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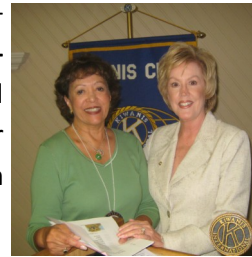
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Riverside **Uptown** Kiwanis Quarterly Report to Supporters

July through September 2007

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 682-3586 if you would be interested.* Here are a few of things we have been doing in the Community this past Quarter:

UPTOWN KIWANIS INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT..... A gala event was held at the Canyon Crest Country Club on September 20th to honor the many accomplishments of outgoing President **Diane Castleman (R)** and to install our new President **Esther Andrews** and her cabinet for the coming year. Esther has been an accomplished leader in **Uptown** for many years and the club looks forward to our new year which starts October 1st (our year is kind of like the Federal Government's; with a much smaller budget).



UPTOWN SUPPORTED THE MAYORS BALL FOR THE ARTS purchasing a table for the event held on September 15th, and participating with 10 of our folks in attendance. Arts are an important part of what makes our community great, and this is a small way the community, working together can help elevate the quality of life in Riverside.




WILLIE MARTIN WAS NAMED KIWANIS CLERGYMAN OF THE YEAR for the entire California, Nevada, Hawaii Division of Kiwanis International. Willie is a prominent and active member of **Uptown**, for which we are all proud. He owns and operates Martin's Garage on Indiana Avenue, by day, and pulls pastoral duties as needed to round out his free time. He calls himself a "second tier minister", but we all know differently. Congratulations Willie!

A NEW MAJOR PROJECT WITH THE COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT HOUSE was initiated this quarter. A \$10,000 grant to help improve its library, both the facility and its resources, was initiated. Uptown hopes to explore future relationships with this important community outreach, which serves hundreds of children in very low income families within our City.

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.



OUTREACH TO EVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY IN THE CITY was also initiated this Quarter.

Beautiful brand new story books are purchased, and then every week, our speaker signs on an **Uptown** Kiwanis label placed on the inside cover of the book. The book is then delivered by different members to an Elementary School Library, for addition to their shelves. Just another small way to say to every school, "Uptown Cares About Education of our Children". A recent book was signed by **Mal Grossinger**, the new **Superintendent for the Riverside CA School for the Deaf** (see photo on right), who was our speaker at one of our weekly meetings in mid September. Mal is totally deaf, but presented an outstanding program with the help of his very able interpreter about this school. Their population is about to double with major physical improvements also underway. The book that week, went to his elementary school library. A side benefit to being a member of **Uptown**, is  the weekly education we get about what is going on in our City.



WHERE'S YOUR OWIE? That's a challenge many doctors, emergency medical personnel, and other officials have in trying to communicate with a small child. Embarrassment, intimidation, language barriers, and other factors make those answers very difficult for little folks facing the outsider. **Uptown** Kiwanis is undertaking a project to have up to 1000 or more, small, non-descript cloth dolls made for officials to use in communicating with the children. A black marker, and a doll in the hands of a child describing the problem can be priceless. One more way, that **Children Are Priority One** to **Uptown!**

THE BLUE ELVES PROJECT provides yet another way, that Uptown is supporting Young Children in Riverside. The club provided \$500 this quarter to help the Police Department purchase small stuffed animals and books to hand out to about 1000 Head Start school children when they visit these schools in the City, helping to build a trusting relationship at a very young age. ☆ ☆

3130 DICTIONARIES will be handed out by **Uptowners** to every 3rd Grader in the Riverside School District (and to their teacher), throughout the month of October. What a joy to see the glow in their eyes, as these children hold in their possession for the first time, a lifelong learning tool that is such an important building block they are about to experience.

UPTOWN SUPPORTED THE UCR CIRCLE K CLUB all day Pop Rock Concert at Fairmount Park in July. The Concert is one of the ways the Circle K Club earns money for its activities.

CASINO NIGHT IS COMING UP NOVEMBER 3RD 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).



Thanks President Diane Castleman, for a Fantastic Year!

