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THOUSAND OAKS

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

October 21, 2026

Corks and Kegs Auction Rewards



Kiwanians went to the Annenberg Animal Crossing to get an update on the progress of construction.

Sherrill Hyink shared more good news about Corks and Kegs – our silent auction featured about 40 items and netted more than \$6,000 in proceeds! The Kween rewarded some of the members who rounded up the items with gifts of Mary Sepe's famous banana bread loaves. Eight lucky members were chosen at random from among the 27 who qualified – Gloria Dyok, Julie Snow, John Prescott, Steve Weiss, Lori Olbrich, Rita Phillips, Jim Stephenson, and Bob Engler.

This morning's song, chosen by the Kween, was "Home on the Range." Lori

Olbrich led the flag salute, and Rick Herrera's invocation paid tribute to his son Eric, who passed away suddenly five years ago this Friday.

Greig Best's morning joke seemed headed for the too-long off-ramp, but it corrected course at the end. It was funny. Strike that, very funny. Explains the many speeders we encounter on the Ventura (101) Freeway.

Jane Lee's birthday is this week. Tony Logan is celebrating 11 years with the Club and Chris Anstead 7 years.



This morning Sherrill Hyink chose "Home on the Range" to get us off to a good start. Lori Olbrich led the pledge and Rick Herrera gave the inspiration.

Travels With the McMahons

Our second travel treasure auction item was donated by Sharon and Brian McMahon, obtained during their recent

trip to Victoria, British Columbia. Kathy Smiley parted with \$33 to become the proud owner of ... a chocolate bar and some gummies.

Upcoming Speakers

10-28 Sonny Horses 4 Kids, Laura Libby
 11-04 Historical Society, Nellie Cusworth
 11-11 Rolling Thunder-CA-1, John Short
 11-18 Turkey Day Dash, Kyle Jorrey and Janelle Achenbach
 12-02 Margaret Sigurdsson, Lt. Gov.
 12-09 VC Search & Rescue
 12-16 Tony Antonelli—CNH Children's Fund
 12-23 DARK
 12-30 DARK
 01-06 Villa Esperanza, Darryl Goodus
 01-13 Amy Commans, Los Robles
 01-20 Sr. Alliance for Empowerment, Rick Sauer

Presidential Announcements

President Jerry Westby filled us in on a field trip he and other members took on Monday to the nearly completed Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, led by Lauren Gill. Grand opening (or maybe dedication) is December 2.

Committee Reports and Announcements

Meals on Wheels – Sherrill Hyink reported that Rita Phillips will drive the Monday route next week.

SLP – Bob Engler announced that the annual Key Club Fall Rally at Magic Mountain will be held November 14. Chaperones are needed and Bob assured us that the dangerous rides have been shut down.



Sharon McMahon, Reina Paredes and Kathy Smiley show off their artistic Creations at the succulent decorating event. More pictures on the next page.

Fundraising –Robin Britt circulated the sign-up sheet for Turkey Day Dash and urged members to contribute some new autographs. We can earn maybe as much as \$25,000 if we provide enough volunteers.

InterClubs – Greig Best announced that our next InterClub is at Camarillo on October 27 in the evening. Carpool leaves Los Robles at 5:00. He also has four spots available to help decorate Rose Parade floats on December 29 from

4:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Contact him if you are interested.

Social Committee – Sharon McMahon displayed a beautiful example of the kind of creation members and friends can make in our Succulent Centerpiece Class on October 22 at the McMahons' home. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies, beverages and appetizers. Kathy Smiley announced the next social/admin fundraiser, the World Series of Trivia at the Pizza Cookery on October 28.

Youth Services – Sean Leonard announced that our Career Expo is scheduled for March 4, 2027, at Thousand Oaks High School.

Rick Herrera channeled Arnie Rudman and reminded us of the opportunity to help Westminster Free Clinic distribute food every Wednesday at 1:00 at United Methodist Church on Janss Road. Only takes about 30-45 minutes.

Brian McMahon reported that the next Rising Stars meeting will be held tomorrow at Bandits, beginning at 5:30. Rising Stars now has about 10 members, and Tim Hagel is set to join the Club.

John Prescott announced that the Committee established by the Board to review the Vice President position would meet right after this morning's Club meeting in the adjacent "liquid" conference room.





Roger Meyer won the raffle, but only collected one dollar. Better luck next time.

Raffle

No big winners. Roger Meyer won \$1, Don Christie won \$5 and Robin Britt won \$4.

Fine Period Follies

Sharon McMahon carried the basket this week. President Jerry called on Larry Levine to fine anyone who forgot to sign in. No one missed signing in, but there were two latecomers – Lynn Burdick and Alan Santisteban. Nice Larry declined to fine them, although each was technically on the hook for a late dollar.

Robin Britt parted with \$24, \$20 for Mary's wonderful banana bread and \$4 for Greig Best taking her to the DCM. Greig followed with an advertising dollar – he's a Notary Public, with reasonable rates for Kiwanians. Doug Ryan paid \$35 amazing bucks for 35 years of wedded bliss with Jackie.

Bob Engler paid tribute to Sherrill Hyink's work on the silent auction at

Corks and Kegs. Sean Leonard shared a Milo story. They went to Home Depot and Milo saw a singing, dancing cow that he had to have. So, Sean bought it for him. Milo broke it in two days and now hates it.

Sherrill Hyink waved around some happy bucks for help she's getting from Mike and Robin moving Corks and Kegs supplies back to storage. She was also happy that the silent auction made \$6,000 and for Mary's banana bread, She gave Mary \$20 and waved everything else off with the Fine Free Badge.

Katy Porter is happy to be a member. Lynn Burdick paid her late dollar. She thought 6:45 was 5:45. Chuck Huffer was happy his part of town did not get the SCE blackout and that junk mail will end in two weeks.

Tim Hengst almost ran out of sad dollars – for the Dodgers, the Rams, and CLU's football team, all losers last week. Kathy Smiley, on the other hand, was happy – her K. C. Chiefs are undefeated and beat the Chargers last weekend (like who hasn't beaten the Chargers).

Our Treasurer Jim Stephenson "hates my job." A \$20.52 cash back payment from our credit card provider defied accounting, despite Jim's valiant efforts to squish it in somewhere that it didn't pop out elsewhere.



Our guest speakers were Victoria Sayeg and Jenna Lay, representing Project Raft.

Introducing Project Raft

This morning's speakers were Victoria Sayeg and Jenna Lay, representing Project Raft, a collection of artists putting their creativity to work for community, justice, and positive change through filmmaking, interviewing and storytelling. It's a new non-profit that partners with philanthropic individuals and organizations to get the word out about the good work they do.

The artists are supported by a team including a social media manager (that's Jenna), a creative director, and strategic advisor. Videographer interns work alongside the artists, learning the craft as they help create visual stories.

Victoria grew up in a family environment of video production and entertainment. She did media work in the corporate world and then switched focus to non-profit support. Project Raft has many non-profit partners, including Young Artists Ensemble, Interface Chil-



Jerry Westby thanks our speakers with the gift of Kiwanis mugs.

dren and Family Services, and Charity Karaoke.

Victoria noted that people spend many hours a day consuming media. Project Raft seeks to make that space a more positive one.

And the name Project Raft, how was that chosen? When sea otters sleep in the ocean, they gather and hold paws for protection from rough currents and predators, and to keep warm and conserve energy. They are stronger together than alone, and the formation is called a "raft."

Stick Draw

Katy Porter was the lucky winner this week, she was in the house this morning and gets ... a \$20 dues credit!

President's Message

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King

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SOCIAL & ADMIN COMMITTEES**

**AUTUMN & HOLIDAY 2026
SAVE THE DATES!**

OCTOBER 8 - CORKS & KEGS FUNDRAISER
LOS ROBLES GREENS 5:30 - 8:30 PM

OCT 22 - SUCCULENT CLASS SOCIAL, 3:00- 6:00PM
BRIAN & SHARON MCMAHON'S HOUSE
1237 COMSTOCK, NEWBURY PARK CA 91320

OCT 28 - WORLD SERIES OF TRIVIA
& HALLOWEEN PARTY
5:30 - 8:00PM - PIZZA COOKERY

NOV 19 - HOMEMADE GREETING CARD CLASS
2:00 PM, BRIAN & SHARON MCMAHON'S HOUSE
1237 COMSTOCK, NEWBURY PARK CA 91320

DECEMBER 12 IS OUR
KIWANIS HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY!!!

6:00 - 9:00 PM
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THOUSAND OAKS KIWANIS
PRESENTS:

World Series of Trivia Night

5:30 PM



\$25
FOR PIZZA,
PRIZES,
RAFFLES

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

WEDNESDAY, OCT 28 AT THE
PIZZA COOKERY
75 W. THOUSAND OAKS BLVD
(THOUSAND OAKS INN)

TRIVIA QUESTIONS ARE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
NOT JUST SPORTS!

PIZZA IS INCLUDED
(OTHER FOOD & DRINKS ARE ON YOU)

JOIN THE TEAM AND GET READY TO COMPETE FOR
GREAT PRIZES!

RSVP KATHY (805) 390-9323
OR SHARON (805) 368-1347

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ADMIN FUND

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.

October 27, Tuesday: Interclub at 5:30
p.m. with the Camarillo Club. Location
TBD, carpool departs 5:00 p.m. sharp
from Los Robles Greens.

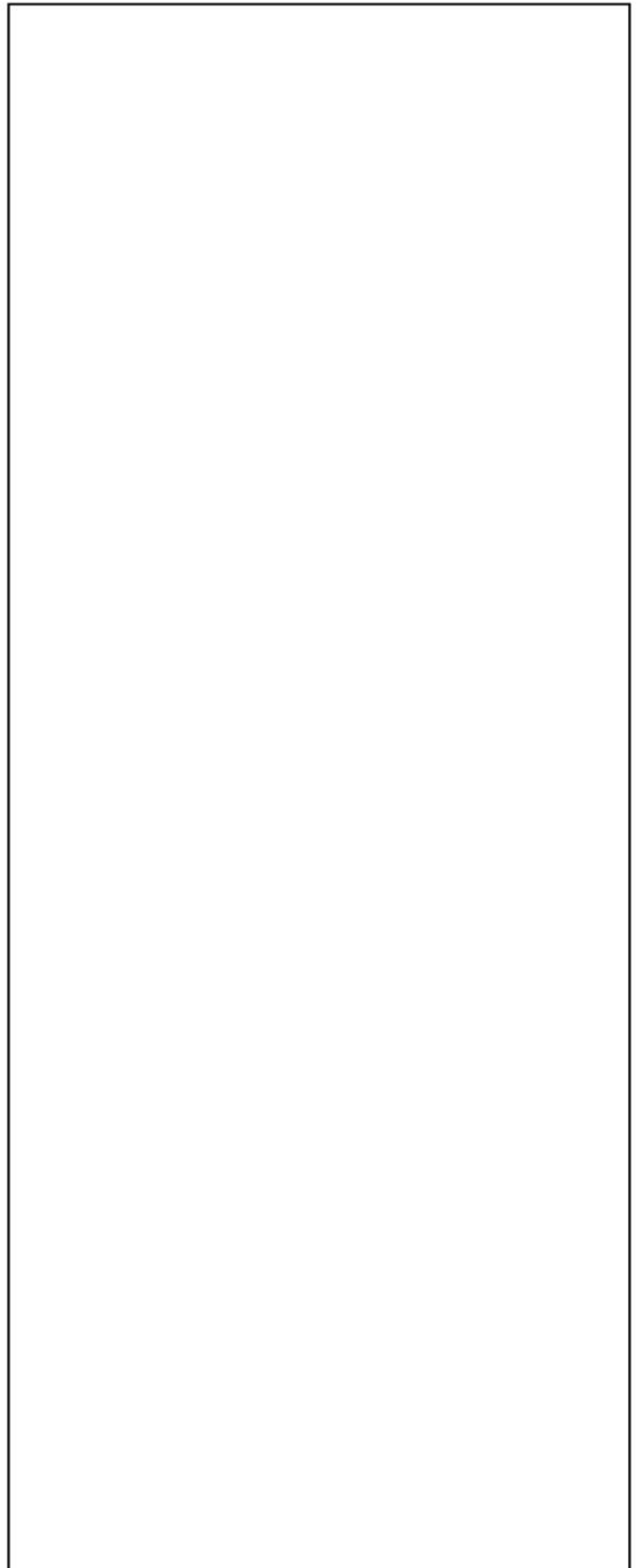
October 28, Wednesday: Baseball Trivia
Night and Halloween party. 5:30—8:00 at
the Pizza Cookery.

November 7, Saturday: Cooking for
Girls Softball at Los Cerritos. 10-4.

Monday, November 16: Interclub at 6:00
p.m. with the Moorpark Club. Carpool
departs 5:30 p.m. sharp from Los Robles
Greens. Location TBD.

November 19, Thursday: Homemade
greeting card class. 2:00 pm at the
McMahon's.

December 12, Saturday: Holiday Party.
6:00 to 9:00 at the T. O. Inn.



Club Officers

President

Jerry Westby

President Elect

Kathy Smiley - Committees

Vice President

TBD - Programs

Secretary

Lori Olbrich 9/2028

Treasurer

Jim Stephenson 9/2028

Director (Ass't Secretary)

Gloria Dyok 9/2028

Director (Ass't Treasurer)

Chuck Huffer 9/2028

Immediate Past President

Brian McMahon - Membership

Director

John Prescott 9/2027

Director

Tony Antonelli 9/2027

Director

Mike Mathews 9/2027

Director

Patrick Connolly 9/2027

Director

Sharon McMahon 9/2028

Director

Alicia Snarr 9/2028

Director

Alyson Berg 9/2028

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

Greig Best

Bulletin

John Prescott

Web Site

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House

Dave Freeman / Larry Levine

Health and Caring

Roger Meyer

Social Media

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Youth Services / YCP1

Sean Leonard/Teta Van Ommeren

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Dave Biedebach

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Gloria Dyok

Sponsored Youth

Bob Engler

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Meals On Wheels, Sherrill Hyink

BBQ Wagon, Mike Mathews

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