Pizza Social

On September 8th, Thursday, a group by the name of CASSA held a pizza social for all the students who were interested in joining. The event was hosted outside and those interested started out by playing a game where there was a name on one’s back and another member had to give them clues on who that person was without who is actually was. This allowed members to socialize with one another and break the ice. Later, everyone ate pizza and the official leaders of the group introduced themselves and mentioned some positions that were open, as well as offering members to join several community service opportunities. The event was fun from my standpoint and I officially enrolled in becoming a CASSA member at the first event. The leaders were very friendly and I was really looking forward to what came ahead in becoming a member with this group.

-Jewel Miquelon

Beach Clean Up

This is my first year as a CASSA member. The best event that I liked was the beach cleanup at Huntington Beach. We did this event because we wanted to make the beach cleaner for everyone who goes to the beach. For about two hours that we were there, we walked around the beach to pick up trash like caps, cigarette butts, chip bags, and more. We even found a melting trash can. Beside CASSA, there were many other groups that participated. My overall experience about this event was great. Even though we had to pick up trash, we had time to bond with each other, sign a petition to help save the whales, see people surf, and help for a good cause. On that day we didn’t have a lot of members showed up but with the amount that we had, we were able to accomplish a lot on the beach.

-Pauline Ho
Ice Cream Social

CASSA’s Ice cream social held on September 25th was full of sprinkles, chocolate syrup, and ice cream fun! Several members attended the event where there was a create-your-own-sundae bar and fun group games. One game was played where each participant had a turn explaining three fun facts about themselves. The exciting twist was that one of the facts had to be fiction and the rest of the players had to guess which one. Different members of CASSA came at different times which created a nice environment to get to know each other a little better. Towards the end of the ice cream social, members got a little silly with the leftover sundae bar snacks and pictures. The ice cream social had a great turn out and really represented the relaxed fun CASSA members get to have after all the hard work they put forth every day. -Jessica Glancy

The OC Book Festival

CASSA volunteered at the Orange County Children’s Book Festival on October 2, 2011. Volunteers organized books, helped put away booths (including signs, chairs, tables, etc.), and picked up trash when the event ended. The festival provided a great opportunity for all families, friends, and children. There were many well-known authors, vendors, and entertainers, too. Also, there were rides for children to go on, a model train exhibit, and a cute petting zoo. One of the biggest highlights of volunteering at the Orange County Children’s Book Festival was being Sparky the Wonderfish and dancing on stage; it was fun experience. -Stephanie Nguyen
General Meetings

September 22\textsuperscript{nd}

On September 22nd, CASSA’s general meeting was an opportunity for the club to get together and have a little fun playing Taboo. Taboo is a game in which you give clues and it is your team’s job to try to guess the person, place or thing. This was the first day where CASSA decided to have themed dress up days for each meeting. For this meeting we all wore the color pink. Playing Taboo with the club was a different way for the club to work together as a team. Being in CASSA is like teaming up to make a difference in children’s lives.

-Loren Ashley Garin

October 6\textsuperscript{th}

General meetings are always something to look forward to on Thursdays at 12 pm. Meetings are interesting because the club always does different activities each at meeting. In October 6\textsuperscript{th}’s meeting, all members got a number and then were placed in groups. Each group got to learn about each individual. We went around the group and talked about some important topics. For example, we learned why we joined CASSA and what we plan to do with our majors. I found it to be intriguing because I learned what others were doing with the same major I had. I also learned about the people that are in CASSA. Once we know the people in the club, more connections and bonds will be made as the club progresses.

-Janet Sanchez
Guest Speaker: Kay Devine

On September 29th we had a Kay Devine as our guest speaker for our CASSA meeting. We learned how to use art as form of teaching where students can interact and enjoy it. During her lesson she showed us how to make coy fish while having a history lesson at the same time. Kay Devine talked about how Japan is an island and as discussing its history she was drawing out the fish. She handed out paper, scissors, crayons, and yarn and we all got an opportunity to be apart of the lesson. My experience showed me how as a future teacher I can combine two lessons in one and make it fun. Creating art, while talking about history is a good opportunity to give the students a fun lesson in history.

-Deanna Isen

Kathy Ireland Mentor Tea

I have had a chance to get a glimpse into the lifestyle of teen moms from watching Teen Mom, an American reality TV series premiered on MTV, but never had a moment of true understanding for teen moms until I attended Kathy Ireland Mentor Tea which was held on September 24, 2011 at Calvary Chapel in Montebello from 7:30am to 4:30pm. CASSA volunteers, including myself, assisted during event set up and provided a helping hand as needed. While teen moms were in the workshops with their mentors, we got together and helped unloading boxes that contain baby products such as bottles, bibs, pacifiers, baby lotions, formulas, baby powders, etc. from the moving truck and put them into gift bags that are going to be distributed to each teen mom at the end of the event. I was personally inspired by the positive outlook that the teens presented in these times of difficulty to live up to their expectations and goals. I could tell by the hopeful and awestruck look of those teen moms sitting in the audience at Calvary Chapel listening to the powerful message of the teen mom guest speakers that they were enjoying the event as much as I was. I not only earned 5 community service hours but also had a fun and an eye-opening experience that will stay in my memory for a long time.

–Helen Jung