



RKC Reporter

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K-FAMILY AND PARTNERS TEAM WITH AFTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE

. After-school programs are widely touted as helping students and the community at several levels:

- Fewer idle kids on the street
- Lowered crime rates
- Improved attendance and grades
- Lower dropout rates
- Bridging of language and cultural barriers
- Better preparation for the classroom and life

Actual experience with these programs (such as is documented on the rosemeadkiwanis.org website) validates these beliefs nationwide. This is why educators and leaders of both parties, as well as knowledgeable parents, support after-school programs in principle.

TWO PROGRAM TYPES

The programs fall into two categories:

- **Remedial intervention programs** - for

those needing more personalized help than just being in a classroom for six hours. These tutorial efforts are generally one-on-one efforts using part-time professionals and volunteers.

- **Enrichment programs** - to facilitate student exploration of subject areas not offered during [\(See School, p.3\)](#)

MISSIONARY MEMORIES FROM GUATAMALA

At the age of fourteen William Vaughters lost both of his parents within a couple of months.

Before his Mother died she told him, "Billy, be a good boy and come visit me in heaven."

He has tried during his life, now in its ninth decade, to live up to his Mother's wish.

Before her death he had already dedicated his life to being a Christian. Now, with both parents gone, he spoke with God and

asked him, "What am I to do, my parents are gone."

God spoke to him and told him that He would be his father and not to worry.

[\(See Memories, p. 4\)](#)

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(SOAP = “Supported Organizations and Projects” of the Rosemead Kiwanis Club; for information on K-family groups and partners mentioned here please see links on the right side of the rosemeadkiwanis.org website home page)

RHS KEY CLUB DOES 909 SERVICE HOURS IN JULY

Rosemead High School’s KEY Club performed 909 service hours on fourteen projects in July, according to the Club’s Monthly Activity Report as filed by Secretary Tina Ngo.

Whether this is a club record is not known, but it includes the following:

- A major beach cleanup effort involving 53 RHS Club Members plus other District KEY Clubs (424 hours)
- Five days of assistance in

the Special Olympics Bowling league involving 50 members at the Arcadia lanes (140 hours)

- Rosemead Fourth of July Carnival (two stages involving 52 Club members (237 hours)
- District 10 VIP Swim and BBQ involving 19 RHS Members (95 hours)
- City Fiesta project by one member (3 hours)

In addition to the listed service activities the Club had a pool social,

was involved in an event called the “Mr. KEY Club” pageant, held four regular meetings and sent five representatives to the KEY Club Divisional Council Meeting.

Although the RHS Club has 192 official members, the 175 member participation level as reported includes a substantial overlap, especially in regards to the Special Olympics.

Inadvertently omitted from the report: participation by KEY Club President Bianca Hong in the planning committee meeting for the “Lights On After School” project (featured in this issue of the RKC Reporter.)

SPEAKERS LIST IN DEVELOPMENT

A listing of topics and speakers for use by Rosemead groups is being developed, according to RKC Planning Coordinator Frank DiNoto.

Its intended use is as a resource for Rosemead groups such as the Parent Academies in the various schools. However, it will be made available to others as well.

Suggestions as to topics and/or speakers should be submitted to Kiwanian Art Landing, who has been asked to oversee the project for the present time.

KIWANIS AREA CLUB MEETINGS

There are regular meetings of other Kiwanis clubs in our area, including those listed below. For current information see our Rosemead Kiwanis website under 'Meetings' at RosemeadKiwanis.org.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alhambra • Altadena/Crown City • Arcadia • El Monte • Montebello • Monterey Park • Pasadena | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pico Rivera • San Gabriel • San Marino • Sierra Madre • South El Monte • South Pasadena • Temple City |
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(From School, p. 1)

regular school hours, as well as general skills.

These are generally overseen in a structured format by providers in concert with school staff.

At both levels, these programs are part of a global education competition. Both India and China, with larger population bases, are graduating more than a million science and technology students at college level than the United States, according to *Fortune Magazine*. They and other countries have a commitment to education that we must match or fall behind.

Remedial and enrichment programs have different funding avenues and problems:

The remedial programs have ample funding but require certified part time personnel that are in chronically short supply.

Enrichment programs are endorsed by both California's Prop 49 and the Federal "No Child Left Behind" outreach but have been hampered by restricted government funding capabilities.

Proposition 49, of course, was originally championed by now Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger before he ever ran for office. Thanks to his ongoing efforts on behalf of its principles, signing of legislation enabling Prop 49's implementation is now imminent. Qualifying for the newly available government funding, however, does include a requirements for 33% in matching funds.

All of this spotlights the underlying need for ongoing parental awareness and support of these programs. Both Kiwanis International and Rosemead Kiwanis have been active in supporting both types. There is also an annual national community awareness effort called "Lights On! Afterschool." The Rosemead District's Muscatel Intermediate School has already been involved for the past five years with this project, according to Principal and Kiwanian Dean Wharton.

KIWANIS INVOLVEMENT

The Rosemead Kiwanis Club, its affiliated K-Family KEY Club at Rosemead High School and the Builder's Club at Muscatel Intermediate School, the City of Rosemead and other groups

are now uniting with participating Rosemead schools in observance of "Lights on Afterschool."

On Thursday, October 12, 2006, both Muscatel and Garvey Intermediate schools will host on-site community events as part of the nationwide effort. The purpose is to acquaint parents and the community with the value and methodology of after-school and related programs. Both Remedial Intervention and Enrichment Activity programs will be featured. The exact agenda is being finalized for each of the two schools.

The Woodcraft Rangers staff is assisting in coordinating content of the programs at the two schools. Their staff members are already active in enrichment programs in eight Rosemead schools. Local school staff and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) groups are being asked to aid in parent/student promotion of the event.

The programs will utilize presentations by various school partners to raise awareness at the parental

level. It is expected that designated Kiwanians will act as liaison with PTO groups at Garvey and Rosemead District schools.

Seven of the programs that may be presented in booths at one or both schools include:

- -RIF (Reading is Fundamental)
- -Kiwanis BUG (Bringing Up Grades) program
- -KEY Club Tutorial Assistance Program
- -Kiwanis Terrific Kids personal achievement program
- -World of Flight program
- -Various 21st Century CCLC-funded programs operated by, or in some cases association with. Woodcraft Rangers
- Possible other programs such as those run by Scouting groups and the Rosemead Parks and Recreation Department.

(From Memories, p.1)

Young William flipped the Bible open and his eyes landed on a verse that told him that, if he would do what God said, He would be with William and eventually raise him to glory.

Mr. Vaughters obtained formal training as an electrical engineer. God then guided him to enter His service as a missionary. This was shortly after WW2; he was sent to a town in Guatemala just as a new revolutionary government was taking power. The electricity in the town was not stable. It would be off for hours at a time.

After being there about six months the Mayor came to his door with armed guards. He wanted to know if it was true that Mr. Vaughters knew about electricity. He acknowledged that he did and agreed to help.. With aid of a friend who also knew electricity it was discovered that some key wires had been sabotaged. This was causing the intermittent black-outs. They fixed the wires. The electricity came back on and was much more dependable. About a week later he came home and his wife Francis showed him a

letter that had been delivered. An opposition group was planning on killing him, her and their children. They closed all the doors and windows and began praying. After a while he looked out the window. Several armed guards were outside, surrounding their home and their church. The authorities knew of the letter and were protecting the family.

He called to his wife, “Francis, come and see the angels that God has sent us.”

After another six months or so, he contracted malaria. He was recovering but his body was still very weak. Once again, armed guards showed up at his door. A governor in a different region wanted to see him. He told them that he was very weak, but they insisted, He went with them, apprehensive about the reason.

Once at the governor’s residence he had to climb a long staircase to the office. It was there that the Governor came out and started smiling. He had heard of the help that he had given

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Over the years Kiwanis themes have included:

- Business Mutual Aid
- Young Children
- Education
- Spiritual Development
- Economic Education
- Community Health/Recreation
- Developmentally Challenged
- Parent Education

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to the Mayor. He wanted to know if Mr. Vaughters could help with the electricity at a hydroplant. It was located up in the mountains and down in a valley.

Mr. Vaughters told the governor that he was recovering from malaria and was very weak. The Governor told him that he would put him in a car and drive him most of the way and they would go the rest of the way on horseback. He agreed to try.

Once at the hydroplant, he told them that the transformers were too close together and a couple of other things. When they got ready to leave, he collapsed. The governor wanted to know what was wrong.

“I told you that I was recovering from malaria and was weak. I can’t make it,” he replied.

The Governor told him to crawl up on his back; the Governor himself carried him out that day.

Mr. Vaughters went on to have a varied and colorful career, He and his wife are now retired and reside in the Mission Care home. He today has vision problems but was of clear mind and strong voice as he shared the above story and more while standing as our speaker at a recent Rosemead Kiwanis meeting.