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Meetings

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

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

February 9, 2024
Program: Newlywed Game

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

Indiana Jones at the Elks??



Cathy Keen

It's always uplifting to walk into my weekly Glendale Kiwanis meeting and be greeted by smiling faces, hugs, and handshakes and to be entertained by the magical fingers of **Rebecca Kupperman** on the piano. Today's reception music included oldies by the Everly Brothers and the Mamas and Papas, bringing back memories of

some good times in my life. Thank you, **Rebecca**, for sharing your talent with us each week.

As I was walking to my table, I noticed a dapper young man standing at the head table, looking very much like an Indiana Jones impersonator. More about him later. President **Irma Villegas** welcomed us to the greatest service club in the world, and we rose to sing a boisterous "Star Spangled Banner," accompanied by **Rebecca** and conducted by **José Sierra**. Lovely new mem-



ber **Anita Siraki** invited us to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Gab Waterman** inspired us with words encouraging us to be productive, even on a gloomy day.

Irma thanked the usual and not-so-usual helpers who make the meetings come together. Standing in for photographer/room setup pro **Bob Praun** were **John Saunders** and **Rene Karapedian**. Today I was subbing for **TJ Denton** as reporter. It's good to have a backup team! As always, a big thanks goes to the greeters and the check-in crew, and I would like

to thank our weekly kitchen chefs and servers. It's always a nice lunch and always something to please everyone.

Time for the stretch of the day – chiropractor **Dr. Alan Nunez** deferred to chiropractor **Dr. George Chernich** today in the absence of **Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan**. **George** stretched us to the left, to the right, to the ceiling and to the floor. Some quick breathing exercises wrapped up the session, and we returned to our barbecued beef sandwiches.



Guest introductions brought the identity of the Indiana Jones look alike. **Robin Goldsworthy** introduced her friend and today's speaker Charly Shelton. She also introduced her friend and CV Weekly reporter Mary O'Keefe. **Susan Carr** introduced her guest Adria Navarro. Adria works with the Community Resource Center for Aging at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. And finally, **Trevor Marca** introduced **Irma's** guest Frank Maldonado.

President Irma gave the Goodwill Report today as **Laurel Patric** was absent. Former member Terry Buchanan, who many of us remember, passed away this morning. We send our condolences to his wife Fran, who many of us also know. Our usual stretching guru **Nzhde** recently had a bad fall in Mammoth and seriously injured his knee. Get better soon, **Nzhde**, these chiropractors are killing us! **T.J. Denton** has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. After a 10-day stay in the hospital, **T.J.** is home now, and we send our love and prayers to him and his wife Barb. For now, the family requests no calls or emails, but cards would be great. And finally, **Irma** kindly acknowledged the death of my younger sister Monica last Tuesday. Thank you to everyone for your support during this difficult time for my family.

Stephen Ropfogel saved the day for the sponsors today, being the only one of five present. He was happy to save each of us a mighty dollar. An excited **Mirta Marconi** won \$120 in the 50/50 today. It was

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her first time winning.



We have a giant Division-wide project planned. We will be assembling "Welcome Home" baskets for Home Again LA to distribute to their clients when they move to their new affordable housing. More information will be forthcoming on this service project which will take place at our March 1st meeting when our Lt. Governor **Monica**

Sierra pays her official visit.

K-Biz is coming up next week, Wednesday, January 24th at 8 am at The Grille by Toasted Bun on Central. It's a no-host breakfast with lots of fellowship with Kiwanians and any guests you would like to bring. It's a great time to network and share ideas about business, philanthropy, or just about anything while enjoying a delicious breakfast. New member orientation will be February 22nd at 6 pm, the venue not set yet. Stay tuned and feel free to invite a prospective member to participate in it.

The Scout Council Recognition will be held February 1st. Contact **Amy Taylor** for more information. Coming up next month is the Kiwanis Newlywed Game. If you would like to be on the panel with your SO, contact **Alex Parajon**, who is back this year as our emcee.



President-Elect **Carl Povilaitus** announced the opening of Duck Season (really???) and will be holding a Zoom committee meeting on February 1st. Contact **Carl** if you would like to be on a committee for the Duck Race which will be May 4th at Verdugo Park.



Vice-President **Al Nunez**, looking like the cover of a magazine in his well-coordinated coat, shirt, and tie, brought a bottle of Laphroaig, single malt scotch whiskey to the auction table. After some competitive bidding, **Anita Siraki** took the bottle home for \$75. Thanks for the donation, **Al**.



Some of you will recall when Bill Berle gave a heartwarming presentation about his organization that teaches youth and young adults to build airplanes. Today we were happy to donate \$1000 to his non-profit organization to further his cause. Bill accepted the donation with gratitude and commented that his exposure at Kiwanis has introduced him to other avenues to present his story.



Fine time brought **Gab Waterman** to the mic to let us know that her daughter hopes to attend DCON with the Eagle Rock High Key Club and will be doing a fundraiser to help her offset the expenses. **Susan Carr** had successful cataract surgery and celebrated her new "no glasses" look with a fine. **Mirta** was so happy to win the 50/50 that she gave some of it back.

John Saunders is just back from a trip to the Central Coast with family to celebrate his 80th birthday. **Anita Siraki** apologized for missing the craft beer bowling night with a fine, but she did not offer to share her newly acquired whiskey.



So on to Charly Shelton, our speaker of the day. Charly has notable experience with **Robin Goldsworthy** at the Crescenta Valley Weekly where he has covered a multitude of incidents, including the aftermath of the 2010 flood in Deukmejian Wilderness Park, as well as being published in the LA Times and Smithsonian Air and Space. He is an expert in paleontology and archaeology and entertained us for 30 minutes with stories about the life and times of past organisms and human civilizations. We learned about the damage caused by the Flood of 1934 and the gneiss rocks that remain. We learned that California had more tribes than any place in the nation a long, long, long time ago. There was a village in what is now Tujunga which was the richest in natural resources. If you lived in Tujunga in the Miocene Era, you would have been on beachfront property. Today archaeologists still find fossils of shells, oysters, shark teeth and fish scales in the area. It was a fun and educational presentation and a valuable 30 minutes.



Time was up though – next week our speaker will be Farrell Hirsch of the Muckenthaler Cultural Center. See you then!

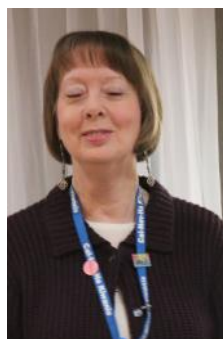
Hail Kiwanis!



KIWANIS KALENDAR (See flyers below)

January through March—Glendale Kiwanis Membership Drive
January 24—KBiz Meeting 8am, The Grille by Toasted Bun, see flyer for details
February 8—Kiwani Mixer, Fresh Brothers, 5:30pm
February 22—New member orientation, 6pm
March 3—CNH Governors Visit, 11:00am, Elks Lodge

Pre-Meeting Sights



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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!

Happy New Year

Dr. Alan Nunez

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ARRIVE EARLY FOR NETWORKING

NO HOST BREAKFAST



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K-MIXER FEB 8TH AT 5:30PM

Join us for our first Mixer of 2024.

When: Feb 8th

Time: 5:30pm

Where: Fresh Brothers

310 N Central Ave
Glendale, CA 91203

25 per person

Parking at Sears. Corner of Central and California.
Appetizers and wine will be served. You are allowed to bring your
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*Kiwanis International
California-Nevada-Hawaii District - División 3
Governor Carole Farris
Official Visit &
Presentation of DSA, CSA, and YSA
Service Awards*



Sunday, March 3, 2024



**11:15 am—Club Presidents' Meeting with Governor
Check in 12 –12:15 pm**

**12:15 pm—Buffet Picnic Lunch, 12:45 pm Program
Glendale Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St., Glendale**

Complimentary On-site Parking

**Cost \$50 per person. Please reserve with your Club Secretary
and make payment *to your home* Kiwanis Club.**

Kiwanis Division 3 Governor's Official Visit—March 3, 2024



**Complete this response sheet and return to your home
Club Secretary by Feb 23rd****

Name(s)_____

Amount paid to Home Kiwanis Club (\$50/person)_____

****Club Secretaries: RSVP Club total reservations/guest names to:
Cathy Keen at cathykeen1946@gmail.com by February 26th.**

**Please submit one check for your Club payable to
CNH Kiwanis Division 3 for your reservations.**

(Club payments to Division 3 may be made at the event.)



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Contact President Irma or Alex Parajon if you and your SO would like to participate.