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Meetings

January 19, 2024
Program: Paleontology/
Archeology
Speaker: Charly Shelton

January 26, 2024
Program: Muckenthaler
Cultural Center
Speaker: Farrel Hirsch

February 2, 2024
Program: Celebrate President
Irma Villagas' Birthday
(Craft Talk by Irma)

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



Mike Sholer

On a sunny winter afternoon, with clear skies and, finally, calm breezes, it was appropriate for **Rebecca Kupperman** to play "*This Land is Your Land*" as **Savi Labensart** led us in two verses of this historic song.

The Main Dining Room at the Elks Lodge had been rearranged yet again but we did feel closer to each other and cozy at this second meeting of the new year.

Presiding for the first time in 2024, President **Irma Villegas** then called **Marko Swan** forward to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance while **Hilda Morovati** provided the Inspiration, reminding us that our peace of mind is more important than understanding the "whys," so... "let it go!"

After acknowledging and thanking the myriad helpers that make our weekly gatherings work so well, the Prez asked V.P. **Alan Nunez** to guide us through the Stretch of the Day, a simple sitting exercise of deep "belly breathing."



We had a number of guests and visitors with us including a coterie from the former Hollywood-Los Feliz Kiwanis Club which **Alan** led numerous times. We welcomed them, as well as **Diana Vazquez**, our K-Kids advisor at John Marshall Elementary School where she also serves as a school counselor. All were then serenaded with our Grammy-nominated "*Hello*" song!

Robin Goldsworthy provided the Joke of the Day which touched on a confluence of skinny-dipping ladies and crocodiles in a pond.

From the silly to the serious, we segued to **Ron Baker's** Goodwill Report (filling in for **Laurel Patric**), informing us that **Susie Dell** is recovering from COVID but still fatigued while **Jeri Benton** tested negative yet is still tired, although feeling better. **Dave Block's** mother fell and hit her head and was hospitalized but is OK while **Cathy Keen** is in Dallas saying farewell to her younger sister, in the final days of hospice care, after 30 years of MS.

And, we have just learned that **T.J. Denton** has been in the hospital where he underwent a biopsy of a pancreatic tumor. While optimistic, **T.J.** asks for our prayers which we send with love and support to him and all our members in need.

Thankfully, **Mark MacCarley** was present (the only one of five KiwanisNews sponsors) so we each avoided losing a mighty dollar. Meanwhile, we got creative with our first Zoom induction, live from the Elks Lodge, since returning to in-person meetings. **Richard Feinbloom**, a friend of former CNH Gov. Wayne Hoeft, joined us from New York and happily became the second

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new member of the new year (both sponsored by **Alan Nunez**), promising to visit us the next time he's in Southern California.

Irma celebrated a recent Kiwanis Moment when she described the joy of getting her teenage daughters up early on their holiday school break to join in the Kiwanis Rose Parade float decoration, along with several hundred other volunteers; "Service in Harmony" was the theme of the float and the inspiration for **Irma's** future months of leadership. It was all worthwhile, she reported, when her daughters gleefully exclaimed, "there's the float we worked on!" when the colorful creation appeared on television early New Year's morning.

Irma highlighted her 2024 goals: induct 20 new members, start a new Builders Club, re-activate our Circle K Club at GCC, offer new service opportunities and promote fellowship through mixers, meetings and increased attendance.

Club Announcements included notice of our upcoming Membership Drive where we will all be encouraged to "bring a guest" and a reminder of our monthly K-Biz breakfast meeting at the Central Grille (Jan. 24). We also still have room for others to join our Craft Beer & Bowling Team...even if you are more crafty at beer than bowling!

The 50/50 Raffle produced a \$120 win for **Bob Praun** while the club's coffers were replenished with voluntary fines from **Monica Sierra** (a nice feature in the *CV Weekly* on her installation as our Div. 3 Lt. Governor), **Nancy Niebrugge** (thanks for all the kind condolences on the passing of the Campbell Center's founder, Jerry Campbell), **Robin Goldsworthy** (promoting the Crescenta Valley Chamber's BINGO Night on Jan. 27 as well as her son's 35th birthday), **Tes Baradas** (her Holy Family daughter recently sung for Pope Francis...and touched him!) and **Stephen Ropfogel** (announcing the Rotary Service Award to our own **Patricia Larrigan**).

Other contributions were made by the busy **Alan Nunez** (meeting new friends at lunch and sponsoring both of our 2024 new members), **Richard Dell** (promo for his band at the Blue Moon Lounge the following night), **Liza Boubari** (happy her mother is with us today and both are finally free of holiday illnesses), **Irma Villegas** (thanks to **Al Nunez** for presiding last week) and **Alex Parajon** (celebrating his 48th birthday and his 25,000 mile trip to Dubai, South



Africa and Istanbul!)).

With announcements made, and monies collected, the Prez introduced our Guest Speaker Eliza Dzhaneryan from the *Glendale Youth Alliance, a local non-profit now 30 years old and dedicated to helping youth facing unemployment and homelessness while investing in our city's future workforce.



Started three decades ago as a summer bush clearance program with 30 young people, the agency now serves 350-450 youths each year, offering case management, paid work experience and an exploration of career paths.

Most of the young people in the several GYA programs end up in permanent jobs and are fully insured and bonded by the City of Glendale (as city "employees"), making it good for businesses to "host" (i.e. hire) them.

Summer programs are the largest funded ones in LA County and will be accepting applications on March 1. With promotion principally by word-of-mouth, in the schools and through non-profits such as Kiwanis, the GYA programs primarily focus on youth (mid-teens to early twenties) with a variety of eligibility requirements (age, LA County residents, enrolled in schools, etc.) but with an emphasis on those with disabilities and/or health conditions (physical, learning, anxiety, etc.). With a rich three-decade history in the city, the Glendale Youth Alliance is one of the shining diadems of the Jewel City, offering a jump-start to employment for our community's young people.

*(Editor's Note) Former Glendale Kiwanis President and Community Leader Jack Quinn was the founder of the organization along with the City of Glendale. He was instrumental in the organization's growth and success for over 20 years.

On this note of inspiration to continue the new year, we rose to sing ***Hail Kiwanis***.



KIWANIS KALENDAR

January through March—Glendale Kiwanis Membership Drive
January 24—KBiz Meeting 8am, The Grille by Toasted Bun, see flyer for details
March 29—DARK



Kiwanis Club of Glendale—Friday, January 12, 2024



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Robin Goldsworthy and I are looking forward as your Vice-Presidents to a great year ahead for Irma and the whole club!

Dr. Alan Nunez



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