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April 28, 2023

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Speaker: Alek Kotolyan

May 6th, 2023

Program: Ballet Folklorico
Mexico Azteca

May 12th, 2023

Program: Scholarships 2023

Kiwanis Club of Glendale
meets Fridays at
12 noon
at The Elks Lodge
120 E. Colorado
Glendale CA 91205

ELVIS AND THE SCOUTS—ROCK THE LODGE



Mike Sholer
Reporter

What do singers Shirley Temple and Elvis Presley, the contrasts of “silence is golden” and the thunderous sounds of a railroad engine plus the celebration of community service and the gifts of community grants all have in common? Well, this past Friday’s weekly lunch meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale featured all of them...in a manner of speaking!

The musical prelude featured pianist **Rebecca Kupperman** who serenaded us with show tunes and standards, concluding with *On the Good Ship Lollipop* made famous by Shirley Temple in the movie *Bright Eyes* whose backdrop was right here in Glendale at the old Grand Central Air Terminal.

After **Rebecca** and **Marko Swan** teamed up with *God Bless America* and **Amy Taylor** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, a surprise guest entered from the wings to croon birthday greetings to **Page Whyte**. Resplendent in a white jumpsuit and thick black hair, Elvis Presley ventured from the Other Side to belt



out *Love Me Tender* and *Hound Dog* to a surprised Birthday Boy. Forsak-

ing the familiar baritone sounds we expected, Elvis sounded more like a soprano **Savi Labensart** adjusting into an alto range.

Page managed to get a hug and smooch prior to The King taking to the podium to deliver a Sweet Inspiration; but before he could coax another embrace...Elvis had left the building!

Recovering from this onslaught of glitz and glitter, President **Lisa Brooks** managed to regain her composure and thank all of the afternoon’s helpers who make this Vegas-like production run so smoothly week after week.

Following our Stretch of the Day, which **Nzdhe Avag-Petrosyan** graciously allowed us to perform from our seats (apparently Security still had not cleared the room from Elvis’ entourage), we welcomed our several guests whose introduction was orchestrated by **Nancy Niebrugge** prior to our musical welcome led by **Ann Louise Escarrega** and **Marko Swan**.

The next Golden Moment was the Golden Silence which, as he predicted, followed **Dave Greenbaum’s** Joke of the Day. Despite a “sitting ovation,” **Dave** announced that he was quitting. Maybe he’ll get a call from the Borscht Belt agents for a summer gig in the Catskills!



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Since we were now in a somber mood anyway, it was the perfect set-up for the Goodwill Report from **Cathy Keen** who reported the sad news of the passing of former long-time member Jim Eddy who had retired and moved to Irvine several years ago. **Cathy** also indicated that **Randy Slaughter** is finally

feeling fine following abdominal surgery last month, **Sonny Sardo** is responding well to chemo treatments for his pancreatic cancer and the 91-year-old mother of **Michael Absey** had a fall recently but broke no bones despite needing 11 stitches

Additionally, **Rebecca Kupperman's** eyes are responding well to her recent cataract/retinal surgeries and Past First Lady Pam Liddell is, at last, home after 35 days in the hospital after surgery and is receiving both physical and occupational therapy several times a week.

And finally, **T. J. Denton**, a lonely male in his family's gynecocracy (three sisters, three daughters, a wife and a new granddaughter), has now learned that he will next be blessed with twin...granddaughters... in September. **T.J.** reportedly celebrated with a double Manhattan, cigar and hot wings while binging on re-runs of WWE Smack Down and highlights from monster truck Monster Jams.

Three of our five *KiwaniNews* sponsors were present so we thanked **Rene Karapedian**, **Hilda Morovati** and **John Schock** for saving each of us a dollar! (For New Member Inductions, see page 4)

The next in our list of Trivia Quiz events was the sound of a roaring locomotive, represented by the Past Presidents' response to **Mike Swan's** Nominating Committee report. Following last week's announcement of candidates for next year's leadership team, **Mike** welcomed "nominations from the floor" but was immediately met with a motion and second to "close the nominations." Despite a futile attempt to nominate Elvis for some position, the motion "unanimously" carried to the sound of a rushing railroad!

Community Service (our fifth topic) focused on our Kiwanis Moments of the Week which featured a photo of Bowling with the Stars including the soon-to-be-retiring comic **Dave Greenbaum** followed by



many Community Announcements: our Earth Day Celebration the next day at the Campbell Center's Alma House, the Home Again L.A. Annual Gala on April 29, Glendale Educational Foundation's Ball on May 13 and Glendale Sunrise Rotary's Field of Honor event at Forest Lawn Glendale from May 23-29. Other events include the Boy Scouts (Verdugo Hills Council) honoring our own **Bruce Hinckley** with its National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award on May 17, the Campbell Center Bowl-a-thon on May 21, a call to contact **John Juarez** if you'd like to join the Club's Craft Beer & Bowling team, the next K-Biz breakfast meeting on April 26 at the American Legion Hall and a major call for all to join in our final week of preparations leading to our major fundraiser, the Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash (KIDS) at Verdugo Park on April 29.

We're only halfway toward our goal of 25,000 "adoptions" and also need volunteers to "tag" those ducks on April 27 from 4-9 p.m. at the Campbell Center.



Quickly segueing into our final theme—the Gifts of Community Grants—President **Lisa** was pleased to preside over the bestowing of three major contributions including a \$1,000 grant which **Karen Swan** presented to the Glendale Educational Foundation, a \$1,500 check which **Karen** gave to **John Schock**, representing the 26-year-old Foothill Autism Alliance and a \$1,000 donation **Lisa** presented to the Friends of Scouting in support of their community breakfast.

Running short on time, we still had a moment for the 50/50 Raffle which brought a pot of \$70 to **Marko Swan** as well as two quick fines from **Amy Taylor** (thanking those who joined the Boy Scouts' Facebook page) and new member **Olesia Wojcieszyn** in appreciation of joining our club.

Today's Program Chair **Amy Taylor** (also a Boy Scout District Executive) then introduced our Guest Speaker Andrew Sisolak, the head of our local Verdugo Hills Council, who thanked us for the grant he had just received and gave us a detailed and excellent overview (despite the power point program not responding) of the history and current programs of the 103-year-old local Council.

The new structure of the program includes Cub Scouts (K-5), Scouts BSA (up to 12th Grade and now open to young women), Sea Scouts and Exploring (career discovery in conjunction with our Glen-

dale Police Department) among others.

We learned how the pandemic drastically impacted the programs, transforming many of them into Zoom activities while creating a huge 30% attrition, especially among the younger Cub Scouts. And yet, the Council has seen an eight per cent growth with some 400 new Scouts being registered and 1,300 families involved in their year-round programs.

Sisolak also described the Council's two camps (Castaic and Huntington Lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains) and the many outdoor programs offered there, thanks largely to local partnerships including a "charter" (sponsor) like our Kiwanis Club, an 80-year legacy.

Locally, the Annual Scout Food Drive collected 11,000 pounds of goods to support local food pantries while Eagle Scout programs consisted of 67 projects resulting in \$100,000 in community benefits.

In short, a perfect summary of those twin pillars of Community Service and Community Grants!

With pride in our sponsorship and support of the local Scouts Council, we rose to thank Sisolak for his excellent overview of the local scouting program and to sing our farewell song. However, our accompanists and conductors also had all "left the building" but Elvis returned for this encore blockbuster.



KIWANIS KALENDAR

April 29, 2023—
**Glendale Kiwanis Incredible
Duck Race**

June 9—12, 2023—
**Glendale Kiwanis Getaway
Weekend**

June 21-24, 2023
Kiwanis International Convention
Minneapolis—Register by May 15

GLENDALE KIWANIS GETAWAY WEEKEND

JUNE 9 – JUNE 12, 2023

ENJOY A WEEKEND OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD



SAIL AWAY WITH FELLOW KIWANIANS ON THE
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JUNE 9 – SHIP LEAVES AT 4 PM
JUNE 12– DISEMBARK APPROXIMATELY 9 AM
ROUND TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO ENSENADA



Welcome Our Newest Members!



We welcomed two new members to our ranks, inducting **Olesia Wojcieszyn** (sponsored by **Ann Louise Escarrega**) and **Ingrid May** (introduced by **Trevor Marca** in place of her absent sponsor **John Saunders**). Interestingly, **Olesia** was born in Germany to parents of Ukrainian descent who met post World War II while **Ingrid** was originally introduced to our club by **Randy Slaughter** just before the COVID-19 shutdown.



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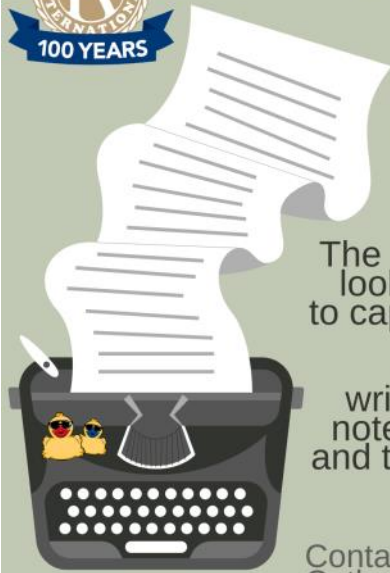
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The KiwaniNews team is looking for more writers to capture the excitement at each of our Club meetings. The more writers the better. Take notes, write up the story and the Editing Team will take it from there.

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 - To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
 - To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

Please join us for the 2023



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA
VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Program begins at 7:00AM

Chevy Chase Country Club
3067 E Chevy Chase Dr, Glendale, CA 91206

Register Today at www.vhcbreakfast.com

Glendale Sunrise Rotary's The Field of Honor

This is a community-wide event that celebrates patriotism and honors those who have made an impact on our lives.

1,000 American flags will fly at Forest Lawn Glendale from May 23 to May 29, 2023. A community memorial ceremony will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Flags can be purchased to honor those who have impacted our lives. Those honorees will be listed on the individual flags.



Glendale Field of Honor

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A Message from Glendale Sunrise Rotary Club President-Sharon Townsend

Glendale Sunrise Rotary Club is proud to bring to the Glendale Community our 2023 "Field of Honor" experience. We hope you have enjoyed our dazzling display of patriotism for the past five years. 1000 US flags flying at the beautiful entrance of Forest Lawn is an impressive sight. We hope it will be a beautiful reminder to some, and a great appreciation to all who attend, of what an amazing country we call home. And, what a wonderful legacy our ancestors have left for us to continue to make even greater. As the current president of Glendale Sunrise Rotary, I encourage you to become a partner in one of Glendale's most extraordinary events to date.

The Field of Honor was started seven years ago under the guidance of Rotary President Tom Probst (retired Glendale Fire Battalion Chief) as an effort to celebrate and respect the lives of our Veterans. We are so thrilled to be able to partner with Forest Lawn Glendale.

The community needs this. We need this, and we know you do too. We are confident we have partnered with a compassionate company who are trailblazers in outreach and engagement in communities they serve. Thank you, Forest Lawn Glendale.

We hope you will join us by sponsoring a flag, by attending the May 29 program, and more importantly, recognizing someone you care about with a flag. Additionally, funds from this event will support the community programs that Rotary so passionately sponsors, including those for Veterans.

Without your participation, none of this would be possible. Your grateful community thanks you.

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