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On October 3, 2025, the Downey Kiwanis Club gathered at Rio Hondo Golf Club for its Installation Dinner, celebrating new officers and directors for 2025-2026. Outgoing President Jesse Padilla opened with patriotic reflections, honored retiring members, and presented the 2024-2025 Kiwanian of the Year award. Incoming President Philip Requejo thanked Padilla with a plaque and gift before being installed by CNH Division 13 Lt. Governor Douglas Hall as the club's 100th president. The new board and officers were welcomed, including Adam Dygard (President-Elect), Art Montoya (Vice President), Rose Schneeberger (Secretary), Erica Vasquez (Assistant Secretary), Leslie Jones (Treasurer), Gary Nesbit (Assistant Treasurer), and Immediate Past President Padilla. In his address, Requejo called the club "more than an organization—it is a family," outlining goals to expand service, strengthen partnerships, modernize communication, and support youth leadership. The evening closed with celebration and resolve for a year of service, friendship, and impact.

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Phillip Requejo

President's Address

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

I am deeply honored and truly humbled to serve as President of the Downey Kiwanis Club. As a relatively new Kiwanian, I never imagined that such confidence and trust would be placed in me to lead this remarkable organization. For nearly a century, this club has stood as a beacon of service, fellowship, and heart — a club admired by others and cherished by all of us. It is a privilege to carry that legacy forward.

From my very first meetings, I was welcomed into not just a club, but a family of service. I remain grateful to those who first brought me into this circle of fellowship, and their example continues to inspire me today. I also want to thank our recent leaders whose dedication and vision have kept our club strong and vibrant year after year. As your President, my vision is shaped by you, our members. We are a club where people feel at home, where friendships run deep, and where tradition and patriotism are proudly

uphold. But you've also said you are ready for more: more service, more visibility, and more engagement. That spirit of readiness is powerful — and it embodies what it means to be a Kiwanian.

Together, we will keep growing our membership — not just in numbers, but in the depth of our impact. We will serve more boldly with projects that directly touch our community, from Rancho Food Drives to new Saturday and one-day service opportunities. We will strengthen our connection to schools and youth programs by continuing to support our SLPs and encouraging every member, especially our newest, to mentor the next generation of leaders. We will modernize with purpose, embracing tools and technologies that help us operate more efficiently while continuing to enhance what we do best, including our beloved Casino Night and our signature Scholarship Banquet. And finally, we will join Kiwanis International's Possibility Project — an ambitious effort to reach 10 million children worldwide. Downey Kiwanis has always led locally; now it is our time to lead globally as well.

As we begin this new year, I ask for the guidance of our senior members, the partnership of our committees and board, and the support of every one of you. Please — join up, sign up, and show up as proud Kiwanians for all the children of the world. Together, we can make this one of the most connected, visible, and joyful years in our club's history.

In service and fellowship,

Phil Requejo

President, Downey Kiwanis Club

Object 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.

A Future Kiwanian



Welcome Sergio Abraham Vasquez!

Congratulations to the proud parents Downey Kiwanian Sergio Vasquez and wife Virginia.



2025 - 2026 Club Officers

Phil Requejo
President



Adam Dygard
President - Elect



Art Montoya
Vice President



Rose Schneeberger
Secretary



Erica Vasquez
Assistant Secretary



Leslie Jones
Treasurer



Gary Nesbit
Assistant Treasurer



Jesse Padilla
Immediate Past President



Board Members

Stephen Chu



Jason Cierpiszewski



Stephanie Reynoso



Amy Scott



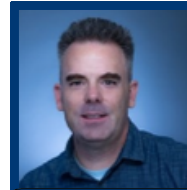
Brian Tello



Congratulations to the 2025-2026 Officers and Directors



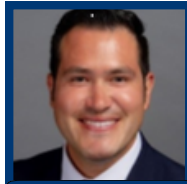
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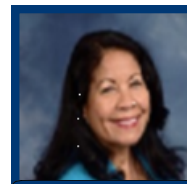
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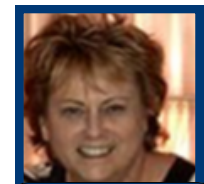
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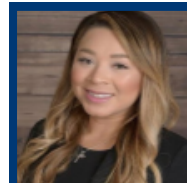
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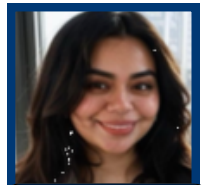
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Kiwanis Dodgers Night Recap!



Kiwanis Dodgers night a complete success! We had 200 Kiwanis family members (Kiwanis, Key Club, Builders Club and K-Kids) raise \$2366 for the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District Children's Fund!

Lt. Governor Installation Dinner



Outgoing Lt. Governor Stephen Chu and his family.



Past Division 13 Lt. Governor Stephen Chu received a commendation from Downey Mayor Hector Sosa.



Past Division 13 Lt. Governors help install the 2025-2026 Lt. Gov. Douglas Hall

September Round Table at The Olive Restobar



Please join us every third Thursday!



Race to 100 Membership Invitation

ORDINARY PEOPLE
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Race to 100

Membership Invitation

You are invited to join us to learn
how you can get involved in your
community and
have fun doing it!

First Thursday of Each Month
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Rio Hondo Golf Club

Second and Fourth Thursdays
12:00 to 1:15 PM
Rio Hondo Golf Club

Third Thursday
12:00 to 1:30 PM
The Olive Restobar

If you are planning to attend,
please let us know by:

Text to (626) 915-5610
or
Email to rschneeberger5@gmail.com

Our Thursday noon meeting is a Membership/Networking Lunch at The Olive Restobar. Please feel free to invite any potential new Kiwanis members to our roundtable!

Celebrating Kiwanis Birthdays

Deanne Sharp, Grace Kramer, and Douglas Hall were surprised with a birthday cake during the Downey Kiwanis round table at the Olive Restobar on September 17.



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Bob Henderson Golf Classic



On September 26th, the Downey Kiwanis gathered at Rio Hondo Golf Club for the annual Bob Henderson Golf Classic—a cherished tradition honoring longtime Kiwanian and avid golfer Bob Henderson. Since its start in 2003, this spirited competition has brought members together in fellowship and friendly rivalry, carrying forward Bob’s legacy. This year’s tournament was no exception, coming down to a thrilling final putt-off that had everyone on edge. In the end, Gary Nesbit emerged as champion, adding another proud chapter to the history of this beloved Kiwanis classic.



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Community in Action: Division 13 Kiwanis Volunteers Package Meals for Global Relief



Division 13 of Kiwanis International partnered with Rise Against Hunger to package over 10,000 meals at The ARC of Los Angeles and Orange County in Downey. Nearly 60 volunteers, including 10 members from Downey Kiwanis, came together in an inspiring day of teamwork and service. Supported by over \$4,000 in fundraising, the meals will be distributed globally to communities facing food insecurity. The event showcased the power of community collaboration to create hope and impact worldwide.

Upcoming Events

2025

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Club Installation Banquet @ Rio Hondo	3 Jason Cierpiszewski Birthday	4
5 John Casillas Birthday	6	7	8	9 True Lasting Connections, Luz Perez @ Rio Hondo Stephanie Vasquez Birthday	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Roundtable @ The Olive Restobar	17	18
19	20	21	22 Stephanie Reynoso Birthday	23 Gangs Out Of Downey @ Rio Hondo	24	25 Rancho Pediatric Carnival @Rancho Guadalupe Sarofeem Birthday
26	27	28 Rancho Los Amigos Food Project @Rancho	29	30 Adam Dygard Birthday	31	

Anniversaries

Joe Curd - 19 yrs

Wayne Shannon - 7 yrs.



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