

Kiwanis Club of Pasadena

E-Newsletter

December 14, 2021

Fritz Coleman – Lunch hybrid (Zoom option) – at the Salvation Army - 960 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91106 - Thursday, December 16th 12:00 – 1:30 PM



Fritz Coleman is a retired weathercaster, who worked for NBC Channel 4 (KNBC) in Los Angeles, California from 1982 to 2020. A Southern California broadcasting icon, Coleman is well known for his sense of humor and extensive knowledge of weather.

After growing up in Radnor, Pennsylvania, he attended Salem University in West Virginia and Temple University in Philadelphia where he studied radio, television and film. Like many popular weather anchors, he serves as a reporter instead of a meteorologist since he doesn't have a degree in meteorology.

He worked as a comedian and disc jockey for several years and as a radio personality at WBEN and later WKBW in Buffalo, New York. He left Buffalo for Los Angeles in 1980 to work as a stand-up comic. In 1982, he began work as weekend weatherman at KNBC and became the weekday weatherman in 1984.

Coleman devotes much of his free time to charitable activities and frequently organizes evenings of entertainment for local service and civic organizations, as well as serving as master of ceremonies for dozens of Southern California community events. He has won a number of awards and honors for his dedication to community service. In 2004, he won two Humanitarian of the Year Awards – one from Shelter Partnership and the other from the California Hospital Medical Center. The City of Los Angeles named Coleman a "Treasure of Los Angeles" in 1999, and the United States House of Representatives gave him the Humanitarian of the Year Award for his fundraising efforts on behalf of the American Red Cross. Coleman has also been honored by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Salvation Army for his long-time commitment to the organization and his efforts as Christmas Fundraising Chairman and for chairing the annual Fritz Coleman Fair Weather Golf Tournament.

A long-time stand-up comic, Coleman has performed at The Improvisation, The Ice House and other Southern California comedy clubs. He has utilized his humor in a number of series and specials that have aired on NBC4 over the years including "What a Week" (1990 – 1991), "It's Fritz" (1988-1990), "Fritz and Friends" (Special) and "The Perils of Parenting" (Special). He received four Los Angeles area Emmy Awards for his work on the NBC4 comedy specials and series.

Coleman has written, produced and starred in three one-man plays. His first production "It's Me! Dad!" won the coveted 1997 Artistic Directors Award. A humorous and touching account of what happens when a "baby boomer" tries to recount his own life for his young children, the play shows how the father comes to grips with the passage of time and the skeletons in his own closet. The production also aired successfully on public television in Los Angeles.

"The Reception," Coleman's second play, is an insightful and hilarious look at relationships found at an imaginary wedding reception - the bride's second marriage -- the groom's third. His most recent play, "Tonight at 11!" is an insider's look at a typical local newscast. A rollercoaster ride between funny and poignant, Daily Variety called it, "surprising, incisive and powerful."

For the live meetings, we will only bill members meals for the lunches they attend.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/3292045590?pwd=RE9ubllra29HOVIwK2t1dThTeEtyZz09>

Meeting ID: 329 204 5590

Password: 329204

Dial by your location +1 669 900 9128 US

Division 10 DCM ZOOM – Thursday, December 16th -5:30 – 7:00 PM

Our Open house was a success!!! We received applications from two new members, Adrienne Mullen and Elizabeth house. In addition, there were a number of applications that were provided to other prospective members.

Advertise in this year's International President's Luncheon Program - \$25 business card, \$50 half page & \$100 for full page ad. Deadline is December 14th

The See's candy orders have arrived. If you did not receive your order at the Open House, contact Jody or Craig to arrange to pick up your order.

Queen & Court – Evening dinner - December 9th

We had a great Queen and Court meeting last week. There were over 45 people who attended. We also received another new member application from Wilson Mo.





Birthdays and anniversaries December 2021:

Birthdays

Chris Cabot

12/19

Kiwanis anniversaries - Club

Karen Drew

12/07/1998

23 years

Craig Wallace

12/19/1985

36 years

Kiwanis anniversaries – Wedding

NONE

Future events:

Salvation Army bell ringing at Macy’s S. Lake Avenue – Saturday, December 18th 11 AM to 7 PM – Contact Joe Moore for volunteer schedule.

Kiwanis board meeting on Zoom only, December 23rd from 12:00 to 1:30 PM

International President’s lunch – Thursday, December 30th – 12:00 – 1:30 PM (No Zoom option)

You can see additional pictures of the event on our website and Facebook pages

Web pages: <http://kiwanisclubpasadena.org/> (NEW UPGRAGES)

<https://www.facebook.com/kiwanis.pasadena> please “Like” our Facebook page

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What We Do

1. **Villa Esperanza Services** – we work with this organization to help disabled adults in Pasadena improve their self-esteem and help them to give back to their community through the **Aktion Club**.
2. **Salvation Army** – we ring bells during the Christmas season each year to raise money for their charity. We fill backpacks for students of low-income families. We also participate in the Adopt-a-Family Program.
3. **Elizabeth House** – working with homeless, young mothers and their children through support and hope.
4. **Camperships for Kids** – we provide funding to send kids to summer camp who cannot afford to go on their own. Boys & Girls Club and the Salvation Army
5. **Student Awards Program** - We provide annual scholarships to outstanding students from the schools in Pasadena.
6. **Key Clubs** that teach leadership skills to students from:
 - a. **Marshall High School**
 - b. **La Salle**
 - c. **Maranatha (KIWINS)**
7. We have a **Circle K Club** with **Pasadena City College** where these students provide community service and learn leadership traits.
8. **Kiwanis Rose Float Project** – we assist in preparing this international representation of Kiwanis while also being the host club for the President of Kiwanis International.
9. Various other projects, i.e., Special Olympics, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Veterans and others.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

