



# Kiwaniis®

## THOUSAND OAKS

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

June 25, 2025

### Burgers and Bingo Bring Bucks

Another busy weekend for our Club as we participated in one service project, cooking for the Cancer Support Community fundraiser, and two socials – a visit to see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Reagan Library, and the Burgers and Bingo administrative fundraiser at Mikey's Restaurant, which raised more than \$500 for the Club's administrative fund.

President Robin Britt celebrated the leaders of these events with kudos and special hats – Sharon McMahon and Kathy Smiley for Burgers and Bingo, Mary Sepe (in absentia) for the Dead Sea Scrolls trip, and Gloria Dyok for the Cancer Support Community service project.

Sherrill Hyink was looking to create a peaceful easy vibe this morning and thought "Home on the Range" would do the job. It did. Chuck Huffer led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Rick Herrera delivered the invocation, asking for God's guidance as we serve the children of the world.

Retired Tim Hengst treated wife Jeanne to another "date breakfast" as his guest this morning. Steve Coyne was accompanied by Nicolas Villarreal, a for-



The Stephensons, Katy Porter and the Kammerers were among the members attending the Burgers and Bingo event.

mer Casa Pacifica resident whom Steve had helped years ago and kept in touch with.

No birthdays or Club anniversaries to speak of, although President Robin did deliver to Jeff Ellis his 20-year anniversary certificate. It was awarded last week but didn't make it out of the room.

### Presidential Announcements

We will be voting on the updated Kiwanis International By-Laws next week, so please attend in person (including Friday members) so we can reach to required quorum of 1/3 of membership. Yes, we will be meeting July 3. You can party July 4 anyway.

Registration is open for the District



Sherrill Hyink led us in singing "Home on the Range." Chuck Huffer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Rick Herrera gave the invocation.

Convention in Las Vegas August 7-9. The next Friday Night Evening Edition meeting is at Rick Herrera's home on July 11 – a "chicken chili thing" might be on the menu.

The next DCM is August 14 (July is dark), and we are hosting along with the Moorpark Club. It will be held at the new Art Trek location in Newbury Park.

Please consider volunteering to help the Simi Valley Kiwanis Club with their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Extravaganza – they helped us with BrewFest last year.

We really need members' help recruiting vendors for Corks and Kegs this year – only four in the fold so far. Give any potential leads to Robin, Jerry Westby, or Reina Paredes, our Vendor Committee.

## Committee Reports and Club Announcements

President-Elect Brian McMahon was off to Pittsburgh for the Kiwanis International Convention, so President Robin handled Club Announcements herself.

Meals on Wheels - Sherrill Hyink reported that she will drive Monday's route herself.

Sherrill also passed around a thank you note she received from Ella Neale, one of our scholarship recipients. Robin Britt did the same with a card she re-

### Upcoming Speakers

- 07-02 The Rudman's trip to Auschwitz
- 07-09 Samantha Black, Friends of Library
- 07-16 Keith Gosselin, VC Ombudsman
- 07-23 Gary Davis, Ocean Researcher

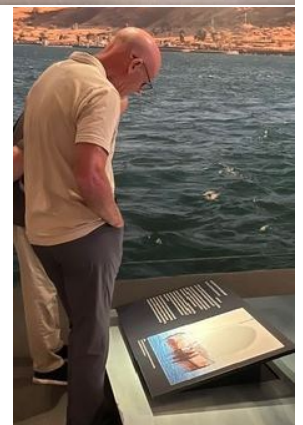
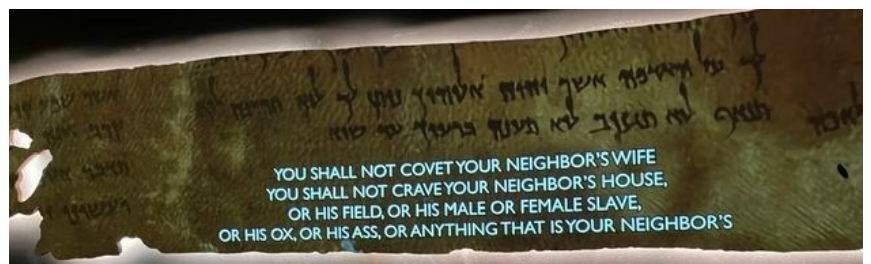
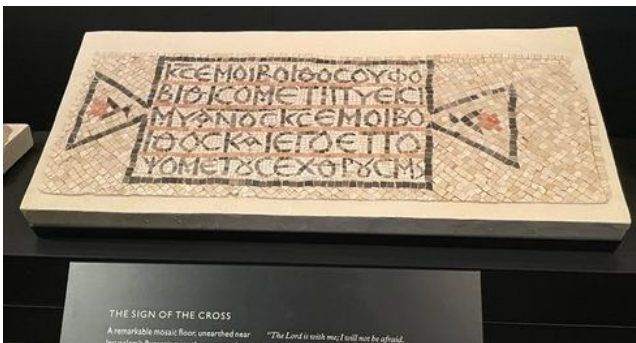
The club cooked lunch for the Ride-On Therapeutic Horse program.



The club staffed the kid's games at the recent Touch-A-Truck event sponsored on by the Conejo Recreation and Park District.



The club visited the nearby Ronald Reagan Presidential Library to view the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. The rooms were kept dark to protect the scrolls.



The club held an administrative fundraiser called “Burgers and Bingo” featuring Elvis that raised \$500 and was a lot of fun for all.



ceived from another recipient, Summer Reith. Sherrill also passed around an encouragement card for our signatures, to be delivered along with cookies to a monthly meeting of about thirty residents of sober living homes in Thousand Oaks

Community Service - Arnie Rudman gave his weekly pitch for helping at Westminster Free Clinic – from 1:00 to 2:30 or so on Wednesdays at United Methodist Church.

Scrip – Lynn Burdick announced Scrip availability, especially for summer expenses, such as the upcoming National Junk Food Day on July 21.

Social Committee – Kathy Smiley reported that our “Burgers and Bingo” social/administrative fundraiser last weekend raised more than \$500.

Fund-Raising – Sharon McMahon announced that Arnie Rudman and Bob Engler would conduct a Master Class on woodturning the weekend of October 6. We have all seen examples of their excellent work. How the heck do they do it? This is your opportunity to find out.

SLP – Bob Engler announced that the Key Clubs are gearing up for the coming year; their Division Officer Training session will be held July 11 at Camarillo High School.

Paul Lopez, as Lieutenant Governor-Elect, has organized a Division-wide Club Leadership Education event to benefit members of all clubs who are moving into club leadership positions or con-



Jeff Ellis won the raffle, AGAIN, and came away with \$8.

sidering doing so. It will be held July 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the ARC in Ventura. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. He also told us he is meeting with prospective new member Kelly Cannan later today for orientation.

Tim Hengst circulated a sign-up sheet for a group to attend this Sunday's Kingsman Shakespeare Festival performance. Discounted ticket price is \$20.

## Raffle

Jeff Ellis' ticket was drawn (again) for an opportunity to draw the highly coveted “Star” card. He missed but won \$8 by virtue of selecting the Eight of Cups card. He also merited valuable advice from the fortune-teller: “It is okay to look at your past and future, just don't stare.”

Consolation winners were Bob Engler, Jeff Ellis (again again) and Sherrill Hyink.



Kathy Smiley picked the items to include in her omelet this morning.

## Fine Period

Larry Levine shocked the membership by announcing that payments received for lottery tickets were \$12 short of what they should have been for the number of tickets distributed, yet he refused to pay a fine for such lax financial management. Audit committee, where are you? He did manage to nail Sharon McMahon for not signing in, however.

Sharon thanked all who made Burgers and Bingo a great success, including those who donated prizes, such as Mary Sepe and Kirk Jewelers. Bob Engler apologized for missing Burgers and Bingo – he was doing City work. He also said the City Council approved moving forward with the downtown plan last night and there were about 15 speakers at the Council meeting expressing concern about the effect of immigration enforcement.

Chuck Huffer thanked and congratulated all who were involved with our



Kathy Smiley, Sharon McMahon and Gloria Dyok were recognized by President Robin for chairing recent events. Not shown is Mary Sepe.

three weekend events; he also thanked the City for sponsoring the “pop-up” concerts held at local parks this month.

Lanny Arrowsmith dropped in five dollars for his promotion – from grandpa to great-grandpa. Arnie Rudman is happy that wife Diane is doing well after cataract surgery, and that about 100 Homeboy Industries clients graduated from high school or college this year.

Tim Hengst was among the winners at his family’s Father’s Day Hot Wings Challenge – he made it to 10. Steve Weiss paid \$28 to celebrate his and Andi’s 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Tom Skinner fessed up to not paying \$2 for his raffle tickets (still \$10 unaccounted for, Larry). He also thanked TrailFest volunteers, especially Sean Leonard, who did not burn the beans (a la Arnie) and Bob Engler, who pulled an extra shift. He also thanked Friday Night members for their caring support of his



Our guest speaker was Jess Page, the Development and Community Engagement Coordinator for Casa Pacifica.

wife, Kim Carnazzola, upon the passing of her mother a couple of weeks ago.

Generous Jeff Ellis donated back his \$8 raffle winnings plus \$2 to make it an even \$10 and then doubled that for a total of \$20. Thank you, Jeff! Hope you keep winning. We won't have to raise dues.

Patrick Connolly dropped in some happy dollars for the weekend events and for his wife Betsy's birthday today. Mike Mathews parted with some coin for a recent New York trip and a Peter Frampton concert (awesome).

Rick Herrera participated in the Conejo Valley Days "Whiskeroo" contest. He won for softest beard and came in second for best goatee. Probably didn't win because it's not a goatee.

Sean Leonard had a nice Father's Day at the beach with family. Young Milo wasn't too happy at first but then had a great time playing in the sand. He also



Visiting us today was Nicolas Villarreal, a former Casa Pacifica resident whom Steve Coyne (right) had helped years ago and kept in touch with.

said of cooking beans at TrailFest, "It's a high risk, low reward proposition."

Steve Kammerer paid some missed meeting dollars and another \$5 for Burgers and Bingo fun. Arnie Rudman dropped in happy dollars for Burgers and Bingo, the Dead Sea Scrolls trip, and to thank Sean Leonard for cooking the beans.

Steve Coyne welcomed our speaker and thanked Casa Pacifica for their work.

## Casa Pacifica

Vice President Jerry Westby was out today, so incoming Vice President Kathy Smiley stepped up to introduce today's speaker, Jess Page, the Development and Community Engagement Coordinator for Casa Pacifica, a local non-profit provider of mental health services to children. She shared general information about Casa Pacifica and current activities.

Casa Pacifica's mission is to nurture



Guest speaker Jess Page, center, was thanked for her presentation by President Robin Britt and Katy Smiley.

mental health and well-being of children, young adults and families to help them realize their full potential. Jess pointed out that the country is in a youth mental health crisis, with one in five teenagers seriously considering suicide.

Casa Pacifica helps young people with a variety of programs including residential treatment, foster youth support, and school-based mental health services. Their approach is relationship based, with counselors providing the stability and guidance children need. They even have three therapy dogs and a horse at their residential facility near Cal State Channel Islands.

Casa Pacifica serves a geographic area stretching from San Diego to San Luis Obispo County. They support nearly 2,000 youth and families every year and most of their clients are teenagers or pre-teens.

Individuals served by Casa Pacific go on to achieve independence and personal stability in society. Our guest today, Nicolas Villarreal, is an example. He



Kathe Smiley was recently elected Vice President for next year. She filled in for VP Jerry Westby who was out this week.

lived in the Casa Pacifica residential facility for six years. Counselors there helped him to nourish his talent and interest in art. He has recently graduated from Moorpark College with an AA degree in Studio Art and will be attending Cal State Los Angeles to further develop his skills and prepare for a fulfilling career and productive and stable life.

## Popsicle Stick Draw

Wouldn't you know it, the one meeting Jerry Westby did not attend, his stick was drawn. Unfortunately, rules are rules, and he gets ... NOTHING!

## President's Message

Final words from the President, "Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Make you wanna move your dancing feet." – Bob Marley

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# Friday Sloop

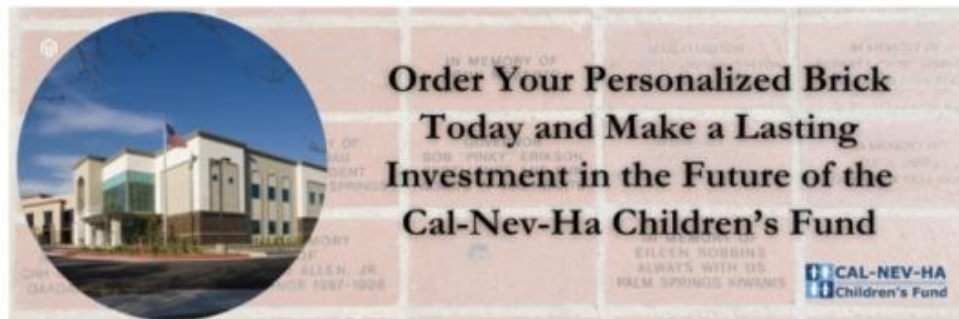
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## Hospital Grants Awarded!

Have you heard the news? Your generosity awarded nearly \$133,000 in grants to our Partner Hospitals in 2025! Your support allows our hospitals to continue preventing childhood injury in their communities. [Read](#) how your donations are making an impact across our district.

**Your Support Saves Lives**



## "Building Bricks"

Your support of the Kiwanis Professional Center enables the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund to direct more revenue to build better futures for our children through our Service Leadership Training Program; Kenneth C. Forror scholarships and Key Leader scholarships; and through our Pediatric Trauma Program. [Learn more](#)

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# **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 July 12th.

**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 host-  
ing at ArtTrek.

**August 16, Saturday:** Triunfo Ball

**September 5, Friday:** Friday Night Meet-  
ing, 6:00pm, home of Teta Van Om-  
meren.

**September 7, Sunday:** Division installa-  
tion.

**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

## Club Officers

### President

Robin Britt

### President Elect

Brian McMahon - Committees

### Vice President

Jerry Westby - Programs

### Secretary

Lori Olbrich 9/2026

### Treasurer

Jim Stephenson 9/2026

### Director (Ass't Secretary)

Gloria Dyok 9/2026

### Director (Ass't Treasurer)

Chuck Huffer 9/2026

### Immediate Past President

Paul Lopez - Membership

### Director

John Prescott 9/2025

### Director

Steve T. Smith 9/2025

### Director

Mike Mathews 9/2025

### Director

Lynn Burdick 9/2026

### Director

Sharon McMahon 9/2026

### Director

Teta Van Ommeren 9/2025

### Director

Cristy Warner 9/2026

## 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.

## Committees

### Chamber of Commerce

Sean Leonard

### Social

Kathy Smiley

### Interclub

Steve T. Smith

### Bulletin

John Prescott

### Web Site

Jennifer Chebi

### House

Dave Freeman / Larry Levine

### Health and Caring

Roger Meyer

### Social Media

Norbie Gregory

### Youth Services / YCP1

Teta Van Ommeren/Sean Leonard

### Spiritual Aims

Dave Biedebach

### Community Services

Gloria Dyok

### Sponsored Youth

Bob Engler

### Fundraising, Sharon McMahon

### Meals On Wheels, Sherrill Hyink

### BBQ Wagon, Mike Mathews

### Strategic Planning, Tony Antonelli/ John Prescott

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