

2014-2015 Rosemead Kiwanis Club Project Listing

The primary purpose of Kiwanis membership is service. To support the various service projects of the Rosemead Kiwanis Club (RKC) annual budgets are prepared – both for the Club and our associated Rosemead Kiwanis Foundation (RKF). This year, as an adjunct to this process, indications of interest were requested via email as to the degree of interest (chairing, assisting, participating) of our Rosemead Kiwanians in our historic (and in some cases proposed) projects, including expanding, reducing, initiating or deleting projects.

Below this listing is repeated, but with explanatory data designed to maximize quality of responses from RKC members.

1. *ROSY Program*

Some years ago one of our members received the Millikan Award, which carries with it a sizeable monetary grant. This member elected to donate this grant to the Rosemead Kiwanis Foundation so that income generated from the grant can be used for an annual award of computers to three deserving Intermediate school grads. Participants in this program will assist in designation of recipients and presenting of the awards. There is also a question of possible expansion of this program if there is sufficient interest.

2. *Garvey School District*

The Rosemead Kiwanis Club is involved with support of specific extracurricular activities in the Garvey School District. These include the annual Temple Intermediate spring music festival, Rhythmax choir, PERCH Robotics program (in association with the United States Navy), Student Dictionary distributions, John Rowland Memorial Garden, Temple and Garvey Intermediate School Student Recreation rooms, and Science Olympiad teams at Muscatel and Temple intermediate schools. These projects are funded against a fixed dollar amount allocated to the Garvey District; specific involvements and degree of support can vary from year to year. Kiwanians are involved in evaluating the effectiveness of allocations, selection of targeted programs and tweaking of distributions from year to year.

3. *Rosemead School District.*

The Rosemead Kiwanis Club is involved with support of specific extracurricular activities in the Rosemead School District. These include the annual America Sings presentation, Muscatel Science Olympiad team, Leader in Me program, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) program in association with JPL and NASA. These projects are funded against a fixed dollar amount allocated to the Garvey District; specific involvements and degree of support can vary from year to year. Kiwanians are involved in evaluating the effectiveness of allocations, selection of targeted programs and tweaking of distributions from year to year.

4. *Maryvale*

This Rosemead facility (with branches in El Monte and Duarte) is operated by the Sisters of Charity and is the modern name for the relocated Los Angeles County Orphanage. The orphanage previously had sites dating back to the middle of the 1800's in Boyle Heights and the Los Angeles Union Station. Today it services short term needs of girls ages 4-18 referred by DPSS and the court system. These clients are victims of various levels of abuse.

Rosemead Kiwanis was instrumental in funding the computerized Resource Center at Maryvale, supports RIF (Reading is Fundamental) programs at both Rosemead and Duarte campuses, provides personalized quilts and pillow covers plus exploring the possibility of staging celebratory events for Maryvale clients. Involved Kiwanians can assist with both monitoring our level of support while providing physical involvements with specific activities.

5. *Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)*

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) is a children's literacy program which encourages reading among younger children living in lower-income areas. This definition includes all Rosemead and Garvey elementary schools except for one. We also have programs at the two private Maryvale campuses. The program consists of three events at each school site per school year, each of which includes a book given to the students to keep as their own – "no strings attached." The books are selected by designated school personnel from each site.

Each supported site has both a staff coordinator and an RKC coordinator who work on the events (RKC representation, sometimes in multiple numbers, is required for each event). They also cooperate on the annual RIF-SoCal bookmark contest and (as required) fund raising for the annual enrollment fee. Participation in the annual orientation luncheon in September is offered but not mandatory for RKC site coordinators (it is required for staff coordinators). The orientation is a rich source of event theme suggestion. The RKC reimburses receipted activity expenses up to \$150 for each site.

RKC site coordinators also make available RKF grant application forms for other classroom related activities. They can optionally work with staff coordinators and site principals on other site-specific projects. This is the RKC's most intense ongoing programs in terms of member involvement. In addition to the above our sponsored Muscatel Builders Club prepares the bookmark packages for all RIF So-cal sites. The RKC is the holder of RIF-SoCal's Champion Award.

6. Asia Pacific Family Center (APFC) Youth Summit

The summit, held each Spring on the Garvey Intermediate School Campus, makes available to young people from Rosemead and other interested communities over thirty different booths and special speakers on career and lifestyle topics. The RKF (Rosemead Kiwanis Foundation) helps co-sponsor the event, Kiwanians staff selected booths and Key Club members assist in technical areas such as set-up and registration.

7. Young American Musical

This traveling troupe of young student musicians was brought to Rosemead in 2013 by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, in part using funding from the Rosemead Kiwanis Foundation and other sources. It is a designated recipient of funds by your RKC Community Affairs Committee's fine arts program.

8. Kids and the Law [also 18 and Seniors]

This is a suggested program of youth education using materials available from the California Bar Association. Those involved will need to develop and oversee distribution channels, both in schools and possibly other venues..

9. Scholarships

The Rosemead Kiwanis Foundation in the 2013-14 fiscal year sponsored three scholarships for Rosemead resident Key Club applicants meeting criteria established by the Rosemead Kiwanis Club Board (which is also the defacto RKF Board). Those Kiwanians working on this program for 2014-2015 (presuming it is retained) will be responsible to determine criteria, secure board approval, publicize and obtain applications, evaluate responses and present the awards.

10. MERCI

This is a caretaking program for those individuals so severely disabled that they cannot live independent, productive lives. Since roughly one third of the facilities clients are from Rosemead (although the MERCI residence homes are in Monterey Park) the RKF has contributed towards the completion of an expansion of MERCI to accommodate more clients after the fall off in funding from other sources due to the economy.

11. "Cool Stuff"

This is a youth oriented financial education program. It combines study packets available in bulk with free online materials. The RKF funded and owns the KiwaniisCoolStuff.com website. The program has been used by the Garvey School District after school program and others. It has been discussed as a project to be conducted with local Boys and Girls clubs in conjunction with Circle K. Although unanimously endorsed by the Past Presidents of KI it was not approved by the KI Board in January 2014. The degree of continued support for this program as a "modified club project" will depend upon opinions and indications of support from the RKC membership

12. Children's Hospitals

Selected Kiwanis members and friends have for some time been giving Neonatal quilts, caps, lovey dolls*, etc. to patients of local children's hospitals and the pediatric ward of selected general hospitals including Huntington Memorial and the City of Hope as "in kind" donations. *Lovey dolls are made of fabric by volunteers, They are placed in incubators of premature infants after being infused with the scent of the child's natural mother. This causes the premature child to feel it has the love and presence of its mother before such contact is practical.

13. Lincoln Training Center Monthly Birthday Parties

The South El Monte based Lincoln Training Center, which now has branches at other California locations, is both a sheltered workshop for developmentally disabled adults and an administrative center for contracts with various companies and government agencies using physically challenged workers. Involvement of the Rosemead Kiwanis Club with the Centers antecedents predates the founding of the City of Rosemead itself; both the RKF (Rosemead Kiwanis Foundation) and the center's construction were funded in part by bequests from the estate of a Rosemead Kiwanian and his wife who died childless.

In addition to the RKF having sponsored the Center's refurbished lunchroom the RKC monthly sponsors a birthday celebration for clients of the Center's sheltered workshop (usually around 20 at a time). Featuring cards, gifts, food and music plus occasional special features all RKC members are welcome to participate. The Center itself still has a close connection with several Kiwanis Clubs.

14. Relay for Life

This is a 24 hr. walkathon program to assist cancer research plus awareness of support services and education as to progress in combating this scourge. The concept that the Relay is solely about raising money is a concept we strive to erase. The Rosemead Relay's chief coordinator and several committee chairs are RKC members. Our sponsored Key Clubs are also deeply involved. The K-family Relay for Life team has regularly been the top contender for top fundraising dollars among those competing.

15. Rose Parade Float Decoration

Support of the annual Kiwanis Rose Float decoration, as well as that of other floats, is believed to be the largest youth service project in the world. As a Division 10 Club the RKF funds, and the RKC supplies manpower for, the serving of two meals on one day of this multi-week team end effort. Our Club is also called upon to supply chaperones for the activity – and of course Kiwanians can decorate in their own right .

16. People-4-People

The People 4 People food bank distributes donated foodstuffs to qualified members of the community in need, both low income and homeless. It has support of the RKF as well as other area Kiwanis Clubs and the City of Rosemead. RKC members volunteer at the bank and Rosemead High School Key Club members are actively involved with the annual USPS food drive, collections from which in Rosemead and other communities are transported to the food bank's warehouse for later distribution. The RKF sponsors transportation costs for the Rosemead Post Office in this regard.

17. Family Promise

Mission is to inspire and empower homeless *families* to transform their lives. This is done by supplying temporary overnight housing thru local churches. At the same time education is supplied by day to the children of such families and job training or locating is afforded their parents.

18. InnovaDiscGolf Course.

Better known as "frisbee golf" this is a recreational activity for youth and young adults. It has been suggested as a possible Rosemead city park improvement. The degree of RKC (Rosemead Kiwanis Club) involvement, if any, is something that can be explored if we have sufficient Kiwanians interested

19. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Commitment to human and spiritual values is one of the six primary objects of Kiwanis. In Rosemead our Club, in a joint venture with the City and several area churches, revived the city's annual prayer breakfast after a hiatus of nearly twenty ears. We continue as the lead organizer.

20. Recycling Old eye glasses

Some years ago the then Governor of the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District initiated a program of collecting used eyeglasses from optometrists and other sources. These cannot be legally reused or sold in the United States, but they can be distributed overseas. Although the original Cal-Nev-Ha District campaign is history our Club is one which has perpetuated this effort in our local area.

21. KI (Kiwanis International) Major Emphasis Program - ELiMiNaTe

The capital letters in this acronym (ELiMiNaTe) stand for Eliminate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus, a \$115 million Kiwanis International worldwide effort in concert with UNICEF. The disease affects newborn infants and their parents where childbirth happens in non-sterile conditions, principally in third and fourth world countries, It can be prevented by a simple vaccination. RKC involvement presently consists of K-family fundraisers and efforts to underwrite various awards at our luncheon meetings – more could be done with additional member interest.

22. Rosemead and Don Bosco Key Clubs

KEY (Kiwanis Educated Youth) Clubs are Kiwanis sponsored high school level groups focusing on community service and leadership development. This sponsorship includes helping provide properly certified (background checks and tuberculosis test) adult chaperones [1 in 10 or fraction thereof] for certain Key Club activities, club financial assistance at conferences and conventions and for travel, periodic attendance at Key Club meetings, etc. We are presently actively trying to increase the number of co-advisors to our Key clubs. Rosemead Kiwanis has long sponsored Key Clubs at both Rosemead High School and Don Bosco Technical Institute.

23. Builders Club

These are Kiwanis sponsored service and leadership development groups at the intermediate school level. We have had a club at Muscatel intermediate with revived clubs at Garvey and Temple intermediate schools in formation. The latter is done in conjunction with the Woodcraft Rangers after school program in the Garvey School District (Woodcraft Rangers is a Rosemead Kiwanis organizational member).

24. "BUG" – Bringing Up (or maintaining) educational Grades

The Rosemead Kiwanis Club is pleased to help sponsor a modified version of this Kiwanis program as part of the Rosemead School District's elementary afterschool program. Five students are selected from each of four sites during eight months of the school year. Basis of selection is improvement observed by their instructors. Those selected convene at the city library for a special recognition ceremony which includes an activity, certificate and refreshments.

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