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Message From The Lt. Governor



Brian McLean

Hi Fellow Kiwanians,

We are over halfway through the Kiwanis year and membership growth in Division 44 is phenomenal! As of the May 1st, CalNevHa District membership report, our Division is plus 44 new members!!

Our goal at the beginning of the year was to see a 10% growth in membership, which would be plus 50. We have almost met our goal and there is still four months remaining in the Kiwanis year. There is no stopping the momentum in our division, and I would not be surprised if we end the year closer to plus 60 new members.

Michelle and I have enjoyed attending all of the various service projects and fundraisers each of the clubs have put on. I want to encourage all members to attend other club's fundraisers so we can support each other. Put together an interclub and attend another club's fundraiser. You'll have a blast.

Let me know if you want to review the criteria for Distinguished Club. Our goal was to see all 14 clubs qualify. It appears the majority of the clubs are well on their way to achieving this milestone.

Thank you for your support!

Yours in Service,

LTG Brian

Division Council Meetings

2nd Monday, Meeting at 6:00 PM

Online Zoom Meeting

2024-2025 Division Leadership Team

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Past Lt. Governor: Charlayne Bowman

- Folsom Lake / Orangevale-Fair Oaks

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Treasurer: Angela Nowlin / Gold Country

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Folsom Lake: Robert Bowman

Gold Country: Norm Westmore

Lincoln: Colette Sullivan

Lincoln Foothills: Patti Covey

Orangevale-Fair Oaks: Susan Devon

Placerville: Brenda Frachiseur

Rancho Cordova: Nora Strokes

Rancho Murieta: Bill Kenney

Roseville: Mike March

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STAR El Dorado Hills: Bob Verzello

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Kiwanis CNH Children's Fund

Contributed By Valarie Brown-Klingelhoefer
CNH Children's Fund Director and Ambassador Chairwoman



May 2025



GREG FOX
2016 Nathan Hale Recipient

Exciting news! The CNH Children's Fund is accepting nominations for the **Bert Shoemaker**, **Nathan Hale**, and **Special Olympics Athlete of the Year** awards. Heroes like **Greg Fox** - who saved a life during a charity bike ride and received the Nathan Hale award - exemplify the qualities sought for the Nathan Hale award. Encourage your clubs to submit their nominations for an outstanding hero, a Special Olympian, and a dedicated Kiwanian no later than May 31st!



Nathan Hale



Bert Shoemaker



Special Olympian

FIRST LADY'S FOCUS

First Lady June Frost is deeply committed to making a difference in childhood cancer treatment and research, bringing hope to young patients fighting cancer. Join June on her [First Lady's Focus](#) journey to improve outcomes for children diagnosed with this disease. Your donations will provide grants to our partner hospitals, supporting their pediatric cancer efforts. Check out these [pediatric cancer statistics](#) and then [make a gift to the First Lady's Focus](#).

DUNLAP

If your clubs are 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](#) 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](#).

FOUNDER'S DAY

For nearly 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 club's ongoing support through donations to our [Founder's Day program](#). As we approach our anniversary, consider helping us continue this crucial work by making your annual [Founder's Day gift](#) today, providing crucial resources to children and their families.

KIWANIS PROFESIONAL CENTER BRICKS ARE BACK!!

WELCOME
BACK!



The moment we've all been waiting for has finally arrived! We are thrilled to announce the highly anticipated return of our brick program. Each brick represents a legacy, beautifully surrounding the Kiwanis Professional Center as a timeless tribute to your generosity. Learn more about our brick program, then [place a brick order](#) for yourself, a club, or a special individual who deserves to be celebrated in this truly remarkable way.

Kiwanis CNH Children's Fund

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CNH Children's Fund Director and Ambassador Chairwoman



June 2025



2024 IMPACT REPORT

Your generosity during 2023-2024 allowed us to invest in children as follows . . .

\$285,143	in Pediatric Trauma Prevention Programs
\$72,148	in grants to support Kiwanis family clubs
\$105,160	in Youth Training and Leadership Development
\$155,148	in scholarships to college and high school students

Download the full annual report [here](#)

our mission
BUILD A BETTER
FUTURE FOR

Children



KEEPING SUMMER SAFE

When you think of summer, images of lazy summer days come to mind. Unless, you're a Kiwanian where summertime is anything but lazy! From hosting an [injury prevention booth](#) at the Farmer's Market to [providing swim lessons](#) at the local pool, there are plenty of ways your club can ensure children have a happy, fun, and safe summer. [Check out our list of ideas to get inspired!](#) Remember, we have [Club](#) and [PTP Grants](#) to help support your club's next, new service project! [Learn more](#) about our grant programs and [contact our office](#) if you have any questions!

JUST SAY YES!

When you make a gift to the YES! Initiative, you say YES! to students such as [Miah](#), a public health student at UCLA. Your generosity funded Miah's scholarship from the CNH Children's Fund, giving her and her family piece of mind as she pursues a medical degree. [Just say YES!](#) with a gift today!

DINNER ANYWHERE

Have you purchased your [Dinner Anywhere](#) ticket yet? The winner will receive a gift card for dinner to any restaurant within California, Nevada or Hawaii, plus round-trip coach airfare for two, a three-day rental car, and two nights hotel accommodations! Tickets are \$75 each - with only 250 being sold - and available from any CNH Children's Fund Director. We have a limited number of tickets at the office; [email us](#) today!



2025 HONORS Breakfast

Join us as we welcome Keynote Speaker Jade Wong, 2015-2016 KIWINS District Governor and past scholarship recipient.

Learn about Jade's journey as she shares how the CNH Children's Fund has helped transform her life.



- Saturday, August 9th
- 7 AM - 8 AM
- JW Marriott Las Vegas, The Resort at Summerlin
- tinyurl.com/4p2yyb2f

Kiwanis Club of STAR El Dorado Hills

Contributed By Bob Verzello

Kiwanis STAR Update 05/04/2025

We're pleased to update you on our activities at Kiwanis STAR (Sex Trafficking Awareness and Resources). As a refresher, we formed this club in 2023, so we have been meeting for about 17 months now – and it's been a very busy 17 months! We have partnered with four organizations that are also fighting child sex trafficking: 3Strands Global Foundation (focused on education/prevention programs); Thorn (a non-profit technology company focused on software solutions to assist law enforcement in arresting trafficking criminals, reducing internet recruiting and locating/rescuing trafficked individuals and the internet threats to our children including trafficking recruitment); OLIVE (a home for rescued women focused on rehabilitation) and CALTIPA (California Trafficking Investigators and Prosecutors Association focused on improved communication, cooperation between law enforcement agencies, training and best practices). Our club membership includes other clubs (as corporate members); concerned Kiwanians (personally, I'm a member of two Kiwanis clubs); leaders from our partner organizations; and representatives from local law enforcement agencies.



Citrus Heights



Lincoln Foothills



McLean's
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Roseville



STAR

Kiwanis Club of STAR El Dorado Hills

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BJ's Restaurant Fundraiser: We had a very successful fundraiser at BJ's Restaurants in Roseville and Folsom. Thank you to some of our fellow Kiwanis Clubs who came out to support us and enjoy a Pizookie!

Backpacks: We have provided the Sacramento Police Department with backpacks filled with toiletries, a change of clothes, personal items and a note of encouragement for young girls and women that are rescued by law enforcement officers. Often these girls have nothing when they are rescued.

CALTIPA: We provided some of the initial seed money to get CALTIPA started and have committed to support them as they develop and implement law enforcement training and best practices throughout California.

Kiwanis STAR Foundation: We formed a 501(c)(3) foundation as a mechanism to raise funds.

Satellite Clubs: We have two satellite clubs forming, one in Monterey County and one in Los Angeles County. Like the greater Sacramento region, these areas are hot-spots for child trafficking. Our Monterey County Kiwanians have also provided 50 backpacks to their local law enforcement agency.

Membership: We added two new members to our club – Kelly Pena, President of the Literacy Club of Southern California and Muriel Brounstein, the first female Lieutenant Governor for our District!

3Strands Global PROTECT prevention program: We are in the process of developing a "how to kit" for Kiwanis Clubs and Key Clubs throughout CAL/NEV/HA that can be used to start and fund local efforts with our schools to implement the PROTECT education and prevention program for our youth. California schools have a legislative mandate to provide trafficking prevention education, but it is an unfunded mandate.

How can you join the fight to eradicate child sex trafficking?

1. Your club can introduce the state-approved PROTECT trafficking prevention program to your local school administrators and offer to fund it. The commitment is manageable and the impact is significant – about \$1 per student; and \$30 per school administrator. Your club probably already has a Key Club or Builder's Club that you sponsor at your local school.\
2. Your club can support Kiwanis STAR Foundation financially – either directly (as part of your annual budget) or by supporting one of our fundraising events. Thank you Citrus Heights for allowing us to raise money by serving during your Crab Feed!
3. Your club can become a corporate member of Kiwanis STAR, or you can join. (I belong to two clubs myself: Placerville Kiwanis and Kiwanis STAR). Kiwanis STAR meets once a month via ZOOM.
4. Invite us to come to your club as a guest speaker. We'll probably bring a partner with us. We'll share with your club about the enormity of the problem of child sex trafficking and how our children are vulnerable. This is a local problem – not an "over there" problem. We'll also share practical ways that Kiwanians can respond and rise to the challenge.

Kiwanis, with its focus on children, is uniquely positioned to make a difference and help protect our kids from sex trafficking. Give us a call or email message to find out more or to set up a date for your club! 1-530-748-7225; rverzello@comcast.net

Thanks, Bob Verzello

Kiwanis Club of Auburn

Contributed By Laird Smith



Auburn Kiwanis entertained the Lincoln Kiwanis in an inter club last night...guest speakers were high school seniors from Colfax...Foresthill and Placer High Schools speaking for Scholarship awards given in May at their honor programs.



Kiwanis Club of Roseville

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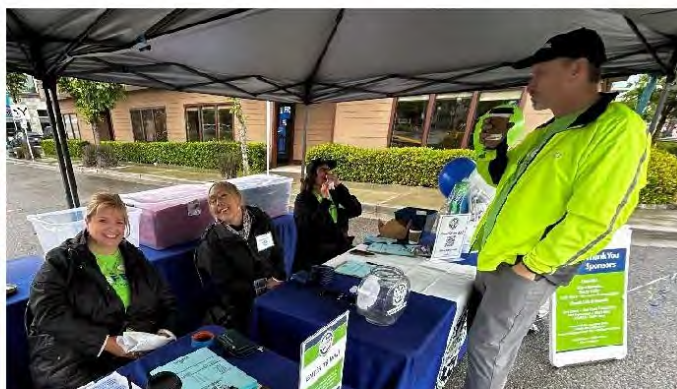


April 2025

Kiwanis of Roseville Helps with City's BikeFest

Every year, the City of Roseville puts on a BikeFest event to help ensure that the bike riders of the community are safer. The event includes free helmets and fitting, ID names in helmets, bike tune-ups, an obstacle course for training, and more. And each year, the Kiwanis

of Roseville gang shows up to help with all sections of the half-day event.



Yes, if you look closely at the name tag in the above picture, you see we even had a "Swag Leader". The organizer of this city event was Rebecca Espensade,

getting her face painted in the middle picture.

Kiwanis Club of Roseville

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Kiwanis Club of Roseville

February 2025



Roseville Public Library Presents Its Story to Kiwanis of Roseville..."Thousands More Attending"

It's time for a library card. That was part of the message from Sara Schlehofer, at the microphone above, and Cambria Evans, as they were the guest speakers at the February 20 luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis of Roseville. And it seems that Roseville residents love their libraries. Schlehofer reported that this year they have been visited by more than 100,000 visitors and issued more than 6,700 new library cards. Roseville has three public libraries within the city: Roseville Downtown, Maidu Park Center and Riley at Mahaney Park. If you have not walked through the door of any of these three places, then you are in for a wonderful experience.



Welcoming an Old Friend and Member

Our February 20 luncheon crowd got quite a surprise as they headed in the door of the Pacific Street Café. Jody Schmittmet, a former Roseville Kiwanis member, was there, and the last time most saw her was 8 years ago when she and her husband lived in Roseville. Since then, she and her family

moved to Illinois for their new jobs with State Farm Insurance. That's Jody taking the picture. Also, at this meeting there were 8 members of the Carmichael Kiwanis Club present. It is always fun to see and hear from members of other clubs within our Division 44 area. Thanks Carmichael.

Kiwanis Club of Roseville

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Kiwanis Club of Roseville Nine New Members, so far, in 2025



The Kiwanis Club of Roseville has been pushing hard since the start of the year for new members. And thus far, the Club has inducted 9 new members into the service of fundraising and caring for the children of the community.

The Club would like to show pictures of all of the new members; however, not all got into the path of our photographer. But we are delighted they have found that our mission fits their desire for

community service.

In the picture at left above, past president Craig Barker, left, and present president Mike March, right, have just inducted Florence Surratt, a 21-year resident of Roseville, into the Club.

In the middle picture, President Mike March, left, and the chairman of our recruiting drive, Mike Herbert, have just inducted Rudolph (Rudy) Rico, a former Marine, into the Club.

On the right, President Mike March is inducting Shauna Ruden into the club. And bottom left is new member Kathleen Turner with President Mike March.

The other new members, not pictured, are Brenda Zucca, Mathew Beccera, Laurie Loaiza, Suki Eaves, and Robert Carreras. We welcome all with open arms.

But stay tuned, we are not done yet.

Kiwanis Club of Roseville

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Kiwanis Club of Roseville

January 2025



Kiwanis Club of Roseville was honored for the work it does by State Assembly Member Joe Patterson, who represents California Assembly District 121. In part, the resolution made the following statements:

Whereas, The Roseville Kiwanis Club is celebrating its seventy fifth anniversary, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and underscore the positive impact it has made in the local community, and

Whereas, chartered on June 22, 1949, the Roseville Kiwanis Club has served the local community for seven decades.

Resolved by Assembly Member Joe Patterson, the Roseville Kiwanis Club congratulated on the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary, commended for the vital role it has played in improving the quality of life in the local community, and extended best wishes for continued success in the future.

Kiwanis Club of Roseville

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Kiwanis Club of Roseville, California



March 2025



Let's Take a Walk

We all love to take a walk, right? Absolutely. Well, this gentleman, Adam Salinger, takes it to the extreme. He was our club's guest speaker on March 6, and we learned that he began "taking-a-walk" at age 8.

Then he told us about his lifetime of walks, like the Appalachian Trail. He walked 2,167 miles, across 14 states, and it took him four and one-half months, during which he endured 120 mile per hour winds. He showed us pictures of many other walks he's taken, including the John Muir Trail (211 miles), the Colorado Trail (500 miles), and the Tahoe Rim Trail (165 miles).

Our Kiwanians had lots of questions. What about food and water? He said family and friends bring food packages to pre-arranged locations. About water, he said, each day he "camel's up," meaning drinking 1 to 2 liters of water before starting and bringing 1 liter with him. Okay, who's ready to go with Adam? Take a look at the logo on the top left. He is the operator of the Alpine Adventure Coaching Company and can be hired to tell you how to do it. Are you ready? Adam is a lifelong friend of our Kiwanian John DeLury and his wife Jane and they brought him to our luncheon.

Other News as of Today

Our club is in high-gear in the planning phase of our yearly Rocklin Festival that happens May 8-12 at Johnson-Springview Park in Rocklin. Last year, it netted just over \$40,000 for children's causes in our community. Come visit us and we will buy you a cold one. And as the saying goes: Bigger and better this year.

*Kiwanis Club of Roseville**Contributed By Roy Stearns***Kiwanis Club of Roseville
Crew Gathers for Critical, Smelly
and Dirty Task, Whew!
Cleaning Out of Storage Shed**

April 2025 -- Yes, the crew gathered at our storage shed that had not been cleaned out in...well, quite a few years...maybe 10 or more. Yikes!

The picture on the left does not show the pile of stuff that was in the middle of the room. That stuff was brought outside in piles and put in a trailer headed for the dump.



It was a task that took up half a day with everyone picking something up and asking: What did we use this for and when? Do we keep it or what?



And there were a few things that we found buried way in the back in the bottom of a few boxes. Someone years ago, thought it was important to save it for a future day.

Yup, several bags of pasta noodles, like the one on the right. No one volunteered to take it home and try it. Wise decision. Anyone else had a similar clean out day?

Kiwanis Club of Roseville

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Kiwanis of Roseville – May 2025

Rocklin Community Festival Ends with Record Turnout and Record Fundraising for Kids



It was a four-day event of carnival fun, food trucks of all kinds, music from many bands, picnics in the park and pouring a cold one for hundreds of people who came to the family friendly event at Johnson-Springview Park in Rocklin, May 8 – 11, 2025. At right is the Mayor of Rocklin, Jill Gayaldo, thanking Kiwanis President Mike March for such a good event for the benefit of children throughout the South Placer County area. In

return, Mike said this event is one of our best and the club is proud to be a fundraiser that makes a difference in the community.



Kiwanis Club of Roseville

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Kiwanis of Roseville – May 15, 2025 Kiwanians Go Shoe-Shopping for Roseville School Kids

On June 15, a group of Kiwanis members gathered at the Skechers retail shoe store in Roseville to begin their annual shopping spree for kids in two schools in low-income neighborhoods who need shoes. Michelle McLean, far right, organized this Step into Spring event and store manager Cera LaFave, below, and her



KIDS



staff, showed the group how to find the right shoe amid tens of thousands of shoes.



Each had pages of names, sizes and colors. These youngsters knew

what they wanted. Next, the first to 2 giant racks headed for the cash register. After that, large boxes of shoes headed for the two schools. And finally, the group celebrated. Job well done gang.



Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights

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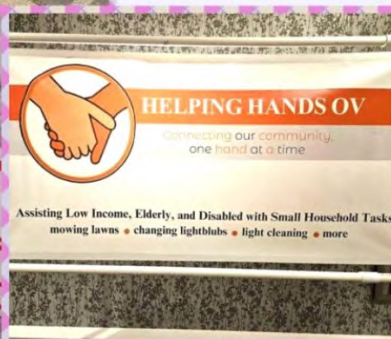


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On Saturday, February 8, President Katie Escajeda went to the annual Fill the Boots for Firefighters at Sunrise and Greenback in Citrus Heights to present from our Foundation a check for \$250 to the Firefighters Burn Institute, which supports burn survivors.

Also on that day, Bradley Miller and Louise and Vernon Brown volunteered with Helping Hands Orangevale Fair Oaks to sort and pack bags with Valentine cards. Louise and Vernon then delivered the cards individually to myriad seniors in assisted living facilities.



On February 21, the River City Waterway Alliance and Republic Services partnered on a clean-up of Arcade Creek near Aspen Gardens Way in Citrus Heights. Joining them were about additional 20 volunteers, including Julie Habeeb, Blair Maynard, and 5 students who hang out at the Sayonara Community Center, and our club's Secretary Roger Klausler. They all skittered (or slid ungracefully) down the stream banks, trudged the mud and sand, and retrieved the trash pictured here, which included clothing, four carpets, and three shopping carts—all in just a 1000-foot section of the stream. Arcade Creek forms near Kenneth and Greenback in Orangevale, joins Steelhead Creek, and finally the Sacramento River that flows into San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean at the Golden Gate. River City Waterway Alliance's goal is to make Arcade Creek more habitable for salmon.



Presented by Roger Klausler &
Katie Escajeda

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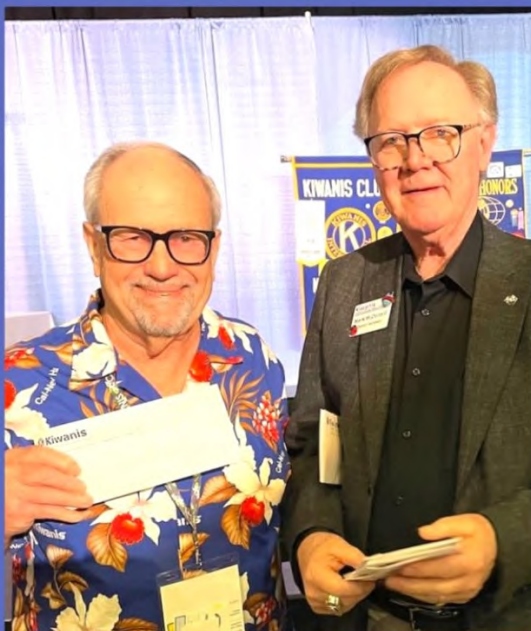
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At the February 28 D44W Key Club DCM at Center HS, the division bagged A LOT of donated clothes, which Bradley Miller brought to HART Underground Clothing in Sunrise Mall. The division also put together "care bags" of fun supplies to give to residents of low-income senior living facilities.



Bill Hooper accepted our Interclub Round Robin patch at the Mid-Year North Education Conference in Modesto on February 22, awarded by CNH District Secretary Mark McDonald.

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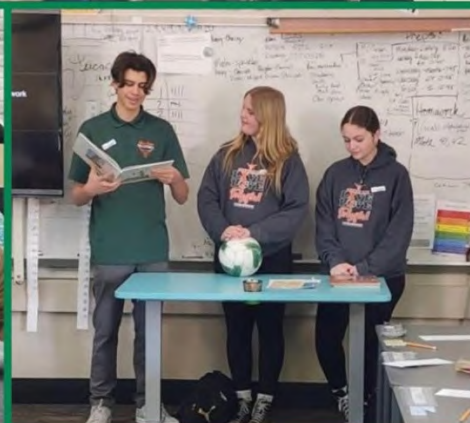
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In February, the Mesa Verde Key Club was super-busy. They worked at a wrestling tournament, participated in Read Across America Day at Carriage Elementary, helped at Carriage's Math Night, served food at a race in Placer County; set up and served food at a Veterans Luau in Roseville.



At our March meeting, Shanna Lowder from A Touch of Understanding was our guest speaker. Its volunteers provide disability awareness workshops in 109 schools in 10 counties. The program has been especially effective in 3rd through 5th grade, and it recently has expanded to 9th grade. ATOU uses wheelchairs, white disability canes, tablets for writing in Braille, prosthetic and orthotic devices, "dark meals", and special headphones which simulate autism to have kids experience disabilities so they can be accepting and respectful in real situations. A Touch of Understanding does not track students to gauge the long-term effects of the program, but teachers, parents, and the students themselves report its successes.

At the October meeting of our club, President Katie Escajeda introduced guest speaker Fia Nicolaescu, Co-President of the Bella Vista Key Club. We funded her attendance at the November 11-13 Student Advisory Board on Education Conference at which students present educational reform proposals to the California State Board of Education. On March 14, gave us this news: "I was just elected CA Association of Student Councils statewide education policy director, meaning I now run the conference that Kiwanis sponsored me for!" Not surprising, given the strength of her proposal to offer career education alternatives at the middle school level.



Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights

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Our 41st Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 19 at the Historic Rusch Home & Gardens in partnership with Sunrise Recreation & Park District. In perfect weather (it rained last year), huge crowds of children did five age-grouped hunts in which they grabbed up 8000 eggs. We could not have held this event without our Key Clubs! They set out the eggs for all the hunts, ran the face painting, balloon and fishing booths, and helped with clean-up of the Rusch Home grounds.



Presented by Roger Klausler &
Katie Escajeda

Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights

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The Police Activities League had a table where you spin a wheel with personal questions to ask yourself about how you make choices. At other pop-ups were Helping Hands Fair Oaks-Orangevale, Streamline Real Estate, Junior Giants co-ed baseball and softball programs, and i9 Sports youth leagues. Fat Cat donated free cookies for everyone

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On April 24, Bill Hooper and Bradley Miller at the tee that we sponsored at the Creelman-Francisco tournament, which benefits KFH.

On May 1, the Sacramento area's Big Day of Giving, our President Katie Escajeda presented to Paula Kelley, Executive Director of the Kiwanis Family House, a check for \$10,000 from our club's foundation. KFH provides low-cost, temporary housing for families of seriously ill or injured patients being treated at the University of California, Davis, Medical Center and the Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento.



Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

Contributed By Chris Creelman & Bernie Creelman

Key Club Corner Provided by Sharon Everett

Welcome and Congratulations to the newly elected board at Rio Americano Key Club!

President- Amanda Tran

VP- Jenny Yin

Secretary- Joongse Kim

Treasurer- Natalie Tran

Media/Publicity- Cyrus Gold

Community Service Chair- Lucy Gonzalez

Fundraising Manager- Kaylin Irish

Assisting Media- Avery Kleinman

Outreach/Spokesperson- Patricia Ong



The other clubs are holding elections during the next week, and we are all getting ready for DCON in Ontario in April!

Cookbooks are still available...The books are \$15 each, and the profits go to the Pediatric Trauma Prevention Program through CNH Key Club. If we sell all the books, we will raise almost \$3,300 for PTP! (Contact **Sharon** for your copy. She takes cash, Venmo, PayPal, or Apple Cash. Email or give her a call, and she'll make sure you receive your book.)

River City Food Bank Project



Suburban provided 10 volunteers working the Feb. 12 shift at the Food Bank. Working that day were: **Marsha, Caren & Bruce, Gordon, Denny, Mike, Bernie & Chris** and returning guests Bob & Robyn. It was another busy day during which we served around 530 families in need of nutritious meals. **Chris** dropped off another carload of collected bags as well.

The bag collection continues! Don't forget to keep saving and collecting reusable bags of all sorts from your friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues, so we can pass them on to the food bank and help defray one of their biggest costs. **Bernie** continues to receive calls from Supervisor Rich Desmond's constituents who mention they saw the request in his regular informational email and are now collecting. The plan is working, Folks! People are spreading the word to others to save reusable shopping bags while also asking that they share the collection drive information within their communities. "Save the Bag!" bumper stickers and buttons next?



Ask any of us who have volunteered know this is what "hands-on" Kiwanis service to families is about! Thanks to **Mike Brownell** for getting us locked in and getting the club "hands-on" with service regularly scheduled. Because of the recent increase in club volunteers, we've increased our commitment to eight volunteers on our "off" Wednesdays, the second and the fourth. **Mike** will have sign-up sheets at our next meetings. This is a wonderful hands-on project for us to embrace, and volunteers leave smiling at the satisfaction of helping others who are struggling to make ends meet.

Key Club Corner Provided by Sharon Everett

March is a busy month with conclave to elect our new LtG, Spring Fair, and the Key Clubs getting ready for District Convention. Our own Alan Martinez from El Camino Fundamental has been elected as the 2025-26 LtG from Division 44S! Congratulations, Alan! We look forward to your inauguration at DCON. Spring Fair is the 22nd of March from noon - 3:30 p.m. at JFK High School. That same weekend we will be putting our Key Club working hats on at the Kiwanis Family House to remodel the kids' corner from drab to FAB! We're looking forward to turning it into a Winnie the Pooh wonderland where the kids can read a good book or hang out. Stay tuned for pictures!

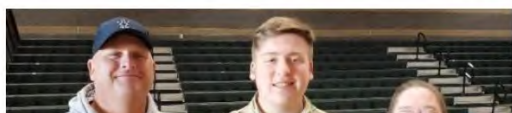
Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

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Pinewood Derby

As reported by **Tony Sanchez**, our official Kiwanis BSA Troop 53 Advisor:

Cub Scout pack 53 held their annual Pinewood Derby on Feb. 8 at Arden Middle School. Judging the cars were Wyatt Mattes, former member Kristi and Sean Mattes' son, as well as Donna and Mike Gordon's grandson. Also judging were Brandon Sanchez, a former Eagle Scout from troop 53, and **Tony Sanchez**. The cars were impressive. Their judging was in five divisions: most classic, most creative, best shape, best scout theme, and best paint job. We were especially impressed with the paint job of one car. It was the best job I have ever seen. The racing was exciting. The track timing was measured to the hundredths of a second. The final six cars raced on each lane once to find the overall winner. After six races, the winning car won five of six finals. This was the closest racing I have ever seen. **Kent Casey** showed up with his car, and by my estimates, he would have finished in the top 20! **Mr. Casey** did not have his car impounded so he was not allowed to race. **Mr. James Chambers** was a no show, "Hmm".



Very Special Festival of the Arts

One of the club's favorite long-term projects has been supporting Alice Parente's Very Special Arts program. She sent me the sweet note below along with these great photos of these Very Special kids getting to experience the joy and thrill of performing during two recent winter performances. Thanks again, Alice, for all the "Very Special" service you have and continue to do. P.S.: You really need to hear her play the Keys!

"As I hope you well know, your wonderful club has always and will always mean so very much to me. And you have been so awesomely supportive over the years. So, I just want to share with you the two 2025 Very Special Arts major winter performances." Alice



Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

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Key Club Corner Provided by Sharon Everett

Sharon reports that there's nothing new to report.



Reminder that...

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River City Food Bank Project

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The bag collection continues! Don't forget to keep saving and collecting reusable bags of all sorts from your friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues, so we can pass them on to the food bank and help defray one of their biggest costs. **Bernie** continues to receive calls from Supervisor Rich Desmond's constituents who mention they saw the request in his regular informational email and are now collecting. The plan is working, Folks! People are spreading the word to others to save reusable shopping bags while also asking that they share the collection drive information within their communities. "Save the Bag!" bumper stickers and buttons next?

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Very Special Festival of the Arts



Fred is organizing a field trip for members to attend one of Alice's dance classes. Stay tuned for the date. Many members raised their hands at the last meeting, showing interest in attending. We plan on handing Alice our annual project donation check for \$1,000 at that time.

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Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

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Creelman's Corner



Yes, it was "time to get away," and I did, spending four days last weekend at a buddy's cabin near Echo Summit with five other friends and a couple of long-haired dachshunds. Beautiful warm sunny weather, a couple rough and tumble walks out to Echo Lake, and lots of Fun and Laughter. Not quite the "Manly Man Trips" of old where we would ski in five miles and then snow camp, but we were younger then, and this cabin is far more comfortable than sleeping on snow.

Your Art Fiesta Committee is very busy signing up artisans, working on a marketing plan, and trying to publicize the event to as many potential attendees as possible. As Tom mentioned in his column, we all need to help pitch in, dropping off the postcards and posters to local businesses.

Creelman's Corner



I spent this weekend picking up downed limbs and LOTs of pinecones at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley as part of the Strawberry Music Festival Brush Crew. We arrived on Friday afternoon to snow-covered grounds, but we were lucky with dry weather between the Friday and Sunday p.m. storms. For over 35

years, I've been spending at least one spring weekend in the mountains working with the crew earning free tickets for the Festival, which takes place Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. It's hard work but lots of fun with great people to work with.



Treasurer report

Per **Treasurer Jim:**

Did you know that the Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club doesn't exist? Actually, that is our "nick name." We are legally the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban (KCoSS). We are a non-profit but not a charity. This is how we fund our administrative expenses.

KCoSS income is from dues, happy & sad bucks, and currently two admin fundraisers, the Holiday Food Auction and the Planetarium. Major expenses coming out of the KCoSS account are Kiwanis International and California Nevada Hawaii District Dues, program/speaker lunches, membership committee (guests, awards, etc.), support for members attending conferences/conventions, support for the Lt governor, website, tax prep, etc. The KCoSS has one checking account with a normal balance of \$10K-\$20K.

Then we have the Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Foundation (SSKF). It is a charitable organization under the tax code section 501c3. That means donations may be tax deductible.

The SSKF funds all our community service activities and has considerable resources, with a current net worth of over \$280K, due to the generosity of past donors. Most of those funds have some restrictions requested by the donor. Our major SSKF fundraiser (and currently only fundraiser) is the Art Fiesta.

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RED FLAGS

TO SPOT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- ▶ Chronic runaway/truant/homeless youth
- ▶ Have goods or services they cannot afford
- ▶ Excessive amount of cash
- ▶ Carries multiple hotel keys
- ▶ Signs of branding (tattoos, jewelry)
- ▶ Restricted and/or scripted communication
- ▶ Physical injuries or signs of abuse
- ▶ Lying about age/false identification and/or inconsistencies
- ▶ Appear scared or nervous, may not make eye contact
- ▶ Lack of knowledge about where they are and why
- ▶ Signs of psychological trauma and abuse; anxiety, depression, thoughts of suicide, panic attacks, or lack of emotion (flat affect)
- ▶ Typically has someone with them at all times, this person may seem controlling

SOURCE: Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program

Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

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Key Club Corner Provided by Sharon Everett

Key Club Corner Celebrates a Century of Service!

Happy 100th Birthday, Key Club! March 24th was the 100th anniversary of Key Club's founding, right here in Sacramento, California! Our El Camino, Mira Loma, and Rosemont Key Clubs celebrated this momentous occasion by completing our impact project at the Kiwanis Family House!



KFH before photo

On Saturday, the 22nd, **Sharon** and three students from Mira Loma did the un-fun stuff: clearing out the old furniture, taping, laying plastic, and painting the base coat on the walls. Special thanks go out to Sophia, Avi, and Faisal for showing up for that part! On Sunday the 23rd, we had at least 12 students from El Camino, Mira Loma, Rosemont, and even some guests from Division 44 North putting together furniture, hanging shelves, sorting books, fluffing pillows, sewing ribbons, and much more (while **Sharon** did the final hems on the curtains, messed it up, tore it out, and did it again)! Aaron Dang, our Division 44 South Lt. Governor from Rosemont and Josh Yang, the President of our El Camino

Club spent SEVEN HOURS painting the amazing mural and even got to carve their names in the tree for all their amazing work! When it was all done, the kids' area in the entry way went from SAD to RAD (boy, I'm dating myself)! The staff at KFH was amazed at the change, and we're sure you will be too the next time you visit. Make sure you look for the fingerprint heart left by everyone who worked on it. We will even be putting up a sign commemorating the clubs that worked so hard. And another special shout out to Sophia O'Brien, the 2025-26 President at Mira Loma who was the other creative mind behind this space. Thanks for showing up, as you always do. I can't wait to see what you do this coming year.



KFH after photo



Sharon

I am so proud of all of these students. Many times, we do projects, and we have fun and we take pictures, but in the end they are there and gone. This project will be a lasting part of this community for years to come and will bring joy to so many people at Kiwanis Family House. It truly is an impact project. It was such an honor to be able to do this with my kids, especially with all my seniors that I have grown so close to over the last few years. I love you guys.

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River City Food Bank Project



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Very Special Festival of the Arts



Marsha, Fred, Jim M, Prez. Tom and Chris got up early Friday and ventured over to O.W. Erlewine Elementary School in Larchmont to watch Alice Parente's "I Can Do That" program's Hip Hop Dance rehearsal. Once we survived the Lock Down and ear-splitting Fire Drills it was a very rewarding visit and more than worth



the early trip from our homes. The program integrates non-disabled students with those with various disabilities. They were practicing routines for an upcoming presentation. The support the students gave to each other was truly inspiring. It was my pleasure to



hand Alice our annual project donation check for \$1,000 today. Keep on Hip Hoppin', Alice.

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Division 7 & 44 Governor's Visit



Sunday, May 25th

11:30am - 1:30pm



Shriners Hospital

2425 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817

**President's Meeting at 10:00am
Award Presentations & Luncheon 11:30am**

**Catered Luncheon
Price \$25.00 / person
Payable to your Lt. Governor**

RSVP by 5/16 at 5:00pm

tinyurl.com/25gov744

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Key Club Corner provided by Sharon Everett

Key Club Corner DCON Wrap Up Edition

What a whirlwind trip to Ontario on April 25 – 27!! We had in attendance two students from Rio Americano, two students from El Camino, including the incoming Lt. Governor, Alan Martinez, and the outgoing LtG from Rosemont, Aaron Dang. I also took students from Cordova and Oakmont. While it was a long drive, there were lots of good workshops, lots of cheering, and lots of new friends. D44s (our Division) won the Spirit Stick for the first General Session, and I'm going to say it was largely thanks to outgoing El Camino President Josh Yang. We're going to miss you, but UCLA is going to be a lot more fun with you there.

Congratulations to our new LtG, Alan. Not only was he installed in his new position at DCON, but he was also awarded Distinguished Treasurer! Super Star!

Congratulations to all our new board members who are taking office this month. We hope you have a wonderful and successful year of service (after AP and IB testing is over, obviously). Goodbye and thank you to all of our graduating seniors, especially our board members. Thank you for your service and good luck in your future endeavors. We hope to see you again as future Kiwanis members!

Signing off, Sharon



Creelman's Corner



Time to get away. We've been extremely busy since our last meeting with all the Creelman-Francisco prep, the actual event, including a brief visit from SoCal half-brother Jim, weeding, planting, and irrigating Bernie's Garden (including 40 tomato plants), extra springtime farm chores, and some extra days babysitting Gran-Girlie Rowan.

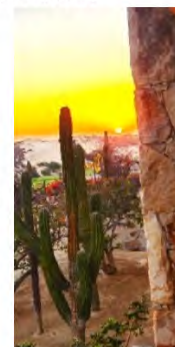
Jim and I did squeeze in an A's game (my 1st locally), and Bernie and I escaped for a day hike at Rattlesnake Bar. (Damn those snakes can drink!)



We leave next weekend for a week in Cabo and can't wait for some golf, snorkeling, beach time, relaxation and no Animals/Gardens/Chores/Obligations to attend to.

Adios, Chris

What do you call a Polar Bear in the jungle? Lost. DockTok



Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

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64th Annual Creelman-Francisco Classic

Another successful one has come and gone. As usual, it was a success because of all the help and support Suburban Kiwanis provided. Player attendance was down a bit but through no fault of Suburban who provided four groups, purchased nine Tee Signs, and bought a bunch of raffle tickets.



Want to extremely THANK: **Kent** for selling the raffle tickets, **Jim J. & Nancy W.** for handling check-in duties, **Bernie** and Nancy again for womaning our #14 Fun Raising hole, **Denny, Rich, the Wunschels, Lagos, Jim M., Bev,** and former members **Estelle Holway** and **Kristi Gordon-Mattes** for sponsoring Tee Signs. The Golfers, including assorted family members: **Jim W, Tom, Mike, Denny, Tony,** and **Creelmans Sr. & Jr.** Also, everybody who bought raffle tickets. Finally, thank you to the club as a whole for Tee Sponsorship and acting as the “bank” and to **Treasurer Jim** for dealing with all my various envelopes containing cash, web reports, and lots of checks after the event.

All in all, a great day with the usual Davis winds, tasty steak dinner, lots of smiles and Kiwanis fellowship and... we raised almost \$8,000 for the Kiwanis Family House.



The Winning Team

Creelman's Corner



This edition is a bit late because we took time away from its production and Creelman Classic prep to host 16 Easter Egg hunters this Palm Sunday. They ranged in age from 6 months to 6 years with most in the sweet spot of 2.5 to 5. Fun was had by all including their parents and grands. Amazing how fast 145 pretty well-hidden eggs scattered across the front yard of the farm can be found and collected. Two hours of “littles” energy, happiness, and pure joy! The small ones went home for naps, and Bernie and I tried to sneak in some ZZZZZs as well.



Speaking of eggs, our girls have been busy, and we're flush at this point. Let me know if you'd like a dozen or so for a bargain price of \$5 and we'll bring them to the next meeting.

Creelman-Francisco Classic Deadline week is here and the stress and work is intensifying. Thanks in advance for all the help this great club provides for this important “Fun-Raiser” for KFH.

Cheers, Chris

To whoever stole my energy drinks. I hope you can't sleep at night - Doc Tok

Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

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River City Food Bank Project

Suburban provided seven volunteers to work the April 23 shift at the Food Bank. Working that day were: **Marsha, Caren, Mike, Tony,** and **Bernie** along with returning guests Bob and Robyn Beyn. It was an extra busy day during which we served 518 families in need of nutritious meals.



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Inter-clubs

We had successful inter-clubs with the Citrus Heights Club on April 16 (thanks Naomi, Marsha and Chris) and with all the members attending the Creelman on April 24, (golfing, helping, and dining) that one definitely qualifies.

The next opportunity will be the D. 44 DCM for which **Suburban is the host club**, on Mon. 5/12, via ZOOM and then Governor's Visit on 5/25.



River City Food Bank Project

Suburban once again provided eight volunteers to work the April shift at the Food Bank. Working that day were: **Marsha, Bernie, Denny, Mike, Gordon, Tony & Chris** along with returning guest Bob Beyn. It was another busy day during which we served 492 families in need of nutritious meals.



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Welcome New Members Nick and Chris!

Chris Creelman happily inducted **Nick Bloise** and **Chris Castillo** as new members of the Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club.

Nick was recently elected to the San Juan School Board and now represents three of our four Key Clubs (he actually graduated from Mira Loma!). He oversees 40,000 students and is excited to be part of Sac Suburban, which is a youth-oriented organization, and he is looking forward to becoming more involved with the Key Clubs.



Chris Castillo is a Senior Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch. He was an FBI Special Agent specializing in murder investigations, working in Iraq, working in Europe, and then working in securities fraud. He was a stockbroker before joining the FBI, which is how he actually began working with the FBI. He's seen every scam and trick the bad guys play on people to try to steal their money. This now creates a perfect niche with Merrill Lynch. He also was a Marine Artillery Officer. He grew up in Santa Cruz County and graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in mathematics. **Chris** also played ball in Salinas.

River City Food Bank Project

Suburban provided seven volunteers to work the 5/14 shift: **Caren, Jim J., Tony, Denny, Gordon and Mike**, along with regular guest Bob Beyn. Another busy day with 524 families served.



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Governor's Visit



This year's official Governor's Visit will take place on Sunday, May 25 at 11:30-1:30 at the Shriners Hospital, located at 2425 Stockton Blvd. It will feature a catered luncheon and an awards presentation.

Come on out and:

- Meet your Governor, Doug Frost
- Support your club and President Tom
- Find out who's winning awards this year

See the flyer attached for more info and to sign up, or just let **Tom** know you're coming, and he can alert Lt. Gov. Brian. If you are planning to attend, please consider bringing a children's book to pass on to a patient at Shriners.

Creelman's Corner



windiest rounds of my life. I know, "What?"

Boy, did **Bernie** and I need a break. We totally enjoyed the week away from the farm at our timeshare at the Diamante Resort, on the Pacific in Cabo San Lucas. Three days of challenging golf on two of my favorite courses, (**Bernie** enjoyed a great massage and facial during one round), lots of just relaxing, good food, and some fun adventures snorkeling and paddle boarding. It is Mexico, so of course not everything goes smoothly. I lost my left hearing-aid during one of the



All in all, the trip was Muy Bueno. The return was ultra-busy and chaotic as always with catching and cleaning up, but the farm was in good shape, and all the animals were healthy and happy to see us.

Hope everyone has a great Memorial Day weekend.
Cheers,
Christobal

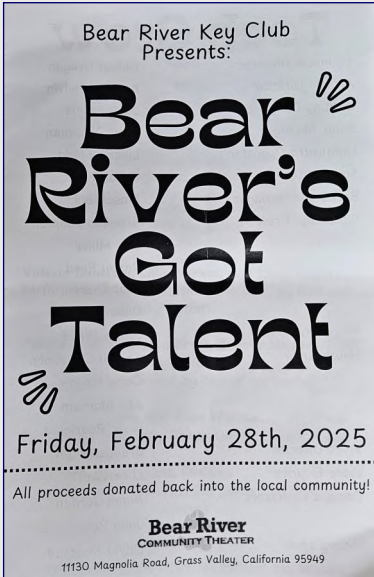


Note Bernie's little friend on her shoulder.



Kiwanis Club of Gold Country
Key Club at Bear River Talent Show
Contributed By Jan & Mike Weaver

On February 28th, Gold Country Kiwanis attended their Key Club at Bear River Talent Show. Prior to attending attendees enjoyed a social evening at Trailblazers in Grass Valley.



*Kiwanis Club of Gold Country
Key Club at Bear River Talent Show
Contributed By Jan & Mike Weaver*

Gold Country Kiwanis giving support to the Bear River High School's Key Club's Annual Talent Show. Approximately 16 members and friends attended. It was a fun and entertaining night for all.



*Kiwanis Club of Gold Country
Gold Country Work Day
Contributed By Jan & Mike Weaver*



From left to right: Tom Morrissey, C.J. LaCivita and Al Schafer

David Jones



Jan Weaver and Amy Spencer putting targets together.

Donna Owens and Mary Sivila

Kiwanis Club of Gold Country

Gold Country Work Day

Contributed By Jan & Mike Weaver



Pat Donaghey showing off Hay Bale Stands and completed Targets



Carol, friend of Greg's; Greg Nichols and Bob Norman



Craig Polley, Scout Master of Boy Scout Group #24

Kiwanis Club of Carmichael Taste of Carmichael May 9, 2025

Contributed By: Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CLUB

Congratulations!! The Club worked tirelessly to bring together a great event again this year and it was wonderful. The rave reviews have been heard throughout the land. We should all be very proud and know that monies raised will allow Kiwanis Club of Carmichael to continue to support the many worthy programs and projects in the greater Carmichael community.



Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

Taste of Carmichael May 9, 2025

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*Kiwanis Club of Carmichael
Team Building & Ice Breakers
Contributed By: Kiwanis Club of Carmichael*



Mike Koerner introduced Rachel Burlingame, one of our talented newer members. Rachel has a professional background as a corporate trainer for VSP. She shared some fun, useful activities that got our members up and moving.

First, was Farm Sounds, each member received a random animal prompt and we needed to use the sound of that animal to find others with similar sounds. When the groups found each other, they each shared one happy experience from this past week with each other. (It was fun to see long standing members interacting with our newer members... and vice versa).

Our next activity was a "Ro Sham Bo" (Rock-Paper-Scissor) Tournament. Each member challenged another member, the winner moving on to face another winner (bringing along their cheerleading troop) and finally it came down to the championship between Jan Lovejoy and Ken Hall, with Ken "the Rock" Hall prevailing as the winner of Ro Sham Bo.

Great job Rachel in bringing us together in a fun and informative way!!

*Karen, Patrick, Griffin and Mike Dunkerly
Pack 55 Pinewood Derby 1st place and Best in Show! Way to go, Griffin!*



Kiwanis Club of Carmichael
Make A Cake Kits For 40 Families
Contributed By: Kiwanis Club of Carmichael



Kiwanis Club of Carmichael
At the American River Parkway Spring Clean Up
Contributed By: Kiwanis Club of Carmichael



Key Clubber Adam Diaz and Charlotte Saylor at this month's river clean up.

New Member Orientation both INFORMATIVE and FUN!

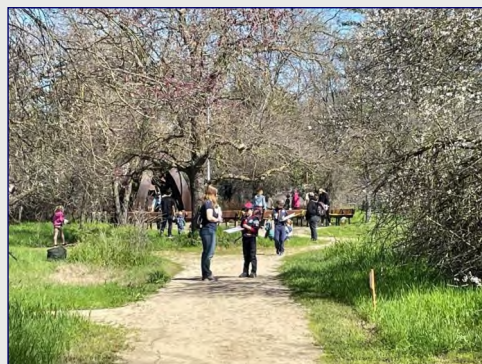


Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

Koobs Nature Area March 1st

A beautiful day for the first public open day of the year

Contributed By: Kiwanis Club of Carmichael



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael were at Cameron Ranch Elementary School reading books to classes for Read Across America Day! Here's Jenny Hawley.



Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

At the American River Parkway Spring Clean Up

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Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

Pint-Sized Play Day!

Contributed By: Kiwanis Club of Carmichael





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DIVISION 44

Division Inter-Club Meetings

Inter-Club: An inter-club meeting is a meeting or activity staged by two or more Kiwanis family clubs including ***Division Council Meetings, Kiwanis Club, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, Aktion Club, Conferences & Conventions.***

*The definition of an inter-club was expanded from simply attending another Kiwanis club meeting to include attending **Fundraisers, Projects, Activities and Social Events of another K-Family Club.***

*The broadened definition promotes more opportunities for fellowship, education and encourages greater interaction between **Kiwanis Clubs and our Service Leadership Programs:***

- ***Clubs with 20 or Fewer Members need a minimum of two members in attendance to constitute an Inter-Club Meeting.***
- ***Clubs with 21-30 of three members need a minimum of three members attendance to constitute an Inter-Club Meeting.***
- ***Clubs with 31 or More Members need a minimum of four members in attendance to constitute an Inter-Club Meeting.***

Visiting groups shall be composed of a minimum of two Kiwanians plus members of K-Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club, Circle K, or Key Club must be in attendance. A Lieutenant Governor can only be included if they are a member of the participating club.

*Inter-Clubbing is a means of supporting **Kiwanis' Fifth Object**, which is **"To provide, through this club, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build a better community"**.*

Through the fellowship gained by inter-club activities, members learn how other clubs function, get to know their neighboring Kiwanians, develop new ideas and a broader interest in how Kiwanis operates, find new ideas for use in their own club, and become better Kiwanians.

Inter-Clubbing creates fun and strong fellowship.





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DIVISION 44

Division Council Meetings (DCM)

What

*A meeting where members from the different clubs in Division 44 get together to share successes, plans and concerns.
A time to honor our differences and celebrate our achievements.*

When

- *Second Monday of Each Month: 6:00 PM We count the Lt. Governor Installation as a DCM.*

Who

- *All members of our Kiwanis Family.*

Monday, October 14, 2024 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, November 11, 2024 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

December / No DCM

Monday, January 13, 2025 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, February 10, 2025 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, March 10, 2025 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, April 14, 2025 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, May 12, 2025 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, June 9, 2025 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

July / No DCM

Monday, August 11, 2025 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, September 8, 2025 / 6:00 PM / Lt. Governor's Installation





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What is Kiwanis

Kiwanis clubs, located in 80 nations, help their communities in countless ways. Each community's needs are different—so each Kiwanis club is different. By working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. When you give a child the chance to learn, experience, dream, grow, succeed and thrive, great things happen.

Service Footprint: *Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located. Members stage nearly 150,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families and projects.*

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Kiwaniis Just the Facts

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By The Numbers...

Motto: *Serving the Children of the World*

Membership: *448,509 Members of the Kiwanis Family (Adult and Youth)*

Clubs: *6,522 Kiwanis Clubs Around the World*

7,824 Clubs Worldwide for Youth, College Students, Adults with Disabilities

Professional Staff: *102*

Service: *Sponsor 516,000 Projects*

1.3 Billion US Dollars Raised by Kiwanis Clubs Since 2021

7.1 Million Hours Devoted to Service Each Year by the Kiwanis Family of Clubs

Locations: *83 Nations and Geographic Areas*

Established: *1915*

Web Site: *www.kiwanis.org*



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Kiwanis Mission & Values

The Kiwanis Mission

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

The Kiwanis Vision

Kiwanis will be a positive influence in 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.

The Kiwanis Motto

Serving the children of the world.

The Kiwanis Objects

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the decades, they have remained unchanged.

- 1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.*
- 2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.*
- 3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.*
- 4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.*
- 5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.*
- 6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.*

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Structure of Kiwanis

Club Level

It all starts with members in a club. Every club has a few things in common. For example, clubs have a president, vice president(s), secretary, and treasurer. Clubs may also have other leadership positions, such as committee chairs.

Division Level

Each club is clustered together with clubs in the area to form a division. Divisions are overseen by a lieutenant governor, who is a representative of the district board (see “District” category below). The number of divisions and lieutenant governors varies by district.

District Level

A district is made up of several divisions. There are currently 49 districts and provisional districts within Kiwanis International. Some include only one state (example: Kansas District) or country (example: Malaysia District), while others are made up of multiple states (example: Minnesota-Dakotas District) or countries (example: Switzerland-Liechtenstein District). The rest are made up of geographical regions (example: Pacific Northwest District).

Each district is led by a governor who is elected with the rest of the executive board at the district’s annual convention. The district’s executive board includes a governor, secretary, and treasurer (or combined secretary-treasurer). Other board positions include the lieutenant governors and district chairs.

International Level

All 49 districts and provisional districts, as well as Kiwanis nations that do not fit into any district, make up Kiwanis International. Currently, there are Kiwanis clubs in approximately 80 countries and geographic territories.

Each year, delegates at the Kiwanis International convention elect members and officers of the Kiwanis International Board, which includes a president, president-elect, vice president, past president and 15 trustees. The trustees work with the districts, similar to how lieutenant governors work with divisions.



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Division, District & International Calendar of Events & Activities

Kiwanis Division 44

2nd Monday

*Division Council Meetings (No DCM, December, July)
6:00 PM Online Zoom Meeting*

Kiwanis California Nevada Hawaii District

August 7-9, 2025

*Kiwanis District Education Convention
Las Vegas, NV*

Kiwanis International

June 25-28, 2025

*Kiwanis International Convention
Pittsburgh, PA*

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