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Message From The Lt. Governor



Sophie Cabrera

Hello Kiwanians,

As we reach the 7 1/2 month mark in our Kiwanis year let's take a minute to reflect on the lives that have already been touched by your service, your leadership and dedication. Every project completed, every hour you've volunteered is making a lasting difference in our community.

May is membership month and when it comes to growing our membership, Division 44 Rocks! We are at 557 members, an increase of 42 since the start of the Kiwanis year on October 1, 2025. In December, I started an incentive to grow membership by offering to comp a registration to Mid-Year or DCON. Citrus Heights was the recipient in December of 2025, Lincoln in January of 2026, Orangevale/Fair Oaks in February, Roseville in March and Sacramento Suburban in April. Great Job on membership growth!

With 4 months to go, this is the perfect time to build on that momentum. Reach out and share what makes your Kiwanis club special and invite others to be a part of the experience. New members bring fresh ideas, new energy, enthusiasm and most importantly additional opportunities to serve those who need us most.

The Governor's visit with Division 44 and Division 7 will be on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at Shriner's Hospital. Governor Steven Geraci and First Lady Eileen Geraci will join us for lunch and a fun program. Governor Steven will host a president's meeting from 11AM to 12PM; check in is at 11:30 and there will be a service project to benefit Shriner's hospital. I would love to have all clubs represented at the Governor's visit. Sign up early and make sure you have a spot.

Mark your calendars for DCON. August 13, 2026 - August 16, 2026 in Sparks, Nevada. Registration should be open soon. If you've never been to a DCON or have been in the past and are thinking "been there, done that", well, think again. Our district team has been working to make DCON both fun and informative. This will be a time for learning, fun and connecting with your fellow Kiwanians.

We are past the 1/2 way mark in the 2025-2026 year and I am so proud of everything you all have accomplished. Keep showing up with enthusiasm, creativity and the heart of service that defines Kiwanis. Continuing to work together we can create powerful change.

Sophie Cabrera

2025-2026 Lt. Governor

Division Council Meetings

2nd Monday, Meeting at 6:00 PM

Online Zoom Meeting

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Lincoln Foothills: Carol Judd

Orangevale Fair Oaks: David Houghten

Placerville: John Prock

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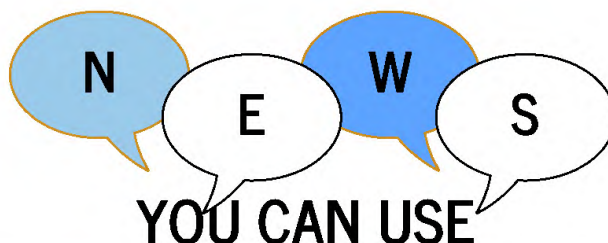


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Ernest "Ernie" Patterson
2025 Bert Shoemaker Recipient



The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund is excited to announce nominations are open for our Special Athlete of the Year, Nathan Hale and Bert Shoemaker awards.

To be considered, applications must be submitted by May 31, 2026. Learn more and apply today by [clicking on this link](#), or scan the QR codes below.

Special Athlete of the Year Award - celebrates athletes with intellectual, developmental and/or physical disabilities.

Nathan Hale Award - awarded to an individual who has performed an act of courage and/or personal involvement beyond the ordinary call of a citizen's responsibility.

Bert Shoemaker Award - awarded to a Kiwanian who best exemplifies the spirit of Kiwanis.



Special Athlete of
the Year Award



Nathan Hale
Award



Bert Shoemaker
Award

JUST SAY YES!

Your support of our [YES! Initiative](#) helps shape tomorrow's leaders by funding scholarships, empowering students, and providing meaningful grants. [Hear directly from the students](#) whose lives changed when you choose to Just Say YES! Click below to make your gift 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](#).

DUNLAP FELLOWSHIP

Is your club 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!

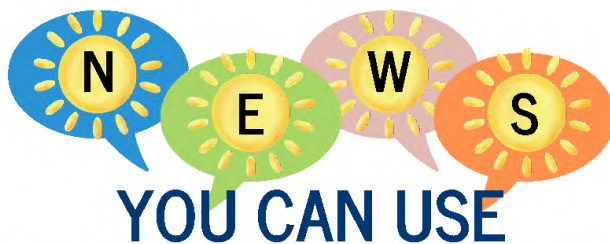
FOUNDER'S DAY

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



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Our **2025 Impact Report** is now available to download and share! Check out our one-page overview of the achievements made possible by your generosity! Need more data? Take a look at our **2025 Annual Report**, which also highlights a few of the students impacted by your kindness.

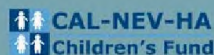
LEAVE A LEGACY: KPC BRICKS

Support the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund and leave your legacy at the Kiwanis District Office in Rancho Cucamonga! Your purchase of a brick, which will be placed in a pathway surrounding the Kiwanis Professional Center (KPC), will be a lasting legacy of your generosity. Bricks are available for a \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 donation to the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund. Bricks will be installed quarterly or semi-annually, depending on quantities. [Order your brick today!](#)



YOUR TICKET TRAVELS FAR BEYOND THE TABLE

A \$100 raffle ticket could take you anywhere in Cal-Nev-Ha, but its true journey goes much further. Each entry helps create safer environments for children, supports life-saving pediatric programs, and empowers youth to grow into tomorrow's leaders. Wherever you choose to dine, your impact is felt close to home. **Dinner Anywhere** raffle tickets are available from any CNH Children's Fund Director. We also have a limited number of tickets at the office; [email us](#) today!



save the date

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CNH Children's Fund
Honors Breakfast



Jorge Montano-Figueroa
Pediatric Injury Prevention Specialist
Honors Breakfast Keynote Speaker

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CNH Kiwanis District Education Convention | Registration Opens Soon!

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Speakers Bring Helping Messages to Kiwanis



The speakers above represent organizations that are well engaged with the mission of Kiwanis to help children in our community. Vivi Mason, above left with Kiwanis President Mike March, presented information about Run Rocklin at the March 12 luncheon. The event benefits the Rocklin Police Athletic League. The race is April 12 and 13. Mason said their group is looking for volunteers to help the estimated 20,000 runners get through the weekend. This event benefits the Matt Redding Association. Redding was killed by a drunk driver. If you are interested, go to their web site at <http://runrocklin.com> and fill out the message to runrocklin1@gmail.com. This has been a fun event in the community for 22 years. This event is also in Member Day.

On the right is Rebecca Espenshade, a very familiar face to Kiwanis of Roseville because she has been a member for many years. Espenshade spoke to Kiwanis on March 19 about taking part in the 2026 Roseville Bikefest in the Vernon Street Town Square on Saturday, May 2 from 9:30 am to 1 pm. Kiwanis of Roseville has been volunteering to help with the event for many years and will do so again this year. The objective of this event is to teach kids how to be safe. More than 5,000 helmets for bike riders have been given to kids over the past years.

And in the middle is MaryTess Mayall, the Executive Director of the Blue Line Arts Gallery. She was guest speaker on March 26, 2026. Blue Line has the mission of providing high quality art experiences for people of all ages. They are celebrating their 60th Anniversary this year. On their web site, they state that Blue Line Arts is a regional cultural hub committed to fostering impactful arts experiences. Through exhibitions, educational programs, and initiatives, they support a full creative life for all. The program does in-house and field trip educational classes for students and others. And you have likely seen some of their astounding work in various places around town since the Gallery has completed 12 giant murals in the downtown area since 2019. See the last page of this newsletter for a picture of one of those giant murals.

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Kiwanis of Roseville is Again a Distinguished Club

Kiwanis of Roseville members should all be proud of what we have accomplished during the 2024 and 2025 years. We received another Distinguished Club Award. There are five main categories that a club is judged on with points ranging from 5 to 20. The main categories are Membership and Engagement, Leadership and Education, Community Impact, Financial Viability, and Branding and Image. A club must earn at least 100 points to reach the distinguished status.

Social Gathering by Kris at Monk's Cellar

Sunday March 22, 2026



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May You Find a Pot of Gold at the End of all your Rainbows

That, my fellow Kiwanians is an old Irish Blessing from long, long ago, but it seems that we may have been blessed by it for our first corn beef and cabbage dinner. The final figures have not reached this newsletter yet, but the late-night talk after the dinner seemed to indicate we would be in the black. And as President Mike March said, "if we break even, that would be a success for year one."

It was a fun evening, and the hard work of the corn beef committee showed up throughout the room and in the smiles of the crowd that gathered.

Here is a collection of pictures from this fine evening.



this vision and plan, did a bit of everything during the evening.

Thanks Loring, it was loads of fun work and the start of something new.

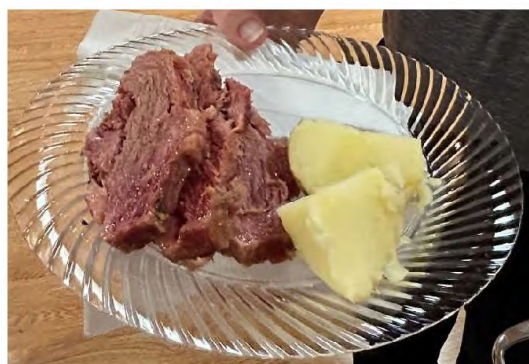


The decorations team did a fabulous job. The bartenders kept us on-the-level. The ticket team raked in the dough. And the guy who had



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And just look at this grand place where we hosted this event...the Rocklin Event Center. We send a truck load of thanks to the city of Rocklin for allowing us to stage our first-even corn beef and cabbage event in their city. There is much to be proud of for how this event turned out. So keep an eye out for the next rainbow.



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.... And How about a Few More Pictures of our Fun Corned Beef and Cabbage Evening



We have often heard it said that Joe Blair does a bit of everything. Well, here is proof of some of that everything in the form of mopping the kitchen floors after the Corned Beef and Cabbage evening.

And here on the right is a bit more of the “everything”, with Mary Jo Berg taking control of the dish washing.



Down below is the event of the evening that no one knew was coming. Mike March suddenly took control of the crowd and called on those interested in winning a prize, a bottle of wine, in the one-can beer chugging contest. As you can see, there were about 12 men and women, of drinking age of course, who accepted the challenge and downed the suds. The guy on the far right was the winner, downing a beer in seconds and tossing the can on the floor. Now that's a claim to fame, right?



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Do you know where this giant mural is located? It is on the massive wall which is the back of the Vernon Street theatre. You can get a great view of it by going to the multi-story parking lot across the alley from the back of the theatre and going to the third floor. Executive Director Mayall told Kiwanis members that these murals can cost \$15.00 a square foot for smaller and simpler murals, or as much as \$25.00 and more per square foot for the giant and complex murals. If you are wondering how big this mural is, find the windows to the right and the electrical box below the picture on the right. Also, can you find the fire hydrant? This one is simply beautiful as it tells the story of Roseville's history in pictures. Thank you, Blue Line Arts Galley, for taking plain brick and mortar walls and making them beautiful throughout our city. Okay, as you now know, there are 12 of them. Can you find them all?

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KFH Exec. Paula Kelly Brings Big News to Kiwanis Luncheon

The process has begun to build a second Kiwanis Family House.

Paula Kelly, Executive Director of KFH, announced that it will be built in Redding to serve the several hospitals in that area.



At present, Northern California has just one facility, pictured on the right, in Sacramento near UC Davis Hospital and the Shriner's Hospital. At the April 9 Kiwanis luncheon, Paula said this new facility has been a dream of hers for many years, and now it will be done. Stay tuned for more information on funding, construction, number of rooms and the location of the new facility.



Kiwanis Elections Coming in May

By Scott Smith

The month of May is election season for Roseville Kiwanis. All members should consider nominating themselves for one of the four board member spots or the President Elect spot.

The process is simple, just a quick e-mail to Scott Smith- Club Secretary – so he can add your name to the ballot. The board meets monthly at Sierra View Country Club to discuss our major fundraisers, continuing initiatives, and new business.

Recent topics included new member approvals, Run-4-Rocklin, and the ever-popular treasurer's report. These meetings keep the club on track and are essential for its smooth operation

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Update on Kiwanis Foundation Investment by Craig Barker

The Kiwanis Foundation was established in 1997 by members of the club who wanted to have a permanent source of funding for our High School scholarship giving. In 2004 we move to a 501c3 tax status so that we could accept donations from members and the public. It was initially funded with approximately \$15,000. This endowment, they hoped, would grow over time so that the earnings could be used to benefit the scholarships if there was no other funding available. Since that time the club has added about \$30,000. Currently the foundation has approximately \$350,000 in funds. Assuming a 4% earnings rate we can support \$14,000 in scholarships. The committee has a goal to grow the foundation to \$500,000. At that point we would be able to fund \$20,000 and fulfill that budget item each year.

We currently have a club commitment of 20% of net revenue from yearly fundraising to go into the foundation to continue its growth and purpose.

The committee meets annually to monitor investment performance, club contributions and discuss goals. The results of that meeting become recommendations to the club board. The board ultimately determines the yearly course for the foundation. Perhaps in the future this foundation can growth enough to support other worthy goals.

Help Needed for Hope of America Award Program By Frank Chapman

We will need 11 presenters this year starting on the 26th of May-June 4.

The Hope of America Award is presented to an 8th grade student at our middle schools who have exhibited outstanding service to school and community, high academic achievement, and demonstrated outstanding leadership and citizenship.

The school staff select the recipient based on those criteria. Once the selection is made, the school staff prepares a narrative detailing why this student was selected. The name is not revealed until the end of the narrative.

The student is presented with an engraved plaque at an end-of-year ceremony by one of our Kiwanians. The narrative is read, and the plaque is presented.



International Dance Arts Collective

On April 2, Alexandria Shadle joined our luncheon crowd to tell the story of the International Dance Arts Collective (IDAC), the non-profit based in Roseville and Rocklin. It focuses on teaching authentic cultural and folk dances from around the world to children, youth, and adults, with the mission of promoting peace, cultural understanding, appreciation of diverse traditions, and community connection through dance. The group has acquired costumes from all over the world to portray the dance culture of other countries.

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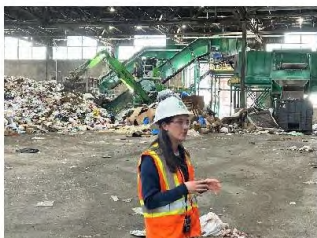
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Kiwanians Take a Tour of the Dump/MRF

And why would anyone want a tour of the Roseville Dump/Material Recycling Facility (MRF)? Well, consider this. It is one of the most technologically advanced material recovery systems in the entire United States.



We started with Emily Hoffman showing us a giant machine picking up tons of trash of all kinds...



...dropping it into the first separator and the conveyor belt to the next separator. Automatic machines kicking out glass, plastic, clothing, paper as it moved through a series of separators and into the right can for each bit of trash. And then finally, bailed into giant 1- or 2-



ton bales of aluminum cans, plastic, clothing and cardboard

This is the most advanced trash technology worldwide and there are only 5 in California, the closest other one is in San Jose. And here is the key point. Next, the bales are sold to recycling companies, all of them now overseas. But the plan is to use 300 acres of adjacent land to have those recycling companies build their plants right next door to cut the transportation costs and increase the recycling revenue locally. In this plant, machines do most of the work, but there are

about 30 workers alongside conveyor belts getting what the machines miss. So why do this? Simple, it cuts down on making more massive landfills. And below left is our Kiwanian tour group at the MRF, and at lunch afterward. Great tour. Science applied to trash.



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Kiwanians Helping Tommy Apostolos



On the day of the annual Tommy Apostolos dinner and dance, several Kiwanians from Roseville turned out to help with the setup.

Myla Herbert and her sister Marianna Bruns and Kris Blair are shown in picture at far left, with two of the Roseville Key Club members in the middle picture helping to arrange flowers for the event.



Roseville Swim Programs Among the Best

Last Thursday, April 23, Alisha Moyer, of Roseville Aquatics and Swim, at left with Kiwanis President Mike March, gave a presentation about the 3 Roseville City pools and their activities. Alisha has been with the city for 22 years.

4014 Was Here

If you missed the world's largest locomotive, 4014, when it stopped in Roseville, here's a last look at it. You see the guy

on top, but do you see how small the other guy in the picture is compared to this locomotive?



Okay, One More Dump Picture

Take a close look at the picture on the right. That's Harry Hull walking past a huge bale of aluminum cans. Beer, soda and other kinds of aluminum cans. Those bales sell in the recycling market for anywhere from \$3000 to \$8000 per bale. Yes, that much for each and every bale. When we toured, the market price was \$3000 per bale. That was a "wow" for all of us.

But even though the Roseville MRF sells cardboard, metal, aluminum, and plastic recycled bales, the amount they receive is still only 1 to 3 % of the total cost for operation of the dump,

But Roseville keeps working on improving the system and someday we may see much more of our trash bringing a return on its throw-away investment.



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On the Starting Line for Bike Fest 2026

This is the Kiwanis of Roseville group that showed up to support the 2026 Bike Fest put on by the City of Roseville.

Bike Fest, an annual event, brings out hundreds of parents and their kids to get checked out for safe bike riding within the city. Kids are fitted

with new helmets, and each helmet has an ID tag inside with the parent's phone number, in case the child is injured and first responders need to call the parents.

The gang above are Myla and Mike Herbert, Florence Surratt, Kris Blair, Chris Pelzman, Scott Simon, Ted Smith, Joe Blair, Mike March and Craig Barker. They are on the starting line of the obstacle course, where kids learn skills navigating through turns, stops and corners. The kids are watched closely and given pointers on how best to handle a bike in difficult situations. Below, on the left, are Rich Sequeira, Frank Chapman and John DeLury. Moira Short is in the middle and on the right are Chris Pelzman, Kristine Pelzman and Sue Simon. Great day of helping gang!



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Coming Up Next, the Rocklin Community Festival



We are almost there. Are we ready? Yes, Mike March says all systems are "GO" and we will have liftoff on Thursday, May 7. The above article appeared on page two of the Roseville Tribune on Friday May 1, and we are hoping it helps draw a crowd. We also have spots appearing on Roseville Today, online, and various other social media sites where Rebekah Richards has placed our advertising information. The word is out there. The next edition of this Newsletter will have pictures and stories about how we did in 2026. Go gang go!!

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What We Heard from Visitors about May 7-10, 2026

Best Rocklin Community Festival Ever!



The setup crew gathered early.



And soon the Midway was jammed.



Ticket sellers jumped into action.



DJ on duty.



And the pour crew poured...a lot.

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It was obvious visitors were having a good time, and we have to admit, our Kiwanis crew was doing the same as they scurried to keep the place jumping.



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The crowd commented that the music this year was also the best ever...with great food trucks, Yum.



Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights

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40th Annual Crab Feed



On Saturday, January 24, the Kiwanis of Citrus Heights and Soroptimists International of Citrus Heights presented their 40th Annual Crab Feed.

We welcomed an energized crowd of 500 guests to a Mardi Gras-decorated ballroom and a social hour with bidders wandering the silent auction rows and raffle hopefuls depositing their tickets. A towering display of premium wines graced the center of the crowded room, and the whole display was also up for bids.

Members of our Mesa Verde and Bella Vista Key clubs served a multi-course dinner of salad, followed by a baked ziti dish, and then the star of the evening—mountains of crab and melted butter—with ice cream for dessert. The evening ended with auctioneer Rachel conducting a spirited live auction with the bidders raising their competing paddles. Master of Ceremonies was Republic Services Municipal Administrator Ray Robinson who conducted a heads or tails elimination and called out various guests and members of our club for recognition. None of this would have happened without the support from members of our four Key Clubs who set up the auditorium, waited on the tables, chef-ed in the kitchen, and did the clean-up.

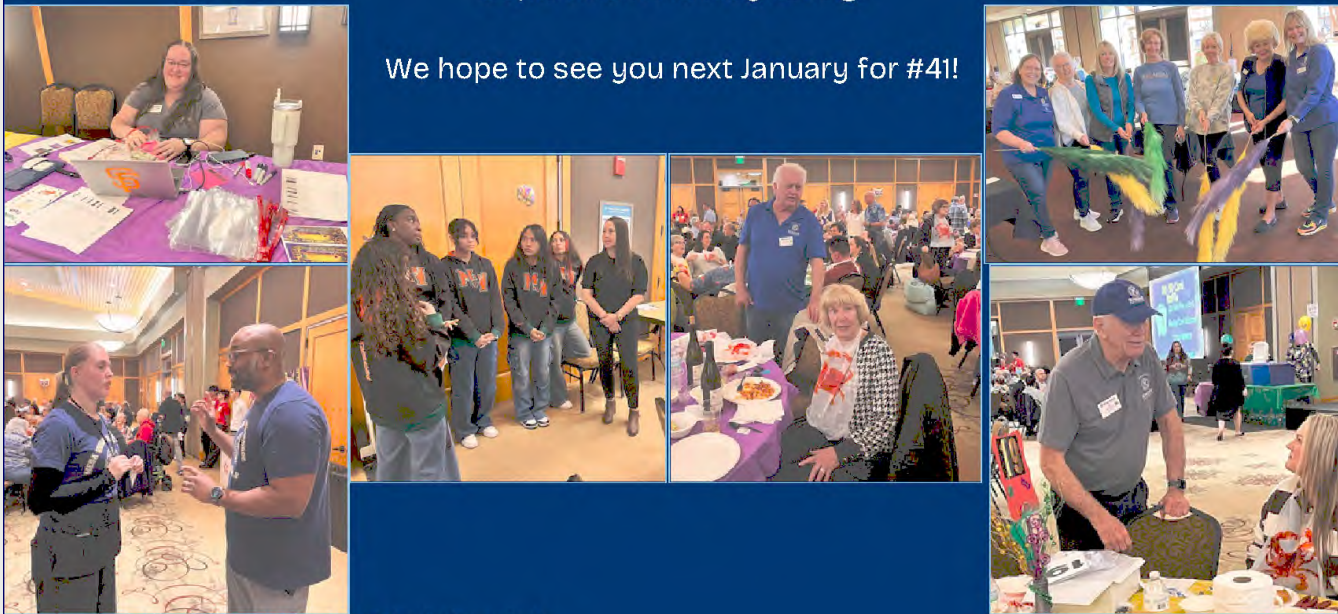
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Profound thanks to our sponsors and major donors—and to the members of our community whose ticket and item purchases provide the funds that Kiwanis and Soroptimists use to support many community service programs: building the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento homes on Sayonara Drive, high school scholarships, Key Clubs at four high schools, Mesa Verde High School girls basketball, Sunrise Recreation & Park District events, the Citrus Heights Police Activities League, Single Mom Strong, Inc., Citrus Heights Community Marching Band, Culinary Arts San Juan High School; Soroptimist House, Citrus Heights Food Locker, grocery gift cards handed out through the Citrus Heights Police Department, Sacramento Children's Receiving Home, Blue Star Moms supplies and funds for shipping, school supplies and backpacks for elementary school students, and Citrus Heights Police Department Holiday Giving.

We hope to see you next January for #41!



Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights

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Placerville Interclub

At our 8th interclub of the year in Placerville, their members said sadly that their meeting place, the Smith Flat House, has closed and is up for sale. It opened in 1861 and was one of the 93 wagon train stops along the Johnson Pass route across the Sierra Nevada. It has had a long history of providing for the people of El Dorado County and supporting local farmers, winemakers, and other food artisans. Vernon Brown, Placerville President John Prock, Megan Smith-Fajardo, Tom Steadman, Roger Klausler, Larry Viegas.



Fill the Boots for Burns

At the 32nd annual "Fill the Boots for Burns" in the Sunrise Mall parking lot Citrus Heights February 7, we had a booth at which we handed out whistles, flashlights, emergency window punch, hammer and seat belt cutters, fireman related stickers, bracelets with emergency response info, and a little fire figurines. (We didn't give the window breaker/seat belt cutters to the kids. One of our members observed that "literally every single man who won those gave them to the women in their lives, apparently thinking that women drive off cliffs and land under water more frequently than men.") The Firefighters Burn Institute's annual fundraiser offers safety education, live demos, and resources to help prevent burn injuries. Donations are used to improve burn treatment and to fund burn recovery programs.



Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights

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Helping Hands of Orangevale Fair Oaks

Also on February 7 from 11am to 2pm, we worked with Helping Hands to vet, sort and distribute 12,300 Valentine cards to seniors at a care facility in Orangevale.



Bella Vista Key Club

At the February meeting of our Bella Vista Key Club, faculty advisor Anne Varanelli proudly displayed the club's banner, missing for years, and found in a storage closet by a BV history teacher.

Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights

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Foothill High Key Club Charter

On March 23 our club received the official charter document for our 4th Key Club--Foothill High in the Twin Rivers School District. The club's Kiwanis advisors will be two of our youngest members--Alexandra Luong and Benson Nguyen--who will bring their creativity and high energy to the members. Congratulations, Foothill !



42nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Our 42nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Rusch Park drew a HUUUGE crowd on a perfect spring day at the beautiful Rusch Park. We extend heartfelt thanks for the success of the event to the moms and dads, pop-pops and nanas, and all the kids who came to enjoy the egg hunt, the tug o'war, the fishing booth, and face-painting...and a big hug to the Easter Bunny. Special thanks to our Bella Vista and Mesa Verde Key Clubs. Without their help to the vendors in set-up and clean-up and running all the activities, this joyous holiday event would not have happened.

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42nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Equal thanks to our Golden Egg Sponsor Republic Services; Egg Hunt Stage Sponsor Citrus Heights Water District; Egg Hunt Sponsors Bill Smith Photography, Frosty Sweets and Treats, and Minuteman Press; Community Partners Sunrise Recreation and Parks, Helping Hands Orangevale, Metro Fire, Citrus Heights Police Department, Best Buddies, i9 Sports; to Sunrise Christian Food Ministry for providing free pastry and cookies snacks and household items donated by Walmart.



Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights

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Habitat for Humanity Third Build Day



On April 4, Tom Steadman (talking with Kimberly Coley, leader of community engagement for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento), Jim Putnam, and Roger Klausler labored at our club's third Build Day for the Habitat for Humanity project on Sayonara Drive, working in four homes in phase in phase two. Today's build was dedicated to applying a barrier film to render the homes "airtight" to minimize heating and cooling costs, and measuring, cutting, and using a very clever PacTool Gecko to help in applying siding composed of a concrete and cellulose fiber mix which prohibits dry rot. Kimberly said that the entire community should be completed by Thanksgiving 2027 and noted that this year is the 40th anniversary of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento. Families in the first eight Sayonara Drive homes will receive their keys at a June ceremony. These 26 homes will provide safe, stable housing for nearly 120 low-income residents, including families with children.



Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights

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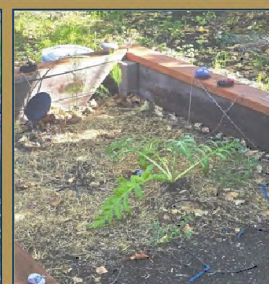
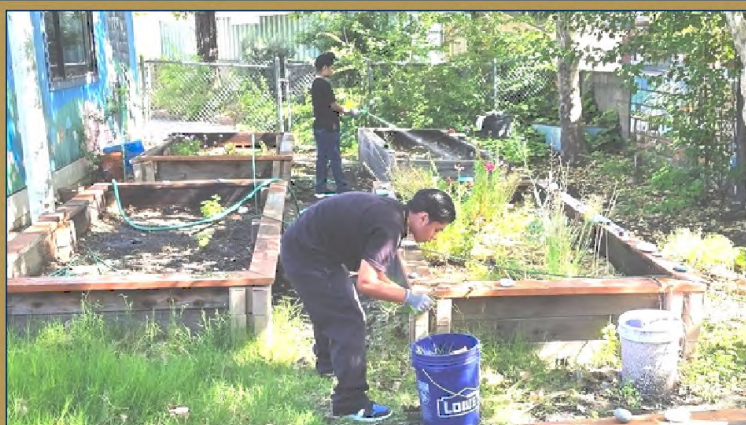


64th Creelman-Francisco Classic Golf Tournament

Bradley Miller (second from left) played in the Division 7 and 44 64th Creelman-Francisco Classic Golf Tournament on April 30. His foursome finished well and he and his father (white shirt, right) took home most of the raffle prizes. Amanda Subia and Gale Hooper grace the tee that our club and Kiwanis Family House sponsored.

Mesa Verde Garden

The Mesa Verde Community Garden's corn, planted a couple weeks ago, is growing strong. Some of the planter boxes are used for square-foot gardening in which things that thrive together are placed in the same small plot.



Kiwanis Club of Auburn

Contributed By Laird Smith



Kiwanis Club of Folsom Lake

Contributed By Ira Rothman

Folsom School Resource Officers Present to Club

The Kiwanis Club of Folsom Lake heard from three of Folsom's School Resource Officers, who support the 17 schools across our city. Although there are typically two officers in these roles, a transition this week allowed us the rare opportunity to hear from all three and gain insight from multiple perspectives.

We learned that Folsom will be launching the Shield Academy youth program next year, offering 14 after-school sessions held on campus following the Thursday short day. The officers also shared how their toolkit includes a therapy dog that helps calm students experiencing anxiety — a thoughtful resource that's making a real difference for kids. We heard from Folsom School Resource Officers Sears, Romo and Zazhitskiy.



Officer Zazhitskiy, Charlayne Bowman, Officer Romo, Officer Sears

Folsom Club Provides Lunch for STARS Program

On April 23, the Club provided pizza, salads, fruit ice cream and drinks for the STARS program at Folsom's Hope. The event was filled with laughter, gratitude, and the simple pleasure of sharing a meal. Seeing the children's faces light up as they enjoyed their lunch was a heartwarming reminder of the power of community and kindness.



Kiwanis Club of Folsom Lake

Contributed By Ira Rothman

Club rebuilding of Folsom's Kids Play Castle Park

The Kiwanis Club of Folsom Lake was proud to be represented by Ira Rothman at the reconstruction of the Folsom Kids Play Castle Park. Our club purchased both a Brick and a Fence Slat to support the rebuilding of this beloved community space.

This project is especially meaningful to us — Kiwanis members helped with the original build back in 1996, and we're honored to continue that legacy nearly 30 years later.

Community service comes full circle, and we're grateful to play a part in bringing joy to the next generation of Folsom families.



Ira Rothman

Folsom Festival of Eggs

The Kiwanis Club of Folsom Lake had a wonderful time helping entertain kids at the Folsom Festival of Eggs on Saturday, April 4. About 400 children stopped by our booth to "fish" for a surprise — and their smiling faces made every moment worth it.

We were grateful for the help of three Key Club members from Oak Ridge High School, the grandson of one of our members, a potential new member, and four of our own members who kept the fun going all morning.

In the days leading up to the event, four Kiwanis members and five Key Club members worked together to stuff eggs and bags with goodies to make sure every child went home with a treat.



Bob and Charlayne Bowman, John Fukasawa, Jeff Gorrell



Ira Rothman, John Fukasawa, Key Club members

Kiwanis Club of Folsom Lake

Contributed By Ira Rothman

CASA of Sacramento County

Our club heard from Jackie Simon, Community Relations Coordinator for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Sacramento County. Jackie shared the history of CASA, the tremendous benefits it provides to children in foster care, and the ongoing need for dedicated volunteers.

CASA Volunteers play a vital role in giving vulnerable children a strong, consistent voice in court and ensuring they receive the support they need to thrive. Research shows that children paired with a CASA are more likely to find safe, permanent homes, do better in school, and are half as likely to re-enter foster care — powerful outcomes that change lives.

We're grateful to Jackie for helping us better understand how CASA strengthens our community and how each of us can make a difference.



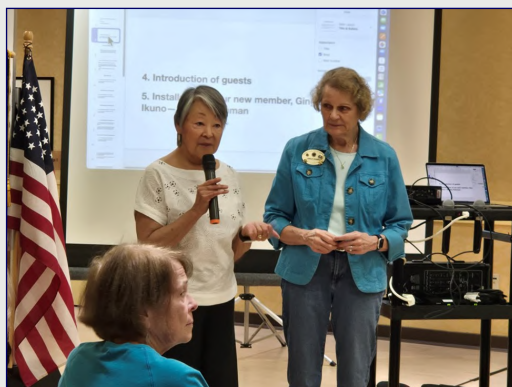
Jackie Simon



Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills

Contributed By Carol Judd

The Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills was pleased to install our new member, Ginger Ikuno. Ginger belonged to the Fremont Kiwanis Club and shared some experiences from that membership, which have inspired us to implement new activities.



We're getting ready to provide three, \$1,500 Pathways to Possibilities. Our recipients will receive a "check" as part of their recognition.



Cinco de Mayo was celebrated in style, with great food, great drinks, a great DJ, and several very good silent auction items, as well as raffle prizes. Thanks to our fundraising team for providing a fun evening. During another Cinco de Mayo event, our members served food for the First Street School celebration.



Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills

Contributed By Carol Judd

The Latino Leadership team appreciated all the games our club donated for their family-night get-togethers.



Kiwanis Club of Orangevale - Fair Oaks

Contributed By David Houghten

The Kiwanis Club of Orangevale - Fair Oaks 3rd Annual Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament took place April 25 and was another fun, successful fundraiser for our club. A big thank you to everyone who contributed from sponsors to volunteers to players. World Series of Poker commentator Lon McEachern added even more fun to the event, and had a nice bounty placed on him, won by the lucky lady who first knocked him out (before the re-buy rounds were finished).



Kiwanis Club of Lincoln

Contributed By Colette Sullivan

The Kiwanis Club of Lincoln delivered approximately 900 books to the 4 title one elementary schools (WPUSD - Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School, WPUSD - First Street Elementary School, WPUSD - Creekside Oaks Elementary School and WPUSD - Sheridan Elementary School).

As part of your Summer Fun Reading Program, each K-3rd grade student will be given a book to take home for their reading pleasure. This is the first phase of our club's 3-phase Literacy Initiative for 2025-26.

We thank our collaborative partners for helping to make this project happen:

Rotary Club of Lincoln CA USA
Lincoln Community Foundation
Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills
Gladding, McBean
Woman's Club of Lincoln,
Ken Aquino, Edward Jones



Cynthia Liddell delivers books to Kasia Williams, Librarian Carlin C Coppin Elementary School



Connie Anderson delivers books to Sheridan Elementary School



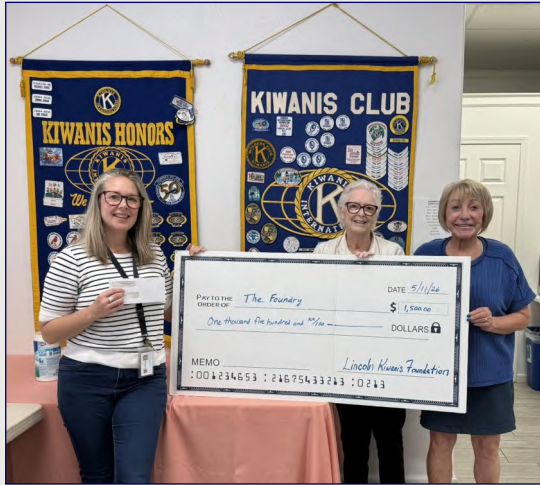
Cheryl Edgen delivers books to Maria Desantiago, Librarian at First Street Elementary



Colette Sullivan delivers books to Creekside Oaks Elementary School

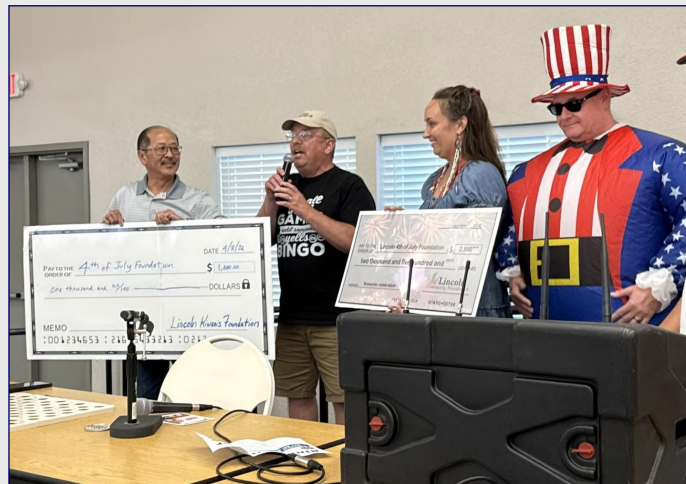
Kiwanis Club of Lincoln

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On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln, Co-Treasurer Jan Bedwell and Community Liaison Cynthia Liddell are pleased to award a \$1,500 grant to Natasha Butler, Executive Director of **The Foundry-Lincoln**, a local, nonprofit that provides some very important support to Lincoln's youth. We are proud to continue to support this fine organization.

Kiwanis Club of Lincoln President-Elect Calvin Marr, Co-Treasurer Jan Bedwell and Community Liaison Cynthia Liddell present Executive Director Ann Elias of **Lighthouse Counseling and Family Resource Center** with a \$2,500 grant. Also pictured is James, one of their current trainee therapists. We have enjoyed supporting this valuable non-profit partner in our community. .



The Kiwanis Club of Lincoln is having fun at Bingo supporting the 4th of July Foundation. This fine organization is planning a great celebration for the 250th anniversary of our country's independence! Our club is happy to donate \$1,000 to help defray the \$90,000 cost of the party!

Kiwanis Club of Lincoln

Contributed By Colette Sullivan

President Elect Calvin Marr is proud to welcome 3 new members to our Club! Cindy Oxman, Candi Schmidt and Cheryl Edgren are all excited to join us in our mission to help enrich the lives of the children and their families of Lincoln through literacy, student leadership, scholarships and community engagement.



Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta

Contributed By Dia Utterback

Our Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta was busy in April! Two of our Legacy events – Easter Egg Hunt and Joe Mazzoni, Sr. Memorial Kids Fishing Day – both occurred in April.

We began April with our morning meeting featuring Sacramento City College President, Albert Garcia. Albert was an engaging speaker and answered all of our questions. Sac Suburban also joined us for an InterClub.



On Saturday, April 4, we hosted our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Stonehouse Park. Hundreds of children and their families enjoyed Easter crafts, decorating egg- and bunny-shaped cookies, getting glitter tattoos, a petting zoo featuring baby animals, and the playground before the youngsters descended on the softball outfield in shifts, according to their age group, to collect the bounty of stuffed eggs.

Thanks to our Rancho Murieta Key Club members for their invaluable assistance during the day, spreading the eggs on the field and helping with activities. It takes a small army to stuff 4,500 eggs! Our army of stuffers included Key Clubs from Rancho Murieta, Pleasant Grove, and Sheldon High Schools, the Cosumnes River Elementary School K-Kids, and a local Girl Scout Troop, along with some parent helpers!



Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta

Contributed By Dia Utterback

Our Kiwanis member and Key Club Advisor, Jeannette Edwards, joined the Pleasant Grove High School Key Club Leadership Team at the Division Convention in Sacramento.



Our April evening meeting featured Jackie Simon from Sacramento Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children. Jackie shared the incredible work CASA volunteers do on behalf of children.



Next, our Community Services Committee members visited the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento and donated much-needed art supplies.



Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta

Contributed By Dia Utterback

The Joe Mazzoni Sr., Memorial Kids Fishing Day took place on a cloudy Saturday at Lake Clementia in Rancho Murieta. Joe Mazzoni originated Kids Fishing Day in 2002. Upon Joe's passing in 2024, we renamed the event to honor Joe's lasting legacy to the Rancho Murieta community and our Kiwanis Club.

Over 60 youth signed up to become anglers for the day. Prizes were given to a boy and a girl with the heaviest fish. Families were all invited to enjoy a hot dog lunch provided by our Kiwanis Club. We would like to acknowledge and thank the River Valley Garden Club for the \$500 donation to purchase rods to loan to kids.



Our Kiwanis Club sent a foursome to the Creelman-Francisco Classic Golf Tournament held at the Davis Municipal Golf Course. Our ladies' foursome won the Ladies' Flight! Three other members joined the post-golf festivities. Bronwyn Anthony won the 50-50 raffle! It was a good day for the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta and the tournament beneficiary, Kiwanis Family House.



Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

Contributed By Chris Creelman

Membership Matters

By the Membership Committee

Our Special Guest Day on February 4 yielded a new member to our club, Ron Byrd. He was the guest of **Gordon Sanderson**. Ron will be inducted on 4/1/26 by **Jim Johnson**. No, this is not an April Fools' Day joke...he really joined. Go up and introduce yourself to him and let's give him a warm Suburban Welcome!

Who says that there is no such thing as a FREE LUNCH? In an effort to support our goal of PROJECT FORTY (that is to have 40 members in the club by the end of this year), the Membership Committee will pay for your lunch for every member that you recruit that successfully joins the club. Free Lunch flyers were distributed at our last meeting to all and will be attached with this newsletter (bulletin). There are no limits as to how many lunches you may have. Keep your feelers out for prospective new members and let's meet our goal of PROJECT 40! Bring a new member in and enjoy lunch on the club!!



Key Club Corner provided by Marsha Fins



Last Saturday, five members from our Club (**Marsha, Bernie, Dave O., Gordon and Angela**) participated with three Key Clubbers from Mira Loma and Rio Americano at the Kiwanis Family House (KFH) Clean Up day. The ladies showed up from our Key Clubs and worked very hard with the Suburban Group. The sign-up was much larger, and the girls said that they are going to go back and give the guys grief for not showing up. KFH fed us a nice BBQ lunch as well. A good time was had by all, and the grounds look so much nicer now!

Our Rio Americano and Rosemont Key Clubs will be attending the Cal Nev Ha District Convention (DCON) in Sacramento on April 10-12 this year, which is always a fun and educational weekend for these guys. **Larry** and I will be chaperoning the crew for the convention.

Key Club Corner provided by Marsha Fins



Key Club District Convention happened April 10-12, 2026 at the Safe Credit Union Convention Center. Over 900 Key Clubbers were in attendance. Six Key Clubbers from Rio Americano High School and two from Rosemont High School were in attendance. Many of the incoming officers had the opportunity to attend instructional workshops as to how to perform their duties for their respective positions. Two delegates from each club were able to vote for the incoming District

Officer positions. As always, the weekend culminated with the Governor's Ball where the Key Clubbers had the chance to dance the night away. The pictures showed us enjoying our dinner since that was about the only time that we had a chance to all be together. A great time was had by all of our Key Club members who were there!



River City Food Bank Project



On March 25, Sac. Suburban provided seven volunteers to serve 509 hungry families during our E.O.W. shift. The hard-working volunteer crew of Suburbanites included **Mike, Gordon, Dave, Kent, Chris** and regular guest volunteers Robyn Beyn and past L.G. Brian McClean. **The next opportunity** to help feed hungry families will be Wednesday, April 8. See **Mike** at the next meeting to sign up.



Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

Contributed By Chris Creelman

Last Meeting



Our last meeting was a Club Takeover by the Rio Americano Key Club, which was very well done. The Key Club opened the meeting, announced guests, and birthdays/anniversaries, and then orchestrated announcements and covered Happy/Sad Bucks. In other words, they ran the business part of the meeting.

Next, the Key Clubbers took to the podium as speakers.

CYRUS GOLD, incoming president: Though he did not originally know about Key Clubs, a cousin of his was in a Key Club and told him about it. He joined, became a committee member, then an officer, and now will be president. He intends to run the office as a collaborative. He has grown as a person by working with other members and other clubs, balancing his visions with those of the others, which is a good thing for our community. He volunteered at Shamrock Marathon and the California International Marathon, and at Light the Night where lanterns signify cancer victims. His family volunteers there with him since they are cancer survivors. During the years 2024 and 2025, the club was sort of dormant and lacked consistency. Now, he will bring a resurgence by working hard for the club in 2025 and 2026. He has already completed 400+ hours and recruited 25 new members. His goal is to impact not just the current Key Club but also the future club and our community by building membership.



NATALIE TRAN, incoming vice president: Natalie joined Key Club as a freshman and is currently the club's treasurer. She finds events for fundraising and is learning to work with bank accounts and to use money effectively. She is going to DCON to learn from other key clubbers. She has volunteered at an elementary school helping with games and so is learning how to plan activities and work with children. As the new VP, she will draw on the experience of her sister, a past VP and president of the club for help.

CORVUS JAING, incoming secretary, thought he was joining the Key Club just to get service hours. He soon learned that he was connecting with others and doing good work, which he enjoyed. Among other events, he worked on the SMUD tree planting in Land Park and has reflected on how grateful he is to make our community better by volunteering for things like the Light the Night cancer event. He has also gained experience doing public speaking and met new friends at other schools. One of his goals is to help provide for immigrants.

AIDEN MITCHELL, incoming treasurer, is a junior and in her first year with the Key Club. Her goal of 100+ hours as a volunteer is a new challenge that she will surely meet. She too has experienced cancer in her family and so serving as a volunteer for the Light the Night Event was satisfying and personal. She is a good debater and believes that the key to good work is being involved and seeing the impact one makes in our community.

DEANDRE BARNER, incoming editor, is in his first year with the Key Club and wants to put in 100+ hours at the Loaves and Fishes this year. His life had a rough start, but with his hard-working mom, he has learned to improve himself. He first volunteered at the California Marathon with the Key Club and since has worked at the Shamrock Marathon and Light the Night. His family too has been impacted by cancer, so he knows how important the event is. He feels a need to spread the news about the Key Club's good work and so became the club editor. Additionally, he was selected by Rio Americano to be a representative for the Boys' and Girls' State. He will learn and do good there too.



What a great meeting! Kiwanis can be proud of the things we do and the lives we help and nurture through Key Clubs.

Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

Contributed By Chris Creelman

New Member Installation



Welcome to **RON BYRD!**

Jim Johnson introduced us to **Ron** and provided a fine overview of Kiwanis generally and our club specifically. **Ron** was provided a name badge, a window sticker and "all the stuff." **Ron** is retired, was on the board of trustees for River City Food Bank, volunteered at the 28th & J Senior Center Aid for 10 years, and has worked with Habitat for Humanity. He originally hails from Boston.

Inter-Clubs

Ryan, Kent, Jim. W w/ Nancy and **Chris** attended the 4/2 Rancho Murieta Interclub, a very busy, active club getting ready for their annual Easter Egg Hunt and Fishing Derby. Lots of old friends in this one. **Jim. M., Tom** and **Chris** represented Suburban at the 4/9



Carmichael Inter-Club where they honored local San Juan schools with donations for their exemplary service to the youth in the community. Our next scheduled Inter-Club is the Sunday, May 3, Div. 44 DCM at Rusch Park in C.H. Chairman **Kent** promises more upcoming after returning from vacation. Come out and see how the other Div. clubs run their meetings.



River City Food Bank Project



Reporting on two shifts this time...on April 8 we had eight representing Suburban Kiwanis: **Bernie, Gordon, Fred, Mike, Denny, Chris, Tony, Jim M.** and regular guest Robyn. We served approx. 550 families that day.



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staff keeps lauding the hard, friendly work that our crew provides. Next work date will be May 13. **Mike** will have sign-up sheets at the next two meetings.



Key Club Corner provided by Marsha



The Key Club year is starting to wind down. The Key Club Convention was the biggest event going on in April. The clubs are starting to hone some of their service activities as the school year will soon come to an end. Rio Americano is planning an end-of-year party where they wish to hand out awards to members. The primary focus of these groups is to get through their finals and to look forward to summertime!!

Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

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Key Club Corner provided by Marsha



As reported in the last Key Club Corner article, the Key Clubs are starting to wind down for the semester. They are focused on finals and AP testing. The Gail Bash Committee (**Mike, Marsha** and **Bruce**) will be interviewing our only Gail Bash Scholarship Applicant this Saturday. Now that we have the protocol down for the scholarship, **Marsha** will be promoting this earlier in the semester next year and expect to have more applicants and some lively competition. **Marsha** also distributed Key Club Medals to Club Presidents who have been active in their clubs and are graduating seniors, so that they can proudly wear when they walk down the aisle. Our Gail Bash Scholarship Applicant, Amanda Tran, is one of those graduating seniors.

River City Food Bank Project



Bernie and Chris missed the May 13 shift, but the club still produced eight volunteers to do the job. Thanks to members **Marsha, Mike, Gordon, Denny, and Jim M.** and our regular guest volunteers, Robyn Beyn and Brian & Michelle McLean. 3,255 ** families were served. The next shift is scheduled for for Wed. May 27. See **Mike** to sign up.



Kiwanis Club of Sacramento Suburban

Contributed By Chris Creelman

Creelman-Francisco Classic Memorial Golf Tournament



Thanks again to Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis for making the 65th Creelman-Francisco Classic another successful fundraiser for the Kiwanis Family House. **Thanks** to generous donations of time and donations from Suburban members, we raised \$8,328.13 this year. Big thanks to: The club for sponsoring a tee sign and acting as the bank; Tee sponsors: **Jim Mckelligon, Denny Luther, Lagomarsinos, Rich Kocher, Wunschel Family, Bev's Bank "Community West," Kent Casey** (cash), and former members **Estelle Holway** and **Kristi Gordon Mattes**. Big thanks for door prize donations from **Marsha, Bernie, Jim and Ruth J, Cody and Jill Creelman, Caren and Bruce**. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets. Big appreciation for their time to my love **Bernie, Fred, Jim J., and Nancy W.** Finally, like always, more thanks to **Treasurer Jim J.** for dealing with all my envelopes, depositing all the cash and checks, and making sure my accounting was correct. Sorry if I've left anybody off this list. Memory loss and fatigue are winning right now. It was a very fun day, in great weather with lots of familiar friend Kiwanians from across Nor-Cal. Without all the Club support, this traditional fundraiser wouldn't happen.

THANKS, **Chris**

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Kiwanis Club of Gold Country

Contributed By Jan Weaver

On March 26th, Gold Country Kiwanis presented the following non-profits with checks.



From left to right front row: Leslie Lovejoy from Gold Country Senior Center, Shannon Rashby from Girl Scout Troop 181, Eli Bacon from Sierra Harvest Support for School Lunches.

Back Row: Tom Morrisey from Team One, Jim Trountr from Penn Valley Rodeo Mutin-Bustin Roundup, Allen Schafer from Salvation Army Booth House and Robert Phillips from Phillips School of Kung Fu.

March 26th-friends from the Lincoln Kiwanis Club



Kiwanis Club of Gold Country

Contributed By Jan Weaver

On April 22nd, Greg Nichols presents to Dawn Zydonis, Nevada City Parks & Recreation Manager 7 "Chuck Coovert" Memorial Swim Lesson Scholarships.



David Jones and Karen Poskus at the Annual Scholarship Event. Gold Country Kiwanis gave away five \$1,500 scholarships to deserving high school students, including a vocational scholarship.



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Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

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Chili Cook-Off

We had a successful Chili Cook-Off event, a fundraiser for our Admin fund. Attendees sampled each of the fourteen chilies, "voting" for:

- *Spiciest (Jody)*
- *Most Unusual (Wayne)*
- *Best Overall (Vera).*

We then had a full chili meal with chilies of our choice, cole slaw, cornbread, and cookies. An Honor Bar of beer & wine raised some additional funds. Lots of movement and voices in a fun and yummy evening event for our 55 attendees. We played the "Card Game" with Jackie the winner.

Huge thanks to chili makers: Rebecca, Jackie, Jody, General, Jordan, Wayne, Donna, Lorraine, Brad, Cheri, Vera, Cordero, Jenny, Sharon, and to Judy McCauley for the cornbread, Kim Lang for the cole slaw and cookies.



Carmichael Park Food Truck Night

We set up our booth and enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Carmichael Park Food Truck event. It's always a pleasure to connect with our community and share the impact of our Kiwanis Club.



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Parkway Cleanup



New Member Induction

Sharon Everett introduced new/returning member – **Teri Hofstetter**. She was born in Humboldt County. Her husband of 42 years is John. Taylor and Tyler are her sons and she has four grandchildren. Dog named Jack after Jack Koobs. She became acquainted with Kiwanis after meeting Judee Shoemaker. Teri worked in Admin at SJUSD, retiring in July. Interests: NASCAR, 4-wheeling, book club, cooking. Passion to help children. **Linda Jones** is her sponsor.



Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

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Parkway Cleanup

Recent Kiwanis Activities - Tiny Tots

Kiwanis was in full force at the Annual Tiny Tots event at Mission North park. We sponsored the petting zoo — big hit! We also taught the little ones how to plant seeds and gave away some fun books. We also had an info table so the parents could learn more about what we do — especially Koobs Open Days!



Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

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Kiwanis Family House

Five hardy members also participated in the Spring Clean up at Kiwanis Family House. We did lots of pruning of jade plants, rose bushes, small trees and shrubs. KFH treated the workers from multiple clubs to a nice BBQ. The brick in the patio area was donated by the club over 10 years ago!



Chamber of Commerce Person of The Year

Chamber of Commerce presented their 2026 Person of the Year awards. Susan Skinner, a local photojournalist, was named Person of the Year. Donna Miller received the "Spirit" award for her volunteer work.



Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

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Social Committee

Our new Social Committee held their first meeting. We had great and productive discussions and look forward to our upcoming social events. Thank you **Nalini Shenoy** for being the Chairperson and thank you **Judy Schoer** for hosting our first meeting.



Stretchy Plastic

No joke-we dropped off 195 pounds of stretchy plastic on April 1st. Only 55 pounds to reach our next 250 pounds quarterly goal - keep collecting! You can drop off clean stretchy plastic at 6345 Grant Ave (container at gate),



Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

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Incentive Grant Participants



School Principals and Teachers Recipients of Youth Services Incentive Grants

The Youth Services Committee incentive grant winners for Carmichael Schools presented how their grants were used within their schools.

- 1. Principal Allison Sloss, Principal from Cameron Ranch, used the \$500 donation for Literacy Bingo. When a student completes a bingo card they receive a book. For example, the bingo space might say "read a book; read to a dog; do a book walk; or write a poem or draw a book cover".*
- 2. Kievan McCave from Churchill Middle School started a soccer club with the \$700 . He bought balls, team vests, goalie gloves and cones.*
- 3. Erin Cassidy could not attend but sent photos of her art class doing embroidery. This craft slows the students minds and rewards the effort of time on a project.*
- 4. Kathleen Records from Del Dayo used the \$400 to take the English Language Development club on a bus to the capital with snacks and then a pizza party.*
- 5. P. K. Amaral, Principal of Charles Peck Elementary, used the \$1200 for their PIP (Positive Incentive Program). They give awards for character traits such as "motivation". The money provided an upgrade to the speaker system, portable microphones, and music stands. These upgrades enhanced their play productions. Christina Miller invited us to attend their 4th grade production of "Gold Dust or Bust" play on May 14 at 6 pm.*

Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

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Koobs T-Shirts



Members with their newly designed Koobs T-shirt. The art was done by a Montessori student.



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Breakfast With The Bunny

Along with Carmichael Recreation and Park District, our Kiwanis Club hosted Breakfast with the Bunny at Carmichael Park. It was a lot of fun, and a good time was had by all.



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Presentations

Scout Master Steve Parker

Steve Parker accepted an \$800 check from Youth Services presented by Donna for the Campership fund to help Troop 55 scouts with the costs so they can attend scout camps. Steve talked about the camps and had pictures of Merriweather Camp in Oregon where they had rifle shooting, archery, trips to the ocean and the river and candle making.

Eagle Scout Levy Paton

Toby Paton introduced Eagle Scout Levy Paton who reported on his completed project. Our club had contributed to help pay for materials, and he showed pictures of the 3 redwood picnic tables with benches that could be moved around as needed at the Assisted therapy ranch. They looked really good.

Scout Wyatt Mattes

Scout Wyatt Mattes, who is also a Key Club President, presented his planned Eagle Scout project. His presentation had plenty of pictures of the site, the plans for the redwood benches and the book cart he has already purchased. These will be placed at Olive Glen Residential and Assisted Living Community. The 2 redwood benches are for outside and the book cart will bring the books out from the library and to the residents around the premises. Youth Services presented a check for \$400 to assist with buying his needed materials.



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American River Parkway Clean-Up

Past Lt. Governor Brian McClean presented Distinguished Club awards to Len Ohlendorf and Jan Lovejoy. Then he presented the Soar with Eagles Award to the club. We are the top club in the whole District for recruiting the most new members.

Michelle McClean discussed the District's drive for the Child Cancer Alliance. Collecting gift cards for food and gas for the families of the sick children. We can give cards/cash as a club and also as individuals. The drive deadline is April 30th.



Len Ohlendorf
Brian McClean
Charlotte Saylor



Michelle McClean



Brian McClean
Len Ohlendorf
Jan Lovejoy

Thanks to YCP1, Community Services and Youth Services Committees, the Club name is visible to all that are participating in Carmichael Little League. From visibility comes growth.

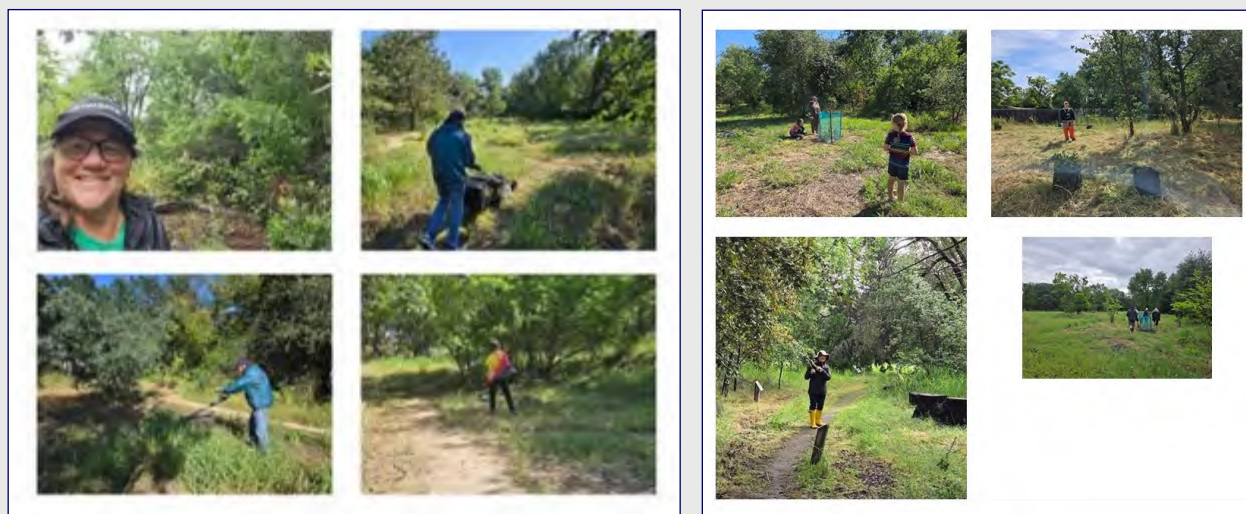


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Koobs Cleanup

We have done some great work at the Koobs Nature Area. In addition to our every Thursday clean-up, we had volunteers on Wednesday and Saturday this week. In addition to all the hard work, there was also lots of fun!



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Impact Grant Recipients

*Aerospace Museum
Arden Middle School
Will Rogers Middle School*

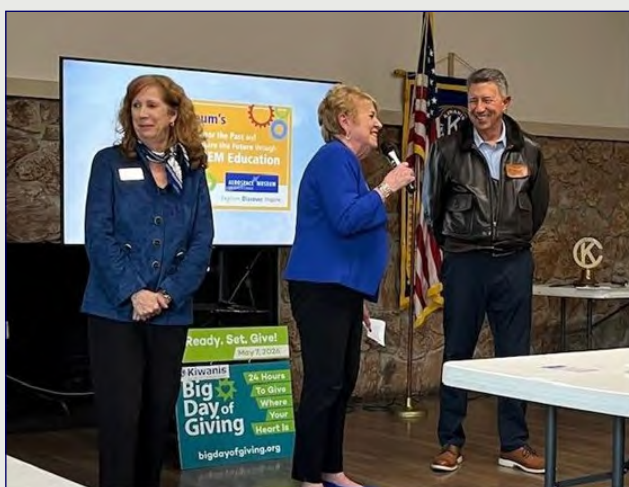
We had the pleasure of hosting our three 2025 Impact Grant Recipients as they described how they used their grant within their organizations.



Aerospace Museum

*Tom Jones, Executive Director
Karen Jones, Vice President of Advancement*

The Aerospace Museum of California was selected for a \$7500 grant for developing an interactive exhibit called the Mobile Drone Zone. This exhibit allows youth to fly a drone in a specially designed cage and learn about the dynamics of flight. The museum is also adding an inflatable, portable zone cage which can be used at the museum and also taken to schools, parks and community events to help expand the number of kids who get this hands-on experience with drones.



Karen Jones - Linda Martin - Tom Jones

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Impact Grant Recipients



Will Rogers Middle School

*Vanessa Adolphson, Principal
Aina Chernyavskaya, Counselor
Rachel Gardner, Counselor*

Will Rogers Middle School was selected for a \$5000 grant for the development of a College and Career Center on campus to help inform students and families at this critical stage of their education about the many options and resources in planning for future careers and educational opportunities. They hosted a career day with 24 participants to show the students a wide range of career opportunities. They have created a multi-year plan to expand this program.



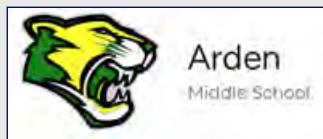
Rachel Gardner - Vanessa Adolphso Aina Chernyavskaya



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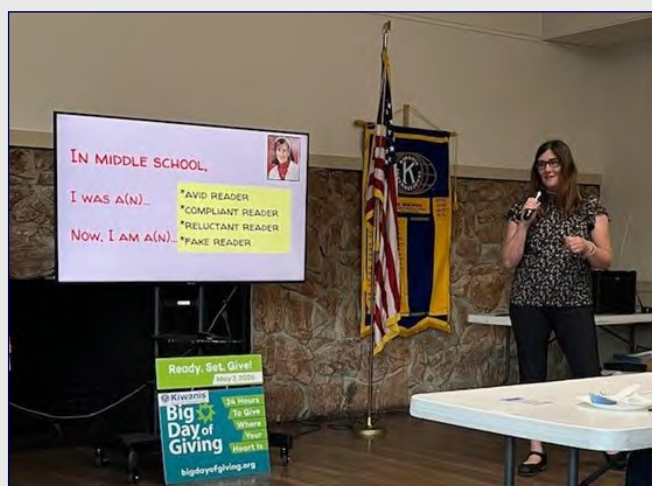
Impact Grant Recipients



Arden Middle School

Maryn Moore, English Teacher

Arden Middle School was selected for a \$2500 grant to allow them to continue offering a very innovative program called the School-Wide Novel which encourages students, teachers, and families to share in the reading of a selected novel. This project not only encourages reading but infuses excitement in school and with families in sharing a reading experience together. All the English teachers collaborated for the curriculum.



The Kiwanis Club of Carmichael Foundation is pleased to offer a Community Impact Grant program totaling \$20,000 for 2026. Grant awards may be considered in amounts of \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$7,500, not to exceed \$20,000 in total grants. Community fundraising events—such as the Club's annual Crab Feed, Taste of Carmichael, Big Day of Giving, and our pancake breakfasts at Easter and 4th of July—make this program possible.

These special grants are available to nonprofits, schools, and charitable organizations serving the needs of the greater Carmichael area within Sacramento County.

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American River Block Party

We had a festive time at the American River Block Party hosted by River City Brewing. It was a great celebration of community, connection and fun. We all enjoyed a BBQ, a live band and great company.



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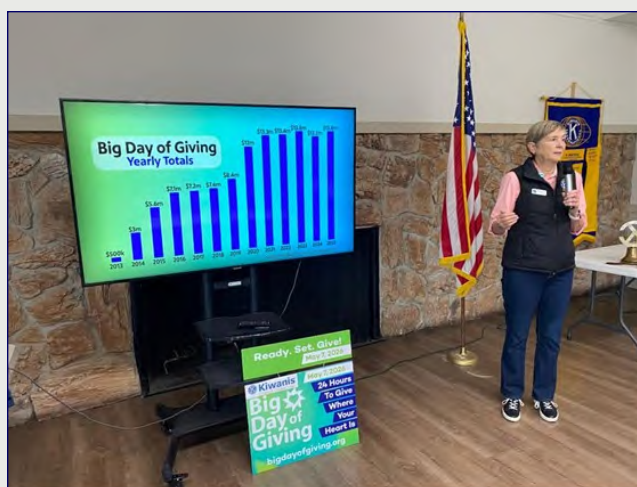
Donna presented Mikey Parissenti from Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District with \$500 from Youth Services Committee. This will be used for their preschool and upcoming spring carnival. Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District also participates in the Taste of Carmichael.



Donna Miller, Mikey Parissenti and Pete Stirling

Judy Schoer and Charlotte Saylor presented information on Big Day of Giving (Thursday, May 7, 2026)

- 910 nonprofit organizations signed up to participate.
- Carmichael Kiwanis was 1 of 5 Kiwanis organizations in our region (the others: Auburn, Folsom Lake, Woodland, Kiwanis Family House).
- Many folks donate \$10 - \$25.
- Our goal is to raise \$18,000.



Charlotte Saylor

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Koobs Nature Area Dinosaur Day

We had a wonderful time hosting **Dinosaur Day** at the Koobs Nature Area. Kids just love everything about dinosaurs, and it was our biggest public open day with over 455 guests. A big thank you to all our Kiwanis volunteers, especially **Jenny Hawley** who creates such a wide variety of fun activities for the children. Also a big shout-out to **Linda Rose-Jones and Cyd Evans** (and many others) who work tirelessly to maintain this nature area.



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Join Us!

KIWANIS CAL-NEV-HA DISTRICT

Governor's Visit

Divisions 7 & 44




Governor Steven Geraci
& First Lady Eileen Geraci

 **Sunday, June 7, 2026**

 **Shriners Children's Hospital**
 2425 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA

 **11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
 President's Meeting: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

\$35
per person

Hosted By:

Division 7 Lt. Governor
Rita Germain

Division 44 Lt. Governor
Sophie Cabrera

- ★ Enjoy fellowship across divisions
- ★ Hear the Governor's message
- ★ Award presentations

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Concerts In The Park

Members of our club were out at this year's first Concerts in the Park. We are one of the sponsors of this event and were pleased with the great turnout and the great weather.



I  love MY CLUB

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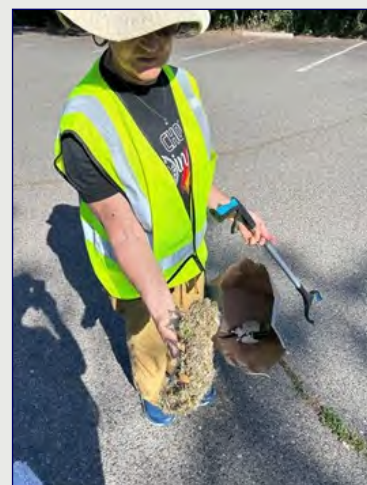
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Youth Services donated \$500 to Ally Lemmer of the Sacramento 4H Club. They will use this money for camp to help bring children from grades 4th to 6th to enjoy the outdoors.



Pete Stirling, Ally Lemmer and Donna Miller

American River Cleanup



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Bocce Ball Tournament

Members of our club enjoyed an afternoon at Carmichael Park participating in the Bocce Ball tournament.



Jan and Jackie

The winners and still champions of Bocce Ball



Rosie celebrating and extra good roll!



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Happy Birthday Nan

Nancy "Nan" Fellers turned 93 on Tuesday! She loves visitors and is now in a beautiful home on Garfield Ave. Linda Jones has the caregiver contact information.



Nan and Bill Fellers on Memorial Day 2020





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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 13, 2025 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

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

December / No DCM

Monday, January 12, 2026 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, February 9, 2026 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, March 9, 2026 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, April 13, 2026 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, May 11, 2026 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, June 8, 2026 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

July / No DCM

Monday, August 10, 2026 / 6:00 PM / By Zoom

Monday, September 14, 2026 / 6:00 PM / Lt. Governor's Installation





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What is Kiwanis

Kiwanis clubs, located in 83 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 516,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families and projects.*

A Family of Servant Leaders: *Kiwanis clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child and one community at a time. To do this, many clubs also sponsor a Kiwanis family club—K-Kids for primary school children; Builders Clubs for adolescents; Key Clubs for teens; Circle K International Clubs for university students and Aktion Clubs for adults living with disabilities—to reach more people and have a greater service impact on their communities.*

Traditional and Not: *No two Kiwanis clubs look exactly the same. Each member's and community's needs are different, and each club should look different. Some clubs are very traditional, with weekly meetings and a strong sense of history. Other clubs don't meet at all, and instead hold meetings online and only come together for service projects. Newer clubs may follow the 3-2-1 concept: 3 hours of service, 2 hours of social activity and a 1-hour meeting each month. Clubs should reflect their communities and their members and should work to meet their needs. Flexibility is key to a successful club.*

Fellowship and Fun: *Kiwanis members don't just do service—they have fun. Members make new friends by being part of a club where they attend meetings and participate in social events. Kiwanis clubs also provide excellent networking opportunities for professionals. Members meet new people from all over their region and the world through service projects, fundraising and by attending district and Kiwanis International conventions.*

What Do Kiwanians Do?

- *Kiwanians Volunteer. Kiwanians Build. Kiwanians Help. Kiwanians Mentor.*
- *Kiwanians Give Scholarships. Kiwanians Prevent Maternal / Neonatal Tetanus.*
- *Kiwanians Sponsor - Circle K, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, K-Kids & Aktion Clubs.*
- *Kiwanians Teach Leadership. Kiwanians Sponsor Bringing Up Grades and Terrific Kids Programs.*
- *Kiwanians Support National Programs.*
- *Kiwanians Support countless worthwhile local programs such as Homeless Shelters, Teen Programs, and Programs for Children with Disabilities / Disorders / Disease.*



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Kiwaniis Just the Facts

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By The Numbers...

Motto: *Serving the Children of the World*

Membership: 445,167 Adult and Youth Members

178,030 Adult Members

267,137 Youth Members

Clubs: 14,147 Adult and Youth Clubs

7,158 Adult Clubs

6,989 Youth Clubs

Professional Staff: 102

Service: Sponsor 1.1 Million Projects

\$390 Million Dollars Raised by Kiwanis Clubs

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

Locations: 85 Nations and Geographic Areas

Established: 1915

Web Site: www.kiwanis.org



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Kiwaniis Mission & Values

The Kiwanis Mission

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

The Kiwanis Vision

Kiwaniis 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

Kiwaniis Cal-Nev-Ha District Division 44

2nd Monday

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

Kiwaniis California Nevada Hawaii District

August 13 - 15, 2026

*Kiwaniis CNH District Education Convention
Sparks, NV*

Kiwaniis International

June 23 - 28, 2026

*Kiwaniis International Convention
Manila, Philippines*

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