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Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria

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Club news you can use

WHAT'S COMING UP OR GOING ON



Feed the Homeless, February 24, 2026

Good Samaritan Shelter, 401 W Morrison Ave

Help feed 100+ homeless individuals. Shifts include donating desserts and serving from 5:30-6:30. We also have Happiness Habits Kits to share with the youth. We arrive at 5:00 pm to set up and prepare. If you can't make it this month, we will be providing this support in our community from February through June of this year!

Contact: Marisol Cruz for more information



Kiwanis Mid-Year North Education Conference, February 28

DoubleTree by Hilton, San Jose CA

These conferences are a great way to learn about Kiwanis programs and meet fellow Kiwanians from all over the Cal-Nev-Ha District. The club pays for your registration to these conferences. Need another reason to go?

Contact: Anna Rubcic for more information



City Staff BBQ Appreciation Dinner, March 5

Japanese Cultural Center, Enos Ranch Park, Santa Maria (across from Costco)

We will BBQ at Vet's Memorial Center after the regular club meeting. 5-6 members are needed to BBQ from 2-5 pm and then we need some helping hands to serve from 5:30 to 9 pm. This is a great opportunity for SLP's to engage.

Contact: Elaine Guzman for more information

SAVE THE DATES FOR SLP WEEKS

Every year, each Kiwanis Service Leadership Program (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International, and Aktion Club) gives its members a special week to shine a light on their service and impact. It's also a chance for your Kiwanis club to help! Reach out to the SLP clubs you sponsor and see how you can help spread the word.

UPCOMING WEEKS: K-Kids Week: February 9-13; Aktion Club Week: March 2-6; Builders Club Week: February 23-27

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Fundraising



Le Bon Temps Roule Benefit Drawing, April 3, 2026, 6:00 to 9:30 pm

Minami Community Center (gymnasium), 600 W Enos,
Santa Maria

Mardi Gras Magic + Member Power 💚: It's time to let the good times roll! Le Bon Temps Roule, our Premier Fundraiser of the Year, takes place Friday, April 3, 2026, from 6:00–9:30 pm at the Minami Community Center (600 W. Enos, Santa Maria).

This event's success depends on us. We need members to sell tickets, donate or recruit raffle items valued at \$50+, and lend a hand on event night. With 200+ attendees, strong teamwork, and lots of Kiwanis spirit, this will be a celebration that truly gives back. Let's make it happen—together! 💚

Contact: Anna Rubcic or Alex Posada for more information

GAME ON! Our January Potluck Tailgate was a HUGE success! The Guadalupe Club brought their A-game, and together we tackled some serious fun with tailgate favorites and competitive games. The MVP award goes to Susan, who hit the jackpot with a \$50 football scratch-off win—then immediately donated it back to our club! But the real showstopper? The \$100 Football Field Money Flip! Three brave contestants went blindfolded with pancake flippers in hand, scrambling to grab as much cash as possible. Final score: Susan \$41, Scott's wife Jennifer \$14, and our Guadalupe friend \$11. Talk about a money-making play!



Campaign website

www.smkiwanis.givesmart.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello my fellow Kiwanians!

January 31, 2026 I attended the Midwinter South Conference in Burbank. First, thank you to Elaine for driving Ann and me, even though we left at 4:30am (ugh!). We arrived in time to register and attend the first of 5 classes.

Eileen did a great job with her First Lady's Project booth selling hippos, pins and tickets to win a little library and 200 books. Very cute little library! Julie and Alex were also there spreading the word on the Blue Envelope program. Julie did one of the classes on that project as well as a presentation at the inter club luncheon. You did a terrific job, Julie. Also attending the conference was Jim Burubeltz.

Steve, you did a wonderful job. I am so very proud to be a member of your club. Thanks for letting me attempt to "recruit" you to go through chairs again 😊!

I would definitely recommend that you attend one of these conferences. New information and programs were introduced which I will discuss at a future meeting. It was a very worthwhile experience!

Thank you!

Anna Rubcic, 2025–26 President

Statement

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



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Community & Service Leadership Programs

*If anyone was missed, it was not intentional.



Calendar-at-a-Glance

- 2/11: Admin Board
- 2/13: Corp Board
- 2/13: Aktion Club Party
- 2/24: Feed the Homeless
- 2/27-3/1: Mid-Year North Conference in San Jose
- 3/5: City BBQ
- 3/17: DCP
- 4/3: Mardi Gras Reverse Draw



Feed the Homeless

Starting the year by serving others ❤️ Our team fed approximately 80 individuals experiencing homelessness at the Good Samaritan Shelter. They were served a warm meal including chicken, pizza, green salad, macaroni salad, milk/juice, and dessert. Huge thanks to our volunteers and dessert donors who made this possible. Grateful to start the year giving back to our community.



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.



Meeting Information

Weekly on Thursday
12:00-1:30

Minami Community Center
600 Enos, Santa Maria, CA 93456

Membership

Burbank Bound & Breaking Records

Over 400 Kiwanians gathered in Burbank for the Midwinter South Conference, and our club absolutely SHINED!



● **Blue Envelope Program** Takes Center Stage! Julie knocked it out of the park with TWO presentations! But here's the exciting part—this was the FIRST TIME EVER that an Aktion Club presented at an Inter-Club lunch! They had their own booth selling adorable pens. People were

thrilled to see the Aktion Club front and center—exactly where they belong! Huge shoutout to Julie!

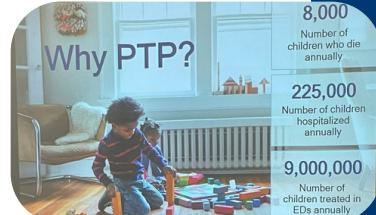
Pediatric Trauma Program Shines Bright! First

Lady Eileen Geraci's PTP presentation was "incredible!" She also hosted a booth selling hippos, pins, and raffle tickets for a little library with 200 books!



👏 Standing Ovation for Governor Steve! Governor Steve emceed the Opening Session (complete with dancing hippos! 🐘), the Rose Float Breakfast, the Inter-Club Luncheon, AND ran his Book Club. He brought the energy all weekend!

🏆 Congrats to Jim Burubelt! Our trivia champion dominated the hospitality contest! Bottom line? Our club is making a HUGE difference!



PROGRAM RECAP

Thank you to the American Red Cross, the Santa Maria Family Search Center for their valuable services in our community. And to Dawn for showing us how to Engage!

Coming up:

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

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3: David Baskett
- 9: Rich Healy
- 13: Bob Doyle
- 27: Elaine Guzman



Congratulations

- 1: Scott & Jennifer Buchanan

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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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