



RKC Reporter

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ZAPOPAN PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER OPENS

The new Zapopan Public Safety Center (3018 Charlotte Ave. in Rosemead) held its grand opening on Tuesday, August 2, 2006.

Five Kiwanians were among those participating. The event, featuring refreshments provided courtesy of the Target store in Rosemead, was part of the 23rd National Night Out event.

Night Out is an activity initiated by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) “to heighten crime and drug prevention

awareness, as well as to generate support for anti-crime programs,” according to the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*. Target is a national sponsor of NATW.

The group’s website (<http://www.nationaltownwatch.org>) describes the NATW as a coalition of “Neighborhood, Crime, Community, Town and Block Watch Groups; law enforcement agencies; state and regional crime prevention

associations; and a variety of businesses, civic groups and concerned individuals working to make their communities safer places in which to live and work.”

The idea behind the “Night Out” event is that criminals will “crawl back under their rocks”, so to speak, to avoid the glare of public awareness if the entire community is walking **(To “Zapopan,” p. 3)**

WAL-MART COMMUNITY GRANTS AIDING ROSEMEAD GROUPS

\$93,500 thus far and growing! This is the 2005-2006 total support thus far to Rosemead groups and individuals by the Wal-Mart Foundation.

As shown in the accompanying table, recipients include education and youth groups, service clubs (including Rosemead Kiwanis) business groups, food banks and schools.

This giving pattern follows the guidelines in the Wal-Mart Foundations brochure “Serving our Communities — People Make a Difference.”

Jorge Lopez, manager of Wal-Mart Super-Center in Rosemead, recently spoke to the Rosemead Kiwanis Club, distributing a form that can be used to apply for future

grants. He noted that the amount of available grant program monies is keyed to store revenues.

Details of the types of grants available and eligible projects may be found on the Wal-MartFoundation.org website.

According to the site, “Organizations that **(See “Grants,” 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)

Avon Walk: Good Things Come To Those Who Volunteer

by Cindy Zhou,
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On a warm Sunday, September 17, 2006, The Rosemead & Alhambra KEY Clubs went to Long Beach, volunteering at the Avon Walk near the Queen Mary as our KEY Club District Project weekend. This special event was held to support research in combating breast cancer.

I and my fellow KEY Clubbers received blue T-shirts, representing our role as volunteers. Ice cold Fiji water bottles were also provided for everyone who took part in the Avon Walk whether we were the crew, walker or volunteer.

As volunteers, we stood at the finish line cheering and encouraging the walkers as they finished their two day (September 16 –17) 40 mile walk.

The walkers received pink T-shirts to symbolize the color of breast cancer.

Numerous spectators people had different things on to show their spirit for what they were taking part in. Some were outrageous, such as wearing a pink bra to painting the breast cancer ribbon on their skins.

During this event, ten RHS KEY Club members met with their Alhambra KEY Club counterparts around 12 noon. We cheered the walkers at the finish line with signs and pom-

poms. The day was hot and people were tired, but we all did it for the support of breast cancer victims.

There were walkers who did it for a beloved one who passed away because of breast cancer and there were those who did it because they were simply big-hearted.

To thank everyone for their generosity, participants also received a bag of goodies filled with a Women’s Health magazine, Prevention booklet, bag of trail mix, energizing jelly beans, nutrition bar, and a whole grain snack bar.

I watched as walker and runners arrived at their finish line. Many of their families who

didn’t run were excitedly awaiting them at the finish line to give them a hug, take their picture, and give them flowers.

I some walkers in tears, probably for their loved ones. It was wonderful to see the support of so many doing such a great deed.

I felt good knowing how many people out there care about breast cancer and other diseases affecting our human population each day.

**WANT MORE
INFORMATION?**
Visit the
breastcancer.org
website

KIWANIS AREA CLUB MEETINGS

There are regular meetings of other Kiwanis clubs in our area, including those listed below. For current date and time information please visit our rosemeadkiwanis.org website and click on the 'Meetings' link.

- Alhambra
- Altadena/Crown City
- Arcadia
- El Monte
- Montebello
- Monterey Park
- Pasadena
- Pico Rivera
- San Gabriel
- San Marino
- Sierra Madre
- South El Monte
- South Pasadena
- Temple City

(From Zapopan, p. 1)
the streets in the evenings.

According to an article in the *Pasadena Star News*, National Night Out now involves “over 34 million people from more than 10,000 American communities.”

Zapopan Safety Center

Tying in the half million dollar, freshly refurbished Zapopan Center to this effort was appropriate, given its past history. Notes the factbites.com website, “Once a haven for taggers, drug users, alcoholics and other social misfits, Zapopan Park is a safer place where families no longer fear to tread.”

The reason for this was evident – police services for the area until now were overseen by a Sheriff’s substation miles away on Las Tunas Blvd. in Temple City. In addition, the immediate area has never been

serviced by Rosemead’s Neighborhood Watch groups, which primarily service North Rosemead.

The remodeled Zapopan is different. For starters, states the *Tribune*, “it is more than three times larger than the old 1,000-square-foot public safety center at Garvey Park. It features a multi-purpose room for training and community meetings as well as computers offering a direct connection to the County Sheriff’s main frame data source, state of the art surveillance cameras scanning adjacent park and commercial areas, and desk space for deputies to fill out reports, said Deputy Doug Jewett, community relations officer for the sheriff’s Temple Station.

“The center also will have a full-service counter staffed by law enforcement technicians

who will be able to take crime reports and provide other services such as fingerprinting to the public.”

The new center will house two full-time S. T.A.R deputies dedicated to anti-drug and anti-gang programs at local schools, and a juvenile probation officer, said Lt. Wayne Wallace, the sheriff’s Temple Station Rosemead liaison.

(S.T.A.R. stands for “Success Through Awareness & Resistance” and is a drug, gang and violence prevention program at work in 370 schools within 50 school districts in 30 contract cities and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, according to the Sheriff’s website - <http://www.lasd.org/sites/Youth/fact.htm> . Most affected students are in

grades 4-8 but others are serviced upon request of certain schools.)

“I grew up in this area and over the years it has attracted some bad elements, from gangs to drug dealers,” said Damien Nevarez, one of the neighbors who prompted the city to convert the old community center into a law enforcement outpost three years ago.

“We had eight shootings in the area within a year back then, and you have families trying to live in the middle of this,” Nevarez added. “So with the police presence we hope it will curtail some of that activity and make it safer for our families.”

Kiwanis Connection

The new facility utilizes a building with historic Kiwanian connections –

(To “Zapopan,” p. 4)

WATER DISTRICT COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District has scheduled two upcoming events — free to those in areas served by the District (including Rosemead and adjacent communities).

WATER WISE GARDENING— Wednesday, November 1, 2006 –6:00-10:00 PM at the District’s office—11310 Valley Blvd., El Monte. The class will cover basics of garden design, California friendly plants, sprinkler systems, soils water and fertilizers. Reservations recommended—626/443-2298.

WATERSHED RESTORATION PROGRAM— Saturday, November 4, 2006—8:00 am—4:00 PM— weather permitting, hands-on opportunity to help restore a local forest area. Location is the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center, north on Azusa Road (Highway 39) just past the East Fork Road junction on the left side. Closed toed shoes, gloves lunch, water jacket and a full tank of gas recommended. Verify event status by calling 626/442-2298 #5 after 5:00 pm Nov 3, 2006.

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Including the involvement of Kiwanians Bob Bruesch and the late Hugh Faust.

Faust was the long time City Treasurer of Rosemead and the originator of Rosemead's sister city program with Zapopan, capital city of the state of Jalisco in Southwest Mexico. It now has a population of 1.2 million, including a park, called Rosemead Park, with a plaque honoring Mr. Faust.

Faust arranged with Edison International, which owned the then vacant land, for a building to be moved onto it and used for both recreational purposes and as an alternate site for city hall meetings.

Senior luncheons, a day care center and bingo

games took place for fifteen years. But in 2001 these activities shifted to the newly erected Garvey Center and the building became vacant.

The Sheriff's Department presence at the Garvey Park Center was limited to workers operating out of mobile trailers. There was, according to Lt Wallace, no readily available public access.

It was at that point that area resident Fred Nuno began agitating for improvements in the area regarding escalating gang activity, lack of patrols and graffiti. He and other area residents approached former Rosemead Mayor Bruesch for advice; from there, with his coaching, they went

to the City Council. The goal became conversion of the abandoned Center into an anti-crime facility.

With help from the office of Congresswoman Hilda Solis this funding was accomplished. On August 18, 2005, she presented the city with a \$300,000 Justice Department COPS grant to help fund the renovation. Most of the \$20,000 balance was largely covered by federal funds from the Housing and Urban Development Department.

Kiwanians Bob Bruesch, Oliver Chi, Art Landing, Elizabeth

Landing, and Virginia Petersen were among the supporting attendees at the Zapopan open house event.

**.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'

(From "Grants," p. 1)

Organizations that may qualify to receive funding through the Matching Grant Program are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations or organizations that are exempt from needing 501(c)(3) status, such as public schools, faith-based institutions such as churches (must be conducting a project that benefits the community at large), and government agencies."

Rosemead Kiwanis anticipates helping area groups with future grant applications.

WALMART GIVING 2005-06

Below is the official Rosemead Wal-Mart record of 2005-06 community giving as of Sept., 2006

Boy Scouts	3000	
Boys and Girls Club	6000	
Dinsmoor House	7500	
L. A. County Fire	5000	
L.A. County Sheriff	5000	
Maryvale Orphanage	8000+	(supplies)
Muscateel Science Olympiad	3000	
People for People Food Bnk	8000	
Rosemead Cham of Com	3000	
Rosemead Foundation	2500	
Rosemead Kiwanis	10000	
Rosemead Rebels	6000	
Rosemead School District	7500	
Rosemead Youth Assoc	6000	
RSD Teachers	10000	(supplies)
Sam Walton Scholarships	2000	
	<u>93500</u>	