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July 7, 2023

Program: Hollywood Bowl History
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July 14, 2023

Program: The Journey of an Astrophysicist

July 21, 2023

Program: Glendale Police Department
Speaker: Chief Manual Cid

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

Summertime, and the Living is Easy



T.J. Denton
Reporter

After a wonderful meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes and veggies, President **Lisa Brooks** struck the hickory sledgehammer against the brass signaling device and everyone

jumped to their feet to sing *The Star Spangled Banner*, conducted by **Savi Labensart** and accompanied by **Rebecca Kupperman**, two incredibly talented musicians. We are so grateful for the gifts these two

ladies bring to the table. **Joseph Rodriguez** led us in the pledge, followed by **Savi Labensart** back to the podium with an inspiration about accepting and loving yourself. Calming words, thank you.



As the group got comfortable, Prexy **Lisa** reminded us that June 30 was National Meteor day. According to britannica.com, a meteor, meteorite, or shooting star, is any fairly small natural object from interplanetary space—i.e., a meteoroid that survives its passage through Earth's atmosphere and lands on the surface. They could be a grain of material that burns up in the atmosphere, or a meter-wide meteor that could destroy a home, or in one case, a meteor of 9 miles that killed off the dinosaurs, along with



most of the surface of the earth. Amazingly, a year later after that archosaurian reptile debacle, the first Starbucks opened in what's now Seattle, [Starbucks.com](https://www.starbucks.com). Indeed that shooting star really is a beautiful sight to behold. This reporter and his wife in fact once experienced the display of a shooting star while at a mild summer evening concert with Kenny Loggins at the Greek Theatre. When the tiny fire of wonder shot across the sky while Kenny was crooning *Back at Pooh Corner*, the gathering of fans heaved a collective swoon. Meanwhile, I reached over and took Barb's hand like a vice and calmly opined to myself, "I hope that wasn't our house."



This club would not exist except for the small group of volunteers who keep the meeting humming like a Webb C. Bell Railroad chronometer pocket watch. Thanks to this week's workers **Patricia Larrigan, Bob Praun, Richard Dell, Scott Swan, Claudia Sysock, Cathy Keen, Irma Villegas, T.J. Denton** and **John Saunders**. Speaking for this particular individual listed above, it's certainly not for the recognition and altruistic pleasure of the job; rather, it's for the good pay and medical insurance.

Laura Guillory made sure every visitor was celebrated today, although the roster was smallish. **Al Nunez** introduced guest John Oliver, who introduced our program speaker, Bill Berle. More about him later.



With no one available to offer the joke of

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the day, **Jim Patric** stepped up to the plate and hit a homer into the parking lot, about a guy's mother-in-law. This reporter would like to apologize to all the mothers-in-law for the jokes leveled at them, and we promise we'll stop when the jokes stop about bald men.



Cathy Keen, the Clara Barton of Kiwanis, delivered the goodwill report, beginning with new member **Alicia Cruz** from Pacific BMW, recovering from the passing of her beloved mom, **Jeri Clark** reported they sold their skyscraper four-story home for a more practical one-level home, and husband Bob has just undergone eye surgery. **Rebecca Kupperman's** recent knee surgery was a ten, she's back on the clay courts. **Rebecca** just had cataract surgery as well. **Sonny Sardo** will be going through more chemo treatment for his pancreatic cancer and thanks everyone for their cards, thoughts, and prayers. Finally on a sad note, the announcement of former mayor and forever (Gateway) Kiwanian **Carl Raggio, Jr.** passed away on June 20. Mr. **Raggio** served on the GUSD Board of Education from 1973–1985, and also on the Glendale City Council from 1985 to 1993, Mayor 1988 and 1992. His daughter Lisa was a member of our club for several years, representing the YWCA. Colonel **Bob Keen** rose to the call of being the sole KiwaniNews sponsor, saving the club some scratch.



Lisa was privileged to give her own **Joseph Rodriguez** his Kiwanis Big Person badge today. **Joseph** is Dominican born, New York raised. He arrived in America in 1976 and pursued photography. A father of five, he owns his own plumbing company. **Joseph** gave a very moving acceptance speech. In the end, Kiwanis is above love. Welcome brother!



Stephen Ropfogel and **Alex Parajon** presented a check for \$576.00 to President **Lisa** for the many flags Glendale Kiwanians purchased for the Rotary Field of Honor celebration at Forest Lawn.

A Kiwanis moment occurred June 28 with the K-Biz meeting at The Grille by Toasted Bun, a new venue for the mixer. Among those attending were **Lisa Brooks**, **Joseph Rodriguez**, **Sheldon Eskin**, **Liza Bourbari**, **Savi Labensart**, **Rene Karapedian** and **Mike Swan**. This is certainly the "Manhattan Project" of Kiwanis, in terms of intellect, wisdom and enthusiasm. Come join the fun. We also had fun seeing **Karen Swan's** picture winning \$100 at the recent Verdugo Council Boy Scout bingo event. She even gave it back!

Projects galore:

- Home Again's Back to School shopping, August 5, Target at the Galleria
- Verdugo Fire Academy Open House, July 21, 541 E.

Chevy Chase Dr., 10:00am

- Kiwanis Mixer, July 13, at **Bruce Hinckley's** home
 - Wine Tasting, **Goldsworthy's** home, August 20.
- See the flyers regarding all of these coming events at the end of this publication.

Cathy Keen won \$100 in the 50/50.



Fines included:



- **Rebecca Kupperman:** Son's birthday
- **Nancy Niebrugge:** Daughter getting better job position, plus son, a barbershop quartet singer, competing in Louisville, KY.
- **Bruce Hinckley:** Great Getaway Weekend cruise to Ensenada.
- **John Saunders:** Visiting children and grandchildren in Portland, Maine.
- **Amy Taylor:** Gave back **Karen Swan's** Scout Bingo winnings!

At long last, the program was introduced by member **Al Nunez**, passing the baton to guest John Oliver, who gave a great ovation to our speaker, pilot Bill Berle, who gave a wonderful talk about building airplanes with kids for no charge to the family. It's not just about building an airplane, but about learning to do mechanical things and to problem solve, both things that will help them with a lifelong career. This is a new non-profit that is looking for volunteer and financial support.



Hail Kiwanis!



KIWANIS KALENDAR

July 13, 2023—Mixer at Hinckleys, 6-9pm

August 5, 2023—Back-To-School Shopping Spree, Target Galleria, 8-9am

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

August 20, 2023—Wine and Toffee Tasting, at Goldworthys, 4pm

Birthdays

Karine Grigoryan	6
Ronald Baker	8
Alex Ghazalpour	9
Maria Theresa Baradas	9
Paula Devine	9
Richard Dell	13
Patricia Larrigan	16
Aleen Pogharian	18
George Humphries	18
Joe Allen	21
Ardy Kassakhian	26
Ingrid May	29
Patrick Liddell	30



Anniversaries

Mark & Marlene Mac Carley	2
Marisol & David Chianello	3
Stephen & Pamela Ropfogel	11
George & Gale Chernich	12
Jim & Shirley Owens	15
Bruce & Debbie Hinckley	18
Ron & Patti Baker	18



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- 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.



KIWANIS MIXER

HONORING THE MARRIAGE OF
KIWANIAN NZHDE AVAG-PETROSYAN &
LUSINE URFALYAN

THE EVENING OF
THURSDAY, JULY 13TH, 2023
FROM 6 TO 9PM

THE MIXER WILL BE IN THE GARDEN OF
BRUCE AND DEBBIE HINCKLEY
1420 GREENBRIAR RD, GLENDALE, CA 91207

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INCLUDES DINNER AND DRINKS.

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JUNE 3, 2023



OPEN HOUSE

at the

Verdugo Fire Academy

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023

Time: *Open House*
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Lunch
12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m.

Location: 541 Chevy Chase Drive
Glendale, CA

Please RSVP to Deb Kallas at 818-551-5105 or dkallas@glendale.edu by Monday, July 17, 2023.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Glendale Kiwanis Service Project!

**BACK TO SCHOOL
SHOPPING SPREE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2023
8:00AM - 9:00AM**



2195 Galleria Way

Glendale, CA 91210

**Kiwanians~ We need 25 volunteers to go back to school shopping
with youth who are in shelter or low-income housing.**

RSVP with Albert Hernandez, Albert@HomeAgainLA.org



SAVE *the* DATE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

Wine & Toffee
TASTING



AT THE RESIDENCE OF ROBIN & STEVE GOLDSWORTHY
4:00pm Wine and Toffee Tasting
5:00pm Wine Drinking and Food

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