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# Kiwanis Club Pasadena

## *Newsletter*

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**Week of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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Celebrating over 100 years serving the children of the Pasadena community



See a list of our ongoing service projects on page 7

**Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting**

**Speaker Wen Chen, PhD**

**“China’s Global Impact”**



**Luncheon at Salvation Army Campus @ 960 East Walnut Street, Pasadena**

<https://www.pusd.us/marshall>

## Wen Chen, PhD

Wen was born in China at the end of the Great Cultural Revolution. Being the victim of this 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 went to a top university for undergraduate study and then came to the U.S. in 1994 for graduate school. She then went on and received a Ph.D. 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 society. Wen has been working for Caltech since 2000 as a biologist and information scientist. Her everyday work includes scientific outreach by speaking at conferences and seminars at universities. In her personal life, she is an active member of Amnesty International, focusing on human rights in China.

She serves as a board member and community liaison for Caltech Women in Biology and Biological Engineering. She has a blog: <https://wenchenview.blogspot.com/> The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) quickly gained financial power after China joined the World Trade Organization. During the past 20 years, the Chinese government built up business ties with Hollywood and over 30 mainstream media worldwide to tell a better story about China. Hundreds of universities, including the college board, outsourced Mandarin teaching to the Chinese government. The Chinese consulates actively manipulate Chinese Americans and business owners who may steal intellectual property or influence elections. The U.S. lawmakers cannot stop at "condemning human rights abuses in China." They must take serious actions to prevent American businesses from sponsoring the CCP. We also need serious measures to protect academic and press freedom.

**If you're not a member - come as our guest and meet our Kiwanis Family**

Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon Luncheon  
Salvation Army Campus, 960 East Walnut Street, Pasadena  
To RSVP, call or email  
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President, Pasadena Kiwanis Club  
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***Pasadena High School Astronomy Club***  
***presenting at our recent Lunch Meeting***



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS**

Two Club Meetings each month - Dinner Mtg on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays and Lunch Mtg on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays each month – Feed the families at Union Station Family Center

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Harry Crusberg, Jr. August 4<sup>th</sup>  
Frances Collins-Moore August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Karen Drew August 16<sup>th</sup>

**KIWANIS CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert Riegel August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1987  
Frances Collins-Moore August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Christina Diaz August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

None this month

**FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm serving monthly meals to families at the Union Station Family Center

( Serving families on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month @ 825 East Orange Grove, Pasadena )

Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting with Wen Chen on China's Global Impact at Salvation Army Campus

Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm Club Board Meeting on Zoom

Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm Club Social Mixer at Mijares Mexican Restaurant, 145 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena

( Every month on the last Thursdays )

# **Come join us at our Monthly Gatherings**

**If you're not a member - come as our guest and meet our Kiwanis Family**

**We meet on the first Thursday of every month for Dinner at 5:30 pm**

**On the second Monday each month we provide Dinner to Union Station families at 5:30 pm**

**On the third Thursday of every month for Lunch at 12:00 noon**

**Each Dinner and Lunch we have a guest speaker from the Pasadena community**

**Speakers present valuable information about their Service work, Business industry, City or State government, Non-profit organization, and different areas of interest to our members and guests**

**Our meetings are held in person for 90 minutes usually (but not always) at the Salvation Army Campus  
960 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA, 91106**

**Come and meet us in person or feel free to join us on Zoom at  
<https://zoom.us/j/3292045590?pwd=RE9ubllra29HOVlwK2t1dThTeEtyZz09>**

**Or dial in at +1 669 900 9128 US – Password 329204**

**Call or email Chris Kolbeck, our President, at 626-590-6720 or [Cjkolbeck@gmail.com](mailto:Cjkolbeck@gmail.com) to answer any of your questions or RSVP for any of our meetings or events**

**\*Join our Kiwanis Family for just \$25 each month\***

# Serving families and providing new books and toys at the Door of Hope Summer Carnival at Maranatha High School



***Kiwanis Club of Pasadena***  
***Union Station Family Center Dinner Feeding***  
<http://www.facebook.com/kiwanis.pasadena>  
<https://k00239.site.kiwanis.org/>

***Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, our Club members feed dozens of families***



**Ryan, Chris, Harry, Mika & family, and Laura helping prepare and serve dinner to families at Union Station**

<b>Kiwanis Club of Pasadena - Volunteer &amp; Club Events</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>
<i>Weekly</i>	<i>Tutoring English &amp; Math to children ages 6-12, Mon-Thurs, 3pm-5pm</i>	<i>Boys and Girls Club</i>	<i>Anne Lee @ 626-449-9100</i>
<i>Weekly</i>	<i>Food Pantry help@ Salvation Army - Mon-Fri, 9am-11:30am</i>	<i>Salvation Army</i>	<i>Jody Davis @ 909-815-7722</i>
<i>Weekly</i>	<i>Shelter Support Shifts - Monday through Friday afternoons for 3 hours</i>	<i>Elizabeth House</i>	<i>Brandy Mayer @ 626-577-4434</i>
<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Book giveaway for children - Douglas Chadwick's Literacy Club</i>	<i>Kiwanis</i>	<i>Doug Chadwick @ 818-381-3274</i>
<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Villa's Garden Club &amp; Social Club - weekly volunteers needed to help</i>	<i>Villa Esperanza</i>	<i>Jenny Seto @ 626-449-2919</i>
<i>Monthly</i>	<i>2nd Monday evenings - Adopt-a-Meal at Union Station Family Center @ 825 E. Orange Grove, Pasadena</i>	<i>Kiwanis</i>	<i>Harry Crusberg, Jr. @ 626-314-4000</i>
<i>8/10-12<sup>th</sup> Thurs-Sat</i>	<i>Kiwanis District Convention @ Reno Golden Nugget Hotel</i>	<i>Kiwanis</i>	<i>Craig Wallace @ 909-210-3250</i>
<i>8/26<sup>th</sup> Saturday</i>	<i>BBQ Fund Raiser for the Rose Float @ Salvation Army Campus</i>	<i>Kiwanis</i>	<i>Craig Wallace @ 909-210-3250</i>
<i>9/16<sup>th</sup> Saturday</i>	<i>Lt. Governor's Installation Lunch @ Salvation Army Campus,</i>	<i>Kiwanis</i>	<i>Joe Moore @ 626-799-0101</i>
<i>10/5<sup>th</sup> Thursday</i>	<i>Officer Installation Dinner Meeting – 5:30 pm @ Salvation Army</i>	<i>Kiwanis</i>	<i>Chris Kolbeck @ 626-590-6720</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Rose Float Decorating - Phoenix Decorating Company @ 5400 N. Irwindale Ave., Irwindale</i>	<i>Kiwanis</i>	<i>Craig Wallace @ 909-210-3250</i>

*\* Members earn \$5 credit for each hour of service \**



**GREAT QUOTES SERIES**

***“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service of others”***



2023 Rose Queen and Court Dinner Event



## **Kiwanis Club of Pasadena - 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: Marshall High School, La Salle, Maranatha (KIWINS) d. Pasadena High School (KIWINS)
7. **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.

*Blast from the Past*



Pasadena High School Astronomy Club

## KIWANIS GOALS

*Kiwanis, through guidance and example, works to develop future generations of leaders. Every day, Kiwanians are revitalizing neighborhoods, organizing youth-sports programs, tutoring, building playgrounds, and performing countless other projects to help children and communities.*

## WANT TO ATTEND A KIWANIS MEETING?

The Pasadena Kiwanis Club meets on Thursdays  
12:00 Noon Lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
5:30 pm Dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Meeting Location  
Salvation Army Campus  
960 East Walnut Street, Pasadena

For more information about our club  
and membership please call:

- Chris Kolbeck @ 626-590-6720
- Laura Hernandez @ 323-715-7704
- Craig Wallace @ 909-210-3250
- Jody Davis @ 909-815-7722

## KIWANIS CLUB OF PASADENA

### CLUB OFFICERS 2022 – 2023

President.....Chris Kolbeck  
President Elect ..... Nick Pon  
Vice President.....Laura Hernandez  
Asst Secretary.....Joe Moore  
Treasurer.....Craig Wallace  
Foundation Treasurer.....Craig Wallace  
Immediate Past-President .....Jody Davis

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeanie Edwards                      Joe Moore  
Susan Lyte                              Mel Matthews  
Bill Ingram                              George Falardeau  
Karen Drew

**Kiwanis Members**  
Are  
*Ordinary people performing*  
**EXTRAORDINARY WORK**



*Blast from the Past*



Lt. Governor Doug Chadwick visiting our Club

## **THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS**

**TO GIVE** primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than material values of life

**TO ENCOURAGE** the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships

**TO PROMOTE** the adoption and the application of social, business and professional standards

**TO DEVELOP** by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship

**TO PROVIDE** KIWANIS Clubs a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities

**TO COOPERATE** in creating and maintaining sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase in righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

