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

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Club Welcomes New Member



Helping to install Alan Santisteban this morning were Past President Steve Weiss, Past President Paul Lopez, Alan, Immediate Past President Robin Britt, Past President Arnie Rudman and Past President Mike Mathews.

This morning we welcomed our newest, and best dressed, member, Alan Santisteban, who was approved for membership by the Board of Directors just last night. Alan has attended several meetings as a guest and prospective member, but now he's one of us. President Brian McMahon observed that Alan is the 21st new member to join the Club this Kiwanis Year, many of them Rising Stars and Friday members. Alan is joining as a regular Wednesday member, and we look forward to seeing his smiling face and sartorial splendor every

week.

Robin Britt headed up Alan's induction ceremony, assisted by four Past Presidents. Paul Lopez presented Alan his Kiwanis pin, Steve Weiss gave him the folder, Arnie Rudman the plaque (and toothbrush), and Mike Mathews concluded with Alan's temporary badge.

Sherrill Hyink chose "America" for the opening song, Aaron Podell led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Don Christie gave the invocation. He read a poem focused on the beauty of nature and the joy of love.



Sherrill Hyink started the meeting by leading us in singing "America." Aaron Podell led the flag salute and Don Christie gave the invocation.

We had no birthdays and no Club anniversaries to celebrate this week.

Doug Ryan graced us with a bit of humor, choosing the ever-popular topics of hearing difficulties and memory loss in the elderly. [Low hanging fruit to be sure, but Doug may have had to call an audible due to the presence of young visitors.]

Relay for Life

Brian called Cristy Warner to the podium, and she gave us an update on the Relay For Life, set for September 19th at CLU. She's organized the Kiwanis Cares team and we are neck-and-neck with our arch-rival, Thousand Oaks Rotary, in the

fund-raising race. It's personal, so donate to Kiwanis Cares!

Magnolia Horan, a 5th grade K-Kid, and Lisa Muir helped Cristy give us the word and passed the can around the room for donations. Magnolia later reported they collected \$172.75 from our generous members.

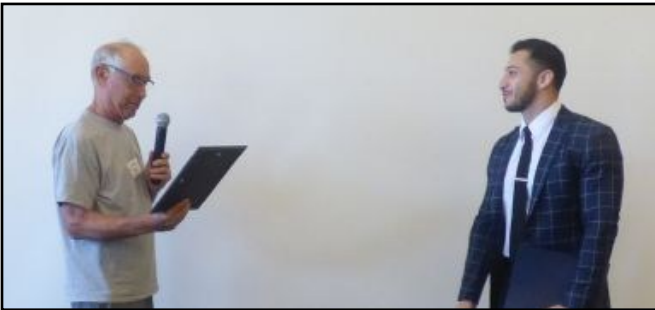
In addition to the financial support we are giving to the Kiwanis Cares team, we will be cooking our famous pancake breakfast at the Relay, and Sambuca will be providing musical entertainment.

Presidential Announcements

President Brian thanked Bob and Sue Engler for hosting the Friday Night Evening Edition last week and reported that we installed Julie Snow as a Friday member.

Upcoming Speakers

Alan's Installation



Safe Passage food distribution.





Magnolia Horan, a 5th grade K-Kid, Cris-ty Warner and Lisa Muir kicked off the Relay for Life campaign this morning. How many of us could have addressed a roomful of adults when we were in 5th grade?



He also gave us the scoop on Tuesday evening's Board meeting. The Board approved four new members, including Alan. The other three (Morgan Lange, Allen Chin, and Audrey Cortes) are joining Rising Stars. Brian also informed us that Greig Best will be taking on the role of InterClub Chair.

The Board approved the new contract with Los Robles for our breakfast meetings. The cost went up \$1 a pop, but Jim Stephenson thinks we can absorb that without a dues increase.

The Board also approved a contract

with Thousand Oaks Inn and Banquet Center for our Holiday party. The date is December 12.

The Club installation banquet is September 20 at Conejo Community Park.

Committee Reports and Announcements

President-Elect Jerry Westby fielded announcements from the floor.

Meals on Wheels - Sherrill Hyink was excited to report that she has recruited a couple of new drivers for our Monday route. Rita Phillips will drive the first Monday of the month and Steve T. Smith the fourth Monday.

Community Service - Gloria Dyok is looking for a few more servers for our cooking gig at the Conejo Valley Historical Society's annual La Fiesta Del Triunfo on August 21.

InterClubs – New chair Greig Best announced that he is working on an InterClub with the Camarillo Club on either October 20 or 27 and has an InterClub set with the Moorpark Club on November 16. He's also trying to arrange an InterClub with Oxnard in December.

Corks and Kegs – Brian McMahon announced that there is a Corks and Kegs Committee meeting via Zoom tonight. Sherrill Hyink said that auction items are starting to come in and to keep it going. Brian also welcomed Shawn Moradian, whose company has just made a \$1,000 contribution as a Corks

and Kegs sponsor. Thank you, Shawn! Sponsorships total about \$29,000 so far.

Lieutenant Governor Paul Lopez called our attention to flyers on the tables and invited us to sign up for the Division 42 Club Leadership Education event on August 29th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the ARC in Ventura. Cost is \$15, which includes coffee and donuts and lunch. He also passed around a sign-up sheet.

Arnie Rudman made his weekly announcement asking for volunteers to help Westminster Free Clinic distribute food at the United Methodist Church on Janss Road, from 1:00 to 2:00 Wednesdays.

Lynn Burdick shared a great idea. Buy Scrip and donate it to Sherril for the Corks and Kegs silent auction! She also has more aprons for sale at \$29.

Jerry Westby closed by announcing that he, Katy Porter and Jim Stephenson will be attending the Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention in Sparks, Nevada, this weekend.

Loteria

First up was Greig Best, who rolled a three. Then came Ellie Berrington, one of our program speakers. She earned \$5 with her roll. After Ellie, Greig reprised his first roll – another three. Last up was the beautiful Sharon McMahon, who rolled a lovely 4.



Greig Best won the raffle and collected three dollars for his efforts. Oh, and then another three dollars.

Fine Period

Kathy Smiley was our basket case this morning. Her first stop was Larry Levine. Larry said everyone signed in, but there was an irregularity. Someone other than Katy Porter had signed her in. Whoever that was owed a buck.

Kathy followed that with a clumsy buck – she managed to deposit her Harbor House lunches on the street when delivering them to Katy so Katy could take them to Harbor House.

Robin Britt welcomed new member Alan Santisteban, as did Arnie Rudman, Mary Sepe, and Katy Porter, who also congratulated Alan for having Mary as a mentor.

Jim Stephenson fessed up to signing Katy in. He also said that when he retired four years ago, Alice gave him a coffee cup with the inscription “Retired and Under New Management. – See Wife.” He decided to unretire.

Chuck Huffer paid for some missed

meetings. He was in Bend, Oregon, for his niece's wedding (happy bucks) but the air quality was horrible due to the fires (sad bucks).

Mary Sepe contributed \$5 to welcome Shawn Moradian and thank him for sponsoring Corks and Kegs.

Patrick Connolly paid two dollars for missed meetings and missing his popsicle stick being drawn while he was gone.

Greig Best dropped in \$10 - \$5 happy and \$5 sad. The happy was for the Board meeting and the Rising Stars meeting. The sad was because the Englers couldn't enjoy the flowers he brought to the Friday night meeting because they were leaving the next day.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Vice President Kathy Smiley introduced our speaker for this morning, Tammy Glenn, Executive Director of Caregivers, a non-profit that serves our homebound and frail elderly. Caregivers matches them up with volunteers that can assist with a multitude of daily tasks, so that the senior can stay in their home as they age. Ellee Berrington, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, accompanied Tammy.

Tammy's history of caregiving and volunteering began when she was eight years old. Her mother was badly injured in an accident and for the next 17 years, Tammy and her father provided round-



Our guest speaker was Tammy Glenn, Executive Director of Caregivers.

the-clock care for her. She also told us that, in high school she was a Kiwanette and traces her volunteer spirit to experiences she had in that club.

Caregivers carefully screens volunteers and matches them with seniors living nearby, hopefully fostering a long-term one-on-one relationship between them. No medical assistance is provided; rather the volunteers help with light household tasks, transportation, shopping, and companionship.

Caregivers serves 500 seniors in Ventura County and has a roster of 400 volunteers. The annual budget is around \$500,000 and they rely on fund-raising and grants for most of their income. Their motto is "Neighbors helping neighbors since 1984."

Popsicle Stick Draw

Roy Talley's popsicle stick was drawn, but he was not amongst us, so he gets ... NOTHING.

President's Message

"We either get success or lessons. If we learn our lessons successfully, we get both." Anodea Judith

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Vice President Kathy Smiley thanks Tammy Glenn and Ellee Berrington for joining us this morning.

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.

August 13, Thursday: NO DCM

August 13-15: District Convention in
Sparks, NV.

August 21, Friday: Triunfo Ball

August 29, Saturday: Division 42 Club
Leadership Education event from 8:00
am to 2:00 pm at the ARC in Ventura.

September 18, Friday: Friday Night
meeting at the home of Teta Van Om-
meren, 6:00.

September 19, Saturday: Relay For Life,
8am to 8pm. CLU Memorial Field.

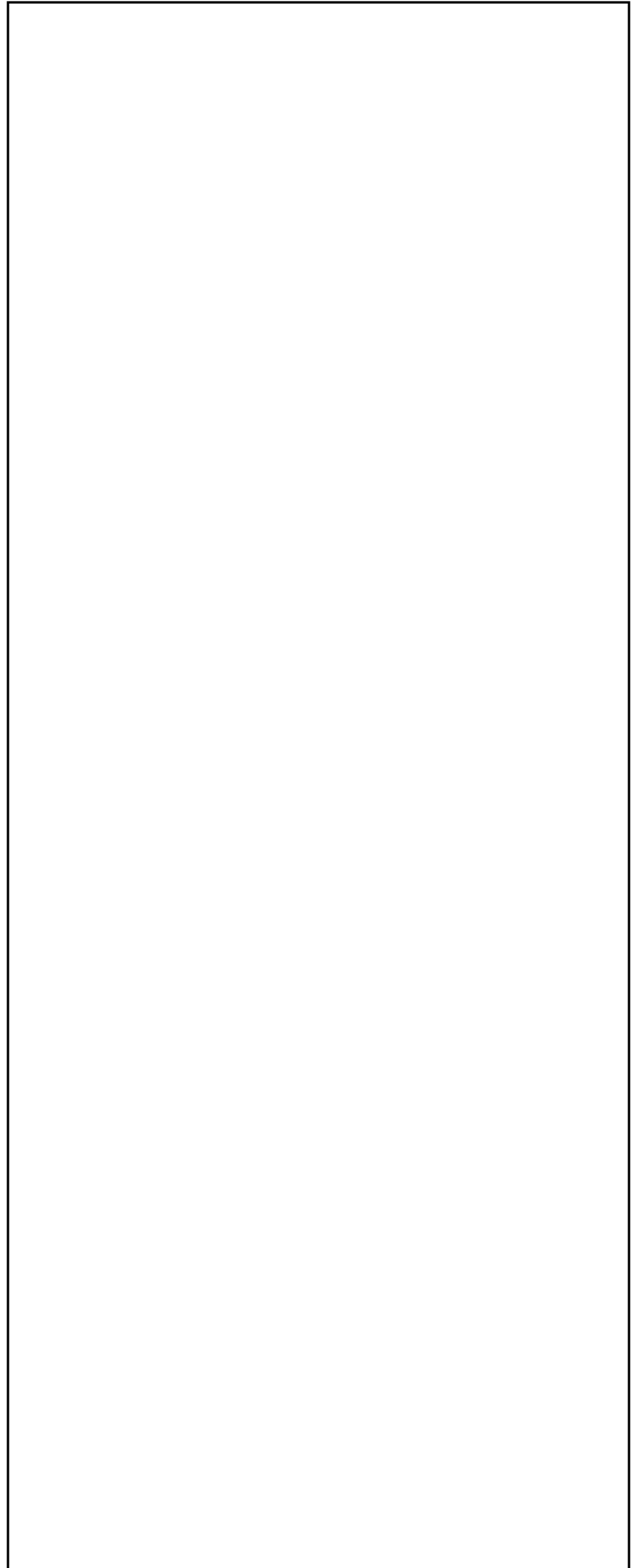
September 20, Sunday: Club Installation
at Dover & Hendrix Park. \$35/person.

October 8, Thursday: Corks and Kegs

October 22, Thursday: Succulent Social

October 28, Wednesday: Baseball Trivia
Night.

December 12, Saturday: Holiday Party



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

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