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## Noontime News

Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria  
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<http://www.santamariakiwanis.org>

# Club news you can use



## WHAT'S COMING UP OR GOING ON



### Salvation Army Bell Ringing - December 13

WalMart, 2220 S Bradley Rd, Santa Maria

The Salvation Army's bell ringing program funds year-round services like social assistance, shelters, disaster relief, children's programs, and rehabilitation. Volunteers are needed for two (2) hour shifts from 10 am to 6pm.

**Contact:** Bob Doyle for more information



### Holiday Luncheon, December 18

600 W Enos Dr, Santa Maria

Bring a friend to our holiday luncheon. Menu: Turkey/Ham, stuffing mashed potatoes, green bean casserole & sweet potato souffle. \$19 per person. RSVP by December 16.

**Contact:** Ann Batterson for more information



## Holiday Dance

Friday, December 12, 2025  
6:00 - 8:00 PM \* Ages 18+ \* \$15.00

Come and join the Aktion Club for our Holiday Dance!  
Minami Community Center, 600 W. Enos Dr.

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Only cash and checks are accepted.

Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater and enter the contest. Festive colors of red, green, or gold are also encouraged. Aktion Club is now recruiting new members! This community service group is for adults (18+) with disabilities who want to give back, make friends, and grow as leaders. Members volunteer in the community and enjoy fun activities together.

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 5:15-6:15 PM  
Location: Minami Community Center, 600 W. Enos Dr.

Be part of something meaningful — join Aktion Club today!  
For more information call (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260

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## Campaign website

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## 2025-26 Fundraising

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### Sweet Tooth Showdown

What a delicious December! Our Sweet Tooth Showdown was packed with energy, friendly competition, and plenty of sugar-powered fun. Jaime took the mic as auctioneer and helped us “round up” more than \$900. Hats off to our fudge pros—Eileen, Julie, Anna, and Randy—and to Robyn and the Beal crew for their Treat Walk goodies. Huge appreciation to Anna, Gaylen, Eileen, Julie, Bob, and Paige for contributing fantastic auction items.



### Congratulations to our winners:

- Julie – Grand Master of Fudge-ery,
- Eileen – Melt-in-Your-Mouth,
- Randy – Sweetest Spirit.

Thanks to all who baked, donated, and bid—this event truly sprinkled holiday cheer on our club!



### PROGRAM RECAP

Thank you to the City of Santa Maria Public Works and Community Development Directors

**Call to Action:** If you have speaker suggestions for 2026. Please send them to Dawn Jackson.

### Statement

**Motto**  
Serving the children of the world



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





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## Service Leadership Programs



### Calendar-at-a-Glance

**12/4:** Baking Auction  
**12/10:** Admin Board  
**12/12:** Corp Board  
**12/12:** Aktion Club Dance  
**12/13:** Bell Ringing  
**12/20:** Rose Float decorating with SLP's

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



### Serving Up Leadership

**Eileen** really outdid herself this time!

Six different pasta dishes were on the menu for this year's CKI Fall Training Conference attendees — each one made with love and care.

Our members (**Ann, Anna, Eileen, Glenn, and Donna**) joined forces at the Santa Maria Inn to serve a nutritious dinner and delicious desserts to these inspiring college leaders.

This marks our fourth year supporting CKI's Fall Training Conference, and it's a partnership we're proud to continue. The energy, enthusiasm, and dedication of these young leaders remind us all why service matters — and why a hearty meal helps fuel great ideas!



### Aktion Club Hosts Key Club Appreciation Night

As part of their leadership development, the Santa Maria Aktion Club hosted a Key Club Appreciation Night on November 7 to thank local Key Club members for their support. What started as a local thank-you expanded into a Division 29 gathering, welcoming 55 students from PVHS, SMHS, Rec & Parks, Nipomo, and Atascadero. Nearly 100 attendees filled the Abel Maldonado Youth Center, which was closed to the public for the occasion. Guests enjoyed a delicious hamburger dinner, a candy bar, video trivia, miniature golf, basketball, crafts, a photo booth, cotton candy, popcorn, and plenty of door prizes.

### Kiwanis Engage

<https://engage.kiwanis.org>

To access the Kiwanis member portal, go to <https://engage.kiwanis.org> and use the email address on file with your membership to log in. If it's your first time or you've forgotten your password, click "Forgot Password?" to reset it and follow the instructions.



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## Community Service



### Altrusa Magical Festival of Trees

The Altrusa Tree Decorating event was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our club's holiday spirit. Thanks to Anna's eye for gathering beautiful décor and to Anna, Dawn & Elaine's creative touch, the tree was transformed into a festive showpiece. Their teamwork brought warmth, sparkle, and plenty of club pride to the display.



Our Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club members proudly pitched in—bringing energy, compassion, and bedding

### Building Beds, Building Community

Serve Santa Maria brought the community together once again—this time partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Home Depot, and United Rentals to ensure local children ages 3–17 have a bed of their own. With lumber donated by Home Depot (valued around \$10,000) and a giant generator supplied by United Rentals, more than 500 volunteers came together for a day of teamwork, compassion, and sawdust! Serve Santa Maria also contributed \$5,000 to make this incredible event possible.

Our Kiwanis family proudly joined in. Members from Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club rolled up their sleeves to help build beds and donated cozy bedding to

make sure each child sleeps comfortably. Thanks to the creative Pumpkins & Pies fundraiser, Circle K donated 16 “bed-in-a-bag” sets—a wonderful example of service and heart in action.

### Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries - Giving back feels good!

This November, our club had the privilege of assembling food baskets for 8 local families from Santa Maria High School. Each basket came with a choice of turkey, ham, or chicken, plus a \$100 FoodsCo gift card. We're so grateful to the SMHS and SM Rec & Park Key Clubs for their partnership, and to **Silvia, Rudy, Marisol, Santiago, Elaine, and Donna** for their generous contributions. When we come together, we can make a real difference in our neighbors' lives!



**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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## Meeting Information

Weekly on Thursday

12:10-1:15

Minami Community Center

600 Enos, Santa Maria, CA 93456

### Membership

#### Celebrating Alex Posada's Remarkable Legacy

After 47 years of dedicated service, Recreation and Parks Director Alex Posada is retiring, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy that has shaped Santa Maria for nearly five decades.

Alex has played a key role in the success of the Kiwanis Aktion Club for adults with disabilities and continues to mentor local youth through his work with Kiwanis Key Clubs at our local high schools and the Maldonado Youth Center. His impact on our organization and our community cannot be overstated.

Under his leadership, our city has grown from 9 parks to 33, and he helped establish PLAY, Inc., which has raised over \$5 million to support youth and recreation programs. But perhaps most touching is how many of the recreation leaders he mentored are now teachers, principals, and community leaders themselves.

Alex, thank you for your unwavering commitment to making our community better. Enjoy your well-earned retirement!



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Kiwanians,  
Thank you for making my first two months as president so uplifting and meaningful. Your kindness, encouragement, and teamwork truly make our club feel like a family built on compassion and shared purpose. Special appreciation to Dawn and Elaine for helping create the beautiful Altrusa Christmas tree—be sure to stop by and see it before the drawing on the 14th. It's a wonderful reflection of our club's spirit.

Thank you as well to everyone who supported the CKI Fall Training Conference. Your guidance meant so much to our students as they step into leadership. And to those who delivered Thanksgiving baskets, your efforts brought comfort and joy to families who needed extra support this season.

Our Thanksgiving potluck was another bright moment, filled with your dishes, stories, and traditions. I'm grateful every day to serve alongside such caring and dedicated individuals. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Anna Rubcic, 2025–26 President



#### Kiwanis Mid-Year South Education Conference, January 31, 2026

Los Angeles Marriott, Burbank, CA

We are hoping that 5-10 members will make the trek up to Modesto for this year's educational opportunity. More details to come.

**Contact:** Anna Rubcic for more information

#### December Birtyhdays

Dec 11: Eileen Geraci

Dec 15: Julie Posada

Dec 17: Wayne Elias

Dec 21: Nancy Crawford

Dec 23: Santiago Banuelos



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# In Memorial

In heartfelt appreciation for their dedicated and meritorious service to the  
Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria.

Dr. Jack Garvin and Bob Morrison exemplified the Objects of Kiwanis International through their commitment to serving the children of the world and their community. Their spirit of service and fellowship will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

## Dr. Jack Garvin

### Celebrating a Legacy of Service

It is with deep sadness that we remember our fellow Kiwanian, Dr. Jack Garvin, who passed away in June at the age of 90. Jack served as president of the Santa Maria Noontime Kiwanis Club from 1986-1987 and embodied our organization's mission of serving the children of the world throughout his remarkable 67-year commitment to education.



As a co-founder of Santa Maria Soccer and through his decades of leadership in education—including 19 years as superintendent of Orcutt Union School District and 20 years on the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board—Jack demonstrated the Kiwanis spirit of putting children first. His steadfast advocacy for students, his mentorship of countless educators, and his unwavering dedication to improving our community exemplified the values we hold dear as Kiwanians. Jack's legacy reminds us that true service creates ripples that touch generations. He will be deeply missed.

## Bob Morrison

### Celebrating the Life of a Broadcast Legend

We are saddened to share news of the passing of Bob Morrison. Bob was a beloved member of the Santa Maria community and a true pioneer in local broadcast journalism. During his remarkable 27-year career at KCOY TV, Bob served as sports director, news director, and sales representative, witnessing firsthand the evolution of local television news on the Central Coast.

Bob's dedication to service extended well beyond broadcasting. He was a distinguished Kiwanis leader, serving as President from 1979-1980 and Lt. Governor from 1993-1994. His exceptional commitment was recognized with the 1998 George F. Hixson Fellowship Award and the 1996 & 2025 Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund William A. Dunlap Fellowship Award for outstanding service to club, division, and community. His legacy of service, leadership, and community dedication will continue to inspire us all.

