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Meetings

March 29, 2024
*** Dark ***

April 5, 2024
Program: Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation

April 12, 2024
Program: Bleu World
Speaker: Jessy Shelton

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



Robin Goldsworthy
Reporter

After singing our patriotic song (sans a baton-wielding leader) of "This Land Is My Land," **Nancy Niebrugge** led the pledge.

Gabriella Waterman gave the inspiration, which included words of wisdom from noteworthy individuals on the meaning of spring.

President Irma Villegas made sure to thank all of those who make each week's meeting run so smoothly including our greeters (which included **Carl Povilaitis**, **Rene Karapedian**, **Liza Boubari** and **Marcelo Poisl**), check-in diva **Claudia Sysock**, photographer **Bob Praun**, reporter of the day (**moi**) and **John Saunders**, publisher extraordinaire.

Amid the regular grumbling, **Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan** had us on our feet for the stretch of the day.

The duties of introducing our guests fell to the lovely **Liza**. Things got busy when it was time to

Friday's meeting was truly a meeting of old friends.

Lou and **Miryam Finkelberg** were on-scene as was **Jack Bilheimer** and his lovely wife **Lexie**. What a pleasure to see **Amy Navarrete** looking beautiful in her colorful outfit and headgear. And how nice to hear the piano keys being plucked with the expertise of **Rebecca Kupperman** who was absent last week.



introduce interclub attendees as members of the Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos — **Lou & Miryam Finkelberg**, **Rosa**, **Jack Bilheimer** and his lovely wife **Lexie** — were in attendance in addition to other guests. Among those introduced was speaker **Betty Porto** (introduced by **President Irma**).

Laurel Patric had cataract surgery so **Cathy Keen** took on the duties of presenting the Goodwill Report. Sadly, she reported that longtime member **Cord Nuoffer** passed away after being diagnosed with cancer. **Cathy** sent a card on behalf of the Kiwanis.

Cathy then took the mic to make a plea for reporters, photographers and publisher. Help is needed; hopefully anyone interested will step up.

A new website has been set up and business cards are needed for those who do not have a card on file.

President Irma then reiterated our goals for 2024: bringing in 20 new members (five already signed up), establish a builders club, establish a Circle K, embrace service opportunities and enjoy fellowship. We seem to be well on our way!

Amy Navarrete accepted a check for \$1,000 for Ballet Folklórico Mexico Azteca. The money is earmarked to subsidize a trip for students where



they will learn new dances. **Amy** took the mic and in addition to thanking the Club for the donation, explained that she wore her regalia in reverence to guest speaker (and her friend) **Betty Porto**.

Reminder that the next K-Biz meeting is on April 24; the recent one was well-attended and had everyone share where they had their first job.

Kiwanis had a booth at a recent event at the Garfield Campus of Glendale Community College.

Kiwanis is a sponsor of a mosaic being unveiled on April 5 at Fremont Elementary School. Club members are invited to the unveiling.

As Chief Of The Duck Splash, **Carl Povilaitis**



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pitched the purchasing of ducks and reminded everyone that they're on a duck team (thank you to **Susie Dell** who listed all the teams and their captains on a white board at the back of the meeting room). **Carl** reminded everyone that it's time to sell, sell, sell!



Nzhde then explained the value of social media tags. Anything members attend relating to Kiwanis should be tagged on their post so **Nzhde** can share. Not sure I understand how that all works, but **Nzhde** is a call away!

Good news; the Ascencia Gala on April 13 is sold out!

In other news, April 12 is Dodger Night for the Glendale Parks Foundation; tickets are available. The Glendale Sunrise Rotary is once again sponsoring Memorial Day – Friends of the Flag and the installation of hundreds of flags for the Memorial Day weekend. Every flag purchased through the Kiwanis means the Club gets half of the proceeds; flags are \$50 each.



Money, honey! \$100 was up for grabs in the 50/50 drawing. Betty Porto pulled the winning ticket and **Jack Bilheimer** collected on his \$5 ticket. Congratulations, **Jack**!

So Fine: **Lou** paid for 1) missing meetings due to traveling; 2) in memory of his friend **Cord**; 3) celebrating Miryam being named Glendale Chamber of Commerce woman of the year.

Nzhde announced that he and Lucine are looking in the rearview mirror at the first trimester of Lucine's pregnancy and ... they are having a son!

\$100 paid by **Alicia Cruz**, Reliable Randy paid his weekly fine, **Rick Barnes** had some money to give in honor of his recent trips and **Liza Boubari** also gave a donation.

Welcome! **Patricia Magoffin** introduced new member **Jeanett Resendez**.

President Irma then introduced speaker Betty Porto who opened her presentation with a video of her life in the bakery: "Baking life's memories." She told of her family's journey to leave Cuba due to revolutionaries taking over the country. They waited eight years to get out of Cuba and during that time her dad was in a labor camp. Her mom, who was a degreed woman and ran an office, turned to baking to subsidize the family's income after the office was closed. Her family was designated as "an enemy of the state." Money had little worth since there was nothing to buy; her mom had to barter to keep her family fed. Folks would stop by the house with the ingredients needed for her to bake goods.

Arriving in America, dad worked for Van de Kamp's. Mom failed every interview she went on – in her own words because she wanted to start her own business. She ended up starting a bakery not far from the family home.

Betty shared that as a kid she and her two siblings wanted for nothing. Her parents worked hard and mom made sure that the American dream was passed on to her children.

All three children attended higher education but despite each having a degree, they fell in love with the bakery. Betty lauded her parents, their work ethic and their family ethics.



Betty did offer advice for those who want to start their own business: make sure people are in the right time of their lives to dedicate their time and attention to a business. She also said to rely on others and how they can help in that journey.

Outlining the many delicious offerings of Porto's, Betty was asked what was her favorite. The answer? Anything with custard.

There are six Porto's stores, each with about 400 people. She outlined the philosophy in getting and keeping their employees and the strong philanthropy outreach that Porto's does: "Your responsibility is to give back."

Her fascinating presentation ended with a hug from **President Irma**

Next week we're dark, but we return on April 5 to hear from Glendale Parks & Open Spaces.

Hail, Kiwanis!



KIWANIS KALENDAR (See flyers below)
January through March—Glendale Kiwanis Membership Drive
March 29—DARK
April 24—K-Biz, Grille By Toasted Bun, 8:00am
May 4—Kiwani's Incredible Duck Splash, Verdugo Park, Glendale

Pre-Meeting Socialization Is
 A Major Part Of Our Meetings



Sponsors are randomly selected by the Publisher each week from the Kiwanis membership. If all five posted sponsors are present at the meeting on the date of the newsletter, the President pays a \$20 fine. If no posted sponsors attend the meeting, each member in attendance pays a \$1 fine (members only, no guests). The collected funds go into our Club account to offset Administrative expenses.

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Jan*



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Happy March Birthday
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*I love you Pam,
Pat*




Dear Craig,
Wishing you the happiest of
birthdays and a wonderful
year up ahead! ~Anita

Green is Keen!
Happy St. Pat's
From Bob and Cathy



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



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TIME: 8:00 - 10:00AM

RESTAURANT OPENS AT 8AM

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KIWANIS INCREDIBLE DUCK SPLASH! Banner Order Form



The Glendale Kiwanis Foundation provides financial and volunteer support throughout our community to improve the quality of life, especially for our children and youth. The Duck Splash is our largest and silliest fundraiser, now celebrating its 19th year! Over \$1,300,000 has been given back to the community!

Join us, as we help our children, by purchasing a Banner to fly on the streets of Glendale!

Race Day, May 4, 2024
Verdugo Park @ 1621 Canada Blvd.
11:00 am – 2:00 pm!

For more information on Glendale Kiwanis and the Duck Splash! log on to our webbed sites
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www.glendalekiwanis.info



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1	Rene Karapedian		Robin Goldsworthy		Savi Labensart		Al Nunez		Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan	
2	Pam Spiszman		Ron Baker		Gab Waterman		John Over		Marko Swan	
3	Agajanian, Vrej		Allen, Lynnette		Allen, Joe		Barnes, Rick		Aghadjanian, Mavil	
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6	Crawford, Beth		Boubari, Liza		Broerman, Mary		Chernich, George		Greenbaum, Dave	
7	Dell, Richard		Brooks, Lisa		Cleary, Cindy		Devine, Paula		Guard, Kim	
8	Detro, Martine		Cleghorn, Cindy		Cruz, Alicia		Feinbloom, Richard		Janow, Dianna	
9	Escarrega, Ann Louise		Cordova, Joseph		Dell, Susie		Finkelberg, Lou		Kassahkian, Ardy	
10	Eskin, Sheldon		Guyer, Kathryn		Duncan, Laura		Fundora-Manzur, Denise		Kupperman, Rebecca	
11	Gahvaray, Ryan		Guyer, Mike		Grigoryan, Karine		Hull, Harry		Liddell, Pat	
12	Ghazalpour, Alex		Larrigan, Patricia		Guillory, Laura		Jakubecy, Dawna (DJ)		Liston, Brad	
13	Hernandez, Albert		Maniscalchi, Mike		Jabarian, Appo		Keen, Bob		MacCarley, Mark	
14	Hinckley, Bruce		Marca, Trevor		Markosyan, Kristine		Keen, Cathy		Mandoky, Joe	
15	Juarez, Esther		Neville, Skip		Nigam, Anjalika		Marconi-Rothacher, Mirta		Parajon, Alex	
16	Juarez, John		Orlin, Grant		Nishi, Jeff		McDonagh, Helen		Patric, Jim	
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22	Sholer, Mike		Sharma, Jay		Swan, Mike		Povilaitis, Carl		Trinidad, Ante	
23	Spizman, Ian		Sierra, Jose		Swan, Scott		Reyes, Isabel		Velazquez, Mercy	
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