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Meetings

November 17, 2023
Program: Autumn Hills
Service Project
Speaker: TBA

November 24, 2023
* Dark *
Happy Thanksgiving

December 1, 2023
Program: Ascenscia
Speaker: Dr. Laura Duncan

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

Learning About the Intricacies of Habitat for Humanity



Robin Goldsworthy
Reporter

The Friday meeting of the Kiwanis of Glendale – the greatest service club in the world – was kicked off by the ringing of the bell by **President Irma Villegas** followed by a stirring rendition of the national anthem – “The Star Spangled Banner” – led by **Savi Labensart**. The reporter of the day – *moi* – offered words of inspiration that centered on the spirit and power of volunteerism. **President Irma** made sure to thank those special individuals who make each week’s meeting special.



Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan had us on our feet for the stretch of the day reminding us #1: don’t fall and #2: if it hurts – don’t do it! Thankfully no one fell and it looked like everyone gave the stretch a shot. **Mike Sholer** then took the mic and made the rounds around the room making introductions. These included Key Club member Linda, daughter of Kiwanian **Gabriella Waterman**, and Ella and Mia Villegas, daughters of **President Irma** and member **Carlos Villegas**. The guest speakers for the day were



also introduced.

Jim Patric made his way to the podium to share the joke of the day – and let me just say that it was a load of poo.

Laurel Patric then gave the Goodwill Report that included news on the grandson of **Patricia Magoffin** and the good news that Suzonne Slaughter is back home.

The presence of **Laura Duncan** and **Gabriella Waterman** (and the absence of **Joe Allen**, **Maria Therea Baradas** and **Brad Liston**) meant that everyone’s pockets were saved from fines.

Being that it was the day before Veterans Day, club members were honored with some of their photos displayed. **Savi** then picked up the guitar and sang a beautiful rendition of Freda Payne’s “Bring the Boys Home;” I don’t know if there was a dry eye in the house.

Hear ye, hear ye! Announcements:

- Sunday’s 4th Annual Glendale Kiwanis Car Rally with information presented by **Richard Dell** and **Mark MacCarley**
- an upcoming service project on Nov. 17 that will be led by Deacon **Ron Baker** and benefiting Autumn Hills Healthcare Center in Glendale;
- Bingo at the American Legion in La Crescenta presented by the Kiwanis Club Of The Verdugos;
- the next K-Biz meeting, which will be on Nov. 29, moved due to the Thanksgiving holiday;
- the Club’s annual holiday event, Home for



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the Holidays Gala at Oakmont on Dec. 1.

Money, honey!

- Checks were presented to the Salvation Army for \$1,000 accepted by Club member **Capt. Kelly Berggren** who also leads the Salvation Army. "Kiwani was well represented at the Nov. 9 Kettle Kick Off," shared **Capt. Kelly**.
- A \$500 check was accepted by Caesar Milch of the Kiwanis Rose Float Club that was dedicated for the Rose Parade sponsorship (level – silver).

Amy Taylor let out a whoop after learning that she held the winning ticket for the day's 50/50 drawing!

Then a special photo was displayed on screen of **Page Whyte** and **President Irma** at the recent scouting event. I don't know who was blackmailing whom but in the end \$100 was paid.

Among those who dug into their pockets were

- **Randy Wolff** (as always, thank you),
- **Al Nunez** who paid a fine in recognition for the weekly musical accompaniment of **Rebecca Kupperman**,
- **Bob Praun** celebrating the renewal of his marriage contract by his loving wife (i.e., their wedding anniversary),
- **Amy Taylor** in thanks to those who brought food for the Boy Scouts food drive and
- **Bruce Hinckley** who was just happy to see plenty of watermelon for lunch.

The Program: It was time to learn all about Habitat for Humanity – an organization that does much more than building houses!



Representing the San Gabriel Valley were Faith Mellinger, director Marketing and Communications, Naira Abrahamyan of Resource Development, and Tywanna Hill, volunteer coordinator.

Faith told the audience that the organization was founded in 1976 not by Jimmy Carter but by Millard Fuller (Jimmy Carter raised the visibility of the organization,

though). The goal of Habitat for Humanity is to address homelessness (including homeless veterans) and lack of affordable housing especially in California. In addition, Habitat for Humanity helps in the maintenance of homes in low-income areas, advocates at the state and national levels, creates partnerships that further ways for folks out of homelessness, and provides excess building and decorating products through its E-store and ReStore outlets. Faith also shared that Habitat for Humanity is a global organization and provides disaster response by rebuilding homes and communities in areas struck by disaster.



Naira Abrahamyan then outlined the ways that people can become part of the Builders' Club (not to be confused with the Kiwanis' Builders Club). Specifically, people have the opportunity to make a consistent donation to help the efforts of Habitat for Humanity.

Finally, Tywanna outlined the various ways that people can volunteer. These include individual, corporate sponsored, youth and lunch volunteers. Believe it or not, no experience is necessary to volunteer in the construction of a house! Volunteers work side-by-side electricians, plumbers and other professionals. There are age requirements to take part in the various Habitat for Humanity programs: volunteers needs to be at least 14 years old to work in a ReStore outlet and at least 16 to work in construction.

As a service project, on Nov. 18, Kiwanis have the chance to go to the Atwater ReStore outlet to help in packing it up as it is closing.

Tywanna also detailed how the organization is evolving and how it recently introduced an ambassador program.

After such an engaging program, it was a surprise that the meeting's end had arrived and, with the singing of "Hail Kiwanis" and the ringing of the bell it was time to say goodbye.

Hail Kiwanis!



KIWANIS KALENDAR (See Flyers Below)
November 24—** Dark ** (Happy Thanksgiving)
November 29—K-Biz, Grille By Toasted Bun, 8:00am
December 1—Holiday Gala, Oakmont Country Club

It's Meeting Day Time For Meeting And Greeting



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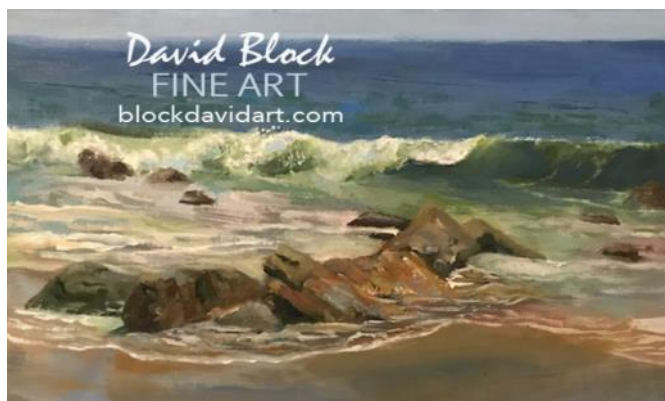
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

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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 _____

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