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RKC Website Now Online

2006 has arrived – and with it the official launch of the Rosemead Kiwanis Website. The url is rosemeadkiwanis.org. Over two dozen active links adorn the home page, which features a center “CurrentNews” column flanked by two columns of links.

Links in the left column refer to various Rosemead Kiwanis projects, including:

- **Student Question Forum**

A place for students to ask and discuss questions,

with input from adults and designated advanced KEY Club members.

- **Meetings**

This includes upcoming RKC meeting agendas and times of Kiwanis Clubs in adjacent communities

- **Newsletters**

This section includes our monthly RKC newsletters, special focus reports, and publications of other

groups. Of particular interest, we anticipate, will be an archive of the weekly hope and inspiration *Fax of Life* newsletter distributed by the Scotts Valley CA, Kiwanis Club.

- **After School**

A review of the extensive after-school program supported by Rosemead Kiwanis and others.

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Adopt A Grandparent Program

Rosemead Kiwanis has accepted the invitation of the Mission Care and Rehabilitation Center to partner in an “Adopt a Grandparent” program for its residents.

Bryce and Scott Porter, both former Kiwanis Key Club members, are running the facility. Scott is the Administrator and

Bryce is the Admissions and Marketing Director. Rosemead Kiwanis treasurer Elizabeth Landing is the first to adopt a Grandparent, making regular visits to the facility.

“I’m supposed to be assigned to four residents,” she reports, “but I’m actually interacting with more.

“Only a few really understand why I am there because most have memory problems, but dealing with them is a pleasure.

“One lady thinks she is in a hotel, another that she is just visiting and a third asks every 15 minutes who I’m there to see -- and is so appreciative when I say it *(see “Program,” p. 4)*

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(SOAP = “Supported Organizations and Projects” of the Rosemead Kiwanis Club; for in depth description of these groups please see links on the left and right sides of the rosemeadkiwanis.org website)

THRIVE Vaccinations KEY Clubbers in meetings

Approximately 25 individuals were inoculated December 8, 2005, at the Mission Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rosemead as part of the THRIVE program.

All participants were given a brochure prepared by Kiwanis International plus a copy of a special *RKC Newsletter Focus Report* on the global flu threat. Copies of the THRIVE Focus Report are available in the Newsletter section of the Rosemead Kiwanis website --- rosemeadkiwanis.org

KEY Club Supports Gift Exchange

The Rosemead High School KEY Club in early December helped in the annual gift exchange sponsored by the Rosemead-based People to People organization. Donors initially dropped off new toys at the group's thrift shop for wrapping by KEY Club members; these were then distributed to children of needy families.

Plans are afoot to possibly supply math tutors for both Logsdon and Temple Intermediate schools as the result of a meeting held in early December with the Don Bosco KEY Club.

Temple Principal and Kiwanian C.P. Cheung termed a ‘real breakthrough’ the cooperation being achieved between private and public schools in this effort.

Meanwhile representatives of the Rosemead High School KEY Club accompanied Rosemead Kiwanis President Ernie Ayala to the District 10 Kiwanis meeting. Further developments from both events will be featured in future RKC Reporter articles.

KEY Clubbers Decorate Float

23 members of the Rosemead High School KEY (Kiwanis Educated Youth) Club on December 27 helped decorate a float for the 2006 Tourna-

ment of Roses. The club members each spent approximately eight hours apiece working on the Roto Rooter float, reports Rosemead Kiwanis Vice-president Mario Manzano, who also participated. The effort was part of a larger Kiwanis/Key Club effort that involved 12 other floats, including one by Kiwanis International.

Rosemead Officers Feed Workers

Rosemead Kiwanis President Ernie Ayala and Vice President Mario Manzano on December 29 assisted with support of Rose Parade volunteer float decorators, many of them Southern California KEY Clubbers. Their efforts consisted of first helping make and then serving chili.

The RKC is part of Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Region District 10. The activity was part of a larger District 10 coordinated Rose Parade support effort that now involves over 8000 individuals.

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- **Pregnancy/Preschool**

A collection of ten brochures produced and furnished by Kiwanis International.

- **Young Children/Priority One**

A collection of seventeen potential projects developed by Kiwanis International with which we can partner with interested groups

Links on the right column of the Rosemead Kiwanis website home page reference various Kiwanis related structural components as opposed to activities and projects.

- **Historical**

Included here in separate links are a year by year recap of Kiwanis International, a history of our club, and the Cal-Nev-Ha region.

- **Community links**

These are divided into four categories: Education, Government/Social Services, Organization and Spiritual. Included is a com-

plete curriculum of the current offerings of the Rosemead Recreation Department and the Resource Reports for most Rosemead schools.

It is ultimately intended that fuller information concerning organizations and projects referenced in these four lists will be made available to Rosemead residents as part of the healthycity.org website.

HealthyCity is an online version of the new 24/7 211 information number for all Los Angeles County. Rosemead Kiwanis will be helping to populate and maintain the Rosemead portion of this database over the next three years.

- **Kiwanis Affiliates**

Here are links to the Aktion, Builders, Circle-K, and KEY/KEYWIN Clubs, plus Rosemead Kiwanis Toastmasters and

the Rosemead Kiwanis Foundation.

Separating the two link columns is a news column. Typically it will have 2-3 news items, possibly with a link to more details. There are also links for a site tour, site map and email at the top of this center column and a link to archived news items at the bottom of the column.

- **Website traffic**

Obviously, a website must have visitors to be of value. This will be encouraged by e-mails to community leaders and residents, distribution of the monthly RKC Reporter newsletter and periodic RKC Focus Reports and bulletins, plus periodic media releases. All of these will regularly reference website information.

The present website is a useful Rosemead-oriented news and information resource. Its value will grow with improved content and community awareness. Comments and suggestions may be sent to kcrosemead@aol.com.

KIWANIS 'We Build'

Over the years Kiwanis themes have included:

- **Business mutual aid**
- **Young Children**
- **Education**
- **Spiritual Development**
- **Economic Education**
- **Community Health and Recreation**
- **Developmentally Challenged**
- **Parent Education**

'Helping and changing the world—one person and one community at a time'

SOAP (from p. 2)**AKTION Club Files for Charter**

The Lincoln Training Center AKTION Club is officially filing for its charter, according to Rosemead Kiwanis Vice President Mario Manzano, who will act as sponsor and advisor.

Meetings will be once a month commencing in January. Kiwanian Michael Garcia will be President; Amy Longthorne will be Secretary.

Among suggested initial projects for the new group will be establishing an "Adopt a Grandparent" program at a local convalescent hospital and an area beautification project.

Builders, Kiwanians Help LTC Xmas Party

The Lincoln Training Center held its annual Xmas Party for clients on December 18, 2005.

Ten Builders Club members from Temple Intermediate School, who

are involved in the after school program There, joined with Rosemead Kiwanians in playing supporting roles.

The Builders Club members acted as food carriers for LTC clients confined to wheelchairs; they also facilitated participation in games and social interaction.

The Kiwanians served meals, then enjoyed a discussion

and luncheon with LTC staff.

The long-standing historical relationship between Rosemead Kiwanis and the Center was recounted as part of an article in the October, 2005, issue of the RKC Reporter newsletter. A copy of the newsletter may be downloaded from the rosemeadkiwanis.org website

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is her. Then there is a very frail but very alert older gentleman. They're so gentle and trusting, but I'm impressed with the kind way they're cared for."

According to the Porter brothers, most residents get visits from actual relatives. Some, however, have no one, while others only relatives are simply too far away to come with regularity.

Elizabeth makes a practice of bringing small and inexpensive gifts with each visit. Special care must be taken regarding any food. This is because certain residents

are on special or restricted diets.

The Mission Care program partly resembles a similarly named but unrelated program founded by a college honor sorority, Cardinal Key.

According to Nancy Tate, coordinator for a participating care home in Missouri, Cardinal Key members go through an interview process. Questions are asked about time interviewees spend with their own grandparents and activities done together. This is done to explore the compassionate and commitment of the volunteer.

"With something like this, you have to be

dedicated to these people like you would your schoolwork," Tate says.

Cardinal Key members frequently play board games, as well as engaging in shopping and field trips with their adopted grandpas and grandmas. However, Elizabeth has found that the persons assigned to her enjoy just chatting and being read to. This reflects a flexibility need for those adopting grandparents.

"It's unlikely that my own Mother, who is now 84, will ever be in this situation," she

notes, "but if she was, I know she would appreciate being visited. That is why I'm happy to do it."

It is hoped that the effort here will inspire others such as local Rosemead religious organizations and youth groups like the KEY and Aktion Clubs.

Kiwanis International has prepared a related brochure on "Visitation Programs" which can be viewed in the "Young Children – Priority One" section of the rosemeadkiwanis.org