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Meetings

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

February 9, 2024
Program: Newlywed Game

February 16, 2024
Program: Holy Family
Builders Club Takeover

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

Goodbye to a Kiwanian Friend



Robin Goldsworthy

The attitude in the room was a little somber on Friday when the Kiwanians met at the Elks Club. Those who gathered together were still stung by the news that member **TJ Denton** died earlier in the week from pancreatic cancer. **President Irma Villegas** purchased and circulated a card to be sent to the family.

After enjoying the music of **Rebecca Kupperman**, **Savi Labensart** led the intrepid group in the patriotic song, *America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee*. **Louie Peters**, who we haven't seen in a while, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Cathy Keen** shared a little inspiration courtesy of Ronald Reagan.

President Irma greeted us all and thanked everyone who made the meeting possible; among them the room set up team (of one) **Bob Praun**, **Claudia Sysock** who oversaw check in, **Carl Povilaitis** who sold the 50/50 tickets, the reporter of the day (moi), publisher **John Saunders** as well as **Rebecca** and our music leader **Savi**. Then, despite a bum knee, **Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan** had us on our feet to stretch out the kinks. **Savi** helped with introducing guests, of which there was just one: **President Irma** intro-

duced her friend (and possible new member) **Frank Maldonado**. He was appropriately greeted with the welcome song.

The joke of the day was told by **Dr. Al Nuñez** who shared "his" goals for 2024.

Laurel Patric took the mic for the Goodwill Report, welcoming back **Nzhde**. She then reported that **Laura Duncan** tested positive for COVID and couldn't attend the meeting. A sad turn of events as **Laura** was supposed to introduce our program presenter **Farrell Hirsch**.

Cathy then shared with everyone additional details on the passing of the club's beloved **TJ Denton**. **TJ** was a Kiwanis member since 1986 and part of the Glendale club since 1998. His age was between 60 and 62 years. A service will be held on Monday, Feb. 5 at Salem Lutheran, 1211 N. Brand Blvd. in Glendale at 11 a.m. In addition to his wife Barbara, he leaves two daughters, three granddaughters with another on the way.

Moving forward, no money was due by either the Kiwanians or our presidente as some (but not all) of the Kiwanis sponsors were at the meeting.

Mark your calendar.

President Irma announced that at the March 1 meeting there will be a service project. Club members will be building welcome home kits for Home Again LA. Some items are needed. (Contact **President Irma** for the list of needed items.)

Kiwanis moments.

- Members of the **Villegas** family and the **Labensart** families were recent guest chefs at Ascencia
- The latest K Biz breakfast meeting was successful with the next one planned for Wednesday morning, Feb. 21 at 8 a.m. at Toasted Bun, 1013 S Brand Blvd. in Glendale.
- Bowling still has some spots available. Contact



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Trevor Marca to sign up.

- Couples are sought for the Not So Newlywed Game that is taking place at the Clubhouse on Feb. 9.
- A Kiwanis mixer is coming up on Feb. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Fresh Brothers Pizza, 310 N. Central Ave. in Glendale (bring your own wine). The cost is \$25 per person and includes heavy appetizers. Hopefully some of the wine brought will be shared...
- A new member orientation is taking place on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.; location TBD.
- On March 3 it's the Kiwanis International California-Nevada-Hawaii District - Division 3 Governor Carol Farris official visit and presentation of DSA, CSA and YSA service awards. The luncheon begins with check in at noon. Tickets are \$50 per person.
- April 13 is the annual Ascencia Gala at Oakmont Country Club. Dinner, drinks, dancing, awards and auction. Tickets are \$275 per person. Las Candelas will be recognized.
- May 4 is 19th annual duck splash. Sponsorships sought. **Carl** is heading up the committee.

Mike Swan was the big winner of the 50/50 drawing. He took home a cool \$90.

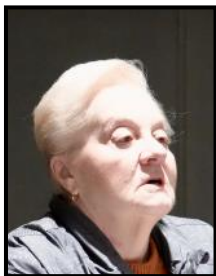
So fine!

Fines were paid by **Jim Patric**, **Louie Peters** (in memory of **TJ**), **Richard Dell** (for members who attended the Blue Moon performance of his band), **David Block** (first grandchild arriving soon), **Andy Roth** (who hasn't been seen in a while), **Mike Swan** (mirroring **David Block** – celebrating a new grandchild is on the way).

Program

Then it was time to learn all about the Muckenthaler Cultural Center in Fullerton.

The program was introduced by **Paulette Wood** because **Laura Duncan** was out with COVID. The presenter was **Farrell Hirsch**. He spoke about his background in the



entertainment industry and his current role as CEO of the Muckenthaler ... and he's a Rotarian. He offered kudos to **Savi** and her ability to handle the baton and acknowledged **Laura** as she is a frequent visitor to The Muckenthaler.

He gave an overview of the history of The Muck (as it commonly known). In 1965, the city of Fullerton was given nine acres of land and the Muckenthaler Mansion. He said that the City of Fullerton promptly boarded up

the property.

He shared that Fullerton has a history of not taking advantage of opportunities (including turning down placement of Disneyland and UCLA).

Today, though the City of Fullerton maintains ownership of the property, it is managed by The Muckenthaler Cultural Center Foundation and its elected board of directors.



Among activities at The Muck are concerts, interactive plays and exhibits. Farrell said that The Muck's art gallery was one of the few to stay open through the pandemic. Only one or two people were allowed in at a time (for 15 minutes) in order to maintain COVID protocols.



He said a goal of the board is to be ahead of maintaining the mission statement to "Enrich the human spirit through the arts."

The property also hosts weddings on site and boasts one of the longest running car shows in the region (it's held the second weekend in May).

However, he said, the "real purpose" of The Muck is an education facility. Recently a multi-million dollar education facility that was opened at The Muck has one of the finest ceramics facility in Orange County.

The Muck also has outreach including going into homeless shelters, providing programs for new immigrants, art camps and prisons.

Farrell's background is in the entertainment industry as a TV writer, play write, theatre producer and producer of the Tony Awards and Ovarations before transitioning to satellite radio.

He is also an author: "What I Learned From 50 Celebrities (By Screwing Up In Front of Them)" is available on Amazon.

Though he could have dazzled the audience with more stories, the afternoon presentation was over and it was time to sing "Hail, Kiwanis."

Next week's program on Feb. 2, will center around **President Irma** as it is her birthday. She will be giving a craft talk.

Hail, Kiwanis!



KIWANIS KALENDAR (See flyers below)

January through March—Glendale Kiwanis Membership Drive

February 8—Kiwani Mixer, Fresh Brothers, 5:30pm

February 22—New member orientation, 6pm

March 3—CNH Governors Visit, 11:00am, Elks Lodge

May 4—Kiwani Incredible Duck Splash, Verdugo Park, Glendale

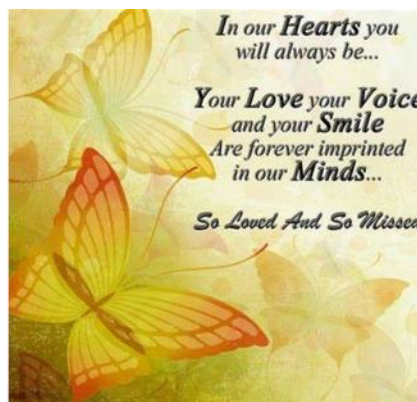
February

Anniversaries

Mary Broerman &
John Yeghiaian 19

Birthdays

Robert Belt	1
Elizabeth Boubari	3
Irma Villegas	4
Kathryn Guyer	5
Stacey Nishi	5
Alan Nunez	7
Rebecca Kupperman	7
Ann Louise Escarrega	9
Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan	10
Marko Swan	12
Kim Guard	13
Bob Keen	14
David Block	16
Kelly Berggren	23
Helen McDonagh	25
Mike Sholer	28



RIP

Thomas J. Denton
Kiwani Member 1986-2024
Glendale Kiwanis President 2013-2014



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Cathy**

**Happy
Valentine's Day
Jinny!**

**All My Love!
Bob
xxoo**

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- 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 of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.



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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
favorite wine as well. BYOW
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GO!





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Glendale Kiwanis has proudly served the Glendale community for over 100 years. We have partnered with The Salvation Army, Home Again LA, YWCA, YMCA, GUSD, GEF, Ascencia and so many more.

You are invited to become a Member and make a difference in our Glendale community.



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*Kiwanis International
California-Nevada-Hawaii District - División 3
Governor Carole Farris
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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**

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**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
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Name(s)_____

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

****Club Secretaries: RSVP Club total reservations/guest names to:
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