



# Kiwaniis®

## THOUSAND OAKS

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

November 6, 2025

### Conejo Free Clinic a Bright Light

President Brian McMahon opened the meeting, using his life-sized yellow squeaky chicken. Sherrill Hyink led us in song, responding to several sad notices of loss in our club. *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* was sung with heart, as Sherrill helped us find the words in the verses.

Steve Coyne aptly led the salute to the flag.

Arnie Rudman provided a moment of remembrance, reading the names of the 12 individuals who lost their lives at the Borderline shooting in 2018. He reminded us that the Woolsey Fire started the following day.

Doug Ryan followed these thoughtful moments with a bit of levity. An amazing joke about how an interpreter can, um, mess things up.

Welcome to today's guests: Robert Jackson, guest of wife Karen, and Mark Clark, guest of Steve T. Smith.

**For a change of pace, the club will meet for breakfast at the Thousand Oaks Inn. Food will be provided by the Pizza Cookery. THIS IS ON NOVEMBER 19th!!!** Mark your calendars and your brain. Also, we'll be dark on November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 24<sup>th</sup>, and De-



Kim Carnazzola poses with Diane and Arnie Rudman at the recent line dancing event. They look like they had a great time. More pictures later in the bulletin.

cember 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Presidential Announcements

Our next Friday Night meeting, on



Sherrill Hyink led us in singing *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*. Steve Coyne led the pledge and Arnie Rudman gave the inspiration.

November 7, is at Tom and Betty Stapleford's home. Bring a side dish please. This is both the once-a-month meeting for part of the club, but also a fun social gathering for the whole club. Note that Jerry Westby will have the privilege of presiding.

Club Anniversaries this week include Dave Freeman and Roger Meyer, who joined on the same day 26 years ago! Birthday for the week: Reina Paredes.

The Division Council Meeting (DCM) is Thursday November 13. We'll meet at CLU Swenson Hall 101-102 Memorial Parkway, TO. Come at 6:00 for the

"Presidents' Meeting," which includes Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers.

We continue to provide books for several libraries, so keep the donations coming. Teta will take them.

The collecting has begun for the Division Project this year. Bring NEW PJ's and new or gently used coats and jackets. All sizes. The goal is one donation per member, so we won't stop until we reach 84. Fellow Kiwanian Maureen Estolas spotted nice PJs at Kohl's for \$10.

## Committee Reports and Announcements

President-Elect Jerry Westby fielded Committee reports and other announcements from the floor.

Meals on Wheels - Sherrill Hyink reported on Monday's Meals on Wheels driver. She also reminded that the

### Upcoming Speakers

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| 11-12 | Kelley Dooley, Big Brothers, Big Sisters |
| 11-19 | Kyle Jorry/Robin Britt, Turkey Dash      |







monthly Lunch Bunch is delivering our 12 meals on Friday this week. Anyone who would like to join in is welcome.

Fund-Raising – Robin Britt urged sign-ups for volunteering to help stage the upcoming Turkey Day Dash, with several opportunities for service the week of Thanksgiving. We need a certain number of volunteers in order to earn our share of the proceeds, expected to be more than \$20,000. Sign up and bring a friend.

Social Committee - The Holiday Party is set for Sunday, December 7, at the Hyatt from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Nice fliers on the tables. Support local kids with new unwrapped toys.

Scrip - Don't forget to pick up some Scrip from Lynn Burdick and help the club. Every purchase goes towards a BIG total every year. Thank you, Lynn! Also, the holiday Chocolate cravings can be assuaged by getting See's Candy from the online store until Dec 5.

Community Service - Gloria Dyok is spearheading support for Manna. Lynn is holding VON's cards at \$25 each, to be given as a group to Manna. Good time to be generous. Also, Safe Passage is this Saturday morning at the usual location on Calle Diamonte.

Youth Services - Don Cristie could use a few more volunteers to cook hamburgers for the kids at Los Cerritos Middle School. Saturday from 9 to 3, with two shifts.

SLP - Bob Engler represented our Di-



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vision's Key Clubs, who are having the annual Fall Rally at Magic Mountain on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Our club helps the students by providing chaperones and subsidizing the cost of transportation. If you wish to help, check with Bob.

Health and Caring - Roger Meyer shared the sad news that Jim Stephenson lost his dear wife Alice. We all know her, as she was wonderful about coming with Jim to many events. Roger and Jim shared several stories about their relationship as a tribute. He will have a celebration of life for her that we'll be invited too.

Tony Antonelli is working on treating his cancer. He's looking at a few months of treatments. Blessings from us to you, Tony.

Don Shewmon, our continuing member from up north, is recovering from a serious stroke. The prognosis is good, but this takes a lot of time and patience. All our love, Don, as you take on this life

challenge.

Arnie Rudman reminded us that on Wednesdays club members are welcome to help at Westminster Free Clinic to get food ready for folks. 1:00. More important than ever!

Patrick Connolly said that a truckload of ice arrived too late to use. He said to let him know if you can use some.

Sharon McMahon and Norby Gregory (and Sean Leonard, I think) are working on ways to attract young professionals to our club. They met last week. Let them know if you want to help!

Looking for ways to volunteer? Visit our website for more information, and to sign up.

## Raffle

Four people tossed the big die. Karen Jackson was the first up with a shot at \$40 but won \$3 instead. The additional players, guest Mark Clark, Roger Nordby and Rick Herrera, picked up some consolation bucks.

Thanks to all who contribute to the raffle fundraiser each week.

## Happy and Sad Dollars

Sharon McMahon carried the basket today.

President Brian started off with the FINE FREE BADGE auction. All the November babies were vying for ownership. Finally, it was just Katy Porter



Karen Jackson won the raffle and collected \$3.

(moi) and Arnie Rudman. Bid, bid, bid, pause, Arnie got it for \$55. A steal!

Robin Britt is visiting with her mom in Idaho to help after surgery.

We had several members distracted when they walked in and forgot to sign. Dave Freeman caught them all. I noted that the Karen Jackson table was coughing up dollars.

Jerry Westby paid for missed meetings coming up, as well as the DODGERS winning the World Series.

Arnie Rudman dropped in some bucks for his wife's birthday and a fun trip with her.

Bob Engler had dollars for Jim's loss. He was out of town recently in New Orleans. He said his grandchildren's "keepers" (his daughter and son-in-law) live there. Pretty cold, Bob! Anyhow, his 12-year-old granddaughter rolled her eyes at Sue and him, but magically she said, "You are the coolest Grandparents ever!" Worth the trip!

Chuck shared a crazy piece of history. The cash register was invented in

1879. What I took from that, is that the accountant in Doug's opening joke would have been better off if he had a cash register.

Sharon McMahon offered her condolences to Jim and his family for the loss of sweet Alice.

Gloria Dyok tried to comment on the World Series, but we all expect that she would be a Blue Jays fan.

Reina Paredes paid up for her birthday. Thank you!

Thanks to members who generously share their wallet and their lives every week.

## Free Clinic Serves Valley

Vice President Kathy Smiley introduced our speakers, Sarah Hawkins and Deborah Kahn, both with CFS certifications. They came to tell us about the extent of help that the Conejo Valley Free Clinic provides to those in need. Sarah shared that losing her mother to cancer moved her to want to serve the community in this way.

I loved how clear their slides were. They told us about all the disciplines that are included with free services in Medical, Dental and Legal.

The Clinic has been helping us for 50 years. They help both local and Los Angeles County with free services. They have 130 volunteers to accomplish so much good.

One of the challenges for a non-profit



Sarah Hawkins and Deborah Kahn from the Conejo Valley Free Clinic were our speakers this week.

is having money to run the greatness. They shared that are funded privately, and not with Government grants that are drying up all over the place. They gave a shout out to Robin Britt and Community Conscience for putting a free roof over their heads in the Human Services Center at 80 E. Hillcrest Drive – so valuable. AND they are about to build out into a twin space, so they'll grow by 1,000 square feet

Looking at their business model, they help people on a "first time in a long time" basis, doing testing and physicals. As needed, they have medical and den-

tal professionals who step in and take the patients through what is needed. The Free Clinic also educates folks on other services they can take advantage of.

Our speakers had a great story of how the two lawyers at the clinic (10 years of service) saved a woman's home, when she was hit by fraud. Yea!

They are open to both support and volunteering. Now we know Sarah and Debbie, if you want to have a private chat about ways you can help.

Kathy thanked our two speakers, handed them beautiful Kiwanis coffee mugs, and posed with them for a picture.

## **Chip Draw**

President Brian closed with the random pull of a popsicle stick. Roy Talley was the lucky draw, but since he was not with us this morning, he gets "NOTHING".

## **President's Message**

Brian thanked Mark Clark and Robert Jackson for joining us, and then shared this message:

"What we once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." Helen Keller.

With that, Brian rang the bell and closed our meeting.



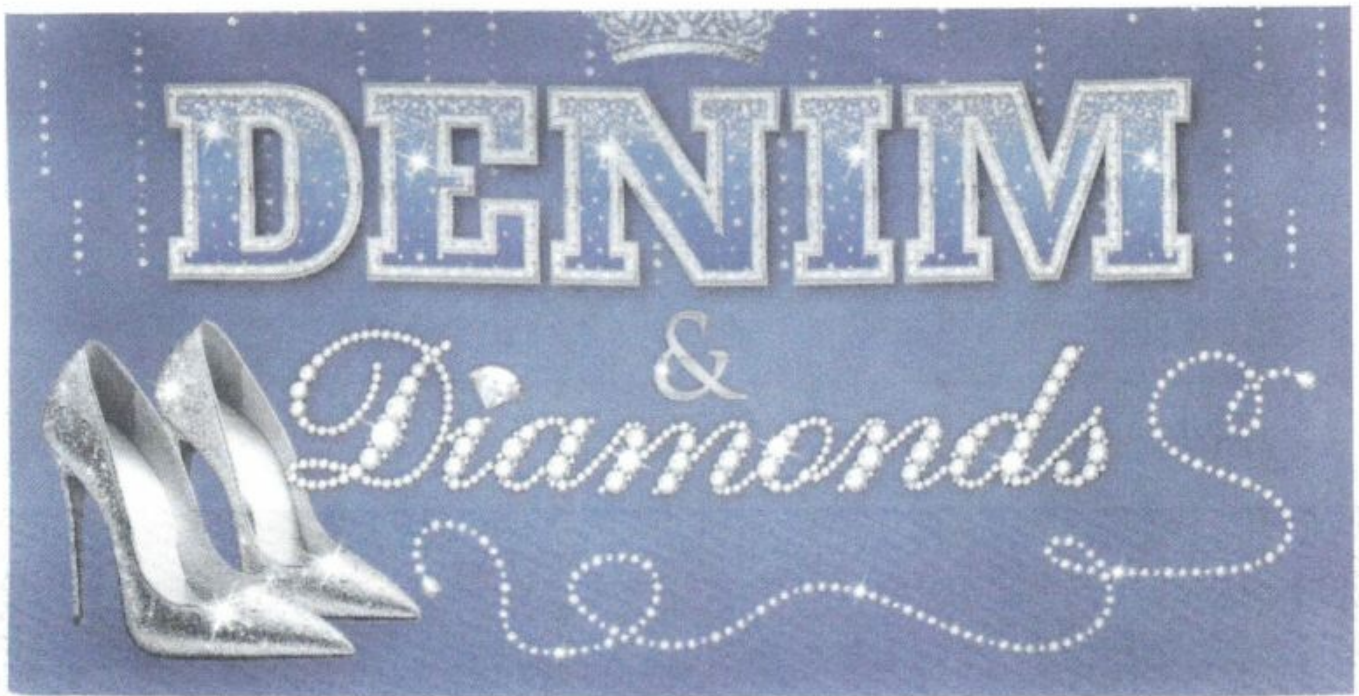
Vice President Kathy Smiley thanks our speakers.

Have a great week!

Respectfully submitted, Katy Porter

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





## **SAVE THE DATE**

### *Kiwanis Holiday Party*

*Just \$55 person  
admission*

*Sunday evening*

*New Elegant  
Venue!*

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*Hyatt Hotel, Westlake Village*

**6:00PM - 8:30PM**

*Cocktail hour, Buffet Dinner, Musical Entertainment,  
Centerpiece Auction, Toy & Goods drive for Big Brothers Big  
Sisters, Comaraderie and more!*

**Mark your calendar !! This is going to be the best party ever!!**



# 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.

**Every Wednesday.** Food distribution at Westminster Clinic at 1:00.

**November 13, Thursday:** DCM at CLU. We'll meet at CLU Swenson Hall 101-102 Memorial Parkway. At 6:00.

**November 15, Saturday:** SLP Fall Rally at Magic Mountain. All day, see Bob Engler.

**November 19, Wednesday:** Our club meeting will be at the T.O. Inn. Food from the Pizza Cookery.

**November 26, Wednesday:** WE ARE DARK.

**November 27, Thursday:** Turkey Day Dash at CLU.

**December 5, Friday:** Friday Night meeting at the home of Chuck Huffer, 6:00 pm.

**December 7, Sunday:** Holiday Party. Westlake Hyatt, theme is denim and diamonds.

**December 11, Thursday:** DCM at CLU.

**December 24, Wednesday:** WE WILL BE DARK.

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**January 8, Thursday:** DCM at CLU.

**January 30,** Educational Conference, Burbank

**February 12, Thursday:** DCM at ArtTrek

**March 5, Thursday:** Mentorship at TOHS.

**March 12, Thursday:** DCM at CLU Oxnard

**April 9, Thursday:** DCM at CLU Oxnard.

**April 26, Sunday:** Aut2Run pancake event at CSUCI.

**May 7, Thursday:** DCM at CLU Thousand Oaks

**June 11, Thursday:** DCM at ArtTrek in Newbury Park.

**June 24-27,** Int'l Convention, Manila

**August 13, Thursday:** DCM at CLU Oxnard.

## Club Officers

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Brian McMahon

### President Elect

Jerry Westby - Committees

### Vice President

Kathy Smiley - 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

Robin Britt - Membership

### Director

John Prescott 9/2027

### Director

Tony Antonelli 9/2027

### Director

Mike Mathews 9/2027

### Director

Lynn Burdick 9/2026

### Director

Sharon McMahon 9/2026

### Director

Patrick Connolly 9/2027

### 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

TBD

### Bulletin

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### 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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