

ROSEMEAD

KIWANIS FAMILY

HISTORY

AND

CURRENT PROJECTS OVERVIEW

2014-2015

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Rosemead Kiwanis Sponsored/Affiliate Programs – 2014-2015

Adult Services Programs

Lincoln Training Center Monthly Celebration
USPS Food Bank Drive (with People for People)

After School Program

Bringing Up Grades (BUG – Rosemead School District)
Terrific Kids (Garvey School District with Woodcraft Rangers)
Cool Stuff Financial Literacy (Garvey School District with Woodcraft Rangers)

Community Involvement

Community Calendar
Rosemead Connections
Savannah Cemetery

Human and Spiritual Values

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast (with City of Rosemead)
Neo-natal Crochet /Program (Huntington Hospital)
WSGV Community Services Co-op (with SGV Consortium on Homelessness)

Reading, Literacy and Education

Donors Choose (all public schools)
Molina Grants Grants (Grades 4-6)
Student Dictionary Project (Garvey School District)
Reading is Fundamental (K-3 Garvey and Rosemead Districts)
RKF Assistance Grants (all schools)

Science Olympiad

Garvey Middle School
Muscatel Middle School
Temple Middle School

Sponsored Youth

Aktion Club/LTCC Birthday Celebration
Don Bosco Key Club
Garvey Builders Club
Muscatel Builder's Club
Temple Builder's Club
Rosemead High School Key Club

Youth Activities Programs

Cool Stuff Internet E-book book and related study guides
Ecology Club/Steam Project (Encinita Academic Academy)
Leader in Me (Janson School)
Youth Summit (with Pacific Clinics)

(NOTE: the above list does not include all involvements of K-family affiliates, such as Key Club involvement with various walkathons, beach cleanup, Familia Unida, campus activities, Rose Parade and Special Olympics, Builder's Club involvement with reforestation projects, or Rosemead Kiwanis Foundation grants and resource assistance. It also does not reflect the rich diversity of speakers at the regular weekly luncheon meeting of Rosemead Kiwanis itself or supported projects of Kiwanis International and Key Club International.)

THE ROSEMEAD KIWANIS FAMILY AND NETWORK

ORIGINS In 1946, by a one vote margin, an independent group of Rosemead businessmen (who had been meeting since the mid-nineteen twenties) elected to seek a relationship with Kiwanis International. Shortly thereafter they were sponsored for affiliation by the neighboring Temple City Kiwanis Club, which had already been in existence since 1939.

HIGH SCHOOL A few years later burgeoning population caused Rosemead High School to be constructed on walnut orchard land originally intended to be a county park. The school was (and is) part of the El Monte School District – a plaque at the entrance memorializes the fact that the Chairman of the District's Board at that time was a Rosemead Kiwanian.

RHS KEY CLUB The school became the site of two Rosemead Kiwanis sponsored youth groups – KEY (Kiwanis Educated Youth) and Kiwanettes – in the days before coeducational youth clubs were common. They were later merged. Rosemead KEY worked with the Sheriff's Department, Rosemead Interfaith Council and City of Rosemead to establish a network of 139 Neighborhood Watch groups in San Gabriel. The Club continues today with over 200 student members.

LINCOLN TRAINING CENTER - In the mid-fifties Rosemead Kiwanis began helping an auxiliary of the Lincoln School for disabled students in San Gabriel rolling newspapers. It was the beginning of a decades long relationship that has led to the construction of the Lincoln Training Center in El Monte, with which continues to have strong Kiwanian ties and employs several hundred physically challenged adults. We hold a monthly celebration of birthdays for clients of the Center.

DON BOSCO / MARYVALE Also in the fifties Don Bosco Technical Institute came to Rosemead. The same decade saw the move of the Maryvale orphanage, oldest in Los Angeles, from Boyle Heights. We have maintained a relationship with them ever since, including a KEY Club at Don Bosco and the Learning Resource Center at Maryvale. .

CITY BEGINNINGS When Rosemead incorporated as a city in 1959 two of the initial five Council persons were Kiwanians. Among the other Club members at that time was the founder of the Universal Savings bank in Rosemead, who would go on to become a worldwide Kiwanis International President in 1987 and the City Treasurer.

MUSCATEL BUILDERS In 1990 a Kiwanis sponsored Builders Club was established at the Muscatel Intermediate School. It today is actively involved in running the student store, tutoring elementary school pupils and is a prime supporter of the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) literacy program for which it annually assembles over 20,000 packets of bookmarks.

AFTER SCHOOL In 2004 Rosemead Kiwanis, through its Rosemead Kiwanis Foundation, entered into a contract with the Garvey School District for operation of a limited after school program. Subsequent state funding changed the nature of after school activities but we still participate thru programs such as BUG (Bringing Up Grades) and the Cool Stuff Financial Literacy program.

LITERACY PROGRAMS – Our Club sponsors Reading is Fundamental in all eligible Rosemead and Garvey School District elementary schools. This program provides three literacy events including a free book participating kids at each site. We also distribute student dictionaries annually to GSD third graders.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUPPORT – Our Club is a proud supporter of the Science Olympiad teams at Muscatel, Garvey and Temple Intermediate Schools. We have also funded transportation for various groups such as the Rhythmaxx Choir from the GSD and the Leader in Me Program at Janson. We have also supplied manpower activities at specific schools. For fifty years we also spearheaded a Farm Cities Exchange program with Tulare County.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - Our Club, through support of diverse activities such as Relay for Life, Young Americans Concerts, health fairs, etc. has both historically and currently been involved with the pulse of the community. We are a participating member of both Rosemead Connections and the Chamber of Commerce

INTERNET/COMMUNICATIONS - In 2005 the Rosemead Kiwanis Club established a website (rosemeadkiwanis.org) which is a rich resource of Rosemead and Kiwanis related information. It includes a community activities calendar (updated monthly) and two free e-mail newsletters which are available on request via kcrosemead@aol.com.

LUNCHEON MEETINGS – Traditionally all service clubs meet weekly, most frequently at lunch. This pattern has changed with social media and the increased separation of job sites from residences, but is still preserved in our club. We hold weekly luncheon meetings with varied speakers. Our current regular meeting site is the Open Bible Church.

SATELLITE OPERATIONS – in 2007 our parent organization, Kiwanis International, authorized local clubs to experiment with satellite meetings using diverse formats to address specific local needs. Our club holds monthly satellite meetings in a workshop format involving RKC Committee heads, members of sponsored K-family groups and other interested groups. It has led to both improved communications and cooperation plus growth for the Club.

SPIRITUAL VALUES – our second President, in 1947, was a pastor of the local Methodist Church. He was but the first in a succession of spiritual leaders who have been involved with our Club. We currently help sponsor the annual Mayor's Prayer breakfast and are working with the SGC Consortium on Homelessness on a co-op which will help secure much needed human services funding.

ELIMINATE PROJECT – although most of our efforts are focused on local Rosemead youth and the local Rosemead community we are supportive of the worldwide service project of Kiwanis – elimination of neo-natal tetanus by 2015 - a killer disease that targets newborn infants and their mothers and is totally preventable. Kiwanis clubs worldwide are committing \$115 million to this effort over five years and we as a local club are doing our share.