

# **Kiwanis Club of Pasadena**

## **E-Newsletter**

**July 5, 2022**

**This week's meeting – Thursday, July 7, 2022 – 12:00 – 1:30 PM - Wen Chen - Human Rights Movement in China - 960 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91106**



Wen was born in China at the end of the Great Cultural Revolution. Being victims of the horrific atrocity that killed two million intellectuals and destroyed traditional Chinese culture, Wen's parents had mixed feelings about her education. Despite their discouragement, Wen eventually won a national prize at a science competition when she was 16. Hence, she was accepted into a top university for undergraduate study. In 1994, Wen came to the U.S. for graduate school and received a doctorate in Biology at the California Institute of Technology in 2000. Because of her personal experience of being brainwashed in China, she decided to be a voice for the voiceless. Since 2012, she has given hundreds of presentations to community organizations about Chinese culture, history, and human rights. Wen has been working as a scientific staff for Caltech since 2000.

### **Human Rights Movement in China**

The Chinese authority arrested millions of citizens for their spiritual beliefs or political views. These prisoners of conscience have been tortured, forced to do slave labor, and killed for their organs. While it takes several years in the U.S. to wait for matching organs, most Chinese hospitals promise to find donors within weeks. The Chinese police, legal, and military system collaborated to perform the state-sanctioned

forced organ harvesting. The audience will also hear about the Chinese Communist Party's infiltration into the U.S., the human rights movement in China, an innovation that allows people to bypass China's Internet blockade, and the trend of quitting the Chinese Communist Party.

**Club BBQ on Saturday, July 9th - Pat Miller's house (see flyer)**

**Thursday Evening - July 14, 2022 – 5:30 – 7:00 PM – Ernie Arnold – Kiwanis Rose Float Project District Chairman – Kiwanis Rose Float Project update - 960 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91106**

**See pictures from our May 19<sup>th</sup> Student Awards Program and other past events on our website and Facebook page.**

**Web pages: <http://kiwanisclubpasadena.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/kiwanis.pasadena> please "Like" our Facebook page**

**Last week's meeting (Social) – Thursday, June 30th 2022 - 5:30 – 7:30 PM**  
**– Mijares - 145 Palmetto Dr, Pasadena, CA 91105**

We had some surprise visitors at our Mijares social event on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Stopping by for a visit were former Pasadena Kiwanis President, Casey Gregg and Division 10 Lieutenant Governor-elect, Doug Chadwick. Laura's daughter, Christina, also joined us for the event. Our newest member, Noelia Santiago, was also in attendance. Great time and great food. Let's do this again!!



## Birthdays and anniversaries July 2022:

Birthdays  
Bob Riegel

07/22

Kiwanis anniversaries - Club  
NONE

Kiwanis anniversaries – Wedding  
Chris & Jean Kolbeck

07/28/2002

20 years

## **Future events:**

**Thursday, July 21, 2022 – 12:00 – 1:30 PM – Pasadena Fire Chief - 960 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91106**

**Thursday, July 28 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM – Pasadena Kiwanis board meeting on Zoom only**

**Kiwanis Club of Glendale's 100 anniversary celebration – July 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

**Kiwanis District Convention – August 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> – Indian Wells - Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa – we are registering the entire club. Let me know if you plan to attend**

**Kiwanis 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dinner and installation – Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

### Pasadena Kiwanis Skip-a-meal fundraiser

Instead of a formal fundraiser, the board is proposing a skip-a meal program to replace the normal fundraising event for the current year. This program is similar to what was done last year. We will bill each member **\$60 per month for the months of April, a May and June**. Or you can pledge a different monthly or one-time donation.

The foundation needs these additional funds to meet its budgetary commitments. If you wish to opt-out of the skip-a -meal program, please reply by email. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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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)**
  - d. **Pasadena High School (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.**

