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THOUSAND OAKS

The Official Newsletter and Minutes of the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks, California

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Baba-Laba What ??

Enough of this May Gray and June Gloom, maybe the spirits can help us. So, Sherril Hyink decided to call on the spirits thru her favorite opening song, Baba-Laba Goomah-La. Good luck with that.

Steve T. Smith handled the Pledge of Allegiance, and Kathy Smiley shared an inspirational poem, "Thoughts of Home," written by her grandmother just before she died.

We had one guest, German Rendon, brought to the meeting by Cristy Warner. German is on the PTA at Weathersfield School.

Mike Mathews had a birthday Sunday and he was appropriately celebrated, with cake, at the Love Run where he was working hard. Teta Van Ommeren merited a Club serenade since today was her actual birthday. Arnie Rudman's birthday is Friday.

John Prescott was called to the podium (do you remember when Steve Holt was President and called it the "Principal's Office"?) but did not get detention or extra study hall, just a very nice certificate in recognition of his 31 years with the Club.



Dave Freeman mixed all the pancake batter for the Love Run runners, estimated at 2,000. There was a great crew assembled by Kathy Smiley to help out. More pictures later in the bulletin.



Sherrill Hyink led the club in singing the once dreaded “Baba-Laba Goomah-La.” But today there wasn’t much groaning. It looks like the song is growing on us. Steve T. Smith led the pledge and Kathy Smiley gave the inspiration.

Presidential Announcements

President Robin thanked our week-end volunteers and gave us a rundown of upcoming events – June 6 Friday Night Evening Edition at Cristy Warner’s home; DCM on June 12 at ARC Ventura; and the visit to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Reagan Library June 20. She also announced that Past President Craig Burns has resigned from the Club – he’s relocated to Las Vegas – and that the Manna Book Drive continues. Bring in some kids’ books and give them to Teta.

Upcoming Speakers

06-18 Sigrid Bremer, Kiwanis Aktion Club

Committee Reports and Announcements

Meals on Wheels - The Kween announced that Jerry Westby has Meals on Wheels duty for Monday.

Community Service – A lot going on this month. Tom Skinner is recruiting volunteers to cook for Ride-On’s Trail-Fest Fundraiser June 14th at Rancho Potrero Equestrian Center. Arnie Rudman encouraged members to help Westminster Free Clinic distribute food Wednesdays at 1:00 at United Methodist Church on Janss Road. Gloria Dyok is recruiting members to help BBQ for the Cancer Support Community’s Caravan for Cancer on June 22 from 10 to 1. Cristy

Warner called attention to the Relay for Life flyer on our tables. The event is September 27th at CLU. Thousand Oaks Rotary Club has thrown down the fund-raising challenge gauntlet, so game on.

Social Committee – Sharon McMahon promoted the “Burgers and Bingos” social and administrative fund-raiser that is set for June 22 at Mikey’s Restaurant on Ventu Park Road.

Youth Services – Chuck Huffer reminded us of the Touch-A-Truck service project on June 14th at Thousand Oaks Community Park.

Scrip - Lynn Burdick plugged Scrip for Father’s Day.

Spiritual Aims – Dave Biedebach said he’s got the “prayer roster” for the next few weeks lined up.

Fund-Raising – Paul Lopez reported that sponsor recruitment for Corks and Kegs is going well.

Loteria

Steve Coyne didn’t pick the Star card but earned a respectable \$10 anyway. Reina Paredes (twice) and Lori Olbrich were the consolation winners.

Fine Period Follies

A gleeful Larry Levine opened the Fine Period by nailing Jim Stephenson (of all people) and Steve T. Smith (more like it) for not signing in. Dave Biedebach is making “mycket bra” (that’s “very



Steve Coyne picked a card worth \$10 during the lottery.

good” in Swedish) progress after 2½ years of learning Swedish for an upcoming trip.

Tim Hengst paid \$2 for his recent retirement and shared that the West (Wine) Tasting Room at 1867 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. will donate 10% of proceeds on June 10 to the Kingsman Shakespeare Festival.

Cristy Warner parted with some coin to honor her guest and to applaud Patrick Connolly and his team for a fantastic job with the scholarship awards.

Chuck Huffer did triple duty with his contribution – thanks to Love Run cooking volunteers, a “really” buck for his grandson’s Pre-School graduation picture (class of 2038), and a “this day in history” buck – the passage of the 19th amendment in 1919, securing women’s right to vote.

Mike Mathews dropped in \$71 for his birthday and the cake presented at the Love Run. He also shocked the members with a “Gloria was right” dollar. She opined that having a single tub of







John Prescott was recognized for his 31 years of service to the club by President Robin Britt.

butter for the pancakes at the Love Run would cause a big line, which it did.

Arnie Rudman gave up \$8 – he's working on his eighth decade. He also relayed a "hi" to the Club from Past President San Lee. And, his granddaughter has been accepted at the University of Pennsylvania medical school and is marrying her kindergarten sweetheart.

Kathy Smiley had happy and sad dollars – happy that more volunteers showed up than signed up at the Love Run; sad that Chet had kidney stones zapped yesterday and is in a foul mood.

Doug Ryan paid \$5 – wife Jackie's watch stopped running in the vicinity of Kirk's Jewelers and Steve Weiss got it running again. Reina Paredes was happy to see our program speaker, Grahame Watts - they are friends from the kid soccer world.

Tom Skinner shared sad news that his



German Rendon was a guest of Cristy Warner.

wife Kim's mom passed away at the age of 91 yesterday. Steve T. Smith asked for someone to walk him back from the ledge – he has a friend that's advising him to purchase some Bitcoins. Not sure what they look like, but if they're like the penny, they won't be around long.

Sherrill Hyink's drain problem has been solved by a plumber and she's grateful the cost was only one arm and one leg, and not two of each.

Gloria Dyok was in high dudgeon after hearing about Kathy Smiley's success in drawing unsigned volunteers to the Love Run. Two of her volunteers were no-shows for the Aut2Run cooking.

Public Works Update

Today's program speaker was Grahame Watts, the City of Thousand Oaks' Emergency and Transit Programs Administrator. He filled us in on three programs he manages in the Public Works



Our guest speaker was Graham Watts from the City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Department.

Department – Emergency Management, Public Transit, and Crossing Guards.

Employees in the Public Works Department are considered first responders during an emergency. They are responsible for the City's infrastructure and making sure the City's roads and utilities are secure and available to other emergency responders is critically important. Grahame has personally held an important role for many years in managing the City's disaster response efforts and its Emergency Operations Center when activated.

The City's transit system serves about 180,000 customers a year and includes five bus routes and a Dial-A-Ride service. The City also provides transit services for the Cities of Moorpark and Agoura Hills via contract. The State of California is requiring that public transit



Vice President Jerry Westby thanked speaker Graham Watts with a coveted Kiwanis travel mug.

agencies convert their fleets to zero emission vehicles by 2040, so the City is planning for the conversion of its fleet to electric vehicles.

The City has funded the school crossing guard program since incorporation in 1964. Crossing guards are on duty an average of three hours a day on school days and there are more than 30 crossing guards available for deployment.

Stick Draw

Stick draw winner, by a nose, was Karen Jackson – she was heading for the exit when her name was called.

President's Message

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." – Oscar Wilde

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Mike Mathews.*



House Committee member Larry Levine is all smiles as he announces who failed to sign in as they entered the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY JUNE 22ND

BINGO

BURGERS & BINGO
FUN-RAISER!

Gather your family, friends, and fellow BINGO enthusiasts for an evening of thrilling games, live music & ELVIS Bingo caller & entertainer! Fabulous prizes, and unforgettable memories.

SUNDAY
JUNE 22ND

4:00 PM –
7:00 PM

MIKEY'S –
NEWBURY
PARK

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!

KIWANIS CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KIWANIS CLUB OF THOUSAND OAKS

2nd Saturdays: 9:00 am to 11:00 am: Safe Passage food distribution. 1707 Calle Diamonte, Conejo Creek Condos. See Gloria Dyok. Next is June 14th.

June 6, Friday: Friday Night Meeting, 6:00pm, home of Cristy Warner.

June 12, Thursday: DCM at Cal Lutheran, 6:30pm. Santa Barbata hosts. 2201 Outlet Center Dr. #600.

June 14, Saturday: Ride-On cooking lunch. Tom Skinner is the lead.

June 14, Saturday: Touch A Truck

June 20, Friday: Dead Sea Scroll tour at the Reagan Library headed by Mary Sepe. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$22 for seniors and \$25 regular.

June 22, Sunday: Cooking for the Cancer Community, 10-1 near Westlake H.S.

June 22, Sunday: "Burgers and Bingo" at Mikey's Restaurant on Ventu Park Road next to Ralphs. 4:00 pm.

June 25, Wednesday: Int'l Convention begins in Pittsburg.

July 11, Friday: Friday Night Meeting, 6:00pm, home of Rick Herrera.

August 1, Friday: Friday Night Meeting, 6:00pm, home of Mike Mathews.

August 7, Thursday: District Convention in Las Vegas.

August 14, Thursday: DCM, we are hosting at ArtTrek.

August 16, Saturday: Triunfo Ball

September 5, Friday: Friday Night Meeting, 6:00pm, home of Teta Van Omeren.

September 7, Sunday: Division installation.

September 27, Saturday: Relay for Life at CLU. We will be cooking pancakes.

September 28, Sunday: Club installation dinner. 4:00 at the Goebel Center.

October 9, Thursday: Corks & Kegs

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Meeting Location

Our club meets Wednesdays at the Los Robles Greens Golf Course located at 299 S. Moorpark Rd. in Thousand Oaks. We meet at 7:30 a.m. in the banquet room just off the snack bar.

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