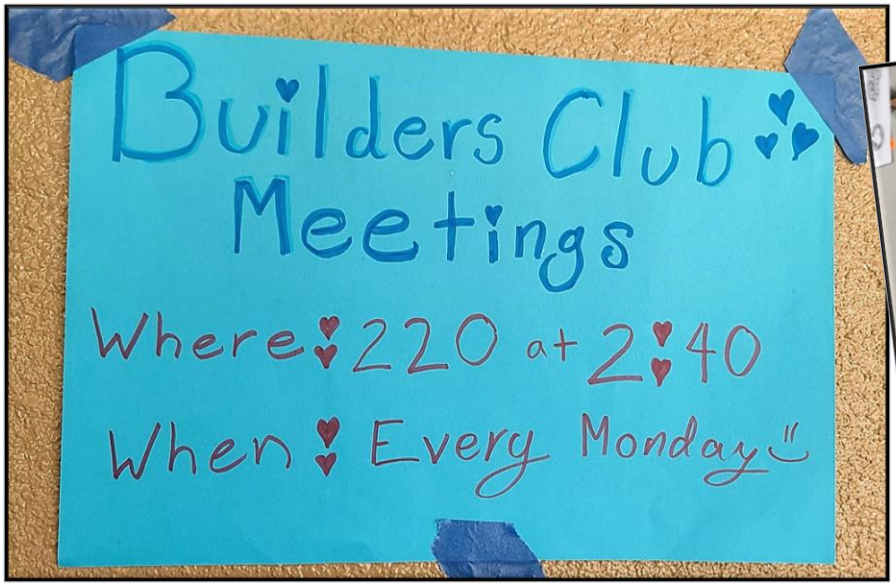
G.A.G. RAG

Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club

October 2024 **www.alliedgardenskiwanis.org**

The Great Monday Meeting Migration





For decades, it seems like Thursday has always been Kiwanis Day – not only for the Grantville-Allied Gardens club, but also for many of our sponsored SLPs (Service Leadership Programs).

The Patrick Henry High School Key Club, for example, held meetings at lunch on Thursdays for over twenty years. The Lewis Middle School Builders Club has been meeting on Thursdays since they re-chartered back in 2006.

So this new schedule might take some getting used to.

Both Key Club and Builders Club started meeting on Mondays last month, for largely the same reason. PHHS Key Club has found that with so many other clubs on campus meeting at lunchtime on Thursdays, they had to contend with a great deal of competition at that hour. This was having a noticeable effect on meeting attendance, membership, and participation. By meeting now on Mondays, the hope is that more people will find the time for Key Club and the club can take advantage of being one of the only options for extracurricular activities on the first day of the week.

Lewis Middle School's Builders Club was unable to meet on Mondays last year due to restricted availability for busing after school. This year, recent policy changes on campus have allowed for more flexibility in scheduling club meetings. The Monday meetings at Lewis have the added benefit of – again – less competition from other clubs on campus. The availability of club advisors is better on Mondays as well.

The SDSU Circle K club was the first to start meeting on Mondays, making the change over a year ago. Even G.A.G. Kiwanis has started hosting their board meetings on Mondays. Perhaps there's something to be said for getting a head start on the rest of the week.



Right: Bucking tradition, PHHS Key Club President **Alexis Green** hosts a meeting on a Monday!

From the Tap



I spent last night at a board meeting for QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity). This is a convivial group, much helped, or lubricated, by the amount of beer that is brought to the meeting. This is not unusual. It is after all, a club for beer home brewers and other beer aficionados. Some board members bring home brews for sampling. Others bring commercial beer that is usually not seen in the average 7-11. A good example of that from last night were the cans of German lagers that one of the members bought at a gas station on the Autobahn outside of Munich.

I've established that QUAFF is a club people that like beer. So, some might ask: What's this got to do with G.A.G. Kiwanis? Well, not much at first glance, but then a lot. The QUAFF president, a high school chemistry teacher, said it all with "We're just trying to do the right thing for our members." That was said during a spirited debate on the location of next year's holiday party. (QUAFF has 300 members, so meeting locations and event venues need to be nailed down well in advance).

Trying to do the right thing is the right a correct spirit for any board of any organization, whether it is General Motors, Red Cross, or G.A.G. Kiwanis. I am happy to say that our G.A.G. Kiwanis board, every last member, has that in mind. "Do the Right Thing." This is sometimes tough. But this is a function of a good board, picking activities and subjects that align with the wants and abilities of the general membership. I have been a happy member of the G.A.G. Kiwanis board of directors. Members are always trying to Do the Right Thing. And all members know that their checks are in the mail, and they'll be delivered by Friday.

At QUAFF, we have a long-standing rule that says if one shows up to three consecutive boards meetings, one is then a member of the board. At G.A.G. Kiwanis, simply show up and say "I'm here to help" and we will be more than happy to have another board member.

-- Jim



Who Takes The CAKE This Month?



October Birthdays

None!

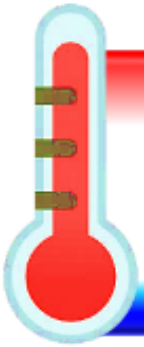
October Wedding Anniversaries



6 **Mickey & Ron Zeichick**

October Membership Anniversaries

2015	**Valerie Crawford**
2022	**Danielle Iwatsu**



MEMBERSHIP METER

Club Membership *(as of September 30th, 2024)*	**26**
Members Added Last Month	**0**
Members Deleted Last Month	**1**
Change, Year to Date *(since October 1st, 2023)*	**-1**
Honorary Members	**8**

Kiwanis
GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

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Kiwanis
GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

Installation 2024-25
Thursday, October 10th
BJs Grossmont Center, 6:00 p.m.

Burgers or Brews, Salads or Shakes, Pasta or Pizookies – You Can't Go Wrong!

Join G.A.G. Kiwanis for a night of good food, awards, appreciation, and memories.

Special Guest: Division 21 Lt. Governor Neill Kovrig



No Advance Registration Needed!

No Pre-Payments!

No Theme – Just Food!

Invite a Friend to Come Along – We're Open to Everyone!

Meeting Notes

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

September 5th – Giving Scholastic Opportunities Where They're Needed Most

Our guests today included member spouses **Judy Enchelmayer** and **Amy Blume**. We also had company from our Patrick Henry High School Key Clubbers for the first time in this new school year. We welcomed Key Clubbers **Bradly**, **Kayla** (Vice President of Service), **An** (Vice President of Communication), and **Alexis** (Club President).

Our Kiwanian of the Day, **Kathy Butterstein**, has been coming up with some thought-provoking questions when she's been at the podium lately. Today, with some of our younger generation in the house, she asked the audience to come up with some modern innovations that would have made our grandparents gasp! Some suggestions were obvious, like smartphones, AI, or Zoom meetings. Others mentioned modern conveniences like Uber (imagine – riding in cars with strangers!), or even things that we take for granted, like CGI in movies.

Today's featured guest speaker was **Vanessa Hernandez** of Scholars Forward Foundation. She is a native San Diegan and a graduate of Hoover High School. As she grew up in the inner city, living in a first-generation immigrant household, she recalled that everyone else's academic goals didn't seem realistic for her. "College was non-existent in my family," she remembered. "Resources were very scattered, almost unheard of." With just a 1.9 GPA in high school, she seemed like the unlikeliest of candidates for an advanced degree.

Today, however, she is a college graduate and currently working on her doctorate degree (one year to go!). She is a licensed marriage and family therapist, working for the City of La Mesa and their police department.

She is also the founder of Scholars Forward, which was named by San Diego Magazine as the "Best Nonprofit" organization of 2024! While her charity is still getting off the ground, her focus is on helping students like her to get into college, breaking cultural cycles and generational traditions that can be viewed as obstacles to long-term academic achievements.

Her organization has helped applicants from Helix, Hoover, Lincoln, Sweetwater, and Crawford High Schools get into major universities like SDSU and the University of Arkansas, along with trade schools and community college.

Eligible candidates are high school students with a GPA between 2.0 and 2.9 ("the most overlooked group," says Vanessa).

Some 66 percent of all applications she receives are from first-generation college students; 53 percent are the first member of the family to attend college. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed.

"It's worth it," she says, despite her busy schedule. "Education can take you really far."



Community Service Chair and Kiwanian of the Day **George Butterstein** *(right)* presents **Vanessa Hernandez** with a $4,000 grant to help her charity put students into college.



At left, **Vanessa Hernandez** inspired us with her story and her mission to "pay it forward" to the next generation. At right, **Kathy Butterstein** skipped the usual trivia questions and made us think with a little more perspective!

Meeting Notes

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September 12th – Keeping Our Community Safe with the San Diego Police Department!

We welcomed several guests today, including first-time visitor **Philip Sanchez**, the owner of Conservative Auto Body on Mission Gorge Road. We always enjoy meeting with our local business owners and we encourage them to get involved with the community. Networking with Kiwanis can be a great way to build your business!

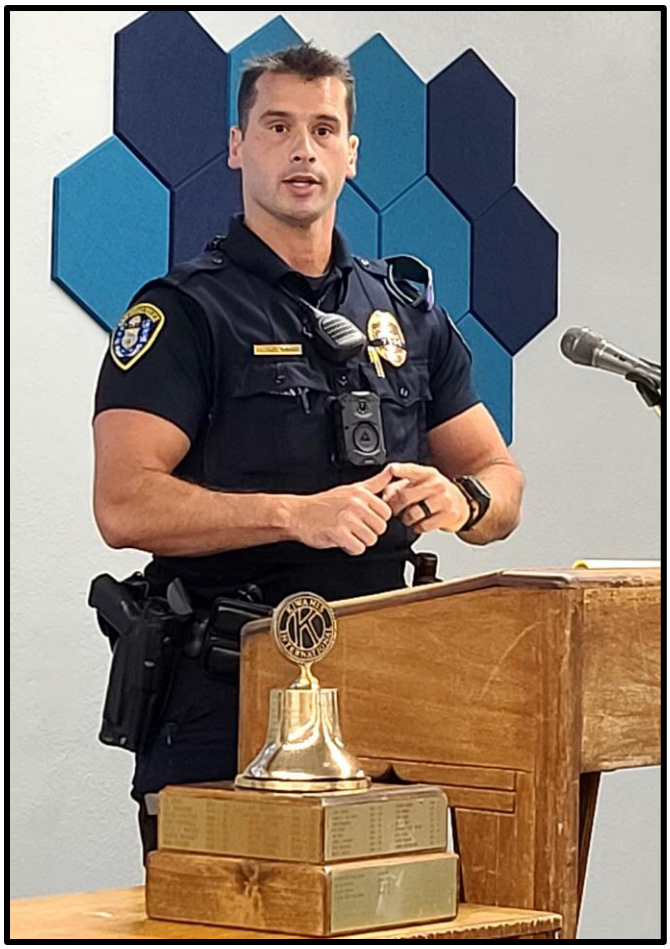
We also welcomed back our old friends **Craig Bratlien** and **John Brummer**, honorary members of our club who have both been joining us via Zoom since the pandemic back in 2020!

Our Kiwanian of the Day, **Paul Vogel**, yielded much of his time at the podium in deference to today's guest speaker, Officer **Robert Raynor** of the San Diego Police Department. Officer Raynor is a 14-year military veteran who has spent the past ten years with the SDPD, currently serving as their Community Relations Officer for our area.

When he's not meeting with community groups like ours, Officer Raynor spends his time patrolling the neighborhoods of Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, Lake Murray, San Carlos, and the College Area. He stated that, around this time of year, the College Area takes up about 70 percent of his time!



Officer **Robert Raynor** of the San Diego Police Department was very generous with his time, which Kiwanian of the Day **Paul Vogel** *(right)* was happy to give up!



Officer Raynor described that some of the house parties around the SDSU campus, now widely promoted on social media, can get out of hand. Sometimes students will break into a vacant home in the area just to throw a party.

The policeman also described how calls are prioritized, and how response times are measured. Officers are sometimes not available to respond to all crime scenes (many times because they get called away to higher priority crime scenes).

With only about 1,800 officers on the force, tasked with keeping the peace in a city of approximately 2 million, Officer Raynor admitted that sometimes the department can get overly busy. "We need way more police officers," he said.

About 30 percent of the force left during the COVID pandemic. Hiring new officers is a long process, taking about six months for new officers to start on patrol. Applicants go through a rigorous screening process, including polygraph, psychological, and physical exams.

Grantville has seen a recent surge of low-income housing, with thousands of new residents moving into the area. Homelessness along the San Diego Riverbed leads to a disproportionate crime rate, including auto theft and violent crimes. Allied Gardens and Del Cerro are somewhat protected from crime as they tend to be uphill from the riverbed. The Target store in Mission Valley is one of the top five most targeted businesses for retail theft anywhere in America!

He mentioned that the transient population is often susceptible to violent crime, drug abuse, and psychological situations. It is best to call the police at their non-emergency line for mental health issues. Citizens can use the City's "Get it Done" mobile app for non-urgent issues like illegally parked vehicles, graffiti, etc.

Officer Raynor expressed a need for more officers, tougher laws, and more mental health resources, especially long-term care facilities. He also lamented that the public perception of police officers is largely affected by misleading posts on social media and Hollywood movies.

Meeting Notes

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September 19th – Always Looking Toward Home

We had ten members present for our special monthly breakfast meeting today, plus a bunch of guests here for our Student of the Month Awards. We welcomed **John Brummer** online via Zoom, as well as **Roar Endresen**, brother to our club member **Bjorn**. Roar is visiting us from Norway before he and his brother take another mountain trek through the Sierra Nevadas!

After we enjoyed a hearty breakfast of pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, and donut holes, all prepared by our House Committee and head chef **Gary Blume**, along with some fresh fruit provided by Grocery Outlet of Allied Gardens, we heard about some important upcoming events. (Thank you to club member **Chris Holbrook** for donating the fruit.) Our club installation will take place on Thursday, October 10th at BJ's in Grossmont Center (La Mesa). **Doug Grosmark** reminded us that the Hearst Elementary K-Kids Club meetings are taking place once per month.

Gary reported that our long-distance club member **Mary Haas** is taking on a trauma doll project from her home in Minnesota. These dolls are important in helping young medical patients describe their injuries and understand treatment in the hospital, plus they add an element of fun to a hospital stay as the youngster gets to decorate their trauma dolls.

As we honored our Student of the Month Award winners, we welcomed Dr. **Sandra White**, who was visiting with us for the first time. Dr. White took over as the new principal for Patrick Henry High School during the last school year, and this was her first opportunity to come and meet with us. We hope to see her much more in the future! We also welcomed Principal **Barb Waller** and fifth-grade teacher **Karen Jackson** from Hearst Elementary School. *(See article on next page for more information about our Student of the Month Award presentation.)*

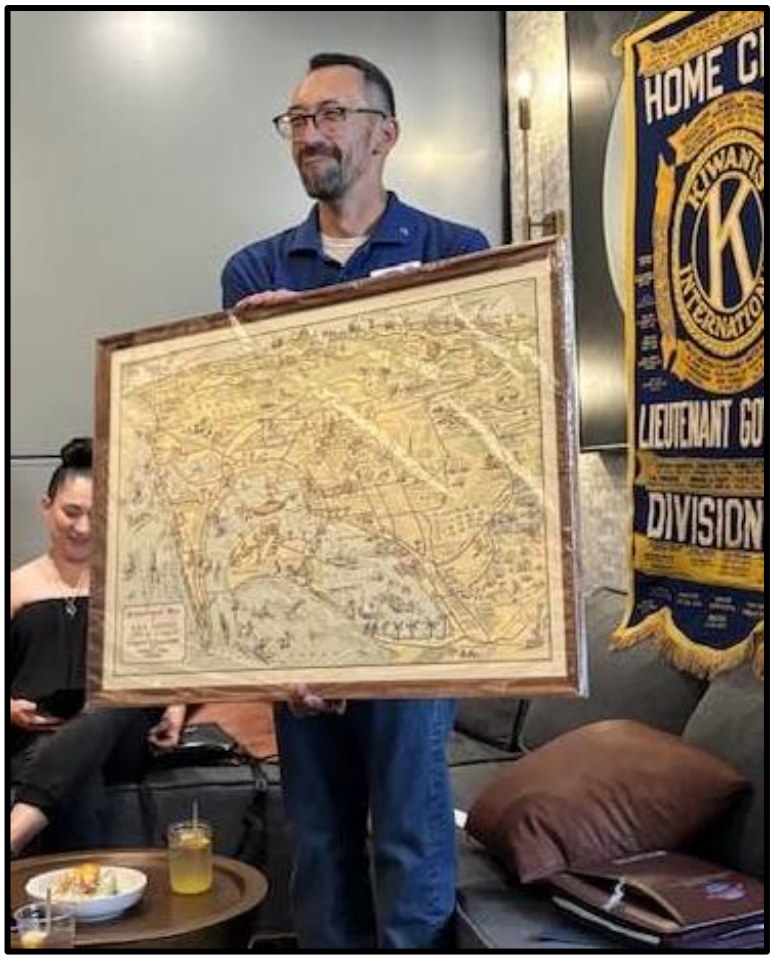
After our Kiwanian of the Day, **Gary Blume**, collected some happy dollars, he introduced us to a longtime friend of his, **Eric Sacco**, who has been a guest speaker at our meeting several times previously. He always gives us a fun and engaging presentation, as he has educated us about model planes and automobile engines on his earlier visits. Today, we learned about homing pigeons. Eric met with us about five years ago to speak about his homing pigeons (he currently has 15 pigeons at home) and about their incredible natural ability to navigate their way home from hundreds, even *thousands* of miles away. Homing pigeons can live for up to 30 years in captivity. We appreciated Eric's willingness to share his interesting hobby!

MEALS on WHEELS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Delivery Schedule

October 3rd	George & Kathy Butterstein
October 10th	Gary & Amy Blume
October 17th	John & Pam Chandler
October 24th	Alan & Grace Young
October 31st	Alan & Grace Young
November 7th	Dave & Carolyn Erlanson
November 14th	George & Kathy Butterstein
November 21st	John & Pam Chandler
November 28th	Valerie & John Crawford
December 5th	Gary & Amy Blume
December 12th	Dave & Carolyn Erlanson
December 19th	Alan & Grace Young
December 26th	Gary & Amy Blume

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



Tell Him What He's Won, Johnny: Division 21 Lt. Governor **Neill Kovrig** may be returning for another year of service, but he received a lovely parting gift after his first term in office anyway. Here, he accepts a historic framed map of San Diego County, dated 1935.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS





Above Left: Hearst Elementary's Student of the Month **Olivia Renard** earns congratulations from her family, including great-aunt **Michele Menage**, parents **Adeline** and **Yann**, teacher **Karen Jackson**, and Hearst Principal **Barb Waller**. Dr. **Doug Grosmark**, representing G.A.G. Kiwanis, looks on. ***Above Right:*** Patrick Henry's **Nadia Jackson** *(second from right)* accepts her Student of the Month Award alongside her sister, **Kylin**, and her father.

Student of the Month Awards are a Time-Honored Tradition

With the start of a new school year comes the return of a favorite tradition in our club: the Jim and Joanne MacDonald Student of the Month Awards. For over 30 years, our club has been honoring students from local schools, specifically Hearst Elementary School in Del Cerro, Lewis Middle School in Allied Gardens, and Patrick Henry High School in San Carlos.

The driving force behind these awards is 30-year Kiwanis member Dr. **Doug Grosmark**. While the Student of the Month Award was not his creation – **Gene Elmore** made the presentation for many years prior to Doug's involvement in the project – Doug takes great care in making each presentation something memorable for our honored students and for their entire families. School administrators and teachers select a student who has made a positive impact on campus, whether that's in the classroom, on the athletic fields, or in extracurricular activities. Each student receives their own moment in the spotlight, including a custom-made certificate, along with a gift card to a favorite local restaurant.

The award is named for **Jim MacDonald**, a local entrepreneur who spent more than forty years as a member of G.A.G. Kiwanis, along with his wife, **Joanne**. The two of them gave back to our community and to our club in countless ways. Today, their son, **Craig MacDonald** – a former President of the PHHS Key Club – is an honorary member of G.A.G. Kiwanis and the owner and manager of Hooley's Public House, an Irish eatery in Grossmont Center in La Mesa. Craig donates a gift card to his establishment for each Student of the Month award recipient in support of our club and in memory of his parents.

Last month, our first two honorees for the new school year were **Nadia Jackson**, a senior at Patrick Henry High School, and Hearst fifth-grader **Olivia Renard**. It was also our first chance to meet Dr. **Sandra White**, the new principal at Patrick Henry, as we always welcome a school administrator or teacher (usually both!) to help us make this very special and very important presentation. We've even had students who won the award twice – once in elementary school and again in high school! We thank Dr. **Doug Grosmark**, Dr. **Stephan Barrington**, and our partner schools for keeping this project going.



Meeting Notes

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September 26th – Bringing A Little Piece of Aloha Back to San Diego

Tonight's meeting definitely had a tropical theme! Thanks to our House Committee Chair, **Gary Blume**, we all enjoyed some delicious teriyaki chicken, rice, and pineapple, fitting for our Hawaiian topic tonight!

We were happy to welcome **Violet Devera** and **Kelsi Panus** from the Lewis Middle School Builders Club, two familiar faces and repeat visitors to our club. Violet is serving as Builders Club President this year and we are appreciative of her leadership! We also welcomed **Judy Enchelmayer**, attending tonight with her husband, **Vic**.

We also welcomed our longtime club members **Mary** and **Tony Haas** via Zoom, live from their home in Minnesota. We sang a hearty "Happy Birthday" to Mary, even digging up a "Happy Birthday Mary" sign on a stick from a few years ago. Mary and Tony updated us on their home life in Minnesota and mentioned that they are still working on service projects for our club despite being a couple of thousand miles away! *(See Page 12 for details.)*

We had a recap of the Division 21 awards brunch from last weekend, which six members of our club chose to attend, and also made plans for our own club's installation dinner on Tuesday, October 8th at BJ's in La Mesa.

Our Kiwanian of the Day, **Valerie Crawford**, also kept with the Hawaiian theme for the day, quizzing us on our Hawaiian vocabulary! Everything from "kane" (man) and "wahine" (woman) to the state fish of Hawai'i, the famous humuhumunukunukuapua'a!

Rather than calling in a guest speaker for the evening, we instead turned things over to our club Secretary, **John Crawford**, for a report on the District Convention last month in Kailua Kona, on the Big Island of Hawai'i. While it might seem like a tropical vacation, John was there on official business to represent our Kiwanis Club as we elected our leaders for the upcoming year at the District level. John even got to go on stage and give a nominating speech for his friend **Gary Jander**, a San Diego-area Kiwanis member who will be running for the office of International Vice President next summer in Pittsburgh!

John's presentation included plenty of photos, including some underwater footage of his swim with the manta rays that live off the western shore of Kailua Kona! He described the experience of swimming with the rays at night as they fed on plankton offshore.

He also shared with us some chocolate-covered macadamias that he brought back from the island (a delicious dessert to follow our teriyaki chicken and rice). Everyone in attendance also got a free Hawaiian wall calendar, a popular souvenir from the islands!

John spoke about the convention itself, and particularly about the Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis Children's Fund luncheon, in which we met a five-year-old girl who had been born prematurely at Kapiolani Hospital in Honolulu. It was a stirring reminder of the importance of our mission as Kiwanians to serve the children of the world.



Visual Aid: Although the big viewscreen wasn't working, **John Crawford** was able to present a summary of last summer's District Convention in Kailua Kona, Hawaii.



Division 21 Brunch is a Cozy Get-Together

Rather than holding an installation banquet where he would be essentially replacing himself, incoming and outgoing Division 21 Lt. Governor **Neill Kovrig** chose to host a Saturday brunch at the Uptown Tavern in Hillcrest on September 21st.

Six members from Grantville-Allied Gardens attended the celebration, including **Jim Akin**, **George** and **Kathy Butterstein**, **John** and **Valerie Crawford**, and **Alan Young**.

Owing to their remarkable growth over the past year, in which they more than doubled their membership, the Hillcrest All-Inclusive Kiwanis Club took home the Marion Miller Award for Most Improved Club. Tierrasanta's **Dave West** took home the Tom Bilotta Positive Attitude Award, and **Benny Cartwright** of Hillcrest earned the Larry McLeland Leadership Award. Tierrasanta also won the Lt. Governor's Trophy as the Club of the Year.

One meaningful moment of the day was Neill's unveiling of a new annual award – the **Byron Newman** Kiwanis Vision Award, created in honor of our longtime member who sadly passed away during a club meeting last January. Byron was a Kiwanis member for over fifty years in six different clubs. The first award named in his honor went to **Valerie** and **John Crawford** of Grantville-Allied Gardens.

The Gene Elmore Interclub Trophy was put on hold this year while the Interclub contest guidelines are being revised. It is expected to return next year with new criteria to win the award.



Above: Our own **Valerie** and **John Crawford** took home the first-ever Byron Newman Kiwanis Vision Award, named for a longtime member of G.A.G. Kiwanis who passed away this year.

Kiwanis
Service Leadership Programs

"On The Farm"



A sizeable group of Patrick Henry High School Key Clubbers attended their Division Council Meeting (DCM) at Civita Park in Mission Valley on Saturday, September 28th. They are hoping, along with the other Key Clubs of Division 21 East, to take a big group to Six Flags next month for Fall Rally.

October presents a good number of service opportunities for our Service Leadership Programs. The Patrick Henry Key Club has at least four different Halloween-themed events on its calendar, including two Trunk-or-Treat projects and two carnivals at local elementary schools. PHHS Key Club volunteers will assist with the Halloween festivals at both Benchley-Weinberger and Green Elementary Schools, helping with face painting, carnival games (like ring toss or a cake walk), and whatever else is needed.

Key Clubbers are trying to snap up service hours right now so that they can qualify to attend their annual Fall Rally fundraiser at Six Flags Magic Mountain in November. Thousands of Key Club members attend this gigantic event each year, and although it's just a day at the park for many, every ticket sold helps raise money for the Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis Childrens' Fund and its Pediatric Trauma Program. Many Key Clubbers don't even realize that they are helping to save lives simply by purchasing a ticket to Six Flags!

The Lewis Middle School Builders Club year is underway, with the club members making posters to display on campus. It is too soon to tell how many members they might have in the new year, but meeting attendance has been healthy. The board of officers is hoping to appoint committee chairs this month and come up with a good mix of projects both on and off campus.

The SDSU Circle K club, meeting on Mondays at 2:00 p.m., has been experiencing attendance woes but they are hoping to grow.



Kiwanis KEY CLUB CKI Circle K International Kiwanis AKTION CLUB Kiwanis Builders Club Kiwanis K-Kids





The Hearst Elementary K-Kids Club is off to a good start this year thanks to advisor Dr. **Doug Grosmark**. The next K-Kids club meetings will take place on Fridays: October 18th, November 8th, and December 13th before they break for the holidays.



Above Left: G.A.G. Kiwanis volunteer **Danielle Iwatsu** hosts a booth at the First Friday concert in Allied Gardens last month in which children were given the opportunity to create and decorate a face mask – with the choice of either a cat or a superhero design!
Above Right: Kiwanis friends **John Crawford** and **John Brummer** enjoyed a Sunday off at the Padres-Giants game at Oracle Park in San Francisco.



PROGRAM PREVIEW

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

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

October 10th
DARK – Join Us For Our Installation at BJ's!

October 17th
Program TBA
K.O.D.: TBD

October 24th
Program TBA
K.O.D.: TBD

October 31st
DARK – Happy Halloween!

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







Putting the "Sew" in Minnesota

Living 2,000 miles from San Diego doesn't keep **Mary** and **Tony Haas** from participating in service with G.A.G. Kiwanis. In addition to their participation in club meetings via Zoom, Mary has been hard at work at their Minnesota home, creating "trauma dolls" for children who have to visit the hospital.

One side of each doll is decorated with a colorful pattern, something "kid-friendly," featuring familiar cartoon characters or superheroes. The other side is left blank for the child to decorate themselves. Each doll can help a child understand any medical procedure or treatment they may receive. Thank you, Mary!

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 MOW Dinner 5:30 pm	4 AG First Friday Concert in the Park	5 Go Padres!
6 Go Padres!	7 Key Club 12:58 Circle K 2:00 Builders 2:40 Board Mtg 6pm	8 Go Padres!	9	10 MOW 2024-25 Club Installation and Awards Dinner, 6pm, BJ's La Mesa	11	12 Tierrasanta OktoberFest
13	14 Key Club 12:58 Circle K 2:00 Builders 2:40	15	16	17 MOW Breakfast 7:30am	18 Hearst K-Kids Room 12, 2:15 pm	19
20	21 Key Club 12:58 Circle K 2:00 Builders 2:40	22	23	24 MOW Dinner 5:30 pm	25 Trunk-or-Treat, Mission Valley Nazarene, 5:00 pm	26 Trunk-or-Treat, Palisades Church, 5:30 pm
27	28 Key Club 12:58 Circle K 2:00 Builders 2:40	29 Division 21 DCM WD-40 Building 6:30 p.m.	30	31 MOW DARK – Happy Halloween!		

Club meetings take place on Thursdays – 5:30 p.m. at Palisades Church (3rd Thursdays are morning meetings at 7:30 a.m.)



October 2024

Allied Gardens First Friday Concert
Full Strength Funk *(Hits from the 70s and 80s)*
Friday, October 4th
Allied Gardens Park & Rec Center, 6:00 p.m.

G.A.G. Kiwanis Board Meeting
Monday, October 7th
Butterstein Residence, 6:00 p.m.

G.A.G. Kiwanis Club 2024-25 Installation
Thursday, October 10th, 6:00 p.m.
BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse
5500 Grossmont Center Dr., La Mesa

Tierrasanta Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 12th, 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Tierrasanta Lutheran Church, 11240 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Green Elementary School Halloween Festival
Tuesday, October 15th, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
7030 Wandermere Drive, San Diego 92119

Benchley- Weinberger Halloween Festival
Saturday, October 19th, 2 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
6269 Twin Lake Drive, San Diego 92119

Trunk or Treat I
Friday, October 25th, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Mission Valley Nazarene Church, 4750 Mission Gorge Place

Trunk or Treat II
Saturday, October 26th, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Palisades Presbyterian Church

Division 21 Quarterly DCM
Tuesday, October 29th, 6:00 p.m.
WD-40 Corporate Building, 9715 Businesspark Ave, 92131
Topic: Kickstart Your Kiwanis Year

November 2024

CNH Circle K Fall Training Conference
November 1st-3rd
Historic Santa Maria Inn, Santa Maria, CA

Key Club Fall Rally
Saturday, November 9th
Six Flags Magic Mountain, Santa Clarita, CA

Veterans Day (Federal Holiday)
Monday, November 11th
U.S. Flags to be Displayed on Waring Road

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 (October 1969) – As Kiwanis shifted its calendar to begin each term on October 1st, it was our own Dr. **Al Heck** who took over as Division 21 Lt. Governor to ring in the new year. Al's installation was held at the Hanalei Hotel in Mission Valley.

Fifty years ago (October 1974) – On Saturday, October 5th, at the Admiral Kidd Club in Point Loma, **Gene Elmore** was installed as President of the Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club. He accepted the President's gavel from outgoing President **Bill Larson**, while **Cal Pancheri** accepted the position of President-Elect. **Ken Abel** presented the Kiwanian of the Year Award for 1973-74 to **John Peterson**, marking the first time John would win the award that eventually would come to bear his name… Guest speakers that month included Navy captain **B.D. Franklin** on the subject of "Miramar and Its Mission" (back when the Miramar Air Station was still a Naval facility), and **Nancy Taffe** speaking on Halloween, on the subject of "Spooks and Auras"… G.A.G. Kiwanis also co-sponsored a leftover Halloween candy drive at Marvin and Benchley Elementary Schools, with the collected donations earmarked for the Hillcrest Receiving Home.

Twenty-five years ago (October 1999) – Having enjoyed over a decade of success with our Christmas Tree lot, G.A.G. Kiwanis tried to extend the fundraising season a little earlier by opening a pumpkin patch at the corner of Zion and Glenroy in Allied Gardens. There were Halloween decorations and hay bales all around, pumpkins and gourds of all sizes, including some that were almost too heavy to move! The pumpkin patch opened on Wednesday, October 13th and stayed open until the end of the month. Ultimately, after three consecutive seasons, it was decided that the pumpkin patch was a fruitless effort – not only did we barely "break even" financially, but members complained about the long hours with nothing much to do but stare at pumpkins all day! … Elsewhere, **Gene** and **Wanda Elmore** hosted a Halloween party at their home in San Carlos. The event was well-attended, with most club members there in costume!

Fifteen years ago (October 2009) – G.A.G. Kiwanis volunteers helped out at the Hearst Elementary School Fall Festival on October 16th, alongside members from SDSU Circle K, Patrick Henry Key Club, and Lewis Builders Club. Many of the volunteers handed out hot dogs and hamburgers, while others helped with carnival games and face painting… The Key Clubs of San Diego County gathered at Scripps Ranch High School for a sci-fi themed training conference, "Star-TC." The event featured appearances by some local "Star Wars" cosplayers.

Ten years ago (October 2014) – After months of planning, promotions, preparation, and perspiration, G.A.G. Kiwanis was finally able to unveil the new clock at the Triangle of Waring Road and Zion Avenue, replacing the previous clock that had stopped working years before. On Saturday, October 18th, Kiwanis President **Joe Huston** officially dedicated the clock and presented it to the City, represented by Councilman **Scott Sherman**. Many of the engraved bricks at the foot of the clock were purchased in support of this effort, including one special brick for the late Sgt. **Anund C. Roark**, an early graduate of Foster Elementary School who lost his life in Vietnam, 1968. There was a special reception after the event at the vacated Union Bank Building on Waring Road (now Gemstone Gymnastics). Community historian **Edie Odierno** presented a carefully-maintained display of the neighborhood's history, while 100-year-old resident (and original Allied Gardens homeowner) **Tom Kelly** had the honor of cutting the birthday cake – decorated with red-orange frosting to resemble a brick!

Kiwanis
GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 7th, 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*
John Crawford	*President-Elect*
Paul Vogel	*Vice President*
(Position Vacant)	*Secretary*
Alan Young	*Treasurer*
Vic Enchelmayer	*Immed. Past President*

Board of Directors

George Butterstein	2023-25
John Chandler	2023-25
Dave Erlanson	2023-25
(Position Vacant)	2023-25
Gary Blume	2024-26
Valerie Crawford	2024-26
Alex Zubak	2024-26

Foundation Trustees

2022-2025

Jim Akin

Gary Blume

John Chandler

2023-2026

Vic Enchelmayer

Paul Vogel *(President)*

Alan Young

2024-2027

TBD

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2024-25 Club President

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.*