



# Kiwaniis®

## THOUSAND OAKS

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

May 20, 2026

### Scholarships Awarded Today



Kelli and Austin Sincock flank the winners of the Scholarships for the Arts. More pictures of other winners are later in the bulletin.

We gathered this morning in the “big” room to accommodate a big contingent of scholars with big dreams. It was our annual Scholarship Awards meeting and, once again, we were beyond impressed by the quality of the students.

President Brian opened the meeting with a (necessarily) louder and longer rubber chicken squawk. Sherrill Hyink led us in a nice rendition of “America the Beautiful”, and Sharon McMahan handled the Pledge of Allegiance. Tim Hengst followed with the invocation,

thanking God for the students to whom we are awarding scholarships. They auger a bright future.

Then we were treated to Doug Ryan’s joke of the week. For once, it seemed like an attorney came out looking better than a doctor and a priest. Or did he? You be the judge.

Roger Nordby, Brian Kahn, Steve Coyne, and Tony Logan are observing birthdays this week. Cristy Warner celebrates twelve years with the Club.



Sherrill Hyink led the club in singing “America the Beautiful.” Sharon McMahon led the pledge and Tim Hengst gave the invocation.

## **Congratulations, Scholars!**

Scholarship Committee Chair Patrick Connolly took the podium to preside over the awards. He first called on Kelly and Austin Sincock to present checks to recipients of scholarships that they sponsored who demonstrated distinguished

achievement in the arts and will be furthering their artistic ambitions. These students were Saiorse Sipes (Thousand Oaks High School), Jeffrey Saner (Newbury Park High School), Jack Firestein (Agoura High School), Juliette Nosek (Oak Park High School), and Xitllali Soriano (Westlake High School), each of whom earned a \$1,000 scholarship.

Next up was Sherrill Hyink. She honors her late husband Cliff by offering two \$1,000 scholarships for students who have excelled in metalworking or woodworking. Since metalworking has been dropped as a course at Thousand Oaks High School, it was a woodworker, Brock Speilman, who was selected. And as the only applicant, he received both scholarships.

### **Upcoming Speakers**

- 05-27 Conejo Community Outreach, Jessica Weibe
- 06-03 Ventura County Executive Sevet Johnson
- 06-10 Ivonne Mascaro, VC Autism
- 06-17 Sue Toxill, Dog Days Search & Rescue

Chuck Huffer followed with two \$1,000 scholarships in memory of his late wife Gwen, a pediatrician, for students planning a career in health care. The winners were Sabrina Elizalde (Thousand Oaks High School) and Payton Pritchett (Newbury Park High School).

Bob Engler and Arnie Rudman teamed in awarding the \$1,000 First Responder scholarship to Alistair Davey (Agoura High School), and Katie Porter gave our Foundation's "STEM" scholarship to Noah Bouchard (Oak Park High School). Cristy Warner followed by awarding our Key Club Scholarship to Sophie Vaughan (Westlake High School).

Patrick Connolly concluded the presentation ceremony with the award of Foundation scholarships to Sabrina Elizalde and Juliette Nosek. He also paid tribute to scholarship recipients Angela Liu (Westlake High School) and Brandon Martinez (Conejo Valley High School) who could not attend this morning's ceremony.

Many thanks to Patrick and his committee for their excellent choices and for arranging the presentation.

## **Presidential Announcements**

The next Rising Stars meeting is May 27 at 5:30 pm at the Pizza Cookery. Our next Friday Night Evening Edition will take place June 5<sup>th</sup> at the McMahons'

home. Come at 4:00 for pickleball and/or 6:00 for the meeting.

President Brian congratulated Kathy Smiley and Sharon McMahon for a very fun and successful Burgers and Bingo last Sunday. He reported that the event earned about \$600 for the admin fund.

With Club elections in the offing, Brian announced the nominees that have been put forward by the Nominating Committee, as follows:

President – Jerry Westby

President-Elect – Kathy Smiley

Vice President – Bernadet Azizian

Secretary – Lori Olbrich

Assistant Secretary – Gloria Dyok

Treasurer – Jim Stephenson (just for 1 year)

Assistant Treasurer – Chuck Huffer

At Large Board Members (3 seats open) – Sharon McMahon, Alyson Berg, and Alicia Snarr.

Pursuant to our Club Policies, the floor will be open for additional nominations at the next meeting and then again immediately prior to the election at our Annual Meeting.

## **Committee Reports and Announcements**

President-Elect Jerry Westby took the mic to receive Committee Reports and Announcements from the Floor.

Health and Caring – Roger Meyer reported that Larry Levine is recovering nicely from his double hernia surgery and hopes to be back with us next week.



The club handed out a lot of scholarships at our annual scholarship meeting. The students are amazing.



It was announced that Bernadet Azizian will be the new Vice President next year.

Community Service - Gloria Dyok announced that the Love Run will take place on June 6. We'll be cooking a pancake breakfast and it's "all hands on deck," so please sign up. And then we have TrailFest cooking duties on June 7.

Social Committee – Sharon McMahon is encouraging all chocolate chip cookie bakers to get going and prepare their entries for the Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest, which will take place at the Friday Night Meeting June 5.

Youth Services – Chuck Huffer is recruiting members to help with the kids' games we'll be overseeing at Touch a Truck on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Thousand Oaks Community Park. Don Christie needs volunteers for cooking at the Thousand Oaks Girls Softball Memorial Day Tournament on Saturday, May 23, at Los Cerritos Middle School.

Scrip – Lynn Burdick has scrip available. Graduations are coming up and Amazon Cards make perfect gifts.

Arnie Rudman reminded us that on Wednesdays Club members are invited



Paul Lopez won the raffle and rolled a "4" to collect \$4.

to help Westminster Free Clinic to get food ready for folks. 1:00 at United Methodist Church.

Paul Lopez gave a final reminder for the Division 42 Dodger Stadium trip next week. Cost is \$175, including tickets and transportation and refreshments on the bus. There are 15 spots left.

## Raffle

Paul also held the lucky raffle ticket, but no sixes, just \$4. Consolation winners were Mike Mathews (\$5), Roger Meyer (\$6), and Bob Engler (\$1).

## Fine Period

House Committee guru Dave Freeman had a field day – fining Gloria Dyok, Bob Engler, both Brian and Sharon McMahon, Paul Lopez, and Reina Paredes a dollar each for not signing in. Sharon graciously paid for both her and Brian – "he doesn't carry cash."

Mike Mathews contributed \$5 – he



## Burgers and Bingo Night!



finally figured out how to identify photos of the scholarship winners so he could match the pix with the names for the Bulletin captions.

Lori Olbrich thanked Gloria Dyok for filling in for her as Secretary at the Board meeting last week – she was in Vegas enjoying a Donny Osmond concert. Tim Hengst called our attention to flyers on the tables advertising the upcoming Kingsman Shakespeare Festival at Cal Lu.

Jeff Ellis had an apology dollar for

Dave Biedebach – he forgot today was Wednesday, so he missed the meeting. Roger Meyer parted with some bucks for missed meetings – he'll be missing another one soon while he enjoys a family trip to Cabo.

Kathy Smiley had her own Donny Osmond story – he went down into the audience and gave her a “sweaty kiss” during a concert in Vegas. According to Chet, “he looked for you.” Katy Porter lauded Patrick Connolly for his work on this year’s scholarships.

Steve Coyne contributed \$20 – his step-grandson is graduating from San Diego State this month. Doug Ryan paid \$2, \$1 for going into the hospital next Wednesday and \$1 for getting out. Teta Van Ommeren paid for a missed meeting, thanked Patrick Connolly, congratulated Bernadet Azizian, and saluted the scholarship recipients all in one fell swoop.

Chuck Huffer also thanked Patrick and is looking forward to a trip to Hawaii to see the grandkids.

## **Stick Draw**

Katy Porter was in the house when her popsicle stick was drawn, and so she gets ... SOMETHING! – A \$20 DUES CREDIT”

## **President’s Message**

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.” G. K. Chesterton

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

**June 5, Friday:** Friday Night meeting at the McMahan's. 6:00. It's time for the chocolate chip cookie contest.

**June 6, Saturday:** Ride On cooking event.

**June 7, Sunday:** The Love Run

**June 11, Thursday:** DCM at ARC in Ventura. 6:00 pm.

**June 20, Saturday:** Touch-A-Truck, T. O. Community Park, 2525 N. Moorpark Rd. 9-12 & 11:30-2:30.

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

**July 9, Thursday:** DCM at ARC in Ventura. 6:00 pm.

**July 10, Friday:** Friday Night meeting at the home of Norbie Gregory, 6:00.

**July 11, Saturday:** Mando, cooking burgers.

**July 26, Sunday:** Caravan for Cancer event, we will be grilling, 4195 E. TOB

**August 7, Friday:** Friday Night meeting at the home of the Englers, 6:00.

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

**August 21, Friday:** Triunfo Ball

**September 11, Friday:** Friday Night meeting at the home of Teta Van Omeren, 6:00.

**October 8, Thursday:** Corks and Kegs

## Club Officers

### President

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

Paul Lopez

### Bulletin

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### Web Site

Jennifer Chebi

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Roger Meyer

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### 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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