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Happy New Year To All

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Notes from President Jesse Padilla

The Objects of Kiwanis International

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

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

To develop by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

To provide through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

Happy and Prosperous New Year from Kiwanis Club of Downey! As I proudly watched the Rose Parade float entries from Kiwanis International and the City of Downey cruise down Colorado Boulevard, I thought about two words to reflect on 2024 and 2025: *Gratitude* and *Hope*, respectively. Gratitude can be described as feelings of being grateful or thankful while hope is that positive outlook we have for what's to come.

I believe I speak on behalf of the entire Downey Kiwanis Club about how grateful we are for our members of the past 100 years. In November we celebrated the club's Centennial Celebration of service to our community and children of the world. The foundation these members built inspire us to look forward with hope to another 100 years of continued service and making a positive impact to children, students and community we love.

We are further grateful to participate in community service projects, awarding over \$130,000 in scholarships and mentoring students in their local Builders, Key Club and KIWIN'S Clubs. With our continued and anticipated growth this year, we look forward with hope to expand our outreach in these activities.



We are thankful for the continued and new partnerships we made in 2024 with local non-profit and charitable organizations. Downey Kiwanis often showcases an organization at our Thursday meetings. We hope to grow more relationships and to work with more new and exciting organizations that strive to make a difference in our community.

We are grateful for the pioneers of our club who established the Downey Kiwanis Foundation -- the assets of which help us to further help and impact our local Downey Community. The financial strength and leadership of the Foundation reinforces our hope of continued joint projects and service of significance to affect generations to come.

We are grateful for our tenured members as well as those who joined us in

2024. The impact our selfless members make is immeasurable. While my goal is to help Downey Kiwanis reach 100 members in 2025, the attainment of this goal is my hope for the exponential impact members of Downey Kiwanis can continue to produce through their service. Furthermore, I believe that our newest members give us all hope for the future of Downey Kiwanis and the leadership it will need to continue its success for the next one hundred years.

Lastly, I would like to express how grateful I am to all the members of the club and especially my Board of Directors and Officers who have elected me and supported me as your Club President. This truly is a team effort and I know I could not do this without you. For 2025, I pray to continue to serve Downey Kiwanis with all my ability and hope, so that I may pass on a stronger club to the next club President and to our Downey Community.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." –

John F. Kennedy

HAIL KIWANIS!!!

Downey Kiwanis Inducts Three New Members in December



Downey Kiwanis welcome three new members in December. On the left, Juanita Reyes and Olga Rojas were inducted during the December 7 evening meeting. Antonio Coronel was inducted at the December 14 Noon meeting. We look forward to working with these new members to continue our mission of serving the children of the world. Congratulations to Juanita, Olga, and Antonio!!



Downey Kiwanis Family Bowling



Downey Kiwanis First Family



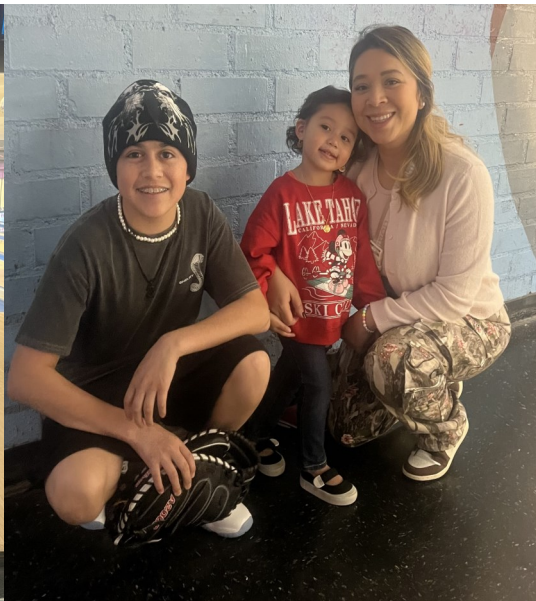
Roy, Jason and Leslie



Emma Aragon



Antonio Coronel



Erica Vasquez and her children



Phil Requejo and his family

A great time was had by those who attended the Downey Kiwanis Family Bowling Event!

Downey Kiwanis Participated in the TLC Adopt- A-Family Christmas Program



Downey Kiwanis President Jesse Padilla, along with his wife Diana, son Giovanni, and Douglas Hall, delivered gifts for five TLC families adopted by the Downey Kiwanis Club. Club members, Susana Aguilera, Stephanie Reynoso, Juanita Reyes, Guadalupe Sarofeem, Sam and Sarah Sarofeem, and Emma Aragon, did the shopping for the families. Thank you to these dedicated Kiwanis for helping bring the joy of Christmas to five families in the Downey School District.



Downey Kiwanis Serves Its Community



Five Downey Kiwanians participated in the December 18th Rancho Los Amigos/Downey Kiwanis Food Project. Pictured above: Ed Schneeberger, Douglas Hall, Ash Patel, Jason Cierpiszewski, and Rose Schneeberger. A big thank you to all these dedicated individuals.



December Round Table



The Downey Kiwanis Round Table on December 19 at The Olive Restobar was another great gathering. There were five prospective members in attendance. We encourage all our members to join us and to bring a prospective member as we strive to fulfill the club's centennial membership goal of 100 for 100. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Olive Restobar for a delicious lunch and the opportunity to visit and network.

The January round table will take place on January 16 at Noon.



The Downey Kiwanis club was serenaded by the Downey High School Epic Jazz Choir and Jazz Combo during the December 5 evening meeting. Many thanks to Director Cory Olariu and his talented students for the outstanding performance.

Downey Kiwanis Christmas Party



The Downey Kiwanis Christmas Party was a terrific event!! Many thanks to JC Andrade for opening his home for the celebration, to Tony and Evelyn Aguilar for coordinating the festivities and the food, and to Ashton Baranda for providing the entertainment.

Downey Kiwanis Christmas Party



Christmas Sweater Contest Winners



Roman Saenz walked away with the first prize again this year. Efferem Sanchez and Diana Padilla scored 2nd and 3rd places. Congratulations to the winners!!



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Divisional Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2025
6:00pm

Program: TBA

Location:
Tony P's
4445 Admiralty Way
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
Cost: \$30

RSVP To:
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(By December 31st)

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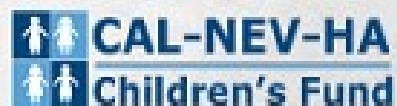
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January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <u>5:00 pm Rio Hondo Board Meeting</u> <u>6:00 pm Evening Meeting</u> <u>Youth Protection</u>	3	4
5	6 <u>Joe Curd Birthdagy</u>	7	8 <u>6:00 pm Tony P's Marina Del Rey DCM</u>	9 <u>12:00 pm Rio Hondo Lt. Governor Program</u>	10 <u>Emma Aragon Birthday</u>	11 <u>Vicky Santos Birthday</u>
12	13	14	15	16 <u>12:00 pm The Olive Restobar Roundtable</u>	17	18
19	20	21 <u>Art Montoya Birthday</u>	22	23 <u>12:00 pm Rio Hondo Downey Rose Float</u>	24 <u>Brian Tello Birthday</u>	25
26	27	28 <u>Tony Aguilar Birthday</u>	29	30 <u>12:00 pm Rio Hondo Canine Companions</u>	31	



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January Birthdays

Joe Curd	Jan 6
Emma Aragon	Jan 10
Vicky Santos	Jan 11
Art Montoya	Jan 21
Brian Tello	Jan 24
Tony Aguilar	Jan 28



Kiwaniis Anniversaries

Efferem Sanchez	11 yrs
Stephen Chu	13 yrs
Cheryl Chu	13 yrs
Efferem Sanchez	11 yrs
Rich Velasquez	10 yrs
Jennifer DeKay	10 yrs
Diana Padilla	6 yrs
Tony Aguilar	3 yrs
Jennifer Stanley	3 yrs
Henry Qiu	1 yr
Brian Tello	1 yr

Happy Anniversary!!

Kiwaniis Club of Downey 2024 - 2025 Leadership Team



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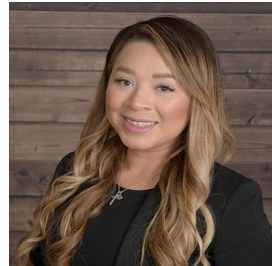
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Assit. Treasurer Gary Nesbit



Secretary Rose Schneeberger

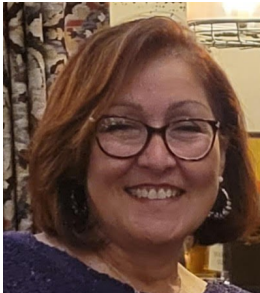


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