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THOUSAND OAKS

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

September 17, 2025

Rockin' Robin

The pre-meeting conversation this morning was overlain with a musical number about a “red robin” doing some “bobbin’ along,” a salute to our Goddess Robin as she winds down her presidency. All done with Board meetings and DCMs and just one more Club meeting to go.

Sherrill Hyink led us in song – “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” this morning – and Katy Porter handled the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Lopez shared seven lessons for changing your mind and your life as our morning inspiration.

Three guests joined us this morning. President Robin introduced her guests, Marcos Aviles of MANDO, who gave a brief presentation showing how that non-profit has used the \$6,000 grant it received from our Foundation, and Woody Brokenburr, a long-time and valued community leader, currently serving as President of Community Conscience. Paul Lopez then introduced his guest, Basil Mykytink. Also in the house was former member Greg Sincock – nice to see you, Greg.



Members showed up on Saturday for the Safe Passage food distribution program. From left are Lynn Burdick, Roger Meyer, Steve Coyne, Patrick Connolly and Arnie Rudman.

Daniel Adams has the only birthday this week, and there are no Club anniversaries to celebrate.

Presidential Announcements

Robin announced that Mike Bloebaum has resigned from the Club. She asked members to send best wishes and let Mike know we will miss him.

The Autism Society Ventura County has chosen our Club to receive the 2025 Awesome in Autism Award for Volunteer of the Year. Paul Lopez will accept



Sherrill Hyink led the club in singing "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." Katy Porter led the pledge and Paul Lopez gave the inspiration.

on behalf of the Club at their awards banquet on October 16.

The next Friday Night Evening Edition will be held October 3 at Steve T. Smith's house, this time with a "Pirates and Mermaids" theme. Congratulations to our Social Committee for enthusiasm and creativity. Aargh.

The Club Installation will take place September 28th at the Goebel Center, commencing at 4:00 pm and catered by Stonefire Grill. Tickets are \$30 a pop.

The next DCM, and Paul Lopez' first as Lieutenant Governor, is October 2 at

CLU. A sign-up sheet made the rounds this morning.

Corks and Kegs is almost upon us – October 9th. President Robin started a sign-up sheet for specific event duties that we will have. Although the "day of" workload is lighter than for Brew-Fest, we still need members to staff our newly minted main fundraiser of the year.

Committee Reports and Announcements

Meals on Wheels – Sherrill Hyink announced that Haze Arnold will drive our Monday route next week.

Corks and Kegs – Sherrill Hyink issued another call for auction items. Do it now because we're getting down to

Upcoming Speakers

- 09-24 Madi Kay, Food Forward
- 10-01 Brian McMahon, New President
- 10-08 Paul Lopez, New Lt. Governor

the wire. Team 6 is ahead with six points. Teams 1, 3, and 4 are tied for second with four points.

Social Committee - Kathy Smiley called our attention to flyers on all the tables advertising upcoming club social events, including the Friday Night "Pirates and Mermaids" event mentioned above, a class on Fall Centerpiece design on October 16th, a Line Dancing class at Mikey's Restaurant on November 2nd, and our annual Holiday Party on December 7th.

Community Service - Gloria Dyok announced that we have enough volunteers signed up for cooking at Relay for Life on September 27th. Cristy Warner passed around a sign-up sheet for members to walk in the Relay as part of the Kiwanis Cares team, which has already received pledges of \$6,820 for the event. Total pledges by all teams amount to about \$98,000.

Many Mansions has comped us two tickets to their annual Bowls of Hope on October 12th. Contact Glo if you'd like them. She may pit you against another member in a bidding war, but you can handle it. Arnie Rudman made his weekly announcement for help distributing food for Westminster Free Clinic at United Methodist Church on Janss Road every Wednesday afternoon around 1:00.

SLP – Bob Engler announced that the Key Club Regional Training Conference will be held this Saturday at Oxnard



John Prescott has won the raffle multiple times this year. Well, he won again, collecting the big bucks.

High School from 10 am to 3 pm. If you can help, contact Bob.

Lynn Burdick plugged Scrip as an ideal donation to the Corks and Kegs raffle and silent auction. The blue aprons are in. She's also planning a See's Candy Holiday campaign – details in October.

Loteria

John Prescott continued to heavily invest in lottery tickets to fund his retirement. Last week, a \$10 investment brought him \$5 in return, not good but better than his football bets. This week, he turned the corner as his \$5 investment returned \$6 - three bucks for drawing the three of something Tarot card (and a warning about three-legged cats, like that will ever be in play) and another three bucks in a consolation envelope. Other consolation winners were Steve Allen and Martha Coronado who, coincidentally, were sitting next to John at Table 1, or Table "Won" if you prefer.



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Fine Period

Larry Levine was back in the house today with his “nothing makes me happier ...” line, indicating someone forgot to sign in. This week it was the dynamic duo of Sherrill Hyink and Don Christie, as well as the sorry solo, Jerry Westby.

Jerry paid his fine and put in some more bucks, recognizing Mike Bloebaum’s resignation from the Club. He and his wife are moving to assisted living in Pasadena, close to their daughter.

Cristy Warner dropped in five dollars to thank Dave Freeman for attending the patriotic assembly at Weathersfield School last week. Sherrill Hyink is happy to have defeated the Rats. Next up are the Gophers. She’s looking for help.

Martha Cornado parted with some coin – she’s happy to be here. John Prescott returned his raffle winnings to the Club coffers, welcoming Woody Bro-



Marcos Aviles of MANDO visited us again to give us an update to his program. Below, students are using the hardware we helped purchase.



kenburr and Greg Sincock to the meeting.

Steve Weiss paid a missed meeting dollar and a sad dollar – Da Bears are lovable losers so far this NFL season. Mike Mathews rubbed it in by telling Steve that his popsicle stick was pulled last week and he lost out on a \$20 dues credit.

Arnie Rudman sadly noted the passing of actor and director Robert Redford. The silver lining is that people won’t be

stopping him on the street for autographs anymore. Separated at birth, apparently.

Mark Frankcom has a trip across the pond to England coming up. Paul Lopez contributed \$5 for his guest and for the support the Club is giving him as he embarks on the Lieutenant Governorship.

“Swiftie” Teta Van Ommeren paid \$13 to celebrate Travis and Taylor. Dave Freeman was impressed by our youth at the Patriot’s assembly at Weathersfield School. Steve Kammerer paid a \$1 missed meeting fine.

Jim Stephenson lauded Lynn Burdick for her work on updating our Club policies, while putting up with old-timer know-it-alls. The Committee has finished its work and the update, precipitated by Kiwanis International’s changes to the standard form of By-Laws, will be presented to the Board soon. Jim was ready to pay \$100 for this great achievement, but realized he had the Fine Free badge, so that was a no go.

Robin Britt concluded with a \$20 fine, welcoming Woody Brokenburr and Greg Sincock. She noted that she only has one more meeting as President and will miss filling that role.

City Hall Update

Jerry Westby was back in the fold this week to introduce the program speaker, none other than our distinguished member, City Councilmember Bob Engler.



Our own Kiwanian and Councilmember Bob Engler gave us an update on projects in Thousand Oaks.

Bob filled us in on the latest from City Hall.

He started with finances. The largest source of revenue for the City is sales tax, with about 34% of the total. Ventura County has the lowest possible sales tax rate (although individual cities can add to the tax rate within their jurisdictions; Thousand Oaks has not) at 7.25%. This low tax rate helps draw customers from other counties.

Property tax is a relatively small share – about 4%. When you pay your property taxes, most of the proceeds go to the County and the School District.

Police services is the largest single item in the City’s General Fund budget – about 34% of our revenue is devoted to that service.

Bob also showed slides of various development projects in the construction or planning stage. These are primarily higher density residential projects, typically apartments, with a retail mixed use component on the ground level. The

City is excited that Amgen has recently renewed its long-term commitment to the City as its headquarters and has announced a \$600 million expansion plan. The company is happy that many new housing projects are under way, because lack of housing supply has been a deterrent to recruiting and retaining employees, let alone expanding the workforce.

Stick Draw

Aaron Podell's stick was there to be drawn, but Aaron was not. So, he gets ... NOTHING!

President's Message

"We rise by lifting others. Service is our Superpower."

Written and edited by John Prescott; photos, production and distribution by Mike Mathews.



Shown above are the police officers working with the homeless population in Thousand Oaks. Below is the rendering of the development on the old K-Mart site.



Hello Kiwanians,

A very heartfelt thank you for sharing your barbecuing expertise at the Stagecoach Inn Museum. That was the best meal I've ever had at the Fiesta del Triunfo, or perhaps any fundraiser buffet. In addition to doing the cooking, I really appreciated that so many people pitched in to help serve and basically do anything that was needed (like carrying out desserts). Just having your positive energy at the event helped make the evening a grand success.

I truly admire the Kiwanis organization and especially the people in Kiwanis. You make Thousand Oaks a better place to live.

Thanks again. I'll be seeing you around town and will probably show up to help with check-in at Corks & Kegs. Chuck Huffer keeps me in the loop.

All the very best,

Nellie Cusworth, CRPD Borad Member

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**SATURDAY
SEPT 27**

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
MEMORIAL FIELD

141 Memorial Parkway, Thousand Oaks, CA

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:30 AM *FunRun Begins*

9:30 AM *Opening Ceremony &
Survivor Lap*

7:00 PM Luminaria Ceremony

8:00 PM *Closing Ceremony*

Rally your team and join us for a **full day** of family fun as we **celebrate** survivors, **remember** loved ones lost, and **fight back** to end cancer as we know it— **For everyone!**

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OCT 3
2025

KIWANIS

FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING

PIRATES & MERMAIDS



*Shiver me timbers! Join in on a FUN Friday night
"Theme" meeting! Dress up please, but we'll have
photo booth props too!
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM
Bring a dish, the Potluck is first.*

Prizes awarded in the "DO-NOTHING TREASURE HUNT"

*(Please donate \$10 for the Admin Fund if you can so we can
continue sponsoring our fun adventures while we do our
important work to support our local community!)*

RSVP: Text KATHY SMILEY 805-390-9323

Steve T. Smith's house
2275 Hood Drive
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

UPCOMING EVENTS KIWANIS

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES



OCT 3

**FRIDAY NIGHT
6:00 MEETING**

PIRATES & MERMAIDS NIGHT

Shiver me Timbers, join in on another FUN Friday night "Theme" meeting! Dress up if you want, but we'll have photo-op props too! Meeting starts at 6:00, Potluck first. Steve T. Smiths house. A door Donation of \$10, please!



OCT 16

**THURS NIGHT
4:00 - 6:00PM**

FALL CENTERPIECE CLASS

Create Fall Pumpkin Centerpieces with us on the McMahaon's Newbury Park patio! We supply the pumpkins & materials, just bring your imagination! 4:00-6:00PM - Stay after if you want to enjoy Sambuca's band rehearsal! \$25



LINE DANCE PARTY

NOV 2

**SUNDAY AT
4:00 - 7:00PM**

COUNTRY LINE DANCING CLASS

Join us at Mikey's Restaurant in Newbury Park and learn how to scoot those boots like real cowboys and cowgirls! \$15 per person for the lesson and fun! Dinner and drinks are on you!



DEC 7

**SUNDAY
EVENING**

KIWANIS HOLIDAY PARTY!

A wonderful Holiday Party at a new local venue! Time and place details to follow. Wear your Denim and don your Diamonds! This will be the funnest Holiday party yet!

**KIWANIS - WE HELP KIDS
AND WE HAVE FUN!**

KATHY SMILEY - Social Committee Chair
(805) 390-9323

SHARON McMAHON - Fundraising Chair
(805) 390-9323



SAVOR THE EXPERIENCE, SUPPORT THE CAUSE.

**THURSDAY - OCTOBER 9, 2025
5:30PM - 8:30PM
THE GARDENS AT LOS ROBLES GREENS**

**SCAN
FOR TICKETS**



Join us for the inaugural Kiwanis Corks and Kegs! This premier event is the exciting evolution of The Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks' annual charity fundraiser, merging two of our most successful events—Conejo Uncorked and BrewFest—into one unforgettable celebration.

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Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks California Charitable Foundation



You are invited to:

BOWLS OF HOPE

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MANY MANSIONS' ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

**2400 Willow Lane, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
Sunday, October 12th, 2025 – 11:30am – 2:30pm**

Join us as we address homelessness and housing insecurity. Engage with your community, savor warm and comforting food, and learn how you could be part of the solution!

Enjoy crafts, a raffle, silent auction, and interactive adult and family activities.

Enjoy early event access, elevated refreshments, and exclusive time with leaders at our VIP reception, 10:30-11:30AM.

- VIP Ticket \$175
- Adults: \$70
- Children: \$25
- Children 2 and Younger: Free
- Ticket Bundles Available



Purchase tickets using the QR code

All proceeds support the life-changing services Many Mansions provides to vulnerable members of our community.

For More Information: MMinfo@manymansions.org



KIWANIS OF THOUSAND OAKS



PUMPKIN SUCCULENT CENTERPIECE CLASS

Thursday, October 16, 2025 from 4:00 - 6:00PM

Sharon & Brian McMahon's house

1237 Comstock, Newbury Park



\$25 per person (includes one fine pumpkin,
succulents, decor & all materials)

Beverages & Appetizers served

**YOU'RE INVITED TO STAY AFTER FOR WINE & ENJOY
WATCHING SAMBUCA REHEARSE!**

**RSVP: Kathy 805-390-9323 or
Sharon 805-368-1347**

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.

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. \$30

October 2, Thursday: DCM at CLU,
Overton Hall.

October 3, Friday: Friday Night meeting
at the home of Steve T. Smith, 6:00 pm.
Theme is pirates and mermaids. \$10.

October 9, Thursday: Corks & Kegs

October 12, Sunday: Many Mansions
Bowls of Hope. 11:30—2:30.

October 16, Thursday: Put a succulent in
a pumpkin at the McMahon's, 4-6, \$25.

November 2, Sunday: Line dancing at
Mikey's, \$15.

November 7, Friday: Friday Night meet-
ing at the home of Betty Stapleford, 6:00
pm.

December 5, Friday: Friday Night meet-
ing at the home of Chuck Huffer, 6:00
pm.

December 7, Sunday: Holiday Party. Lo-
cation TBD, theme is denim and dia-
monds.

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Vice President

Jerry Westby - Programs

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Jim Stephenson 9/2026

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Director (Ass't Treasurer)

Chuck Huffer 9/2026

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Director

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Director

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Director

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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

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