

President Paul Bunnell of the El Monte Kiwanis Club Reports:

SPONSORED YOUTH: Member Earl Clemons reported on our AHS Key Club activities. The key clubbers pulled in an incredible 140 pints of blood on their blood drive, which ended in early April. They held a successful car wash fundraiser, and assisted at the Santa Anita Derby Day on Saturday, April 7.

NEW SPONSORED CLUB: As sponsors, our club paid Rio Hondo's Builders Club start up fees of \$460. Kiwanis International will issue a charter and all the trappings that go with a new club. Their "Charter Day Celebration" will be announced soon.

Rio Hondo is in addition to the Frank Wright Builders Club we sponsor. A third Builders Club is in the planning stage for start up in September 2007. Past President Dan Buehler is the liaison with Durfee School on that venture.

We recently hosted the Club's annual golf tournament on 3-23-07 and raised approx \$9,000 to go into the kitty. Some of that money was spent on registering a new Builders Club at Rio Hondo Elementary (\$460) and bringing up the dues for the other Builders Club at Frank Wright Elementary.

The City of El Monte obtained 500 tickets to the California Angels baseball game. These were donated from Howard's Appliance and given to the El Monte Police Department. The El Monte Kiwanis sponsored this event by providing chaperones and soliciting several students, community members, teachers, administrators etc. to take the kids from the City of El Monte. There were at least two schools that obtained buses and transported 60 students each. The Kiwanis Club gave a financial contribution of \$500.00 to be disbursed to the students, along with another larger financial contribution from the Wayne C. Clayton Foundation & Vons. In addition, the kids attending the game all received Angel's lunch boxes. Several of these students admitted this was their first trip to any professional sports game. It really was a sight to behold.



The El Monte Kiwanis are also currently working on several school scholarships, donating \$750 in various amounts. We are also looking into having Wal-Mart match \$1,000 to purchase bicycles and helmets for the 31 K-8 schools in the city.

Finally, the investigation regarding the Monrovia Club's missing bell (from the DCM they hosted) is almost complete. Their president was contacted about a supposed ransom notice and the whereabouts of their bell. Our club has also been advised that they would like to do an interclub with us but are having some difficulty since both clubs' weekly meetings are the same day at the same time. We will make every effort to obtain their missing bell and see to it that the ransom is paid.