



# Kiwaniis

## Noontime News

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

# Club news you can use



### WHAT'S COMING UP OR GOING ON



#### City Staff BBQ Appreciation Dinner, March 5

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

We will BBQ at the new Cultural Center after the regular club meeting. 5-6 members are needed to BBQ from 2:30-5 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

#### Feed the Homeless, March 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 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



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#### CNH Governor's Visit, April 18, 2026 | 1:00-3:00 pm

9315 Pismo Ave, Atascadero, CA

You're Invited to a Jungle Party! Let's show up strong and proud to support our very own Governor Steve Geraci at his Official Visit! Dust off your best jungle gear and get ready for a wildly fun afternoon of fellowship and Kiwanis spirit. Let's pack the place and give Governor Steve the warm, enthusiastic welcome he deserves! 🦁🌿

See you in the jungle!

**Contact:** Anna Rubcic for more information

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[Cnhkiwanis.org](http://Cnhkiwanis.org)



Kiwaniis International  
[Kiwaniis.org](http://Kiwaniis.org)



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# Campaign website

[www.smkiwanis.givesmart.com](http://www.smkiwanis.givesmart.com)

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## Fundraising



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### 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

A HUGE congratulations to our incredible **Aktion Club** for earning this well-deserved recognition! 🎉💜

Our members give so generously of their time, talents, and hearts to both their club and our community. From creative contest participation (scrapbooks, posters, videos!) to outstanding service, fundraising, and leadership, they truly embody what it means to serve with purpose. We are so proud of your commitment, teamwork, and spirit. Keep shining—you inspire us all!



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello my fellow Kiwanians!

This past month I, along with Julie, Santiago, Steve, and Eileen attended the Region 10 Training conference in Santa Barbara. We elected our Lt. Governor Greg Heath as the next Region 10 trustee. Along with hearing from various speakers, we did a team-building project (think uncooked spaghetti noodles and marshmallows) and rock painting for a break. We also heard Julie speak about the Aktion Club, Eileen talk about the First Ladies project, and Steve do his thing as Governor (member retention). I enjoyed the day and being around people dedicated to making a difference.

March is a busy month with the City Employees Awards dinner and our St. Patrick's-themed DCP. April brings our Benefit Drawing/Mardi Gras fundraiser, the CSF Dinner, and Steve's official Governor's visit. So lots of Kiwanis activities. I hope you all participate and find as much value as I do in that participation.

I wish you much joy in the months ahead!

Anna Rubcic, 2025–26 President

### Motto

Serving the children of the world



### Statement

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



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# Social Media



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## Community & Service Leadership Programs

\*If anyone was missed, it was not intentional.



### Calendar-at-a-Glance

- 3/5: City BBQ
- 3/11: Admin Board
- 3/13: Corp Board
- 3/17: DCP
- 3/24: Feed the Homeless
- 4/3: Mardi Gras Reverse Draw
- 4/18: CNH Governor's visit



### Love was definitely on the menu! ❤️🥞

Our amazing Kiwanians tied on their aprons, rolled up their sleeves, and flipped their way into hearts at the Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Cupid's Pajama Breakfast. From a waffle and pancake bar loaded with goodies to sweet treats, crafts, games, a classic rom-com, and a mini dance party — it was a morning full of laughter, love, and community connection.

Nothing brings people together quite like good food and even better company. ❤️

### Community care in action.

This month, our Key Club, Circle K, and Kiwanis family united to serve a nourishing meal and provide **Happiness Habits Kits** to families at the Good Samaritan Shelter. Moments like these remind us that service is not just about meeting C needs, it's about building connection, offering encouragement, and walking alongside our neighbors with empathy and respect. ❤️



**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.



# Kiwanis

## Meeting Information

Weekly on Thursday

12:00-1:30

Minami Community Center

600 Enos, Santa Maria, CA 93456

### Membership

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#### Kiwanis Mid-Year North Education Conference

What a day! Aktion Club raised \$200 for the Blue Envelope Fund from the pens, and members absolutely loved them. Huge kudos to Kristy and Brannon for powering through a

long day. The highlight, being pinned by Kiwanis International President Michael Mulhau!

#### Region 10 Training Conference

Julie, Anna, Santiago, Steve, and Eileen represented our club! We heard great speakers, tackled a spaghetti-and-marshmallow team build, painted rocks, and cheered Julie, Eileen, and Steve as they shared on Aktion Club, the First Lady's project, and member retention.



#### Leadership Opportunities



Step up and lead! ✨ May 2026 elections are coming, President-Elect, VP, Treasurer & Board seats open. Thank you to Maynard, Steve and Eileen for throwing your names into the mix! Your voice, vision, and heart for kids can shape our future. Ready to make an even bigger impact?

**Contact: Donna Beal** for more information

#### March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5: Maynard Silva
- 12: Jim Burubeltz
- 23: Gaylen Clark
- 24: Bill Brown



30: Santiago & Marie Banuelos



#### PROGRAM RECAP

Thank you to Midge Nicosia from Community Partners in Caring and Greg Health, Lt. Governor, and Julia Madrigal from the FoodBank for the very informative discussion about their services offered in our community.

#### Coming up:

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

#### 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.



# YOU CAN USE

## AWARD NOMINATIONS

### BEST OF THE BEST

Learn more about these recognition opportunities, identify a deserving individual for each award category, and submit your nomination by clicking a button below.

[Nathan Hale](#)

[Bert Shoemaker](#)

[Special Olympics](#)

#### Hope of America Award

The Hope of America Award celebrates students — from elementary through high school — for outstanding achievement.

As the school year comes to a close, now is the perfect time to place your order. Receiving the Hope of America Award can be the first step in inspiring a future filled with leadership and accomplishment.

[Order your awards today!](#)

**Dinner ANYWHERE**  
in the Cal-NeV-Ha District

\$100 PER TICKET!  
ONLY 250 TICKETS SOLD!  
PRIZE VALUE UP TO \$5,000!

The prize includes, and is limited to, dinner at any restaurant within California, Nevada, or Hawaii, plus round-trip coach airfare for two, two nights standard hotel accommodation, and a three-day standard rental car.

Proceeds benefit our mission of building a better future for children and will support a select group of California-based children's hospitals.

**Draw Date: September 2, 2026**  
Winner need not be present!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY CNH CHILDREN'S FUND DIRECTOR!  
Or contact our office @ (909) 736-1707; [foundation@cnhkiwanis.org](mailto:foundation@cnhkiwanis.org)

#### Dinner Anywhere for Two in CNH is Back!

Win dinner at any restaurant within the Cal-Nev-Ha District, plus round-trip coach airfare for two, two nights standard hotel accommodations, and a three-day standard rental car.

Proceeds support our mission of building a better future for children and benefit select California children's hospitals. For tickets, contact a CNH Children's Fund Director or email [foundation@cnhkiwanis.org](mailto:foundation@cnhkiwanis.org). Good luck!

#### Safety Lights!

We're excited to introduce a new addition to our [PTP Catalog](#), bike safety light sets designed to help keep riders visible and safe on the road. Each set includes a white front light and a red rear light, conveniently attached to an English/Spanish safety card to promote safe riding practices in every community. [Place your order today!](#)

