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May 12, 2023
Program: Scholarships 2023

May 19, 2023
Program: New Developments at AHG
Speaker: Louise Skosey, VP

May 26, 2023
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Memorial Day Weekend

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

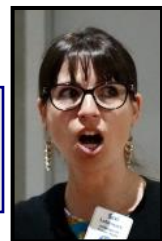


Cathy Keen
Ole! We walked into a room full of vibrant colors with Mexican cook-ies on the tables and delicious fajitas, tortillas, and frijoles in the buffet line.

Looking most vibrant of all



was our president-elect designee and today's master of ceremonies, **Irma Villegas**. **Irma** was wearing an authentic South of the Border dress of bright red with large floral decorations. Maravilloso! Pinch hitting for **Claudia Sysock** at the check-in table was **Rene Karapedian** who happily took my money. It was fun to see (and hear) **Ann Louise Escarrega** on the piano entertaining us while we did the meet-and-greet session.



The meeting was called to order at 12:15 with a gong from **Irma** and an invitation to join **Savi Labensart** and **Ann Louise** in the patriotic song, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. Our bi-coastal Past President **Mercy Velazquez** was on the West Coast this week, and we enjoyed her inspiration about making the most of our 1,440 minutes in every day. Always fun to see our Cuban friend **Mercy**. She makes us laugh in any language. **Irma** thanked today's greeters and the whole team of Kiwanians who



make these ninety minutes of our day happen.

Jump-starting our afternoon and interrupting my fajitas with stretches was "always fit, always happy, always ready" exercise guru **Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan**. Following the stretches, new member **Olesia Wojcieszyn** had every intention of doing guest intros, but there were no guests in the room. Oh, what the heck! We sang our Hello song anyway. **Ann Louise** came to play, didn't she?

And sombreros off to our joke-telling friend **Dave Greenbaum**! This one was a really funny joke about a blonde at a Super Bowl game.

I had some Goodwill updates today. **Ron Baker** was with us and doing great after not one, but two, carpal tunnel surgeries; **Rebecca Kupperman** had successful knee surgery and would love a visitor; **Jose Sierra's** hip replacement went well, and **Paulette Ramsay Wood** saw **Sonny Sardo** at dinner last night and reported he is looking good and feeling good. **Sonny** is going through chemo treatments for pancreatic cancer. **Cindy Cleary's** husband Will had a second surgery this week addressing esophageal cancer, and **Randy Slaughter's** wife Suzonne is hospitalized in Round Rock, Texas, with an intestinal blockage and high BP. She moved out of ICU to a regular room yesterday, so that is a good sign. And it was great to see **Heather Ghermezian** at the meeting today after not being here for a number of weeks.

We saw the results of our months of planning for the duck race last week. As of today's num-



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bers, 21,009 ducks were adopted. The winning Kiwanis team for duck sales was Runaway Ducks. The big \$10,000 prize for coming in first out of all of those ducks went to Dr. Shoup in Indiana, the ticket being sold by **Mike Swan**. Dr. Shoup is a dentist who does pro bono work in Kenya for children needing dental care. His plan is to direct the winnings to this project, so it's a win/win! The 2023 Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash was a fabulous event and thank you to everyone who worked on it. The needy in our community will reap the rewards of your gifts of time and money.



Mark McCarley and **Carl Povilaitis**, captains of the Duck Busters, the second place Kiwanis team, had a hilarious skit announcing the winners of their team's



internal competition. Winning the overnight in jail was **Page Whyte**, who is currently searching for a bail bondsman. Runner-up **Ian Spizman** received a pair of handcuffs.

Heather Ghermezian won a whopping \$150 in the 50/50 drawing. I'm sure she is glad she came today. We celebrated May birthdays and anniversaries, lots of them! Congrats to all.



Karen Swan (Youth Services) presented a check for \$1000 to **Amy Navarrete** today for Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca. These adorable dancers have been entertaining us at the Duck Race for years. See them on June 10 performing at Disneyland.



We were treated to a wonderful video presentation about the Alma House project that our new members recently completed for the Campbell Center. Many unselfish people donated time, labor, and money to make this garden project come to fruition. Craft Beer and Bowling Team

would like a few more participants. Contact **John Juarez** if you would like to bowl with friends on Tuesday nights. **Amy Taylor** announced the Boy Scout Breakfast on May 17th honoring Eagle Scout **Bruce Hinckley**. **Ron Baker** promoted the Holy Family Church Summer Break Celebration on June 10th. Our own **Robert Bringas** will be honored that evening, and we will meet their new pastor (and soon-to-be Kiwanian), Father Garcia.

Irma raced through fine time as it was almost time for the program. A couple of members who missed the duck race apologized for their absences. **Ingrid May** and **Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan** were both absent that day. Not sure what



Ingrid's reason was, but we forgave **Nzhde** for choosing his bachelor party over a duck race. I get it. Elk Randy Wolff generously contributed as he often does and Sherrett Harper, also an Elk, had \$20 for not putting any ducks in the race. **Ron Baker** made a donation earlier in the meeting when he promoted the Holy Family June event. **Jack**

Bilheimer had some congratulatory money for the second-place duck team, the Duck Busters. **Vartan Ghermezian** donated a \$150 bottle of tequila to be auctioned off. At last count, he had bid \$140 to buy it back from himself. So much for **Heather's** 50/50 winnings. You just can't make this stuff up. Honest **Hilda Morovati** could not tell a lie and admitted that she had won \$100 at the Emblem bingo night, so she contributed a portion of her winnings. **Mercy Velazquez** wrote a novel from her desk in Florida (can't wait to read it!) and is celebrating 47 years of wedded bliss to Mike this month. **Amy Taylor** had a \$100 thank-you for everyone who has helped her through her first chairmanship of the scholarship program. So, although it was a quick fine loop, it was quite lucrative.



Irma then introduced our program for the day, **Amy Navarrete** and Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca. **Amy** and her lovely daughter Ariel were dressed in Folklorico costumes with full and colorful skirts made by **Amy's** 80-year-old sister. We learned about Mexican culture and traditions, most of which I had not heard before. For example, I did not know that long hair represents water flowing and that only people who love you can braid your hair. We studied the map of Mexico and learned where Africans and Chinese immigrated and settled.



Her lecture took us further into Central America and Guatemala. The highlight, of course, was watching **Amy** and Ariel dance. We even had a surprise little five-year-old visitor named Maya who joined them in the performance. It was such a fun and happy program, and the troops even stuck around to ask questions and take pictures.

Next week will be our annual scholarship program, where we will meet the incredible students who we will be awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships. I hope to see you there – it's always an inspiring day! Adios, and

Hail Kiwanis!



KIWANIS KALENDAR

June 9—12, 2023—Glendale Kiwanis Getaway Weekend

June 21-24, 2023—KI Convention, Minneapolis, Register at kiwanis.org/convention by May 15

August 10-12, 2023—CNH District Convention, Nugget Casino, Reno/Sparks, Nevada

Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash Pictures, Reprise!



Sponsors are randomly selected by the Publisher each week from the Kiwanis membership. If all five posted sponsors are present at the meeting on the date of the newsletter, the President pays a \$20 fine. If no posted sponsors attend the meeting, each member in attendance pays a \$1 fine (members only, no guests). The collected funds go into our Foundation account which is used for philanthropic purposes.

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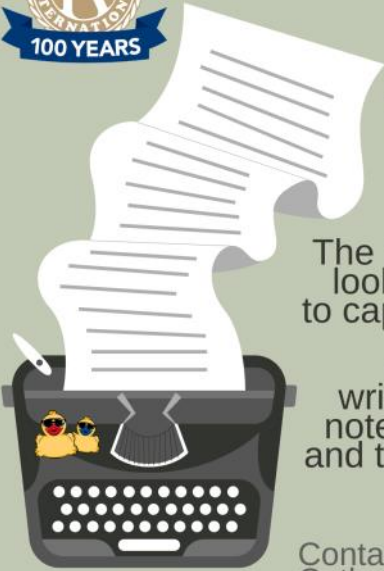
**Ingrid
May**



**Joseph
Rodriguez**



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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.

Contact Albert Hernandez or Cathy Keen for more details!

**Happy Mother's Day
to all!**



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AND DEDICATION YOU PUT IN THE
DUCK RACE. THE DUCK SPLASH
WAS A BIG SUCCESS BECAUSE OF
ALL OF YOU!**



~ Pamela & Ian Spizman

**Happy
Birthday,
Sweetheart!
Love, Mike**




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- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
 - To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
 - 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



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FRIENDS OF SCOUTING COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

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

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Register Today at www.vhcbreakfast.com

Community Breakfast 2023

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- Event Signage
- Choice of Inside Front Page or Back Cover of program Tribute
- Recognition at the Community Breakfast
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- Opportunity to address attendees

Gold Sponsor - \$5,000

- Table of 8 for the Community Breakfast
- Event Signage
- Full page program tribute
- Recognition at the Community Breakfast
- Company logo and website link on the VHC website and Facebook page for (2) weeks

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- Table of 8 for the Community Breakfast
- Event Signage
- Half page program tribute
- Company logo and website link on the VHC website and Facebook page for (1) week

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- Event Signage
- Quarter page program tribute
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Tribute Journal Sponsor - \$500

- Full page program tribute



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.



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.

FLAG ORDER FORM

Flags are \$50 each

(contributions are tax deductible)

One honoree per flag.

www.glendalefieldofhonor.org

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\$250 Blue



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Contact Stephen Ropfogel - (818) 482-1445, Findologist@earthlink.net or Sharon Townsend shar.townsend@gmail.com