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Meetings

February 9, 2024
Program: Newlywed Game
Moderator: Alex Parajon

February 16, 2024
Program: Holy Family
Builders Club Takeover

February 23, 2024
Program: JRAY
Speaker: Kyle Duncan
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Kiwanis Club of Glendale
meets Fridays at
12 noon
at The Elks Lodge
120 E. Colorado
Glendale CA 91205

Glendale KiwanisNews

February 9, 2024

Groundhog Day at Kiwanis



Cathy Keen

Friday, February 2nd was a nice day and the room filled up steadily as people filed in to fill their plates with pork chops, potatoes, and fresh veggies and to mingle with fellow members until the gong sounded. We were doubly entertained today with **Ann Louise Escarrega** joining **Rebecca**

Kupperman at the ivories during our social time. Such talent we have in our club!

Today was also the day we anticipate each year to tell us what lies ahead in the Winter weather situation – Groundhog Day! Yes, Punxsutawney Phil lets us know if Winter will extend or if we will have an early Spring, depending on whether or not he sees his own shadow. More about that later.

President **Irma Villegas** sounded the gong at 12:15pm, and the music switched from pop to patriotic, just like that. We rose to sing *America the Beautiful* led by **Savi Labensart** and accompanied by **Rebecca**. We always enjoy **Savi's** incredible voice, but today I had the pleasure of standing next **Mirta Marconi** and realized she had a professional voice as well.



Nice to be carried by two strong voices as some of us just wing it, albeit we wing it with sincere love for our country. **Karen Swan**, kindergarten teacher for 35 years, had no trouble with the recita-

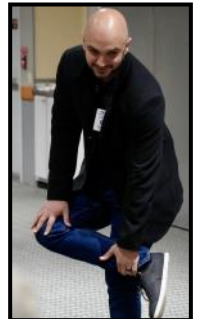
tion of the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Liza Boubari** gave a moving inspiration suggesting that instead of saying "I wish," we should say "I will."

Before we proceeded with the meeting, **Carlos Villegas**, husband of **President Irma**, got up to wish her a Happy Birthday and to present her a special surprise song, "Fly Me to the Moon," sung by **Savi** and accompanied on the piano by her fiancé Josh Levy. For five full minutes, we were taken away to a virtual Cabaret and thoroughly entertained. At one point, I said to **Ann Louise** sitting next to me, "I feel like I should order a martini." Yes, it was that good. We wrapped it up together with a resounding, "In Other Words, *we love you (Irma)!*"

So, we were off and running on a high note, and an emotional **Irma** carried on with the meeting. (If you are a member and just haven't attended for a while, *come back!* We are having a great time.) She thanked the usual team members who make the meetings come together: greeters, reception desk, set up, photographer, publisher, and reporter.

The Stretch of the Day was conducted by **Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan**, our fitness guru. We were allowed to remain seated while we tried to do knee stretches under the table without kicking each other. Thanks, **Nzhde**, for your happy spirit and for at least trying to keep the old folks wiggling. Guest Intros came up next with **Dave Greenbaum** introducing

Irma's guest, architect Frank Maldonado. This is



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Frank's third visit – we hope he will join the team. **Liza** introduced Adrian Boswell, her assistant. And **Irma** introduced special guests Armine Zargaryan and Eliza Sargsyan, K-Kids faculty advisors at Jefferson and Columbus Elementary Schools. **John Over** introduced Bill Berle, a former program speaker at Kiwanis and plane-building mentor.

KiwaniNews sponsors were sparse today, but **Lou Finkelberg** was in attendance, so we were all spared the hefty \$1 fine. **Gabriella Waterman** delivered the joke of the day with a string of birthday jokes in honor of **Irma's** February birthday. The fifty-fifty held \$95 in the pot, and **John Over** was the big winner today.

Laurel Patric gave the Goodwill Report: **Laura Duncan** is still testing positive for Covid, and **Amy Navarrete** wrote that life is good, she is doing great, and she misses us. I came to the mic to give the details for the upcoming service for our recently departed good friend and fellow Kiwanian **TJ Denton**. We love you, **TJ**.

Announcements

- There's a really fun service project coming up...well, maybe not *that fun*, but it is a very worthwhile project. We are going to be cleaning out our Kiwanis Storage Facility on a Saturday in March. Stay tuned for more info on that gathering. On March 1st, which will be our Lt. Governor **Monica Sierra's** official visit to the Glendale Club, we will be assembling welcome home baskets for clients of Home Again LA who will be moving to affordable housing. This will be done during the program time. Make a trip to Wal Mart, Target, or Ikea and round up some things that any new homemaker who has nothing could use...towels, kitchen tools, utensils, cleaning items... it's all good.
- Our Governor Carole Farris will be making her official visit on March 3rd at noon at the Elks Lodge. See the flyer at the end of this publication to get your registration form.
- The K-Biz monthly networking breakfast will be Wednesday, February 21st.
- Our current club website, Portal Buzz, will be going away February 29th. The new site will be found at app.memberday.com. Put in your email and create your password and new account. More info to follow on this transition.
- February 22nd will be a new member orientation at 6pm. Venue to be announced.
- And, finally, our February mixer will be this Thursday,



February 8th at Fresh Brothers Pizza on Central Ave, 5:30 pm. Contact **Patricia Larrigan** to RSVP. Cost is \$25 pp and includes pizza, wine, appetizers, and fun.

Fines

- **John Juarez** paid a fine in celebration of President **Irma's** birthday.
- **Karen Swan** shared the exciting news that their (**Mike** and **Karen's**) son and our fellow Kiwanian **Scott** is the proud father of a new baby boy named Ernest Jack or EJ. Congrats to all the **Swans** on the little cygnet!
- **Ann Louise Escarrega** recently paid her taxes and was rejoicing in a good year and happy to be here today with her Kiwanis family.
- **Irma** had a fine for her birthday, her loving husband **Carlos**, and her amazing daughters Ella and Mia who are making great strides with Folklorico dance and Girl Scouts.



Program

President **Irma** was our program today, and we learned more about Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs: K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K, and Aktion Club. She had recently attended the Key Club Conclave where high school members vote for their next Lt. Governor. It is quite an exciting experience to witness the enthusiasm and love for service among these young people. After our tutorial on SLP's, **Irma** invited several members of Kiwanis to share something special they have done or experienced that we don't know about. We heard great stories from **Liza Boubari**, **Mike Sholer**, **Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan**, **Rebecca Kupperman**, and **Al Nunez**, who shared with us that he "Serves to Love and he Loves to Serve." **Irma** closed with a thank you to us for allowing her to serve as our president this year.



Just one more thing before I sign off, Groundhog Phil *did not* see his own shadow this morning, so we can anticipate an early Spring. Let's hope the theory holds true. See you next Friday for the Not-So-Newlywed Game.

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

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- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
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- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
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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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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



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