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## Noontime News

Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria  
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# Club news you can use



## WHAT'S COMING UP OR GOING ON

### Aktion Club Installation of Officers, October 22

Minami Community Center, 600 West Enos

Aktion Club Installation of Officers will begin at 5:00 pm. Julie will be inducting our President and Co-President. The meeting ends about 6:00 pm. If we can get a show of support from our Kiwanis Club, I know it would mean a lot to our Aktion Club.

**Contact:** Michelle Galanski or Julie Posada for more information



### Aktion Club Halloween Dance, October 24

Minami Community Center, 600 West Enos

Join the Aktion club for a Spook-tacularly good time at the annual Halloween Dance on Friday, Oct 24 from 6-8 pm. Costumes are encouraged.

**Contact:** Michelle Galanski or Julie Posada for more information

### Halloween Potluck, October 30

Minami Community Center, 600 West Enos

👻 Get ready for some frightfully good fun! Our first 5th Thursday will be October 30 at 6:00 PM. We'll enjoy a Halloween-themed potluck dinner, and everyone's invited to dress up—there's even a prize for the best costume! Sign up in the book to bring a main, side, dessert, or appetizer. Cost: \$10. Don't miss this tasty and spirited evening!

**Contact:** Anna Rubcic for more information



### Serve Santa Maria: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build, November 8

The Home Depot

Mark your calendars for the Serve Santa Maria project in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace! Don't miss this meaningful event. Pre-registration at

<https://shpbeds.org/chapter/ca-santa-barbara-co-n/>

**Contact:** Donna Beal for more information

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## 2025-26 Fundraising

**We will be hosting four signature fundraising events this year.**

- BBQ Fest: May (Jaime)
- Wine Makers Dinner: TBD (Anna)
- Mardi Gras Reverse Drawing: TBD
- Bunco Party: TBD (Anna)

**Working in partnership with local community organizations, we anticipate two pass through events this year.**

- Pickleball Tournament with Santa Maria Pickleball Club: June at Hagerman Courts
- Fireworks Booth with Santa Maria Valley Historical Society: July

*Additional details for each event will be shared as the event dates and location are confirmed.*

**We will host a Club Member ONLY Reverse Drawing in April this year to support our club's administration and membership recruitment.**



Thank you to AHC Foundation and Circle K Students for the fantastic information about how you are working to support our community.

**Call to Action:** If you have speaker suggestions for 2025. Please send them to Dawn Jackson.



## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct 17: Mike Sell  
Oct 23: Kori Gonzales  
Oct 25: Eric Palacios

*Happy Birthday*

Oct 16: Maynard & Roz Silva  
Oct 23: Wayne & Cyndi Elias

*Happy Anniversary*

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Kiwanians,

First, I want to commend Donna for her wonderful leadership as 2024–25 president. Her dedication and energy truly live up to her nickname, the “energizer bunny.” Thank you, Donna, for making our year fun and visible in the community!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the September 26 installation. Eileen, your planning was flawless, and Julie, the food was delicious—please thank Matt Dwyer for that perfect prime rib! I felt truly spoiled.

A special thanks to Governor Steve for installing me and serving as our Master of Ceremonies—it meant so much to have you with us. I look forward to continuing our good work and growing our Kiwanis “family” this year.

Yours in Kiwanis,  
Anna Rubcic  
2025–26 President

### Motto

Serving the children of the world



Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time

### Statement



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Community & Service Leadership Programs



### Calendar-at-a-Glance

**10/8:** Admin Board

**10/8:** Circle K  
Installation

**10/10:** Corp Board

**10/14:** Builder's Club  
Installation

**10/22:** Aktion Club  
Installation

**10/24:** Aktion Club  
Dance

**11/7:** Key Club  
Appreciation

Scan the QR Code  
below to be taken to  
our online calendar



### Circle K Takeover Success- September 18

Our Circle K friends from Allan Hancock College hosted a lively Kiwanis Takeover filled with updates on their work with Builder's Club, K-Kids, and student recruitment. Their enthusiasm was contagious—and thanks to our members' generosity, they reached their \$500 goal to purchase a meeting bell that very night!

Next up, Circle K is planning a Pumpkins and Pies Fundraiser in October to support bedding for the November Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build. With pumpkins from Alex and the Patch students, and pies contributed by Gaylen, Santiago, and Michelle, the students are set for success. Special thanks to Eileen for encouraging Kiwanis participation—together, we're helping make this fundraiser truly impactful! 🎃🥧🌟

### CNH Circle K Conference and DLSSP, November 7-9

**Santa Maria Inn, 801 S Broadway**

The Circle K Fall Training Conference is coming to Santa Maria from November 7-9! We'll be providing a meal for the students during their training and are asking for member donations to support their DLSP project. For more details, take a look at the flyer.

**Contact:** Steve Geraci for more information

### Circle K Installation, Oct 8

**Allan Hancock College, Bldg  
G, Rm 106B**

Join Circle K for their installation  
of officers at 3:30 pm.

**RSVP encouraged:** Donna Beal  
for more information



### Builder's Club Installation, Oct 14

**Arellenas Jr High School**

Join Builder's Club for their installation of  
officers during their regular meeting.

**RSVP Required:** Tiffany Fife for more  
information



**Vision:** Kiwanis will be a positive influence in the communities worldwide...so that one day all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.



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# KEY CLUB

## APPRECIATION NIGHT

ENJOY AN EVENING FULL OF FOOD,  
PRIZES, MUSIC, AND ACTIVITIES

**OPEN TO DIVISION 29 MEMBERS**

**NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

REGISTER WITH YOUR KEY CLUB ADVISOR  
BY NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2025

**FREE**

**ABEL MALDONADO YOUTH CENTER**  
600 S. MCCLELLAND ST, SANTA MARIA  
ATTENDANCE QUALIFIES FOR SERVICE HOURS

**INTERESTED IN BRINGING A POTENTIAL KEY CLUB MEMBER?**  
REGISTER YOUR GUEST WITH YOUR KEY CLUB ADVISOR





# Kiwaniis



## Meeting Information

Weekly on Thursday

12:10-1:15

Minami Community Center

600 Enos, Santa Maria, CA 93456

## Club Leadership and Awards

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### Installation and Awards Dinner

It is with delight that we recount the beauty of our Installation and Awards Dinner. From the very beginning, the evening was filled with energy and camaraderie. In the courtyard, members enjoyed lively conversation over a variety of beverages (thanks to the generosity of Susan and Mike as bartenders, and Ed, Adam, and Donna for ensuring the selection). The Aktion Club once again demonstrated their dedication by serving appetizers with care and cheer.

Upon entering the ballroom, guests were greeted by the elegant decorations thoughtfully arranged by Eileen, Silvia, Elaine, Anna, and Donna. Their efforts turned the space into a welcoming "ballroom" that set the perfect stage for our dinner, catered deliciously by Julie and Matt.

The highlight of the evening was the awards presentation. Donna, with warmth and her signature sparkle, revealed this year's honorees. Each recipient was recognized for qualities that truly represent the heart of Kiwanis: kindness, grace, and service carried out quietly, yet powerfully, behind the scenes.

With Governor Steve as our distinguished Master of Ceremonies and Lt. Governor Greg guiding the installation of officers, the evening concluded with a sense of pride in what we have accomplished and excitement for what is to come. Indeed, it was a triumph of fellowship, gratitude, and celebration.



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#### Installation and Awards Dinner, Part 2



##### President Citations

Ann Batterson

20 years as Secretary

##### Rookie of the Year

Genevieve Siwabessy



##### Kiwanian of the Year

Eileen Geraci

##### Rose Float Fellowship

Tiffany Fife McInerney



##### William A Dunlap Fellowship

Santiago Banuelos



##### New Leadership

##### Legion of Honor

Julie Posada - 30 years

Jim Burubeltz - 45 years

Bob Morrison - 50 years



##### William A Dunlap Fellowship

Marisol Cruz

#### Club Officers 2025-26

President: Anna Rubcic

President Elect: Elaine Guzman

Vice President: VACANT

Immediate Past President: Donna Beal

Secretary: Ann Batterson

Treasurer: Jim Burubeltz

#### Santa Maria Board of Directors

2024-26

Dr. Ray Arensdorf

Santiago Bañuelos

Diego Cardenas Garcia

2025-27

Dawn Jackson

Silvia Oishi-Cheatham

Glenn Prezkop

#### Kiwanis for Kids Board of Directors

Alex Posada

Bob Doyle

Treasurer: Marisol Cruz

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### Membership

Welcome our newest members, **Janae Markstone** and **Danyelle Chavez**, who joined the club in September!

**Janae** is a proud mother of three wonderful girls. She currently works in Special Education at Pioneer Valley High School, a role she loves so much that it inspired her to pursue her Bachelor's degree in Special Education at Western Governors University, with the goal of becoming a teacher. Beyond the classroom, Janae is passionate about community service. She is in the process of launching a nonprofit organization, 805 Bunco Babes. What began as casual games in her living room has grown into a meaningful way to raise funds and support local nonprofits. Driven by a heart for service, Janae is excited to continue volunteering and giving back to the Central Coast, making a positive impact in the lives of others.

**Danyelle** brings 22 years of newspaper and marketing experience to our club. She's the Marketing Manager for the Santa Maria Times, Lompoc Record, and Santa Ynez Valley News, with a talent for creative campaigns, advertising, and audience targeting. Active in the community, Danyelle serves on boards and committees for local events like Day of Hope, the Police Council Golf Tournament, and Santa Maria Comic Con. When she's not volunteering, she enjoys cooking, crafts, Bunco, and family sports adventures.

We're thrilled to have Janae and Danyelle bringing their energy, skills, and passion for service to our Kiwanis family!



We wish to extend a big welcome to Janae and Danyelle and look forward to them becoming very active in Kiwanis for years to come. The friendships made with fellow Kiwanians will last a lifetime! To our club; a new member means new ideas, new enthusiasm, greater service to the community and more fellowship. Thank you!







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#### Jeopardy, Joy, and Donna's Final Meeting

Donna's final meeting as our president was one to remember! Members gathered for an evening of celebration, laughter, and even a little friendly competition.

JA spirited game of Jeopardy—hosted with the help of **Dr. Ray, Ann**, and **Elaine**—brought out our quick thinkers and big smiles. Congratulations to our winners: **Julie** (1st Place), **Marisol** (2nd Place), and **Randy** (3rd Place)!

In addition to the game, we honored members who achieved perfect attendance (thanks to **Julie** for helping with stickers!), recognized our hardworking committee chairs with gifts and certificates, and presented Distinguished Member certificates to those who went above and beyond this year. And a special award was given to **Randy** for **15 years of service as the BBQ Chair**.

It was the perfect mix of fun and gratitude—a true reflection of what makes our club so special.



#### Distinguished Club Members

Santiago Bañuelos  
Donna Beal  
Michelle Galanski  
Eileen Geraci  
Steve Geraci  
Alex Posada  
Julie Posada



Santiago Bañuelos  
Randy Beal  
Diego Cardenas Garcia  
Gaylen Clark  
Marisol Cruz  
Bob Doyle  
Michelle Galanski

#### Committee Chairs

Eileen Geraci  
Steve Geraci  
Rudy Gutierrez  
Elaine Guzman  
Jaime Flores  
Marj Hord  
Dawn Jackson  
Susan Moats  
Glenn Preztop  
Julie Posada  
Anna Rubcic