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

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Weekend Cooking Sur-



Above, the Kiwanis cooking crew was busy preparing for the Ride-On event on Saturday. At right, Brian McMahon mixed the pancake batter for the Love Run. It was a very busy weekend. More pictures later in the bulletin.



Yes, it was a BUSY, productive weekend for our T. O. Kiwanis Club cooks, servers, cleaner-uppers, and smile-givers. Our food and fellowship were abundant at the Ride-On Therapeutic Horsemanship TrailFest event on Saturday and again at Senior Concerns' LOVE RUN on Sunday. And many kudos to Mighty Mike Mathews for ALL that he does surrounding the trailer - lots of extra duty.

OK, this morning, Katy Porter led us off with the song "America the Beautiful," Arnie Rudman had flag salute re-

sponsibilities, and Lanny Arrowsmith shared a prayer on the topic of upcoming Father's Day. It was actually a prayer carried by General MacArthur during WWII with thoughts of a "father" praying for his son to be brave, strong, humble, and courageous. Thank you, Lanny.

Member celebrations this week - Happy Birthday to Jack O'Neil - 6/11, and Happy Club Anniversary to Jeff El-



Katy Porter led us off this morning with the song "America the Beautiful." Arnie Rudman led the pledge and Lanny Arrowsmith gave the inspiration.

lis (21 years as member ... not in age.). President Brian also introduced our guest today - Julie Snom, a friend of (the beautiful) Sharon McMahan...hopefully to become a new member.

Presidential Announcements

Brian went on to give accolades to the leaders and volunteers for the two events mentioned above. Our monthly DCM (maybe) will have happened by the time you read this and hopefully many attended. It's Thursday evening at 6:00 at the ARC in Ventura.

Upcoming Speakers

06-17 Sue Toxill, Dog Days Search & Rescue

06-24 Michael Arndt, Kingsman Shakespeare

News from Tuesday night's Board Meeting: Two members have been OK'd for membership - John McIntyre (Rising Stars) and Rita Phillips (Friday). Member Norbie Gregory has resigned.

Flag Opportunity: Each year Pepperdine University, in tribute to those who lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedy, displays hundreds of big waving flags on their hillside property. They request help in putting up the flags and taking them down. If you are young and able (not old and feeble like me) you may want to assist in this patriotic event. Flags go up Saturday, September 5th (10-2:00) and come down September 18th.

Committee Reports and Announcements

President Brian McMahan was in charge of all the announcements from the



Cooking for the Ride-On event.



pulpit and the floor as President Elect Jerry Westby was AWOL ... important business, I am sure.

SLP - Bob Engler invited all interested members to the Key Club Officer Training program at Adolfo Camarillo High School on Saturday, June 27th 10:00-3:00. Students in action, learning and leading.

Community Service - Safe Passage food handout this Saturday could use an extra hand or two. 9:00-11:00 or so. Contact Gloria.

Lynn Burdick mentioned that the Ventura County Library is up and running with the Dolly Parton Imaginary Library Project - **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth until they begin school in participating areas. Google to find out more.

ALSO, Kween Sherrill (moi) introduced our participation (because it's her idea) in the **Community 250 Project**. Basically, while Americans celebrate our country's 250th anniversary on July 4th, let's do some community service with the number 250 that will benefit our agencies or someone in our town.

So, we will be writing letters to military members (an example will be sent) and collecting these three suggested items to be sent in their Care Packages by the organization that does that. **Individual packs** 1. Dried fruit (raisins, nuts) Trail mix; 2. Individual cups of applesauce, fruit, pudding; 3. Puzzle books - crossword, Sudoku, deck of cards, games. Be-



Arnie needed a pair of sixes to win the big prize. He rolled a three.

tween letters and the gift items we hope to reach 250 by **end of July**. DO IT!

Roll of the Die

The prize, going to the FIRST member to roll 2 sixes is up to \$105! Arnie Rudman had the first shot but came up with a 3 - also the fourth turn and rolled a 4. A big \$7 for the man. Our speaker, Ivonne, rolled a 6! Last ticket called was held by Steve Coyne and he rolled a 2.

Say the Line, Pay the Fine

Many compliments about the success of our activities this weekend - especially to Mike Mathews and his trailer duties. Now to my Awesome Threesome:

1. Arnie Rudman had a great birthday weekend and spent some time on Anacapa Island where a plethora (thousands) of seagulls were prancing around - big ones and chicks. (Hope he was watching where he was stepping!)



Cooking for the Love Run





Julie Snom, a friend of Sharon McMahan, was a guest this morning. She also helped at our two cooking events over the weekend.

He also caught sight of a great white shark on the boat ride back to the mainland. Does he tell the truth? He even said he didn't burn the beans this weekend. Truth??

2. Katy Porter dropped in \$10 for "Amazing Mike" and for today's exact date - June 10th. I didn't catch it all, but there were double births in her family on separate June 10ths. So, this is a celebration of fond family memories for Katy.

3. Kathy Smiley had cheers for all the great volunteers for the LOVE RUN. She also questioned the "validity" of the cookie contest at the Friday Night event at the McMahan's house. It seems Sue Engler was a double winner. "Hmm," says Kathy, "Seems like Sue snuck in the Ice Cream card". - apparently her cookies were mixed with ice cream. Ah, the creativity... and the calories. In the end, Kathy graciously acknowledged the winner.



Our guest speaker Ivonne Mascaro from the Autism Society of Ventura County.

Autism Speaks

Our speaker today was Ivonne Mascaro from Autism Society of Ventura County. She is in charge of planning, coordinating, and executing the many events that occur yearly. Before she began her presentation, she enthusiastically gave her gratitude for our Kiwanis Club's many years of serving a pancake breakfast at their annual Aut2Run fundraiser.

The slide program she shared showed the variety of classes/programs offered to children, teens, adults dealing with various stages of Autism and also resources for parents and families.

The mission statement: "The mission of the Autism Society Ventura County is to improve the lives of all affected by Autism. We work to promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals within the autism spectrum and their



Vice President Kathy Smiley Thanks Ivonne for her presentation.



President Brian McMahon gives a certificate to Jeff Ellis for 21 years of service.

President's Message

families to be fully included members of the community."

Building a welcoming, understanding environment for those afflicted by Autism promotes a sense of acceptance and more importantly, it builds confidence to interact with others. Interaction is important for social growth and maturity.

To name just a few of the classes and programs that are available ... Early Childhood Meetups with sensory play groups, Virtual Art Classes, Bowling Meetups, Pre-Teen/Teen Girls Meetups, and Family Days at Old Meadows Park.

Thank you, Ivonne, for sharing the important work that the Autism Society does to improve inclusivity of those who need a listening ear and a caring hand.

Popsicle Stick Draw

Jane Lee! A no-show, so she gets a basketful of ... NOTHING!

"If you knew what I know about the power of giving, you wouldn't let a single meal pass without sharing it in some way." (Buddha)

Tootles, the Kween ... now write those letters!

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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 15, Monday: Many Mansions Summer Camp.

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

June 27, Saturday: Key Club Officer
Training, 10-3 at Camarillo H.S.

June 24-27, Int'l Convention, Manila

July 9, Thursday: DCM at ARC in Ven-
tura. 6:00 pm.

July 10, Friday: No Friday Meeting

July 11, Saturday: Mando, cooking burg-
ers.

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 Om-
meren, 6:00.

October 8, Thursday: Corks and 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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