G.A.G. RAG

Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club

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Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention is an Island Adventure

The Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District held its annual Convention on the Big Island of Hawai'i last month, its first convention in the Aloha State in six years.

Attendance for the Convention was impressive, considering the distance and expense involved. All available rooms at the Outrigger Resort in Kailua Kona were sold out as a result of the Kiwanis convention.

Despite the tropical surroundings and the perfect weather conditions, there was important work to do. District Governor **Carole Farris** of Hanford, California thanked her team for their hard work over the past year, while **Doug Frost** of the Downtown San Diego Kiwanis Club was installed as District Governor for the upcoming 2024-25 term. **Steven Geraci** of Santa Maria was voted in to serve as Governor-Elect, and San Diego's **Gary Jander** was given an endorsement as he seeks the position of Kiwanis International Vice President next year in Pittsburgh.

Kiwanis members from the Host Committee in Division 22 (Hawai'i) made everyone feel welcome as tour guides and convention volunteers. Many of the Convention delegates enjoyed a luau or a chance to go swimming with the manta rays that dwell off the coast of Kona.

Without a doubt, the breakout star of the weekend was five-year-old **Kalley-Mae Yee**, who was born prematurely and wasn't expected to survive long after birth. Her parents introduced her on stage, along with one of the doctors from Kapiolani Medical Center who helped to save her life.

While it was easy to enjoy the sights and flavors of Hawai'i, Kalley-Mae reminded us all of our purpose in being Kiwanis members.

From the Tap



For my column this month, I am going to relate a story of insight and, in some ways, hope. Many of us see the slow decline in membership of our club. This is a general trend. It is happening to almost all large service club organizations like Kiwanis, Optimists, Lions Club, etc. Many organizations are gone, or are just hanging on. When was the last time anyone knew a member of the Loyal Order of Foresters, or for that matter a Moose or an Elk? (An odd note on the Moose Lodges: The Lodge in Andrews, Texas, population approximately 10,000, is the second largest Moose Lodge in Texas. Andrews County is dry, and the Moose Lodge is a private club that can serve alcohol.)

The decline in interest in community involvement can be remedied without needing to serve alcohol, and as an example, I am writing about a very recent occurrence that showed me that there is hope for the future of service clubs.

Two weeks ago, I had the opportunity to judge beer in the second round of the national homebrew competition. The first round was held in late May. The national homebrew competition structure has a first round of judging in seven regional venues. Each region accepts up to 880 entries. I judged in the western region, and the venue was San Diego. The first, second, and third-place beers in each of the 46 categories in each region go on to the second round. The second and final round was held in San Diego. Judges from all over the U.S. and Canada came to this event.

I usually find some beer-related thing to wear to judging events, though lately I have looked for more warmth rather than looks as the venues are often the back area of a brewery. For the second round, I elected for a sweater, and, instead of one of my many beer related baseball caps, I put on a Kiwanis one. That brought on a lot of interesting conversations with people from Minnesota, Georgia, and Delaware (name one population center in Delaware). These folks were members, or knew of their local Kiwanis Clubs. They had nothing but good things to say about their local organizations. The woman form Woodbury, Minnesota even mentioned their outreach programs to secure more members,



So it is encouraging to find other Kiwanis members. I can see why members like **John Crawford** come home stoked-up after a Kiwanis convention.

I am convinced we will still exist in the future, and only part of that is because we don't have to wear a silly-looking headpiece like an Elk.

-- Jim

Who Takes The CAKE This Month?



September Birthdays

17	Alan Young
25	Mary Haas



September Wedding Anniversaries

10	Alex & Julie Zubak
25	Alan & Grace Young

September Membership Anniversaries

2006	Mickey Zeichick
2017	Paul Vogel
2017	Joi Vogel
2017	Chris Holbrook
2017	Gay Ann Holbrook
2023	Dr. Stephan Barrington



MEMBERSHIP METER

Club Membership *(as of August 31st, 2024)*	**27**
Members Added Last Month	**0**
Members Deleted Last Month	**0**
Change, Year to Date *(since October 1st, 2023)*	**0**
Honorary Members	**8**

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GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

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We encourage articles, photos, and other contributions from all members of the Kiwanis Club, from our SLP partners, and from the community at large.

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*Other contributors this month include **Gary Blume**, **Valerie Crawford**, **Danielle Iwatsu**, and **Alan Young**, along with **Armando Velasquez** (South Gate Kiwanis, Division 13) and **Anna Wu** (Hacienda Heights Kiwanis, Division 25). Sorry if we missed anyone!*

G.A.G. Kiwanis Has Been Bluming For 25 Years



Membership Chair **John Crawford** (left) presents a 25-Year Legion of Honor certificate to Vice President **Gary Blume**, who serves as our Scholarship and House Committee Chair.

It's hard to believe, but it's been a quarter of a century since a young and fun-loving real estate agent walked into a Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis meeting for the first time. **Gary Blume** was first introduced to our club by Lyle Mathews, and ever since, he's been a jack-of-all-trades, doing the jobs that many others don't want to do.

He's been our House Committee Chair for many years, dating back to our meetings at the Allied Gardens Recreation Center, and he would often decorate our meeting space according to the next holiday on the calendar. He served as our Club President in 2012-13, achieving a rare feat as he was recognized as our Kiwanian of the Year the same year that he served as President. (He is also our reigning Kiwanian of the Year Award winner from last year.)

He has served as our songmaster, our Scholarship Chair, and most recently, our Vice President. Gary has never been shy about including his family in Kiwanis activities as well, as many of us have gotten to know his wife, **Amy**, son **Bryson**, and daughter **Molly** over the years. His youthful energy, sense of humor, and positive attitude help to keep our club vibrant.

Gary is also the founder of the Total Altruism Project, a grassroots effort to help reduce litter at local parks, canyons, and hiking trails simply by providing ordinary citizens with the right tools for the job.

Gary received his Legion of Honor certificate at our meeting on August 22nd in recognition of his many years of service to our Kiwanis Club and to our community. He is truly one of our club's most outstanding volunteers for the past 25 years!



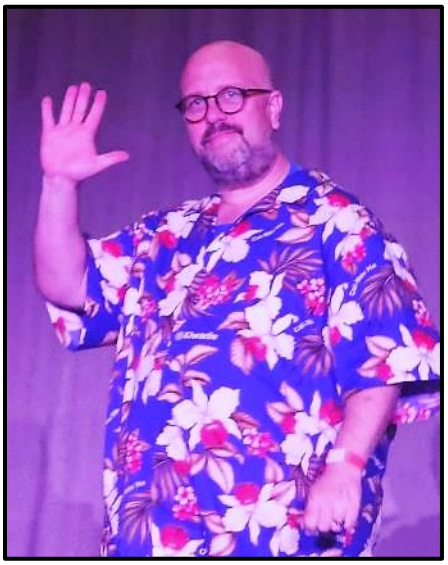
A few of our early risers helped place the flags on Waring Road on Labor Day. We'll be back out there for September 11th and for Veterans Day!





Hobnobbing with Kiwanis Royalty: Representing G.A.G. Kiwanis, **John Crawford** is pictured with International President **Katrina Baranko** and Past International President **Art Riley**, both from the Georgia District, and at right, Immediate Past District Governor **Valarie Brown-Klingelhoefer**.







At left, several empty chairs overlook the Pacific Ocean from the Outrigger Resort in Kailua Kona, Hawaii; at center, **John Crawford** is introduced onstage as he is installed as the new Region 1 Trustee for the 2024-27 term. At right, District Treasurer and Past Governor **Gary Gray** gave a reassuring and optimistic review of the Cal-Nev-Ha District's financial status.



A tour group made up of Kiwanians, including several familiar faces from San Diego County, pauses for a group photo on shore after returning from a nighttime swim with the local manta ray population off the coast of Kailua Kona.





At left, little **Kalley-Mae Yee** *(age 5, seen here with her parents)* stole the show at our District Convention! At right, **Steve Geraci** of the Santa Maria Kiwanis Club hosts a hospitality suite after a successful campaign to serve as Governor-Elect in 2024-25.



John Crawford congratulates Governor-Elect **Doug Frost** of the (Downtown) San Diego Kiwanis Club after Frost's inaugural speech.



Kiwanis volunteers from Division 22 (Hawai'i) gave the crowd a demonstration of traditional Hawaiian dance during a lunch session.

Meeting Notes

*Summarized by **John Crawford** and **Alan Young***

August 1st – The Most Selfless Sacrifice: It All Starts With a Little Pink Dot

Today's meeting included a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings! Our thanks to House Committee Chair **Gary Blume** for his work in gathering together a potluck dinner that we could all be thankful for! Thanks also to everyone who agreed to contribute a dish, from the stuffing and the cranberries to the green beans and the pumpkin pie!

Our guests today included member spouses **Wanda Elmore** and **Judy Enchelmayer**, plus **John Brummer** live via Zoom.

Our Kiwanian of the Day, **Valerie Crawford**, took our Happy Dollars, including one club member who reported a broken nose while he was in Bolivia last month! At least he had some very good things to say about the Bolivian national health care system!

Valerie then went to work entertaining us with some of the more amusing national "holidays" and observations that are on the calendar. Some of them were sensible, such as Back to School Readiness Day (August 15), Swimming Pool Day (July 11), and Stepmothers Day (observed exactly one week after Mother's Day). National Bake Cookies Day is December 18th, one week prior to Christmas, and National Candy Day is November 7th, which is supposedly the day that kids finish off their Halloween candy. February 29th is designated as National Frog Legs Day, which makes sense when you consider that it's also Leap Day, but some of the other ones were just wacky! The second day of June is known as National Yell "Fudge" at the Cobras of North America Day – in which people are supposed to go outside and yell "Fudge" at the top of their lungs. This supposedly scares away all the cobras. It seems to be working, as there is a distinct lack of cobras in the neighborhood today!

Today's guest speaker, **Sue Lipnicke Fox** (with her husband, **Tracy**, there in support) is a woman of remarkable generosity! In September of 2017, she was shopping at Costco when saw a sign on a car seeking a kidney donor of a specific blood type. Sue happened to be that exact blood type, and decided to get tested to see if she would be a potential match. After a series of medical exams and evaluations, she went into the hospital exactly one year later to donate her healthy kidney to a complete stranger.

Sue discussed with us the long and arduous medical protocols to confirm that she could safely donate the kidney, taking into account multiple factors including the health of the donor and the recipient, the potential for rejection, and even a mental health screening to ensure the donor would be in good spirits after the procedure.



We couldn't help but to be awe-struck at the generous story of **Sue Lipnicke Fox** and her incredible decision to save the life of a complete stranger by donating a kidney.

Sue whimsically named her kidneys Laverne & Shirley to help her through the process (Laverne was the one that got donated). Another interesting fact about her experience was that the recipient of the new kidney didn't have a chance to meet Sue face-to-face until the day before the surgery! You can imagine how emotional that first meeting would have been, as for the very first time, the recipient was meeting the person who chose to save her life. Today, that recipient is like part of Sue's family, as indeed, a small part of Sue is literally within her.

While the process of becoming a living organ donor, of "Lifesharing," can be a long one, the road to recovery for Sue was relatively short. She was back to work just eight weeks after donating her kidney!

Sue explained to us that more than 106,000 people nationwide are on the waiting list to receive some sort of vital organ transplant, including hearts, lungs, kidneys, livers, and pancreas donations. One in five on the waiting list lives in California; this is enough to fill Petco Park twice, and then some! Some 82 percent of those on the waiting list are in need of a kidney; 8,000 people each year die before a matching kidney becomes available to them. Sadly, far too many of those on the waiting list never get the call.

Other examples of living donation can include blood donation or bone marrow. Deceased donors can help with eye and tissue donations. The decision to become an organ donor after death is easy, it is legally binding, and it cannot be overridden once the donor reaches 18 years of age. Anyone who chooses to become a donor receives a "little pink dot" sticker which is prominently displayed on their driver's license.

This incredible story of selflessness and sacrifice had many of us in tears, particularly those of us who knew our former club member **Brian Arnold**. Brian, a husband and father to two girls, was tragically killed in a motorcycle collision about five years ago, taken from us far too soon. As an organ donor, his healthy organs were transplanted to two other adults who are alive today because Brian chose to put that little pink sticker on his driver's license. As you might expect, in a room like this one, filled with generous Kiwanians, there were lots of little pink stickers to be found!

We were all captivated with Sue's incredible story about her life-saving, and completely voluntary, decision. To register as an organ donor, or to learn more about the process, please visit www.DonateLIFECalifornia.org.

Meeting Notes

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August 8th – *Tres Bien, Paris!* We Were Feeling Very Olympic Tonight!



Our meeting tonight included guests **Wanda Elmore** and **Judy Enchelmayer**, along with **Alexis Green**, this year's President of the Patrick Henry High School Key Club. We always enjoy welcoming our student volunteers!

We were treated to another outstanding dinner of meat lasagna, mini pizzas, steamed broccoli, and several desserts, thanks to the efforts of House Committee Chair **Gary Blume** and his team of volunteers who help us out in the kitchen.

We heard about the La Jolla Kiwanis Club and their annual pancake breakfast, held this year on August 17th. **Craig Bratlien** was available to sell tickets for this fun event, as some of our members enjoy participating in this breakfast every year.

Vic Enchelmayer did double duty as our speaker and our Kiwanian of the Day, when our scheduled guest speaker was called home to North Carolina unexpectedly due to a family illness. We will do our best to reschedule.

After collecting some Happy Dollars, Vic schooled us on Olympic history and facts, including a year-by-year recap of host cities.

The first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece in April 1896, marking a landmark in the history of international competition and goodwill between nations. The Games were originally planned for 1900 in Paris, France, but delegates from 34 countries convinced **Baron Pierre de Coubertin**, a Frenchman and co-founder of the International Olympic Committee, to move them up to 1896. Coubertin was inspired to revive the games after seeing what German archaeologists uncovered during an excavation of ancient Olympia as a child.

The International Olympic Committee originally mandated that the Winter Games be celebrated every four years in the same year as their summer counterpart. In 1986, IOC officials, in response to concerns over increasing cost and logistic complication of the Olympics, voted to alter the schedule. Only two years separated the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, and the 1994 Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

Paris previously hosted in 1900 and 1924, (100 years ago) Paris became the second city ever to host the Summer Olympics three times (after London, which hosted the games in 1908, 1948, and 2012).

Los Angeles has hosted the Summer Olympics twice before, in 1932 and 1984, and will host them again in 2028. Some of us recall seeing the Olympic torch pass through the Grantville-Allied Gardens neighborhood leading up to the 1984 Games. L.A. will become the third city to host the Olympics three times, after London and Paris, and the first non-European city to do so.

Other American cities to host the Summer Olympics include St. Louis (1904) and Atlanta (1996). The U.S. has hosted the Winter games in three different locales: Lake Placid, New York (1932 and 1980), Olympic (formerly Squaw) Valley, California (1960), and Salt Lake City, Utah (2002). Salt Lake City will host the Olympic games again in 2034.

Other upcoming Olympic host cities include Milan-Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy for the 2026 Winter games, the French Alps region for the Winter games in 2030, and Brisbane, Australia for the Summer games in 2032. Brisbane will become the third Australian city to host the Olympics after Melbourne (1956) and Sydney (2000), and just the fourth city south of the Equator to host the games, joining Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 2016.

We leaned that **Margaret Ives Abbott** (June 15th, 1878 – June 10th, 1955) was an American amateur golfer. She was the first American woman to win an Olympic event: the women's golf tournament at the 1900 Summer Olympics.

Club member **Bjorn Endresen** was able to answer many questions, especially those involving Norway and the Winter games. Norway has collected more Winter Olympic medals (and also more Winter Olympic *gold* medals) than any other nation.

Many thanks to Vic for pulling double duty and for keeping our Olympic flame burning!

PROGRAM PREVIEW

*Courtesy of Vice President **Gary Blume***

September 5th
Vanessa Henderson, Founder,
Scholars Forward Foundation
K.O.D.: Kathy Butterstein

September 12th
Officer Robert Raynor
San Diego Police Department
K.O.D.: Paul Vogel

September 19th (Breakfast Meeting)
Program TBD
Student of the Month Awards – PHHS & Hearst
K.O.D.: Gary Blume

September 26th
John Crawford
District Convention Highlights from Hawai'i
K.O.D.: TBD

October 3rd
Jim Akin and G.A.G. Committee Chairs
Incoming President's Address
K.O.D.: TBD

*To recommend a guest speaker for an upcoming meeting, please contact Vice President **Gary Blume**.*

Meeting Notes

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August 15th – Adapting to Changes in a Changing Market



Presidential Procession: Past Presidents of our Kiwanis Club, **Alex Zubak** *(left)* and **George Butterstein** *(center)*, are seen here with current club President **Jim Akin**.

In addition to our regular members this morning, we welcomed three virtual visitors online via Zoom: **Mary** and **Tony Haas**, members of our club who moved to Minnesota last year, and **John Brummer**, an honorary member of our club.

After a great breakfast including a baked egg dish by **Gary Blume**, and a variety of donuts and bagels courtesy of **Joi** and **Paul Vogel**, our Kiwanian of the Day, **George Butterstein**, collected Happy Dollars for the Admin Fund.

George led an exercise where each person had to tell where they would go on an all-expenses-paid vacation. The only rules were that it couldn't be a place you have already been, and it couldn't be a trip to visit a friend or relative.

Some of the suggestions were far-off destinations on the other side of the globe, such as Amsterdam, Australia, England, Ireland, Istanbul, Nepal, New Zealand, Paris, Portugal, South Africa, and South America (specifically Machu Picchu in Peru). Others decided on more domestic sites like the headwaters of the Mississippi River, or the Gold Rush Trail in Alaska and the Yukon. Clearly we have an adventurous group that likes to dream big!

Our special guest speaker today was a familiar face, although one that we haven't seen too often lately! **Alex Zubak**, a Past President of our Kiwanis Club, has been super busy lately being a husband and a father to three kids – ages 6, 4, and 2). Originally from South New Jersey, Alex attended Rider College, and he trains like a boxer to keep fit. (Unlike Rocky Balboa, however, Alex doesn't actually fight competitively.)

Alex was with Edward Jones Investments for 13 years, and has just recently started his own firm as a wealth advisor working with Sikorski Wealth Management, under the umbrella of Charles Schwab. He spoke about the market during election years. He advised us to not base our investments based on political trends. He also told us that history indicates the market is best when the executive and legislative branches of government are controlled by different parties. We appreciate his words of wisdom and we hope to see much more of Alex in the future!

August 22nd – A Major Milestone for Gary Blume, and Rocky Mountain Highlights

Tonight's meeting featured a delicious taco bar, complete with all the fixings! Many thanks to our House Committee and club members who brought in their contributions for another terrific meal.

President **Jim Akin** called the meeting to order and gave us some important reminders on upcoming events. We also held our club officer nominations for the upcoming Kiwanis year. (Anyone interested in serving on the board next year should contact President Jim.)

We then had a special ceremony for a guy who really makes a positive impact for our club and for the community at large. **Gary Blume** has become our latest inductee into the Legion of Honor as he marks 25 years of membership in Kiwanis and specifically in our club. (See article on Page 3.) Any club member who reaches 25 years of membership is presented with a Legion of Honor certificate and pin, getting a new one for every five years thereafter. Congratulations, Gary!

Instead of a guest speaker today, club Secretary **John Crawford** gave us a series of highlights from the Kiwanis International Convention held in Denver this past July. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Objects of Kiwanis, our defining directives which were first adopted at a Convention in Denver in 1924; they have never been changed. In celebration of that milestone, Kiwanians from around the world made the trip to Colorado this summer. John and his wife, **Valerie**, represented our club, making a 2,200-mile road trip in the process! The Convention was fun and inspiring, and like always, worth the trip!



Gary Blume *(left)* is the newest inductee into our club's Legion of Honor, having achieved 25 years of membership in Kiwanis.



We Still Make House Calls: Several members of G.A.G. Kiwanis were seen bringing some birthday cheer to our longtime member **John Chappell**, seen at far right with his sweetheart, **Melissa Kondon**. Also present for the birthday party were *(L-R)* **Gary Blume**, **Jim Akin**, **Alan Young**, **George Butterstein**, **Paul Vogel**, and **John Chandler**. *Photo courtesy of **Kathy Butterstein**.*



Behind the Mask: Volunteers **Judy Enchelmayer** *(left)* and **Danielle Iwatsu** helped staff the Kiwanis booth at last month's First Friday concert at the Allied Gardens Park & Rec Center. Kids lined up for two hours to create their own superhero masks, customized with bright colors and stickers. The next First Friday Concert will take place on September 6th; additional volunteers are needed to help recruit members for our club.

Volunteer with Us!

The City of SAN DIEGO
Parks and Recreation Department

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Help with watering & weeding!

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Family-Friendly

June-October

2nd & 4th Saturdays

9am-11am

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Questions? Contact Senior Ranger Tiffany at TSwiderski@sandiego.gov

Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs

"On The Farm"



Seaside Division Lt. Governor **Grace Fermin** of UC Irvine hosts the Circle K information table at the Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis Convention in Kailua Kona. Grace's division includes Orange County, San Diego County, and Hawaii.

School is back in session across the board, and so our SLP clubs are getting back into gear! The Lewis Middle School Builders Club will be meeting with President **Violet Devera** and returning faculty advisor **Jacinda Dietz**, to outline some goals for the upcoming semester. Builders Club will be meeting slightly earlier this year, with meetings going from 2:40 to 3:40 each week. A meeting date has yet to be determined.

PHHS Key Club hosted its club rush last month and will be holding its first meeting of the new school year on Thursday, September 5th in the Cafetorium at Patrick Henry. The group has already been invited to participate in a Fall Festival at Benchley-Weinberger Elementary School later in the semester.

Key Club's annual Fall Rally fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th at Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia. The rally will have a new look this year as the park's Golden Bear Theater has been demolished to make room for a new thrill ride. Anyone interested in serving as a chaperone for the day (and enjoying a trip to Six Flags) should contact Key Club advisor **Valerie Crawford**.

The status of the SDSU Circle K club remains clouded so far, as the club has had ongoing difficulty gaining recognition as an on-campus organization.

Scholarship Committee Chair **Gary Blume** reports that all four of our scholarship recipients from last spring have received their monetary awards in time for the start of the new semester.



Allied Gardens Park & Rec Director Kelly Wood Given a Special Celebration Upon Retirement

by ***John Chandler***



In recognition of her service and her looming retirement, District 7 City Council Representative **Raul Campillo** *(left)* presents a proclamation declaring **Kelly Wood** Day within the City of San Diego.

On Wednesday, July 31st, **Kelly Wood**, a long-term servant of the City of San Diego, announced her retirement from the Park and Recreation Department.

City workers from each neighborhood that Kelly represented (Allied Gardens, San Carlos, etc.), which turned out to be dozens and dozens of people, all affectionately bid Kelly best wishes for her future. Kelly served a whopping 37 years for the city, and her husband and brother (and other relatives) serve the city in similar fashion. What an asset to the Parks and Rec Department!

City Council Representative **Raul Campillo** presented her with a touching proclamation stating that July 31st, 2024 is forever known as "Kelly Wood Day." A great honor for her.

Kelly was instrumental in allowing **Gary Blume's** T.A.P. program to proceed in Allied Gardens Recreation Center Park, and he now has approval to establish T.A.P. in any park within the city! Kelly has expressed an interest in assisting T.A.P. with its growth overall.

She, in my opinion, was a stellar city employee who had her co-workers and the public using the park system at the top of her priority list. She did all that she could to see that the parks were maintained, keeping them both safe and useful to the general public. Annually, Kelly put on a Chili Cookoff and all of her staff, including administration and ground maintenance workers, were invited from every area to participate.

Her last day of actual on-the-job employment was set for August 9th. Personally, I wish her the very best as she enters the next phase of her life. I'm sure the Park and Rec Department will miss her very much.



MEALS on WHEELS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Delivery Schedule

September 5th	**Alan & Grace Young**
September 12th	**Bjorn Endresen** and **Gary Blume**
September 19th	**George & Kathy Butterstein**
September 26th	**John & Pam Chandler**

If you would like to volunteer for a shift, please contact ***Amy Blume*** *at* **AmyGaryBlume@gmail.com**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2024

Allied Gardens First Friday Concert
Dim the Lights *(Funk and Disco)*
Friday, September 6th
Allied Gardens Park & Rec Center, 6:00 p.m.

G.A.G. Kiwanis Board Meeting
Monday, September 9th (rescheduled)
Butterstein Residence, 6:00 p.m.

September 11th Remembrance
Wednesday, September 11th
Flags to be Displayed along Waring Road

Region 1 Key Club RTC
Saturday, September 14th
Guajome Park Academy, Vista, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Division 21 Year-End Brunch
Saturday, September 21st
Uptown Tavern, 1236 University Avenue, 12:00 Noon

Important Dates 2024-25

Kiwanis Mid-Year South (San Diego)
March 29, 2025 – Marriott Mission Valley

Kiwanis International Convention
June 25-28, 2025 – Pittsburgh, PA

Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention
August 7-9, 2025 – Las Vegas, NV



Turn Back the Clock

Take a look back into the history of G.A.G. Kiwanis!
Special thanks to ***Mary Haas*** *for maintaining our club archives.*

Fifty-five years ago (September 1969) – G.A.G. Kiwanis inducted two new members at our meeting on September 25th: Dr. **David Wright** and **Jack Scott**. Both Jack and Dave would spend some time away from Kiwanis before returning, but each would eventually serve a term as club President, with Dave serving as our Lt. Governor for 1994-95… For the first time ever, the Kiwanis year started over on October 1st instead of January 1st. This meant that 1969 club President **Norm Honkanen**, owner of the Drug Fair store on Waring Road, got away with just a nine-month term in office. **Bill Larson** was named our Kiwanian of the Year for the abbreviated term.

Forty-five years ago (September 1979) – On September 22nd, Division 21 held its installation dinner at the Town and Country Resort in Mission Valley, a popular destination for Kiwanis events over the years. As our own **Cal Pancheri** turned over his gavel to incoming Lt. Governor **John Patton** of the University City Kiwanis Club, it was **Gene Elmore** who made the biggest presentation of the night: a brand-new Interclub trophy that he constructed! The first winner of that new trophy, which bears Gene's name on it today, was naturally G.A.G. Kiwanis…. Elsewhere, the club received a very nice thank-you letter from PHHS Key Club President **Craig MacDonald** (son of our longtime member **Jim MacDonald**). Craig thanked our club for supporting his trip to the Key Club International Convention in Washington, D.C. that summer, and also for contributing to a recent Key Club celebration at Sea World.

Forty years ago (September 1984) – New club President **John Chandler** was installed at a dinner on September 22nd at Albie's Hideaway on Hotel Circle in Mission Valley, the club's 24th annual installation banquet. **Bill Hoover** served as Master of Ceremonies while **Boyd Sauter** took home the Kiwanian of the Year Award.

Twenty-five years ago (September 1999) – The Division 21 installation had a tropical flair at the Bali Hai restaurant on Shelter Island. The guest of honor that evening was **Larry McLeland** of the Balboa Park Kiwanis Club, as he took the reigns from Tierrasanta's **Ian Wotherspoon**. Also in attendance that night to perform the official installation was **Terri Neumann** of San Leandro, California, the first female Governor in our District's history… Meanwhile at the Sun Valley golf course in La Mesa, G.A.G. Kiwanis hosted its 16th annual Anchovy Open on September 25th. The yearly golf tournament helped to raise funds for the **Scott MacDonald** Memorial Fund, which would rebuild and renovate youth sports facilities in East County.

Ten years ago (September 2014) – Sit on it, Potsie! The club held its annual installation on Friday, September 26th at the Maina Village Conference Center on Mission Bay with a "Happy Days" theme. With poodle skirts and leather jackets throughout the room, outgoing club President **Joe Huston** said his thank you's and turned over the gavel to new President **Tony Orosco**. The big winner of the night was **Mary Haas**, who was named Kiwanian of the Year for 2013-14. Happy Days, indeed!... Division 21 Lt. Governor **Barry Kistler** of the Point Loma Kiwanis Club unveiled a new award during the divisional banquet: the first-ever **Larry McLeland** Leadership Award was presented to **Jim Nickel** and **Mike Servais** of the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club for their efforts to promote The Eliminate Project, to help bring tetanus vaccines to remote parts of the world… On a sadder note, the club mourned the loss of **Gwen Frankhouser**, who passed away on September 12th at the age of 90. She and **Bobby** had been married since June of 1946, a remarkable 68 years!

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Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 9th, 2024

Call to Order	Jim Akin
Introduction of Guests	Jim Akin
Correspondence	John Crawford
Presentation of Minutes	John Crawford
President's Report	Jim Akin
Treasurer's Report	Alan Young
Foundation Treasurer's Report	
Budget / Finance	John Chandler
Community Service	George Butterstein
MMQ	George & Kathy Butterstein
Fundraising	
Membership & Member Outreach	John Crawford
Interclubs	Alan Young
House	Gary Blume
Circle K (SDSU)	Alan Young
Key Club (Patrick Henry)	Valerie Crawford
Builders Club (Lewis)	John Crawford
K-Kids (Hearst)	Dr. Stephan Barrington
Scholarships	Gary Blume
Education	George Butterstein
Sunshine	Joi Vogel
Newsletter/Social Media/Publicity	John Crawford
Website	Kathy Butterstein
Socials	Kathy & George Butterstein
Division / District / International	
Unfinished Business / New Business/Open Floor	
Adjournment	

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2023-24 Club Officers

Jim Akin	*President*
(Position Vacant)	*President-Elect*
Gary Blume	*Vice President*
John Crawford	*Secretary*
Alan Young	*Treasurer*
Vic Enchelmayer	*Immed. Past President*

Board of Directors

Bjorn Endresen	2022-24
Paul Vogel	2022-24
Valerie Crawford	2022-24
George Butterstein	2023-25
John Chandler	2023-25
Dave Erlanson	2023-25
(Position Vacant)	2023-25

Foundation Trustees

2021-2024

Mickey Zeichick

George Butterstein

(Position Vacant)

2022-2025

Jim Akin

Gary Blume

John Chandler

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Vic Enchelmayer

Paul Vogel *(President)*

Alan Young

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Jim Akin

*Questions? Comments? Changes? Suggestions? Please contact Club President **Jim Akin** or Club Secretary **John Crawford**. Committee Chairs and Board Members Subject to Change.*