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*Love is the beauty of the Soul*



## Notes from Board Member Art Montoya

### 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.

Last month, tragedy struck the Los Angeles County community as LACADA (Los Angeles Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse) lost two of their facilities to the devastating Altadena fire. Most of the people residing at these locations lost everything they owned in the blaze. Our hearts go out to all those affected, and as a Kiwanis club, we felt a strong call to action. At an emergency board meeting, we discussed immediate ways to offer support. The board has approved a generous donation to LACADA to aid in their recovery efforts and provide assistance to those in need during this difficult time. Additionally, we've committed a donation to the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund to help with their ongoing disaster recovery initiatives.

In brighter news, we are looking forward to the Kiwanis Service Leadership Program (SLP) Parent Night on February 6th. This event promises to be an enlightening evening for parents, as well as all those who are curious about Kiwanis and the Service Leadership Programs. During the event, there will be presentations that will inform attendees



on important topics such as the Kiwanis convention policies and the opportunities available for young people involved in SLPs. It's a fantastic chance for families to connect and learn more about how we are shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

Mark your calendars on March 14th for our club's biggest fundraising event of the year – the "Downey Kiwanis Pot O' Gold Casino Night." This event is always a highlight of our social and fundraising calendar, and this year promises to be even more spectacular than before. Funds raised will go towards supporting our numerous service projects and community programs, including youth leadership, scholarships, and local charitable efforts.

We encourage all our members to purchase tickets and invite friends and family, as this event brings together the whole community in support of Kiwanis' mission.

As always, we are deeply grateful for the support of our members and volunteers, whose commitment and generosity continue to drive the success of our club's initiatives. Together, we're making a lasting impact on our community and the lives of those in need. We encourage everyone to participate in upcoming events, whether it's lending a hand at Casino Night, attending the SLP Parent Night, or contributing to the relief efforts for those affected by the Altadena fire.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Kiwanis mission. We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events and working together to make a difference. Hail Kiwanis.

**HAIL KIWANIS!!!**





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# POT O' GOLD CASINO NIGHT

**MARCH 14, 2025**  
**6PM TO 10PM**

AZAR EVENT CENTER  
12215 SLAUSON AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670

**Purpose:** To raise funds to support the Kiwanis Service Leadership Program, which includes leadership training skills for Kiwanis Youth Clubs in Downey and Lakewood; in addition to community service projects, such as support for the victims of the Los Angeles County fires. Follow us on



Dear Downey Kiwanis Club Members and Friends:

The "Downey Kiwanis Pot O' Gold" Casino Night will take place on March 14, 2025. **We need your help!!** We are requesting either a Sponsorship or a Donated Item(s) for our Silent and Live Auction to ensure we have a successful event. That evening, we will provide food and chips to play at casino tables. A cash bar will be available. A DJ will be playing throughout the night, and an MC will be hosting the event. Please consider selecting a sponsorship, donating an item for the auctions, purchasing a business ad for the program book, or sponsoring a table for the evening.

**Sponsorship Levels:**



- Solid Gold \$500 or more
- Rainbow \$400-\$499
- Charmed \$300-\$399
- Shamrock \$200-\$299
- Leprechaun \$100- \$199

**Silent/Live Auction Items needed:**



- Vacation/Timeshare week or travel accommodations for a weekend stay or Golf Package at a resort
- Gift baskets, i.e., wine, sports, event tickets, games/kid activity, for pets, theme park tickets, etc.
- Dinner packages for 2, 4, 6 or 10
- Electric Bike, Scooter, or exercise equipment

**Business Ads:**

Full page \$100

Half page \$50

Business Card \$35

Recognition in the event program and on display screens at the event venue will be given to those who purchase sponsorships, donate auction items, or purchase an ad in the program book. Please let us know **by February 15 or sooner**, if you are willing to be a supporter. This will give us time to include you in the program book. Please contact Rose Schneeberger at [rschneeberger5@gmail.com](mailto:rschneeberger5@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration!

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## Downey Kiwanis Inducts Two New Members in January



Downey Kiwanis Club President Jesse Padilla inducted two new club members during the January 2nd evening meeting. On the left, Daisy Vargas, Director of Family Health Care Centers of Greater Los Angeles. On the right, Jessica Marquez of Legal Aid Southern California. We look forward to working with these new members to continue our mission of serving the children of the world. Congratulations to Daisy and Jessica!!

## Division 13 Lt. Governor Visits Downey Kiwanis



Division 13 Lt. Governor and Downey Kiwanis member, Stephen Chu presented the program to Downey Kiwanis at the January 9th lunch meeting. Stephen updated the club on his goals and expectations during his 2025-2026 tenure as Lt. Governor.



Downey Kiwanian Ashton Baranda presented the program at the club's January 23 lunch meeting. Ashton discussed the techniques he uses to teach music to babies and toddlers. Ashton is the owner of the Apollo Music Academy.



Canine Companion representatives and their puppies presented the program at our club's noon meeting on January 30th.



## Downey Kiwanis Serves Its Community



Ten Downey Kiwanians participated in the January 22nd Rancho Los Amigos/ Downey Kiwanis Food Project. Pictured above from left to right: Brenda Morales (Rancho Los Amigos Foundation staff member) Daisy Vargas, Leslie Jones, Mario Trujillo, Guadalupe Sarofeem, Sam Sarofeem, Jr., Sarah Sarofeem, Rose Schneeberger, Ed Schneeberger, Olga Rojas, Zack Deere (Rancho Los Amigos Foundation staff member), Diana Padilla, and Andrea Salazar (Rancho Los Amigos Foundation CEO).  
A big thank you to all these dedicated individuals.

## Downey Kiwanis Helps Los Angeles Fire Victims



Downey Kiwanian President Jesse Padilla, his wife Diana, Ed Schneeberger, Rose Schneeberger, and Leslie Jones presented a \$2,000 check from their Kiwanis Club to assist club member, Los Angeles Centers for Drug Abuse (LACADA) as they recover from the loss of two buildings during the Altadena Fire. Members of LACADA staff: on the left Community Engagement Manager Priscilla Rodriguez; on the right, Director of Program Development Arlene Vasquez and Director of Development Nolan Ross.

## January Round Table



The Downey Kiwanis Round Table on January 16 at The Olive Restobar was another great gathering. 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 February round table will take place on February 20 at Noon.

## SLP HIGHLIGHTS



Kiwanis International President Lee Kuan Yong attended the Key Club and KIWIN'S Winter Board leadership event in Santa Maria, CA on January 3-5. President Yong took time from his busy schedule to learn more about the Cal-Nev-Ha Service Leadership Programs.

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 <i><u>5:00 pm Rio Hon Hondo Board Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Meeting SLP Parent Night</u></i>	7	8
9 <i><u>Wayne Shannon Birthday</u></i>	10	11	12 <i><u>6:00 pm Huntington Park Divisin 13 DCM</u></i>	13 <i><u>12:00 pm Rio Hondo Valetine's Program Steve Roberson</u></i>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 <i><u>12:00 pm The Olive Restobar Round Table</u></i>	21	22
23	24	25	26 <i><u>8:00 am Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Food Project</u></i>	27 <i><u>12:00 The ARC Downey High Robotics Club</u></i>	28	



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**February Birthdays**

**Wayne Shannon      Feb 9**



**Kiwaniis Anniversaries**

<b>Roy Jimenez</b>	<b>26 yrs</b>
<b>Tom Houts</b>	<b>19 yrs</b>
<b>Susan Robison</b>	<b>13 yrs</b>
<b>Salon Relini</b>	<b>1 yr</b>
<b>(Rene Curiel &amp; Tamara Vartanian)</b>	



## ***Kiwaniis Club of Downey 2024 - 2025 Leadership Team***



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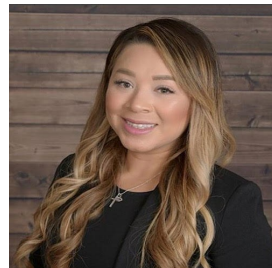
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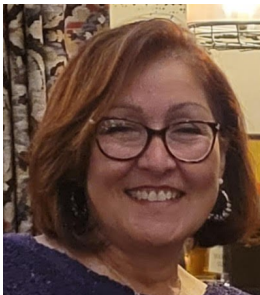


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