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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



Feed the Homeless, May 19, 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



Scholarship Dinner, May 21, 6-8pm

Minami Community Center, 600 W Enos, Santa Maria

We need volunteers between 4:30pm to 10pm to help with set-up, announcing awards and clean up etc. AND remember, no daytime meeting on this date, as we want our members to come celebrate the scholarship recipients.

Contact: Anna Rubcic for more information

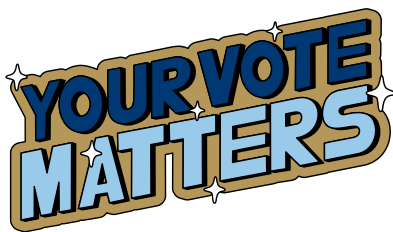


Election for 2026-27, May 28, Lunchtime meeting

Minami Community Center, 600 W Enos, Santa Maria

Your voice, vision, and heart for kids can shape our future.

Contact: Donna Beal for more information



Club Officers:

- **President-Elect:** VACANT
- **Vice President:** VACANT
- **Treasurer:** Steven Geraci

Board of Directors (2026-2028):
3 positions

- Maynard Silva
- Jim Burubeltz
- Dr Richard Healy

Santa Maria Kiwanis for Kids
Board of Directors: 2 positions

- Eileen Geraci
- Donna Beal
- Alex Posada
- Bob Doyle

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Fundraising

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SAVE THE DATE

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

- Pickleball Tournament with Santa Maria Pickleball Club: **July 11-12** at Hagerman Courts (Gaylen). We need donated items for gift baskets (think gift cards) and help with setup and cleanup each day. **Contact** Gaylen for more details.
- Fireworks Booth with Santa Maria Valley Historical Society: **July 1-4** (Anna)

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

Wine & Dinner Pairing at the Dana Adobe, July 18

Dana Adobe, 671 S Oakglen Ave, Nipomo, CA 93444

Mark your calendar—July 18 is going to be extraordinary! Kiwanis and the Dana Adobe are teaming up for a Wine & Dinner Pairing and Auction in a truly unique setting. It's the perfect night to gather, give back, and enjoy something special together.

We're building an incredible auction lineup and assembling a fantastic volunteer crew. If you can contribute an item or your time, we'd love to connect—let's make this event one to remember!

Contact: Anna Rubcic for more details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations everyone! We have successfully completed a very busy April. Starting April 3rd we held our Benefit Drawing/Mardi Gras fundraiser. April 15th we honored around 110 top students in the Santa Maria Valley at our 64th Annual CSF Dinner where Governor Steve Geraci (yes, our Steve) gave a very well received keynote address. On April 17 the scholarship committee selected 36 students to receive a total of \$45,220 in scholarships. The next day, April 18th we attended the Governor's Official Visit in Atascadero where we gave Elaine Guzman a Distinguished Service Award and together with the Aktion Club we presented Steve with the Cal-Nev-Ha Tablet of Honor for all his exemplary service to Kiwanis. On April 21 we fed the homeless at the Good Samaritan Shelter, always a very rewarding experience and one of the best things we do. On April 23 we did our annual Guzman Gallop, thank you Elaine for doing that!, where Dr. Ray was the eventual winner. April 24th was the Spring Fling Aktion Cub meeting and on April 30th we were treated to pancakes and eggs by the Hancock Circle K along with all the delicious potluck items brought by our members. We surprised Donna with a DSA at that 5th Thursday event (that was fun) and we all enjoyed a chance to mingle and enjoy breakfast for dinner.

Anna Rubcic, 2025–26 President

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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Community & Service Leadership Programs

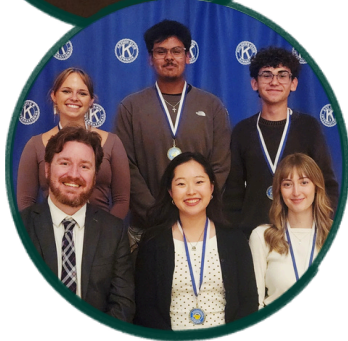
*If anyone was missed, it was not intentional.



Celebrating Academic Excellence

Our club was honored to help celebrate 124 exceptional students at this year's California Scholarship Federation (CSF) Recognition Dinner. With **Anna Rubcic** leading the program, each student was individually recognized and presented with a medal, highlighting their dedication to academic achievement and service. CSF is one of California's most prestigious academic honors societies, and it was inspiring to see so many students reach this milestone through hard work and perseverance.

The evening was further enriched by an inspiring speech from **Steve Geracci**, whose words encouraged students to continue striving for excellence. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the Key Club students, whose support with setup, hospitality, and cleanup helped ensure a smooth and welcoming event for all. It was truly a memorable evening celebrating the accomplishments and bright futures of our local students.



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

12:00-1:30

Minami Community Center

600 Enos, Santa Maria, CA 93456

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Welcome

Welcome our newest member, **Midge Nicosia**, who joined the club in April!

Midge is currently the Community Outreach and Special Initiatives Manager for Community Partners in Caring. She previously served as the

Executive Director of 15 years at a non-profit organization serving seniors in the Victor Valley. In 1994 Midge founded, owns and operates N Code Systems Inc, a barcode systems and warehouse management solutions company.

Midges holds a bachelor's degree in Advertising Communications and started her career as a graphic designer in the printing industry and soon became a printing broker. She loves to paint and draw and has over 30 years of experience in the dog rescue world – including obedience and behavioral training, fostering education and adoption marketing. As a hobby Midge operates a small company called At Home With Dogs providing unique gift items for dog lovers. She donates a percentage of all sales to support dog related rescue organizations.

We're thrilled to have Midge bringing her energy, skills, and passion for service to our Kiwanis family!



Calendar-at-a-Glance

- 5/6: Admin Board
- 5/8: Corp Board
- 5/19: Feed the Homeless
- 5/20: DCP
- 5/21: Scholarship Dinner
- 5/28: Election of Officers

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4: Susan Moats
- 15: Tony Gonzalez
- 19: Anna Rubcic



- 15: Glenn & Pat Prezkop
- 17: Jim & Marilyn Burubeltz
- 26: Steve & Eileen Geracci

We wish to extend a big welcome to Midge and look forward to her 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!



Kiwanis is Blooming!

*DCP Hosted by
Kiwanis of Santa Maria Valley*

*Join us for some food and fun
Wednesday, May 20th
Social at 5:30, Meeting at 6:00
Minerva Club, Building
127 West Boone St., Santa Maria*

- *Wine and beer for purchase*
- *Games & Raffles*
- *Live Music*
- *\$25.00*

Wear your most flowerful outfit for a prize!

RSVP Kiwaniismv@gmail.com

We need RSVP by May 13th

We ask that each club brings a Door Prize or Two

Let us show you why....

Night Time is the Right Time!





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And they're off at the Guzman Gallup!

With laughter in the air and hobby horses at the ready, our Kiwanis racers brought true Derby spirit to the track! Dr. Ray blazed ahead—winning two races and taking the overall title in spectacular fashion. Sulvia also claimed a thrilling race victory, keeping the competition lively from start to finish.

With the track secured (yes, the rug was taped down for smooth riding!) and a fantastic crowd cheering them on, the event raised \$270 to support our club's service work. A special nod to our Guadalupe Elks Rodeo Queen candidate who stepped in as a jockey and added even more fun to the day!

From Starbucks gift cards for race winners to a beautiful prize basket for our champion, this was a race day to remember.

CNH Governor's Visit, April 18, 2026

Out on the Kiwanis savanna, the call went out, and our members answered! With jungle flair and big-hearted enthusiasm, we gathered for Governor Steve Geraci's Official Visit, creating a lively safari of connection and community. Like hippos at the watering hole, we shared laughter, stories, and celebration.

We were thrilled to welcome special guest **Tim Cunning**, Executive Director of Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis. The **Key Clubbers** delighted everyone with an inflatable hippo costume to introduce the Governor! Our **Aktion Club** beautifully decorated the dessert table, while the **Atascadero Aktion Club** created stunning centerpieces. **First Lady Eileen** shared her little library, and **Julie** inspired us with the Blue Envelope Program.

Congratulations to **Governor Geraci** for being honored with the **Tablet of Honor** from Aktion Club and Kiwanis. and to **Elaine Guzman** and **Donna Beal** for receiving a **Distinguished Service Award**. What a remarkable day in the wild world of service!



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.



N E W S YOU CAN USE



The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund is excited to announce nominations are open for our Special Athlete of the Year, Nathan Hale and Bert Shoemaker awards.

To be considered, applications must be submitted by May 31, 2026. Learn more and apply today by [clicking on this link](#), or scan the QR codes below.

Special Athlete of the Year Award - celebrates athletes with intellectual, developmental and/or physical disabilities.

Nathan Hale Award - awarded to an individual who has performed an act of courage and/or personal involvement beyond the ordinary call of a citizen's responsibility.

Bert Shoemaker Award - awarded to a Kiwanian who best exemplifies the spirit of Kiwanis.

Ernest "Ernie" Patterson
2025 Bert Shoemaker Recipient



Special Athlete of the Year Award



Nathan Hale Award



Bert Shoemaker Award

JUST SAY YES!

Your support of our [YES! Initiative](#) helps shape tomorrow's leaders by funding scholarships, empowering students, and providing meaningful grants. [Hear directly from the students](#) whose lives changed when you choose to Just Say YES! Click below to make your gift today.



GRANTS = FREE MONEY

Spring has arrived, making it the perfect time for clubs to organize their next, new service project. With assistance from the CNH Children's Fund, clubs can turn their service project concept into a reality! Whether it's hosting a safety fair, providing care packages to underserved communities, or enhancing your community, we invite clubs to explore our grant options and [apply for a grant](#) today!

Need inspiration? Browse our [grant success stories](#) and check out these [service project ideas](#).

DUNLAP FELLOWSHIP

Is your club searching for a special way to pay tribute to an extraordinary member, then look no further than the [William A. Dunlap Fellowship](#)! Gifting or upgrading a Dunlap Fellowship truly does transform lives.

[Download an application!](#)

FOUNDER'S DAY

For 60 years, the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund has been committed to building a better future for children. We are sincerely grateful for our clubs' ongoing support through donations to our [Founder's Day program](#). Consider helping us continue this crucial work by making your annual [Founder's Day gift](#) today, providing crucial resources to children and their families.

