



# Kiwanis®

## Noontime News

Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria  
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# Club news you can use



## WHAT'S COMING UP OR GOING ON



### Santa Maria BBQ & Music Festival, September 18-20

Pioneer Park, 1150 W Foster Rd, Santa Maria, CA

Volunteer at the BBQ Festival & Support Our Service Leadership Programs

This year, SLP members will be selling bottled water and soda while learning valuable leadership and customer service skills. We're asking members to volunteer by supervising our SLP students and helping sell **Booze Wagon Opportunity Drawing** tickets throughout the weekend.

Festival Volunteer Times

- Friday, Sept. 18: 4:00–10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 19: 12:00–10:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 20: 12:00–9:00 p.m.

Set-up and clean-up volunteers are also needed each day. Whether you can serve for a couple of hours or an entire shift, your support makes a lasting difference.

**Contact:** Donna Beal for more information

### AHC Career Expo BBQ, October 2

Allan Hancock College, Student Center (Bldg G), Santa Maria

Once again, we will be serving up delicious BBQ for volunteers and industry partners at the Career Expo. Volunteers will be needed to BBQ and package up meals for Grab & Go service.

**Contact:** Randy Beal and Ed Galanski for more details.

### Installation & Awards Dinner, October 3

Veterans' Memorial Center, 313 W Tunnell St, Santa Maria

Celebrate the new Kiwanis year with us at our Installation of Officers Ceremony. Semi-formal attire encouraged—bring your Kiwanis bling and enjoy a night of fellowship, food, and fun. RSVP by September 17 to reserve your spot!

**Contact:** See invite on Page 6 for more details.



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## Campaign website

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

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## Fundraising

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### Booze Wagon Raffle

Once again, we are partnering with **Far Western Liquor and Orcutt Liquor & Deli** to raffle off a **Booze Wagon**, including a Cooler, Wagon and top-shelf booze.

The winner will be drawn LIVE during the BBQ Festival on **September 20**.

We are asking that each member sell 5 tickets at \$20 each ticket.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Kiwanians,

Well here it is, already September and the end of my term. Thinking back, it only seems like last week that this year started. I want to thank all of you for your support this year. It has been a singularly rewarding year. We have accomplished so much as a team. We gave \$45,220 in scholarships and hosted approximately 85 CSF students to honor their accomplishments. We have done 6 Feed the Homeless events, always a very rewarding experience. We helped with Gaylen's pickleball tournament and gave over 100 students a chance to shop for new school clothes. We decorated a Christmas tree, which helped the Altrusa Club raise money for literacy. We tried a new fundraiser in doing a Winemakers dinner, in which we partnered with the Dana Adobe to raise money to provide educational opportunities in our two areas. I think next year's event will be even better. Some of the most important things we have done is support the Aktion Club and their new Blue Envelope Project, the 3 Key Clubs we support and all their efforts on our behalf, the K-Kids and the Builders Club. It has been especially rewarding to support the Circle K club and watch their efforts to continue to grow their club and to give back to their community. We have watched Steve and Eileen Geraci give their all to the district as Governor and First Lady. And it is through each and every one of you that we have had a successful year. We have even had fun at our Fifth Thursday meetings and socials. There's nothing like tasting each other's potluck offerings. You all are really good cooks!

So thank you again for your help and efforts to make this a terrific year! Now on to Elaine's year where she will do a wonderful job. I'm excited to experience it!  
Your 2025-2026 President  
Anna Rubcic

### Statement

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

### Motto

Serving the children of the world





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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

**9/9:** Admin Board  
**9/11:** Corp Board  
**9/18-20:** BBQ & Music Festival  
**9/24:** Facebook Live  
**10/2:** AHC Career Expo BBQ  
**10/3:** Installation Dinner  
**10/8:** Circle K Takeover

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



### Circle K Installation of Officers

A heartfelt thank-you to all the Kiwanis members who joined the Installation of Officers for Circle K on August 18 (**Anna, Elaine, Donna & Steve**). Your support and presence help inspire our next generation of leaders to continue serving with purpose and pride.



### Aktion Club Makes a Difference for Children

On August 26, the CNH First Lady joined our Aktion Club meeting to share her pediatric-focused service initiative and invite our members to participate in this meaningful cause.

Aktion Club members enthusiastically answered the call by decorating and personalizing cards that will accompany BooBoo Bears to children in hospitals

throughout the Cal-Nev-Ha District. It was a simple act of kindness with the potential to bring comfort, encouragement, and a smile to a child during a difficult time. A rewarding experience for everyone involved, and another wonderful example of Aktion Club putting service into action!

### Circle K Takeover, October 8

600 W Enos St, Santa Maria

A Kiwanis Takeover is a tradition where Circle K members run a Kiwanis Club meeting and keep any funds raised. Please come prepared to support our local AHC Circle K members in their quest for a meeting bell.

**Contact:** Donna Beal 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.



# Meeting Information

Weekly on Thursday

12:00-1:30

Minami Community Center

600 Enos, Santa Maria, CA 93456

## Membership

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### DCON 2026



Governor Steve Geraci and First Lady

It was a memorable CNH DCON for our club! **Julie** was recognized with a Distinguished Lt. Governor Award, **Anna** passed the Governor's Banner, and **Steve** and **Eileen** received special recognition for their contributions—including a special plaque and one-of-a-kind shirt.

### September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept 3: Dawn Jackson

Sept 4: Ray Arensdorf

Sept 9: Donna Beal

Sept 12: Michael Moats

Sept 26: Ernesto Casillas

Sept 30: Roland Miller

Sept 4: Silvia & Roger Cheatham

Sept 5: Alex & Julie Posada

Sept 9: Mike & Wendy Sell

Sept 10: Genevieve & Justin



**Kiwanis Engage**

<https://engage.kiwanis.org>

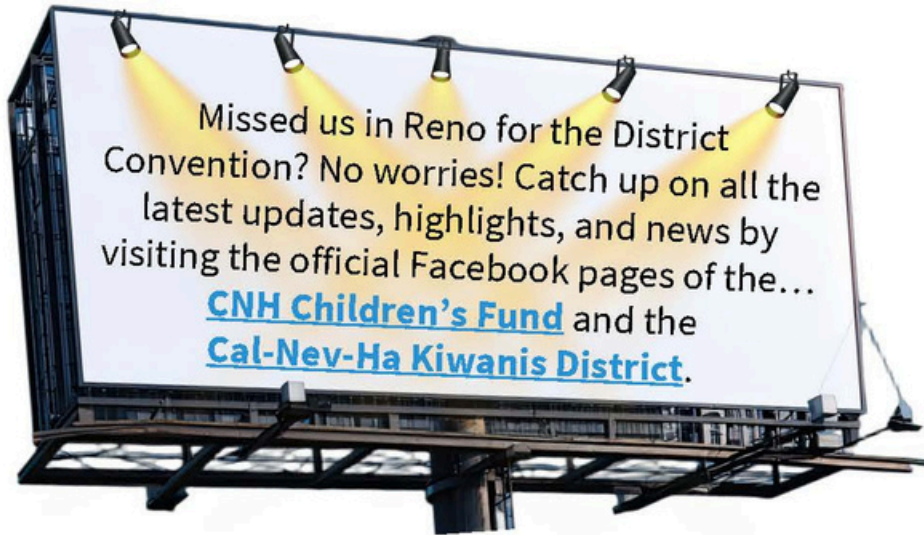
To access the Kiwanis member portal, go to <https://engage.kiwanis.org> and use the email address on file with your membership to log in. If it's your first time or you've forgotten your password, click "Forgot Password?" to reset it and follow the instructions.



# NEWS YOU CAN USE



## DCON 2026



We're still inspired by Jorge Montano-Figueroa's powerful message at our Honors Breakfast! Learn how your gifts to the CNH Children's Fund support partnerships like ours with Renown Children's Hospital and help make a difference through Pediatric Trauma Programs.

Watch Jorge's keynote address on YouTube and share it at your next club or division meeting!



*"I have built so many memories with KIWANIS and Elks Key Club, and it has also helped me become a more confident and dependable person."*  
- Sophia Gaytan

## SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Did you know the contributions you make to our [YES! Initiative](#) help our scholarship recipients attend University? [Sophia Gaytan](#) shares how your donations helped support her educational goals and how her time in the Kiwanis family was a life-changing experience. Support our youth, their education, and our Kiwanis family with your [YES! Initiative gift](#).

## SIGN UP TO STAY IN TOUCH

As the 2025-2026 Kiwanis year comes to a close, staying connected doesn't have to end! If you're transitioning out of your division editor role, let us know if you'd like to continue receiving this newsletter. Additionally, you can keep up with the latest CNH Children's Fund news by [subscribing here](#).

## DUNLAP ROSEFLOAT PACKAGE

Recognize someone special, support the Rose Float, and help build a better future for children - all with one package! For a limited time, get the W. Reid Allen, Jr. Memorial Rose Float Fellowship and William A. Dunlap Fellowship Award Package for just **\$1,600**; that's a savings of \$400! Don't miss this special opportunity - [order your awards today!](#)

## AWARDS UPDATE 10-2026

Do you know a member or community leader who deserves recognition? Honor their dedication with a [Service Award](#) or a [Tablet of Honor](#)! Order these awards by September 30<sup>th</sup> and save as prices on our Service Awards and Tablet of Honor will increase October 1, 2026.