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

January through March 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 things we have been doing in the Community this past Quarter:*

### **UPTOWN KIWANIS HELPS MOTIVATE HIGHGROVE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS.**

Students at Highgrove Elementary are motivated to go to College early. Each classroom adopts a College and follows its accomplishments throughout the year. Children learn what their college provides and about the benefits of a college education. Uptown Kiwanis presented a check to the School for \$400 for the purchase of a button making machine. The machine is used to make College Bound Buttons that the youngsters wear to add to this spirit. More than 80% of the children in this school, come from poverty level families, and benefit uniquely by this program.



### **LITERATURE BOOKS WERE PROVIDED TO 13 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

during this past quarter. Each week, a quality library book is signed by our program speaker, and is then taken to an Elementary School for addition to their Library. Our members enjoy taking turns delivering the books. Over the course of the year, every local elementary school receives a book.



**THANK YOU LETTERS** were received from the RUSD Board of Education for the **3000+**, **Third Grade Dictionaries** presented to children throughout the City last quarter.

Another thank you letter was received from Path of Life Ministries for the **Children's Toys** presented to them for distribution to homeless families in their care at Christmas time.



**SEVERAL MORE BLOOD BANK DONATIONS** were given by Uptown Kiwanis members last quarter, bringing the lifetime aggregate for the donors to enough blood to nearly fill a 55 gallon drum. What an amazing gift of life to our community!

**CASINO NIGHT - FINAL DONATIONS** received this Quarter, reveal net income of over **\$20,000**. The money will all go to Community and Children's projects. **A sincere thanks once again to our donors and participants.**

*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 UPTOWN KIWANIS' WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY**, selling both precious and "questionable" items to each other in a fun filled



night in early February, netted over \$700.

**PAST PRESIDENTS OF UPTOWN KIWANIS** who are still active in the Service Club, were honored during this past quarter with donations to the March Field Museum Foundation. Personal Heritage Tiles with the former leaders' names inscribed on them will be permanently placed in the Courtyard at the Museum. Past Presidents Fred Roever, Jim Dudek, John Canty, Bob Nelson, Jim Davis, Chuck Sprague, Patti Sprague, Don Harris, Norma Rakow, Kathy Hartman, Ron Woodbury, Dennis Hodges, Diane Castleman, Hal Wymer, and Mike Adcock were all honored with this recognition.



In addition, Jim Cavanaugh, and Booker Huling who also served as Lt. Governors were each honored with an inscribed brick recognizing their extraordinary service. The bricks will be placed at the new Kiwanis headquarters in Rancho Cucamonga.

**TEN (10) UPTOWN KIWANIS PARTICIPATED IN READ ACROSS AMERICA**, by reading books in children's classrooms on Dr. Seuss Day, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 10 Kiwanis read to over 350 students, and had a great time doing it.



**GOESKE SENIOR CENTER** was the recipient of \$1500 from Uptown Kiwanis for their upcoming recognition and fund raising dinner. This facility provides a tremendous service to Senior Citizens in our community. The Center works with Uptown Kiwanis on our annual Christmas Luncheon for Convalescent Home residents, and helps us tremendously by providing a facility for our annual Casino Night fund raiser.



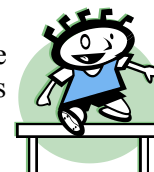
**THE RIVERSIDE SALVATION ARMY PRESCHOOL** was the very happy recipient of funds from Uptown Kiwanis totaling \$3351 for the purchase of several critically needed items. Eight overhead fans for their classrooms will help reduce their AC costs, new digital cameras will be used to document their activities and families, and an overhead projector will be used to help the learning experience. This school serves children of families who are economically disadvantaged. The school provides a rich environment of learning while the parents move into the work force. Last year, you may recall, Uptown provided a large Shade Canopy for the children's playground at the same facility.



**MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** was the recipient of funds from Uptown Kiwanis for two Projector Lamps for their overhead projectors used in Assembly Rooms and Classrooms. Cutbacks in State and local funding had these tools sidelined due to the significant cost of replacement lamps. Just another way Uptown lives out its premise, that "Children are Priority One"! Uptown has had a long history of supporting this school's reading program with volunteers providing one-on-one readers for students needing help. The Principal recently advised that the student body this year has logged a total of over 83,000,000 words in their school-wide book reading program!

**LOMA LINDA HOSPITAL** sent a thank you letter to Uptown Kiwanis, for its ongoing program of providing Soothie Dolls for their use. The dolls are used to comfort and communicate with small children. The young patients are encouraged to talk about and pinpoint their “owies” on the dolls. Uptown is working with several hospitals on this program.

**THE “JUNIOR & TOT OLYMPICS”** which will be held at RCC in early April will be supported with Uptown members. Some 300 youngsters of all ages including toddlers will be participating in this day of fun and Jr. Olympics competition.



**THE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB**, one of three high school Key Clubs sponsored by Uptown Kiwanis, participated in planting roses in the beautiful Fairmount Park Rose Garden. Students and their Uptown counselors, along with other neighborhood volunteers, worked with the City Parks and Recreation Department to plant some 473 roses in a single Saturday morning event.



**THE COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT HOUSE** was presented with a check for \$3500 during this Quarter to pay for remodeling and badly needed furnishings in their facility. The facility is a local resource for low income Eastside residents.

**FOUR UPTOWNERS PARTICIPATED IN “KING REMEMBERS” DAY** recently, sharing their experiences with the Junior History students, bringing to life the oral history of these experienced veterans. Thanks for your original and continuing service, guys!



**WE CLOSE THIS QUARTERLY REPORT** with a tribute to one of our long time members, Jim Cavanaugh, now confined in his motorized wheelchair, living at the Community Care and Rehab Center in Riverside. Jim was recently awarded a 50 Year Past Lieutenant Governor pin in recognition of his tremendous lifelong service to Uptown Kiwanis and his community. He retains a bright mind and cheerful attitude with a strong interest in what his Club does for the Community. Few people have achieved the rank of Lieutenant Governor in Kiwanis, where the responsibilities require oversight of several Clubs in several cities in the area. Fewer still, if any, have served as a Kiwanian for 50 years. Thanks Jim, for your years of service to your beloved community.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Thanks for your support.