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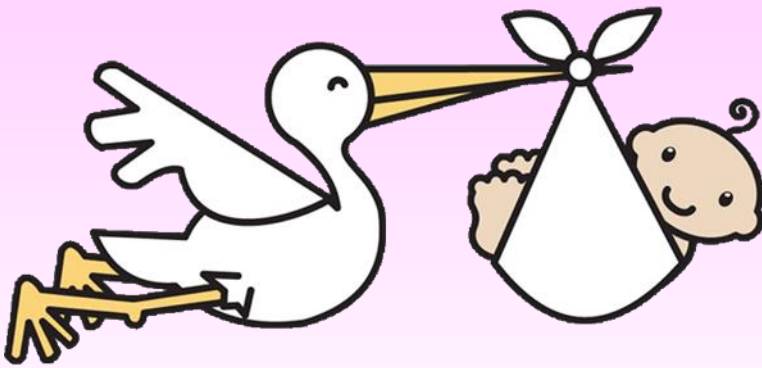
Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club

February 2025

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What to Expect When You're NOT Expecting

Planned Baby Shower Will Feature Everything But the Baby



Nobody's having a baby, at least that we know of. But that minor little detail isn't going to stop us from throwing a party for a good cause.

Collectively, the Kiwanis Youth Development and Support of San Diego (KYDS), the Kiwanis Club of Grantville-Allied Gardens, and Palisades Church have worked to put on an event where we will collect donations and host a "non-baby" baby shower. We will not have a specific baby in mind (or on hand, that we know of), just the military babies in need here in San Diego County.

Grace and **Alan Young** are helping to spearhead this project, along with **Valerie Crawford** and the KYDS club.

You are cordially invited to attend our event on Saturday, February 15th at Palisades Church, 6301 Birchwood Street, starting at 1 p.m. The baby shower will benefit the Military Outreach Mission of San Diego. Military parents struggle to make ends meet, and babies have so many needs.

We will have fun games and prizes, and we will hear the Director of the Military Outreach Mission, **Barbara Chavez**. This program has been helping active duty families meet their needs through donations and food programs. You can donate baby supplies at any meeting of the two Kiwanis Clubs.

Current high needs items are larger-sized diapers (sizes 4 and 5), training pants, and formula.

We will be stuffing goodie bags at our next KYDS Kiwanis Club meeting on Monday, February 10th at Emiliano's Mexican Restaurant during our meeting at 6 p.m. Stop by for some service and a fun run-through of the games! Let us know if you have questions or would like to help.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can do so at www.sandiegomom.org/donate.



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by Jim Akin, 2024-25 Club President

It's getting close to that time of year. You know, it's very taxing. It is getting near the time when you have to pay up to Uncle Sam. Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, etc. We in Kiwanis, and other service clubs as well, pay another tax called community service. **Muhammad Ali**, the great boxer, has the following line inscribed on his tombstone:

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room in heaven."

It may be a bit of overkill to have this on one's tombstone, but it is really a straight up presentation of values.

Our service tax that we pay in time and money to the good of the community is different from the tax that we pay to various governments in only one way: We do it voluntarily. I'm sure that almost all of us do not voluntarily send money to the IRS. They know where we live.

So why do we pay this community service tax? The blurbs on many organizations' websites tell us that, in a lot of words, it is for the good of the communities in which we live. We are supposed to register a sense of fulfillment and broaden our skills in teamwork. These high-minded ideals are great, and do represent a part of why one would spend time and money on service projects. These ideals are not what I signed up for. Yes, I do get a sense of fulfillment. That feeling comes when we are putting out the flags and drivers honk and wave. But more so, I signed up because it is fun. It is sociable. I am surrounded by like-minded people.

You still have about two months left until the not-so-voluntary tax is due. Your voluntary tax is due now, and next week, next month, next year. Make sure you pay it on time because we too know where you live.

-- Jim



Kiwanis One Day
APRIL 19, 2025

Mission Trails Regional Park

A service holiday for all
ages to work together!
K-Kids, Builders Club,
Key Club, Circle K, and
Kiwanis

Who Takes The CAKE This Month?



February Birthdays

29 Dave Erlanson



February Wedding Anniversaries

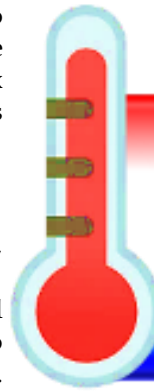
7 Vic and Judy Enchelmayer

10 Tony and Mary Haas

February Membership Anniversaries

1979 John Chandler

2020 Vic Enchelmayer



MEMBERSHIP METER

Club Membership (as of January 31 st , 2025)	24
Members Added Last Month	0
Members Deleted Last Month	0
Change, Year to Date (since October 1 st , 2024)	0
Honorary Members	8



Kiwanis
GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

G.A.G. RAG is the official publication of the Kiwanis Club of Grantville-Allied Gardens (#K05285), our Foundation, and our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). The G.A.G. Kiwanis Club, chartered by Kiwanis International on September 17th, 1960, meets on Thursdays at Palisades Church, 6301 Birchwood Street. Our club meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcome.

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We encourage articles, photos, and other contributions from all members of the Kiwanis Club, from our SLP partners, and from the community at large.

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Other contributors this month include Gary Blume, Valerie Crawford, Lisa De Las Alas, Alan Young, Jack Elmore, and Jacinda Dietz (Lewis Middle School Builders Club). Sorry if we missed anyone!





COMMUNITY

Baby Shower

Benefitting

Military Families

Please bring donations with you when you stop by for some fun games and military family trivia.

Needed Items:

- Diapers (sizes 4 and 5 high need)
- Pull-Ups
- Wipes
- Baby Clothes
- Shelf-stable baby food
- Formula

RSVP



Saturday, February 15th
1-3 PM

Palisades Church
6301 Birchwood St.
San Diego, CA



Meeting Notes

Summarized by John Crawford
and Alan Young

January 9th – New Perspectives, New Ideas, New Year

For our first meeting of the new calendar year, we enjoyed a hearty meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans as prepared by our outstanding House Committee Chair (and Kiwanian of the Year) **Gary Blume**. No matter how big the crowd, Gary is always here early to prepare a delicious dinner for our members, along with his other helpers on the House Committee. This often includes **John Chandler**, **Vic Enchelmayer**, and other members who appreciate the fellowship that comes with sharing a meal among friends. We are lucky to have such a tight-knit group.

Our guests tonight included **Judy Enchelmayer** (Vic's wife!) and **Ruby Phillips**, a seventh-grade from Lewis Middle School who has been one of our most dedicated student volunteers over the past year. We always appreciate our guests from Builders Club and all of our sponsored youth organizations.

With the wildfires burning in Los Angeles, we were somewhat gratified to hear that the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund is collecting donations and coordinating with Kiwanis Clubs in the area to help bring relief to the victims who have lost their homes. The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund was originally started in 1964 as a disaster relief effort for flood victims in Southern Oregon and Northern California. While their focus has shifted to serving children in the years since, disaster relief is still an important component of the mission. If anybody would like to help contribute to the relief efforts, donations can be submitted online at www.CNHFoundation.org.

We also got an update from New Entra Casa, a women's shelter in North Park for women who have been released from prison and want to reintegrate back into society. Our club has sponsored New Entra Casa for more than 20 years with both financial support and various home repair and maintenance projects. The shelter recently had a vacancy open up on their board, and anyone interested in serving can contact New Entra Casa directly.

After a few more project announcements – including the Poway Winter Festival, which we are hoping to replicate for our own community one year from now – we had a group brainstorming session to discuss various ways that we can improve our club in the year ahead. We are looking forward to getting more volunteers involved, with new service project ideas and more opportunities for the general public to serve along with us. We also considered ways to get more local businesses involved as volunteers.

One creative suggestion for publicity was the use of "Burma Shave" signs as a local advertising campaign. We looked at our current social media presence and discussed the possibility of holding more service projects at our club meetings. One project that we are currently excited about is the "Babyless Baby Shower" scheduled for February 15th. It's projects like this which have made our Kiwanis Club fun for the whole community since 1960!

PROGRAM PREVIEW

Courtesy of Vice President Paul Vogel

February 6th

Official Visit of Lt. Governor Neill Kovrig (Rescheduled)

K.O.D.: George Butterstein

February 13th

Program TBA

K.O.D.: TBA

February 20th (Morning Meeting)

Student of the Month Awards

K.O.D.: TBA

February 27th

Program TBA

K.O.D.: TBA

March 27th

**Paula Kelley, Executive Director,
Kiwanis Family House Sacramento**

K.O.D.: TBA

*To recommend a guest speaker for an upcoming meeting, please contact
Vice President Paul Vogel.*



MEALS on WHEELS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Delivery Schedule

February 6 th	Alan & Grace Young
February 13 th	George & Kathy Butterstein
February 20 th	John & Pam Chandler
February 27 th	Gary & Amy Blume
March 6 th	George & Kathy Butterstein
March 13 th	Gary & Amy Blume
March 20 th	John & Pam Chandler
March 27 th	Alan & Grace Young

*If you would like to volunteer for a shift, please contact
Amy Blume at AmyGaryBlume@gmail.com.*

Meeting Notes

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January 16th – Blueberry Pancakes and Big Plans for Upcoming Projects



These Kiwanis volunteers got up early to put up the flags on MLK Day last month! L-R: **Paul and Joi Vogel, Alan Young, Rosy Garcia-Rivas, Vic Enchelmayer, John Crawford, Chris Schmit, and Gary Blume.** Not pictured: **Dave Erlanson.**

We had one guest join us for our breakfast meeting today, Amy Blume, the wife of Gary Blume. Amy helps us coordinate our schedule for Meals-On-Wheels, and we appreciate her support. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m. by **Alan Young**, our acting President for the day. Current club President **Jim Akin** was undergoing training for his service with the U.S. Census Bureau, while Immediate Past President **Vic Enchelmayer** was out-of-town, entertaining relatives.

After the call to order, we went straight to a delicious pancake, heated syrup, blueberries, and bacon. **Gary Blume** (on bacon) and **John Chandler** (cooking pancakes) did an amazing job. John should be awarded a golden spatula for his many years of serving pancakes at G.A.G. Kiwanis events!

Today's meeting was very informal compared to our normal meetings, as we did not have our usual Student of the Month Award presentations. There were many discussions going on while we ate.

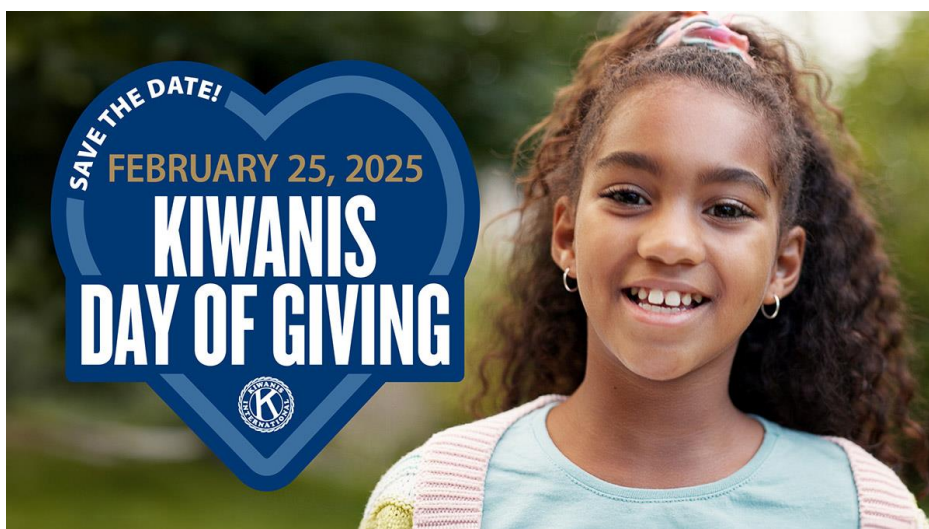
Among the announcements this morning were a football-themed fundraiser we have going on right now. We are also planning a new member orientation meeting for two of our recent guests. We always enjoy adding new members to our Kiwanis family, and that means introducing them to our club's favorite customs and traditions.

One of our prospective new members is interested in chartering a new K-Kids Club at Foster Elementary School. Our club has proudly sponsored a K-Kids Club at Hearst Elementary for thirty years, so of course we welcome a new opportunity to help more students learn about community service and leadership through Kiwanis. We hope to launch the new K-Kids club sometime later this year.

We are also working on the "Babyless" Baby Shower on Saturday, February 15th. The event is being co-sponsored by the KYDS Kiwanis Club, G.A.G. Kiwanis, and Palisades Church. Military families will benefit from this event.

Finally, we all saw a slideshow of pictures of last weekend's Poway Winter Festival, where two of our club members were present. This gave us some new ideas for the possible "Kid's Snow Play Day" event that we are hoping to launch in Winter 2026.

Now is a great time to get involved in G.A.G. Kiwanis, as we have several new and exciting projects on the horizon!



Meeting Notes

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January 23rd – Women Making History, Men Making Dinner!



PHHS English teacher and Key Club advisor **Valerie Crawford** was proud to introduce 12-year Girl Scout **Eva Cruz**. In addition to her scouting adventures, Eva enjoys competing in track, cross country, and swimming.



Helping out with the House Committee – and serving up some delicious burritos – were House Chair **Gary Blume** and **John Chandler**. Gary puts a great deal of care into our meals at Kiwanis, and nobody ever goes home hungry!

We welcomed several important and wonderful guests to our meeting tonight, including **Julie Thomas**, a local real estate professional who has agreed to join our club! We also welcomed our Past (2022-23) District Governor, **Valarie Brown-Klingelhofer**, visiting us all the way from Greenfield, California (near Salinas). Doc Val also brought along her mother, **Flora Brown**, a past Lt. Governor of Division 43 (Monterey), who happens to live in La Mesa. “Mom Flo,” as we all know her, has been looking for a local Kiwanis Club to join and by the time our meeting tonight was finished, we had a new member application with her name on it! We always welcome anyone who wants to volunteer.

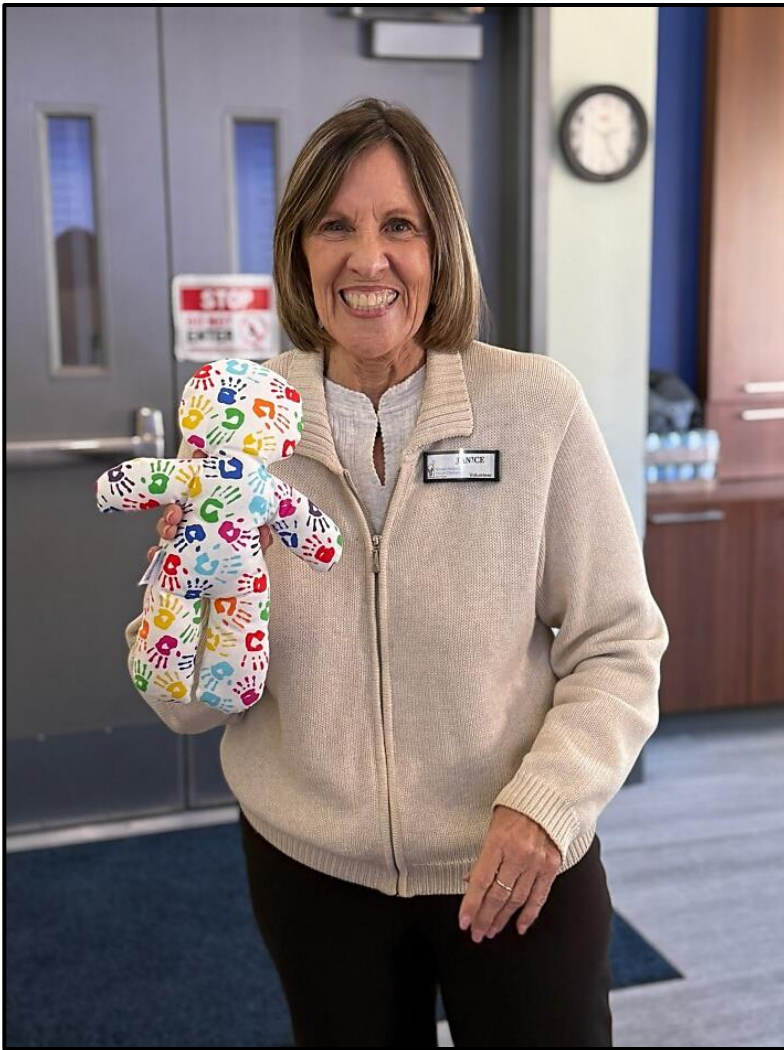
Vic and Judy Enchelmayer also brought two guests, Vic’s sister **Linda Schmit** and her husband, **Chris**, visiting us from Denmark! Chris even helped us with our flag display on Waring Road for MLK Day.

We welcomed back **Ruby Phillips** from Lewis Middle School, one of our Builders Club representatives, and our guest speaker, **Eva Cruz**, brought along her mother, **Stephanie**, as an additional guest. Welcome!

After our Kiwanian of the Day, **Valerie Crawford**, took to the podium and collected Happy Dollars from our audience, she introduced us to **Eva Cruz**, a junior at Patrick Henry High School. Eva has been a Girl Scout for 12 years, and she has taken on a challenging but inspired project, raising awareness of women who made significant contributions to society but might otherwise be overlooked. One of her examples was **Katie Ledecy**, an Olympic swim champion who won fourteen medals (nine gold!) while competing for Team USA. Others were recognized for their contributions to science, labor, the military, and sports. Each of Eva’s seven “sheroes” was accompanied with a hand-drawn illustration that she came up with on her own.

With help from Kiwanis, Eva hopes to paint a nearby utility box with images of these seven important woman.

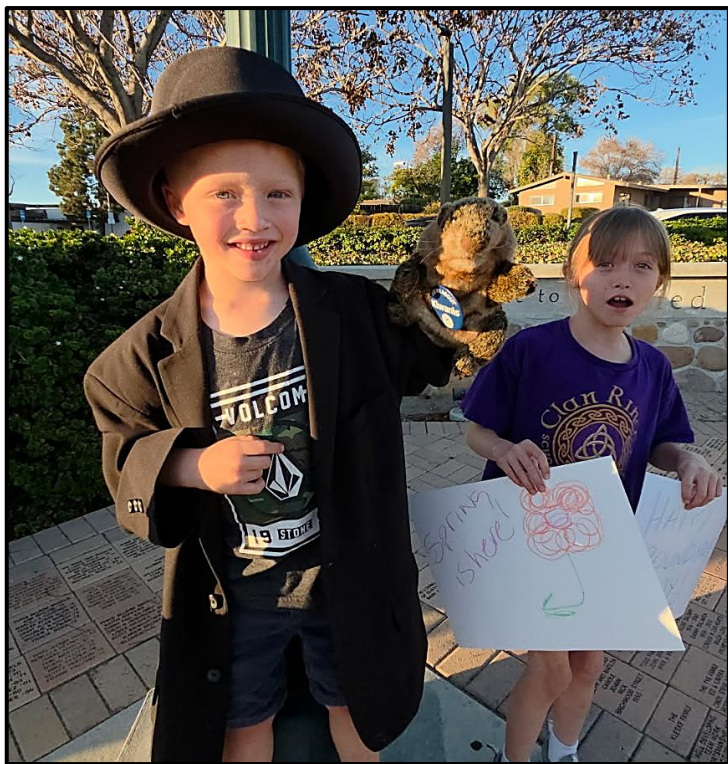




Janice, a volunteer with Rady Children's Hospital, was the happy recipient of some 41 trauma dolls hand-crafted and stuff by our own **Mary Haas**. The trauma dolls are used by doctors and nurses to explain medical procedures to very young patients, who then get to keep the doll.



That's Some Kinda Nice: San Diego Padres broadcaster **Mark Grant** (seen here with our own **Valerie Crawford**) was the guest speaker at an Alpine Kiwanis meeting last month. He also received a 30-year Legion of Honor certificate for his membership in the Alpine Kiwanis Club!



Kade and Laurel Bushnell celebrated Groundhog Day on February 2nd at the Triangle with a groundhog puppet named "Allied Gardens Kevin." Kevin did not see his shadow!





Help Wanted: Kiwanis Volunteers at PHHS Track Invitational

Any available Kiwanis volunteers are requested for help at the 20th Annual Elmer Runge Track Invitational, to be hosted on Saturday, March 1st at Patrick Henry High School. This event features hundreds of track and field athletes from dozens of high schools throughout Southern California. It is also one of the top fundraisers for PHHS Athletics.

Dorothy Ianuzzi is not only a parent to a PHHS track athlete, but she is also a fifth-grade teacher at Hearst Elementary School in Del Cerro. She has attended dozens of G.A.G. Kiwanis meetings throughout the years as she has seen countless students take home the Student of the Month Award from Kiwanis. Dorothy often assists with these presentations, telling us information from the teacher's point of view about the student being honored with the monthly award.

As a parent volunteer, then, it's only natural that she turned to G.A.G. Kiwanis for assistance last year when organizers of the Elmer Runge Invitational needed somebody to provide food and refreshments for those in attendance.

With help from the Patrick Henry Key Club and Lewis Middle School Builders Club, last year's event was a success as Kiwanis volunteers were able to bring out the club's cook trailer and provide hot dogs and burgers all day. Many Key Club volunteers also provided free face painting for kids on the scene.

The track tournament was named for **Elmer Runge** (1933-2023), a track, wrestling, and gymnastics coach at Patrick Henry High School from its opening in 1968 until his retirement in 1995. One of the original faculty members at PHHS, Runge helped Patrick Henry claim two gymnastics championships in the first three years of the school's history. This was just a small sample of Runge's success, winning 15 championships as a coach and Physical Education teacher over his 36-year career.

Key Club and Builders Club will again be invited to help out, but any adults who want to volunteer should arrive at the stadium on campus at Patrick Henry on March 1st, no later than 10 a.m. (It is possible to work in shifts.) Lunch will be served over the next few hours, and the event should wrap up by 3:30 p.m.



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**PATRICK
HENRY**
High School



The Patrick Henry Key Club hosted their club elections last month, with the following students elected to serve as officers during the 2025-26 term:

President:	An Nguyen
VP Service:	Kayla To
VP Communications:	Natalia Lorenzana
Secretary:	Angeline Manalo
Treasurer:	Jason Le

One additional candidate received an endorsement to run for Lt. Governor of Division 21 East. That election will take place at Patrick Henry High School on February 22nd.

PHHS Key Club will be participating in an event called "Cupids and Canines" on Saturday, February 15th in La Mesa at the Grossmont Center shopping mall. This is a pet adoption event with a Valentine's Day theme.

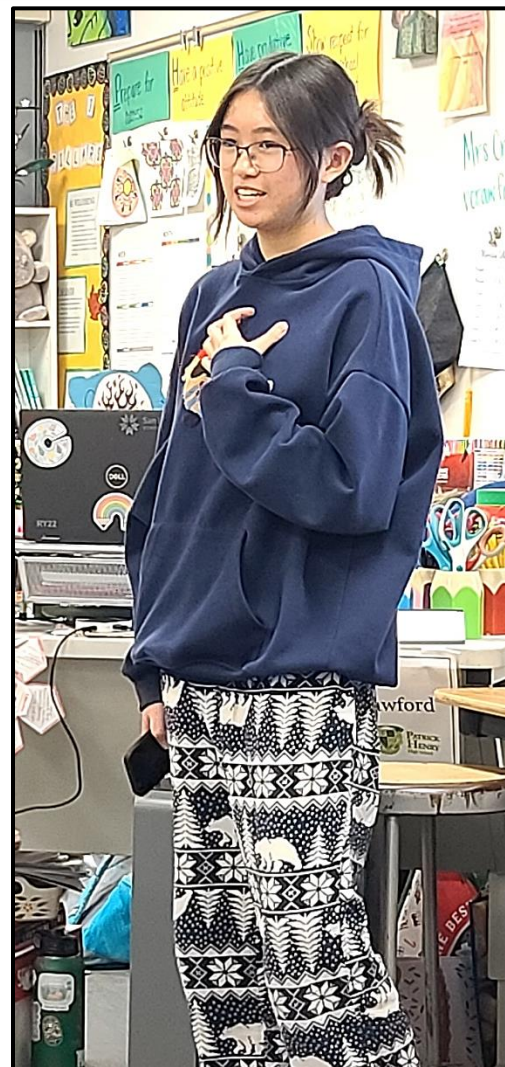
The Builders Club at Lewis Middle School has responded to the Los Angeles fire disaster with a hygiene supply drive (*see Page 12 of this newsletter*). They have a full slate of upcoming events, including the Babyless Baby Shower on February 15th, the Elmer Runge Track Meet on March 1st, and their most popular project, the Peanut Butter & Jelly brown-bag lunch project to feed the homeless of San Diego. Help will be needed for that project after school on Monday, March 24th.

The SDSU Circle K club continues to struggle with both service projects and participation this semester. Due to some conflicting schedules among their board officers, the Circle K club has not yet hosted any meetings in 2025, and with their most dedicated members set to graduate this spring, the club's future is unclear. SDSU Circle K is the oldest Circle K club in the Cal-Nev-Ha District and the fourth-oldest in the world. Circle K members from UCSD may be consulted in an effort to keep the SDSU club alive for the future.

While the Hearst Elementary School K-Kids club continues to meet, thanks in large part to Dr. **Doug Grosmark**, there is an exciting new opportunity for a K-Kids club at Foster Elementary School. Prospective new Kiwanis member **Rosy Garcia-Rivas**, herself a graduate of the K-Kids program, has two kids at Foster and has had discussions with the school principal about launching a new club there.



An Nguyen



PHHS Key Club Secretary **Phoebe Shoemaker** addresses the audience during the club election proceedings last month. Phoebe hopes to attend the Key Club Convention this April in Ontario.



SLP Interclub Guide

The **SDSU Circle K Club** meets on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. at the Conrad Prebys Student Union, Presidential Suite. *Contact Alan Young.*

Patrick Henry High School Key Club meets each Monday at 12:58 p.m., Room 203. *Contact Valerie Crawford.*

Lewis Middle School Builders Club meets on Mondays; 2:40 p.m., Room 220 (Ms. Dietz). *Contact John Crawford or Vic Enchelmayer.*

Hearst Elementary School K-Kids Club meets on the third Friday of each month at 2:15 p.m. in Room 12. *Contact Doug Grosmark or Stephan Barrington.*





Ohio native **Drew Carey**, a former United States Marine, has parlayed a successful stand-up comedy career into his own sitcom, hosted a successful improv comedy show, and since 2007, he has been the emcee of "The Price Is Right" on CBS Television.

WandaVision!

Will This Honorary Kiwanian Win Big on TPIR?

Wanda Elmore has never been shy – but could she possibly upstage the host of television's longest-running game show? We'll have a chance to find out on April 30th when "The Price Is Right" airs on CBS television.

Honorary Kiwanian Wanda has been a dear friend to our club ever since her husband, **Gene**, joined us in March of 1969. The Elmores have hosted countless board meetings and events at their San Carlos home throughout the years. These days, Wanda spends much of her time caring for Gene, who at age 101 is still an active member of G.A.G. Kiwanis!

Having recently beaten cancer, there seems to be nothing that can slow her down. So, when Wanda confided to her daughter-in-law, **Peggy**, that she has always wanted to be on "The Price Is Right," Peggy arranged for tickets and the two of them traveled to Glendale for the taping of two episodes.

"The Price Is Right" (hosted since 2007 by **Drew Carey**) famously plucks their contestants directly from the studio audience. We're not allowed to post spoilers here, but tune in for the April 30th episode to see Wanda in action!



Donning her customized T-shirt for the occasion, **Wanda Elmore** will be seen on the April 30th episode of "The Price Is Right." Set your DVR!



Want Your Own Chance to Win??

Coincidentally, G.A.G. Kiwanis has also been invited to attend a live taping of "The Price Is Right" on Monday, February 24th. (This was arranged before we found out about Wanda's "bucket list" adventure!)

If you are interested in joining us for a live taping of the show – and possibly winning big if you get invited to "Come On Down!" – please contact **John Crawford** to reserve your spot. Regardless of the outcome of the show, G.A.G. Kiwanis will receive \$30 per person as a fundraiser (minimum eight people in attendance, maximum 25). Other Kiwanis Clubs in the area will be invited to participate as well, so don't hesitate!

The taping will begin in Glendale, California (specific location to be disclosed to participants only) at 1:30 p.m. Please do NOT wear your Kiwanis shirt or anything else with a logo or brand name visible, or you will not be eligible to appear on the show.



Service Opportunities in **RED**
Kiwanis Family Events in **BLUE**

February 2025

Official Visit of District Governor Doug Frost

Saturday, February 8th, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive

"Babyless" Baby Shower to Benefit Military Moms

Saturday, February 15th, 1:00 p.m.
Palisades Presbyterian Church, 6301 Birchwood St.

Presidents Day (Federal Holiday)

Monday, February 17th
Flags to be Displayed on Waring Road

Navajo Canyon Cleanup (City of San Diego)

Saturday, February 22nd, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
North Site: 6511 Eldridge Street

Key Club Division 21 East Conclave

Saturday, February 22nd, 10:00 a.m.
Patrick Henry High School

"The Price Is Right" Live Taping

Monday, February 24th, 1:30 p.m.
Glendale, CA – Must reserve a space in advance!

Cal-Nev-Ha Circle K District Convention

February 28th – March 2nd
Deltas Hotel by Marriott, Ontario, California

March 2025

Elmer Runge Invitational Track Meet

Saturday, March 1st, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Patrick Henry High School

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Allied Gardens Recreation Center

100th Anniversary of Key Club International

Sunday, March 23rd

Builders Club PB&J Project for the Homeless

Monday, March 24th, 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Lewis Middle School Cafeteria

Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference South

Saturday, March 29th
Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego



Turn Back the Clock

*Take a look back into the history of G.A.G. Kiwanis!
Special thanks to Mary Haas for maintaining our club archives.*

Fifty-five years ago (February 1970) – Spurred in part by the previous year's theme for Kiwanis International, "Stand Up For Freedom," and for the first time ever, the G.A.G. Kiwanis Club hoisted the American flags along both sides of Waring Road on Sunday, February 22nd and Monday, February 23rd. The 33 flags were displayed in honor of Washington's Birthday – the precursor to Presidents Day – and Kiwanians have been raising the flags along Waring Road for every federal holiday ever since. The flag project, both then and now, is not as ambitious as what was originally planned: the idea was to place flags along Waring Road as well as College Avenue in Del Cerro!

Forty-five years ago (February 1980) – You've heard of "passing the hat" when taking up a collection for a good cause. How about "passing the boot?" The Kiwanis Clubs of Division 21, along with Key Clubs and Circle K clubs, helped launch the Cal-Nev-Ha Sponsored Youth Scholarship Fund, which today gives away many thousands of dollars as part of the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund. District Governor **Ken Forror** of the North Park club in Division 21 (San Diego) challenged his home division to collect \$5 per member, in addition to any individual gifts or donations, to launch the program. After the members responded with more than \$3,200 – beating the Governor's target by more than \$700 – representatives from the SDSU Circle K club and Patrick Henry Key Club presented Dr. Forror with boots containing the checks collected. Talk about boots on the ground! ... Elsewhere, the Kiwanis Club of Old San Diego celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special celebration at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) on February 7th.

Thirty years ago (February 1995) – History was made in Del Cerro at Hearst Elementary School, where the brand-new K-Kids Club held its first installation ceremony. Thanks to Kiwanis advisor **Doug Grosmark**, along with then-Principal **Kristi Dean**, a special ceremony was held after school on February 7th, in which the new K-Kids members were welcomed into the Kiwanis Family. This was the start of the first-ever K-Kids Club anywhere in the state of California (the original K-Kids Club was founded by **Lamar Fisher** of the Florida District in 1990). Division 21 Lt. Governor **Dave Wright**, a member of G.A.G. Kiwanis and a former elementary school principal himself, was there to give a brief history of Kiwanis. **Larissa Shumaker**, the first President of the Hearst K-Kids, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Twenty years ago (February 2005) – The Kiwanis Family came to the aid of an elderly neighbor in need. Ten members of G.A.G. Kiwanis, along with two Builders Clubbers and a dozen Circle K's, gathered at the home of **Marie Samek**, a 95-year-old Allied Gardens resident who lived alone but was unable to do certain tasks around the house. On a rainy morning, February 19th, Kiwanis Family volunteers helped with basic chores like laundry and vacuuming, and cleaning the kitchen, closets, and bathrooms. Others completed more complex tasks like repairing a garbage disposal, re-planting a garden, and roof repairs. Mrs. Samek was grateful for the extra assistance with her home care... Meanwhile on February 17th, Governor **Larry McLeland** of the Balboa Park Kiwanis Club made his official visit to his home division, with a special event for Division 21 hosted at Tom Ham's Lighthouse.

Five years ago (February 2020) – G.A.G. Kiwanis gathered at McGregor's Bar & Grill for a special birthday celebration that only takes place once every four years. We celebrated the "20th" birthday of **Dave Erlanson**, born on February 29th!

BUILDERS CLUB

HYGIENE SUPPLY DRIVE

COLLECTING NEW HYGIENE ITEMS & BABY SUPPLIES



1/27 - 2/13

DONATION DROP OFF LOCATION:
ROOM 220

Make Time For Mid-Year in San Diego

The Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District will be returning to the Marriott Mission Valley for this year's Mid-Year Conference South on Saturday, March 29th. This is an important and highly educational event both for new Kiwanis members and those with more experience. With the conference right in our back yard, within our own division, our club will plan to register 100 percent of our members for the single-day exposition.

There are a number of main attractions at the conference, including a series of educational workshops on topics such as membership, fundraising, diversity, youth protection, and SLP clubs. If you would like to get more information about these topics directly from the experts, sign up to attend. Workshops are FREE to attend for members who sign up in advance.

There is also the Interclub Luncheon and a chance to meet District Governor **Doug Frost**. You can also meet Candidate for Governor-Elect **Steve Geraci** and visit many information booths on important topics like the CNH Kiwanis Children's Fund, Kiwanis Family House in Sacramento, Key Leader Weekend, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, and K-Kids.

For those who don't mind the extra expense, and the chance to stay up a little later, there's the Foundation Gala fundraiser at the end of the night, including several items up for silent auction. The Gala has a surfing theme, so you can expect a lot of fun, good music, good food, and great entertainment.

And of course, the insiders know that you should NEVER miss the famous Hospitality Suites that open up after the party is over. Please come and be part of the biggest event of the year.

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Key Club and Circle K District Scholarship Deadline	3 PHHS Key Club 12:58 SDSU Circle K 2:00 Lewis Builders 2:40	4	5	6 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m. Program: Neill Kovrig, D21 LTG	7	8 Official Visit of Governor Doug Frost, 9:30 a.m.
9	10 PHHS Key Club 12:58 SDSU Circle K 2:00 Lewis Builders 2:40	11	12	13 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m.	14 Valentine's Day	15 Babyless Baby Shower, 1 p.m.
16	17 PRESIDENTS DAY Flags to be Displayed on Waring Road	18	19	20 MOW Breakfast 7:30am	21 Hearst K-Kids Room 12, 2:15 pm	22 Navajo Canyon Cleanup 9 a.m. Key Club Conclave 10 a.m.
23	24 PHHS Key Club 12:58 SDSU Circle K 2:00 Lewis Builders 2:40	25	26	27 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m.	28 CNH Circle K District Convention	Happy Birthday, Dave Erlanson!
Builders Club Week, February 24-28						

Club meetings take place on Thursdays – 5:30 p.m. at Palisades Church (3rd Thursdays are morning meetings at 7:30 a.m.)