by the Hoover Family to Uptown Kiwanis on Sept. 16th towards the purchase of the next **Arson Investigation Dog for the Riverside Fire Department**. Uptown paid for the current dog "Holley" about 5 years ago. Holley is expected to reach a normal retirement in another 12 to 24 months, at which time her replacement will be required. This has been a tremendous community service project, as the dog is used regularly in Riverside and surrounding areas. The Hoover family lost their son Daniel in the Esperanza Fire a couple years ago and chose this project as a fitting memorial. We hope **Uptown** will be able to help fund the balance for the new dog.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES ARE BEING COLLECTED for the RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT HOUSE. A weekly delivery is made by Fred Roever for any materials brought to our club meetings.

Thanks President Esther Velez-Andrews for a Fantastic Year!

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.



UPTOWN'S "BUG", and "TERRIFIC KIDS" program was rolled out in a very successful series of events as school began in late August at the **Highgrove Elementary School**. Members were on hand to provide motivational prize opportunities for Bringing Up Grades, "BUGs" and passed out buttons, stickers and pencils to all 700+ students. The **BUGS** and **Terrific Kids** programs fit perfectly with Principal Esther Garcia's unremitting messages to the students, that the **Highgrove Huskies** are all **College Bound** with **No Excuses** for not succeeding.



OUR CLUB WAS PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED AND SADDENED by the sudden and unexpected loss of **Suzette Woodbury**, wife of longtime member Ron Woodbury. She leaves behind their two very young children Wren and Ethan. The club chose to provide a special recognition at the new **Orangecrest Library**, whereby a number of children's books that are typically given to local elementary schools, will instead this fall, be directed to this Library. Each book will bear a placard in Memory of Suzette Woodbury, with love and honor to both Wren and Ethan, the beautiful young children of Ron and Suzette. The family lives close to the Orangecrest Library, and it is hoped that the books can at some point be enjoyed by these very special children who are part of our **Uptown** family.



FANTASTIC..... Three very active **Uptowners** have agreed to take the lead as liaisons to the Key Clubs at our sponsored schools. **Jan Green will be our Coordinator at Woodcrest, Sharon Tyrrell will be our Coordinator at Ramona, and Mike Adcock will take the lead at North.** This is tremendous news! It positions **Norma Rakow** who has carried the ball alone for some time at all three schools to now take a supporting role, attending Key Club DCMs and improving communications for all three schools, while providing backup to all three **Coordinators**.

THANK YOU LETTERS AND CALLS TO UPTOWN KIWANIS CONTINUE TO POUR IN. **Loma Linda Hospital** expressed deep appreciation for our "Soothie Doll" program. The **Family Service Association** expressed great thanks for the \$5000 donation to their **After School Program** for Highgrove area children at the Norton Younglove Community Center. Thanks also came from the **Casa Blanca Preschool** for the books that we had donated, and another letter came from the **Magnolia Elementary School** Principal for our many years of support for that school.



DICTIONARIES HAVE BEEN ORDERED once again for all 3000+ RUSD third Graders. Distribution will be made to the students at some 30 Elementary Schools by **Uptown** Members during Student Assemblies at each school in October.

WE WERE SADDENED AT THE VERY END OF THIS QUARTER, to hear the news that Jim Cavanaugh, our faithful member nearly for 51 years, has passed away.

CASINO NIGHT IS COMING UP NOVEMBER 1st at the Goeske Center. This is one of **Uptown** Kiwanis' two annual, major fund raisers, which help make our community projects possible. All its members, and many of its sponsor friends, are tapped on the shoulder to participate in a fun evening, and help make this event another success. That's how we can do many of the things we do. If you haven't been contacted and would like to help out with silent auction items, buying tickets for the event or in some other way, give Kathy Hartman a call at 786-0820(H) or 788-7900(W).

