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Meetings

October 27, 2023
Program: GUSD Community Schools
Speaker: TBA

November 3, 2023
Program: How Hiking Saved My Life
Speaker: Katya Volp

November 10, 2023
Program: *TBA*

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



Mike Sholer
Reporter

The warm autumn afternoon began well enough with a delicious Mexican Fiesta buffet of chicken tacos, followed by a rousing rendition of *You're a Grand Old Flag* led by pianist

Rebecca Kupperman
and energetic

baton master **Marko Swan**.

Soon thereafter, **Laura Duncan** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Paulette Ramsay Wood** offered an inspiring "Secrets of Marriage" soliloquy on the eve of her own wedding anniversary. But after we all joined **Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan's** Stretch of the Day, we apparently discovered that perhaps we had "loosened-up" a bit too much.

Susie Dell canvassed the room looking for guests and discovered several, including Paul Wood (the aforementioned anniversary co-celebrant), our new First Gentleman Carlos Villegas and our two guest speakers, one of whom was introduced by **Robin Goldsworthy** as "the man I sleep with." Fortunately...it turned out to be her husband Steven!



We had barely recovered from our shock when **Lou Finkelberg**, assured that there were no youngsters in the room, provided the Joke of the Day, an R-rated tale of an Irish pub toast which was later "lost in translation!"

Before the meeting was finished, there would be more NSFW revelations but, for now, we moved on to the serious Goodwill Report in which **Laurel Patric** informed us of the most recent hospital visit and, this time, surgery for former First Lady Suzonne Slaughter to alleviate her digestive blockage. Our prayers and best wishes go out to Suzonne and husband, Past President **Randy**.

Mary Broerman and **Mike Sholer** were both present as *KiwaniNews* sponsors so everyone escaped without a fine today.

Kiwanis Moments, Service Projects and Announcements followed one another randomly and included a wide variety of recent and upcoming events including a volunteer opportunity at the World Beach Ultimate from Oct. 28-Nov. 6 in Huntington Beach (contact **Trevor Marca** for details), another need for volunteer advisors for K-Kids clubs at Columbus, Marshall and Jefferson Elementary Schools, a celebration of the Fremont K-Kids club's recent fund-raising success to support UNICEF projects in Mali and the Nov. 18 joint effort with Kiwanians and Key Clubbers to build a home with Habitat for Humanity.

We also heard about Friday night's Big Strike Auction with the Boys Scouts and Saturday's Health Fair at Verdugo Hills Hospital, which many planned to attend.

The next K-Biz breakfast meeting will be on



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Oct. 25, our Halloween Mixer the following night, Oct. 26 at the Glen Mark Hotel at 5:30 p.m. (costumes encouraged) and a pair of comedy offerings for a cause—"Howl at the Moon" on Oct. 28 at the Glen Arden Club (benefitting the Glendale Police Foundation's K-9 program) and the Salvation Army's Kettle Kickoff on Nov. 9 at North Hollywood's El Portal Theater (a night of comedy to fight homelessness).

Lastly, we were invited to participate in the club's 4th Annual Car Rally (Fiesta Los Amigos Run) on Nov. 12 as we cruise and compete for clues on the way to Ojai and then, a few weeks later, kick-off the winter season with our 31st Annual Holiday Gala at the Oakmont Country Club on Dec. 1 (silent auction items are needed).

We took a rest from the avalanche of announcements to draw the winning ticket in the 50/50 Raffle, won today by **Al Nunez** who took home \$55. This monetary prize segued smoothly into voluntary fines which were contributed by nine members today: **Nancy Niebrugge** (thanking us for attending the Campbell Center's "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" events), **Tes Baradas** (whose daughter joined the Builders Club at Holy Family School), **Lou Finkelberg** (inviting us to the Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos' Bingo Night on Nov. 17) and **Hilda Morovati** (who had a wonderful vacation in Paris and Copenhagen).

Other contributions were offered by **Susan Carr** (who spent a great summer in Newport, RI and was recently appointed to the Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation's board), **Robin Goldsworthy** (thanks for attending the hurricane-delayed wine and toffee event at her home), **Susie Dell** (happy to have helped **Cathy Keen** whose parked car was hit),



Cathy Keen (grateful that the **Dells** could come to her rescue within five minutes) and **Al Nunez** (winning the drawing and glad his friend John Over has completed his membership application).

Along the way we heard more members' revelations of their sleeping partners—a shocking public acknowledgement which was even shared, uninhibitedly, by one of our Guest Speakers, Mike Leum. The other presenter, Steven Goldsworthy, had already been "outed" by **Robin!**

With all Public Announcements of Intimacy having been now disclosed (without a Public Confessional Fine, one might add!), we moved on to the program, "Life Rolls On: They'll Surf Again" presented by the unapologetic Mike and Steve tag-team who also serve together on the Montrose Search

and Rescue Team.

The Life Rolls On Foundation was formed to help offer a surfing experience to disabled youth (and adults) who have experienced a life-changing injury but who have developed an "adaptive surfing" skill that allows them to get out of their daily confinement and back into the ocean.

Mentored and assisted by volunteers, these physically limited and, occasionally, wheelchair-restricted individuals have been able to enjoy a 20-30 minute surfing experience once a year off the coast of Southern California.

With hundreds of volunteers assisting, these individuals can savor the surf annually as the local group offers four events from June to October in the waters off Santa Monica, Huntington Beach, La Jolla and Santa Barbara/Carpenteria. There are also similar events on the East Coast but these local options draw regional participants as well as those from as far away as Chicago, demonstrating their courage and determination as "adaptive surfers" who demonstrate no self-pity but rather, joyful resilience in overcoming their spinal injuries and other conditions.

Regardless of the local surf conditions (waves up to 15-feet or local shark sightings), the volunteers on land and in the sea, plunge on into the ocean or simply move down the beach to safer stretches as this once-a-year event cannot be canceled for these dedicated surfers!

Volunteers are always needed for pre and post-event activities so, if interested, feel free to get in touch with Steven. If you don't have his contact information, you can always reach him through **Robin**...the woman he sleeps with!

With that we all rose to sing (and promise you a more Family Friendly issue next week)...

Hail Kiwanis!



KIWANIS KALENDAR (See Flyers Below)

October 25—K-Biz, The Grille by Toasted Bun, 8am

October 26—Halloween Mixer The Glenmark Hotel, 5:30pm

November 12—4th Annual Glendale Kiwanis Car Rally, 7:30am

December 1—Holiday Gala, Oakmont Country Club

**The Smiling Faces Of Kiwanians And Friends Say It all:
We Enjoy The Meetings!**



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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**Cindy
Cleghorn**



**Bruce
Hinckley**



**Hilda
Morovati**



**Cynthia
Paez**



**Marko
Swan**



*Irma Villegas,
Have a wonderful
year as our president!
Bob and Jinny Praun*



OBJECTIVES OF KIWANIS

- 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



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K-BIZ



**PROFESSIONAL
NETWORKING**

JOIN US ON

WEDNESDAY, OCT 25TH 2023

**TO NETWORK WITH SERVICE-MINDED
PROFESSIONALS.**

NEW LOCATION:

THE GRILLE BY TOASTED BUN

801 N. CENTRAL AVE GLENDALE, 91203

TIME: 8:00 - 10:00AM

RESTAURANT OPENS AT 8AM

ARRIVE EARLY FOR NETWORKING

NO HOST BREAKFAST



For more information

WWW.GLENDALEKIWANIS.INFO

GLENDALEKIWANISMEMBERSHIP@GMAIL.COM

HALLOWEEN



MIXER



Thank you Pacific BMW
COSTUME CONTEST

&

CASH BAR

THURSDAY

10/26

20 RSVP

25 AT DOOR

HORS D'OEUVRES  **5:30 PM ONWARDS**

THE GLENMARK HOTEL
1100 N. BRAND BLVD.
GLENDALE, CA 91201

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\$40/car

4th ANNUAL GLENDALE KIWANIS CAR RALLY

FIESTA LOS AMIGOS RUN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH!

Drivers will meet at 0730-0800 at the La Canada Regal Theater Parking Lot adjacent to Starbucks.

All makes & models of cars are welcome and will be "rally checked" prior to leaving the lot.

Promptly at 0830, Rally Leaders will take the cars the "back way" to Ojai where participants will partake in a no-host Mexican Brunch at Agave Maria's followed by a short awards presentation. For those that can, an overnight stay in Ojai is optional! **A FUN DAY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!**

RSVP to Susie Dell by November 6th. (Lsdell66@gmail.com)

Each Entry Fee includes Rally Directions & Quiz, 2 T-Shirts and 1 Swag bag. A co-pilot is required to complete the Rally Quiz and identify the icons located along the way. Prizes to be awarded!

The route is approximately 2 hours and can be exciting at times!

HONORARY EVENT CHAIRS – La Familia Villegas

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



THE 31ST ANNUAL GLENDALE KIWANIS HOLIDAY GALA

Friday, December 1, 2023
Oakmont Country Club
3100 Country Club Drive, Glendale 91208

\$120 PER PERSON

6:00 pm Mingle, Jingle & Munch & Silent Auction
7:00 pm Dinner & Dancing & Silent Auction

FESTIVE ATTIRE

RSVP by 11/27 to Patricia Larrigan

REVERSE 50/50

Contact Cathykeen1946@gmail.com for Numbers

KIWANIS HOLIDAY GALA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

(Please respond no later than **November 27, 2023**)

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Please reserve _____ tickets @\$120 each Total \$ _____

Entrée choice(s) indicate number of each item:

Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus, Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes, Baked Banana Squash _____

Crab Topped Mexican Sea Bass, Wild Rice Pilaf, Grilled Asparagus _____

Vegan Asparagus Ravioli, Sage & Brown Butter with Pine Nuts, Pesto & Laura Chane! Chevre _____

Make checks payable to **Glendale Kiwanis Foundation**

Check here if you wish to pay by credit card _____ An Evoice will be sent to the email above for payment

Return RSVP to Patricia Larrigan at meeting or
Mail to Glendale Kiwanis, PO Box 10545, Glendale 91209-3545 or
Email to glendalekiwanis@gmail.com

**Please list guests (& Entrées) on reverse side of this card if you wish
to have a table reserved (tables of 8-10)*

KIWANIS HOLIDAY GALA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

TABLE RSVP FORM

NAME

ENTRÉE

(B, F or V)

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Maximum of 10 guests per table