



G.A.G. RAG

Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club

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'Tis the Season for
GIVING



Members of the Lewis Middle School Builders Club (*with faculty advisor **Jacinda Dietz**, background*) created an image of Snoopy out of quarters during last month's Miracle Mile of Quarters at Grossmont Center in La Mesa.



Kiwanis on the Silver Screen

"Back to the Future" (1985), "Back to the Future Part II" (1989)

When **Marty McFly** (*Michael J. Fox*) travels back to 1955 in the classic film "Back to the Future," he wanders past a sign welcoming visitors to the fictional town of Hill Valley, California — "a nice place to live." Part of what makes it nice, no doubt, is the plethora of service organizations advertised on the sign, including Rotary International, Lions International, Optimist International and, yes, Kiwanis International. The sign is still present in the sequel, taking place in the year 2015.

"The Andy Griffith Show" (1960-1968)

In season eight, episode 21, the fictional small town of Mayberry, North Carolina becomes the unlikely host of a summit meeting between Russian and American diplomats. Former police deputy **Barney Fife** (*Don Knotts*) immediately names "The Kiwanis club meeting hall" among the best options for the location — although it ultimately takes place in the home of Sheriff **Andy Taylor** (*Andy Griffith*).

"Hud" (1963)

In the critically acclaimed film, cynical rancher **Hud Bannon** (*Paul Newman*) wins a "pig scramble" — in which participants attempt to wrangle greased pigs — put on by the Kiwanis Club in his Texas town. Preceding the "scramble," the movie also depicts local teens doing *The Twist* in a dance contest, another part of what a banner proclaims to be the "June 7th Kiwanis Club Show."

"M*A*S*H" (1972-1983)

While stationed in a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War, Colonel **Sherman T. Potter** (*Harry Morgan*) tries his best to spread the spirit of service he saw in the Kiwanis Club of his hometown in Hannibal, Missouri. In season nine, episode five, a Christmas meal for soldiers and refugees is stolen from a supply convoy, but Potter rallies his unit to share the contents of their care packages from home, saying, "We got the makings of a great buffet — just like the smorgasbord down at the Kiwanis back home."

"WKRP in Cincinnati" (1978-1982)

Arthur Carlson (*Gordon Jump*), general manager of the WKRP radio station, is known to be a member of the Kiwanis Club of Cincinnati. He makes several references to his Kiwanis Club over the course of the show, including one remark in 1980 that the organization was for men only. (This would cease to be true seven years later.)

Kiwanis International (and Key Club International) has also been name-dropped over the years in other popular shows such as "Jeopardy!," "Frasier," "Dawson's Creek," "Mama's Family," "Gilmore Girls," "The Flash," and "The King of Queens."

NBC news anchor **Craig Melvin**, who will take over next month as co-anchor of "The Today Show," served as the first African-American President of Key Club International in 1996-97.

-- Compiled by **Erin Chandler**, Kiwanis International Office staff

Who Takes The CAKE This Month?

December Birthdays

- 15 Vic Enchelmayer
- 16 Jacinda Dietz (*Honorary*)
- 18 John Brummer (*Honorary*)
- 31 Gene Elmore



December Wedding Anniversaries

None!

December Membership Anniversaries

None!



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GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

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Other contributors this month include **Gary Blume**, **Valerie Crawford**, **Vic Enchelmayer**, **Alan Young**, **Jacinda Dietz** (Lewis Middle School) and **Marilyn Reed** (Allied Gardens Grantville Community Council). Sorry if we missed anyone!

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What's Happening on Waring Road?



G.A.G. Kiwanis has been keeping the flags flying along Waring Road for every holiday since 1970! Seen here are **Vic and Judy Enchelmayer**, **Paul and Joi Vogel**, **Dave Erlanson**, **Alan Young**, and awesome kids **Laurel and Cole Bushnell**. Not pictured: **Lisa De Las Alas** (Laurel and Cole's mom).



At left, **Laurel Bushnell** (daughter to **Lisa De Las Alas**) measures up against a flagpole for Veterans Day. At right, community volunteers **Shain Haug**, **Mike** and **Marilyn Reed**, and (representing G.A.G. Kiwanis) **John Crawford** helped trim the community Christmas Tree at the Triangle.

Meeting Notes

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

November 7th – What a Relief! Joi to the Rescue in North Carolina

Our guests for today's meeting included **Judy Enchelmayer** and **Violet Devera**, President of the Lewis Middle School Builders Club.

Thanks to Judy and her husband, **Vic**, we were able to enjoy a delicious dinner of Shepherd's Pie, with a seasonal slice of pumpkin pie for dessert. That's what we call a square meal!

Our Club President, **Jim Akin**, still exhausted from his duties as a poll worker this month for the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, still made it to the meeting in time to enjoy a leisurely night with his fellow Kiwanians.

We reviewed our experiences with some of the recent Trunk-or-Treat events related to Halloween and also made plans for our holiday flag display on Waring Road for Veteran's Day.

Our Kiwanian of the Day, **John Crawford**, took on some Happy Dollars while Violet, our favorite eighth-grader, carried the bucket to collect everyone's money. John then took our minds off current events by quizzing us on one of his favorite forms of entertainment, the James Bond film franchise. With twenty-five official films (and six different actors in the title role), it can be tough to keep track of them all. We learned that the youngest Bond was just 29 years old (**George Lazenby** in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," 1969) and the oldest was **Sir Roger Moore**, who was 58 when filming "A View to a Kill" in 1985. We were also reminded of some memorable Bond baddies, such as Nick Nack, Oddjob, and Jaws!

Instead of a guest speaker (who had to cancel at a late hour and will be rescheduled), we heard from our own club member **Joi Vogel**, a registered nurse and Red Cross volunteer. Joi was recently called away for disaster relief duty in Newland, North Carolina, following the devastation of Hurricane Helene.

Joi told us about her incredible experience in flying across the country on assignment without any idea of where she would be stationed or how she was going to get there! Thankfully after her plane landed, she was greeted by a Red Cross volunteer coordinator at the airport who arranged for her ground transportation from Charlotte into a tiny mountain town that was hit especially hard by this summer's hurricane. Joi and a team of Red Cross volunteers spent nearly a week providing comfort, care, and relief to the residents who had been displaced by the storm – even spending nights in the temporary shelter by their side! We salute Joi for her willingness to help out.



Club President **Jim Akin**, seen here at the podium, spent much of his time last month counting ballots for the Registrar of Voters, a long and sometimes tedious process!

November 14th – The Bird is the Word! Feathered Friends Around the Globe

Our guests at the Kiwanis meeting this evening included member spouses **Amy Blume**, **Wanda Elmore**, and **Judy Enchelmayer**. We welcomed back Amy and her husband, **Gary**, as the two of them just returned from an incredible vacation to India and Nepal! We will hope to hear all about their international adventures soon.

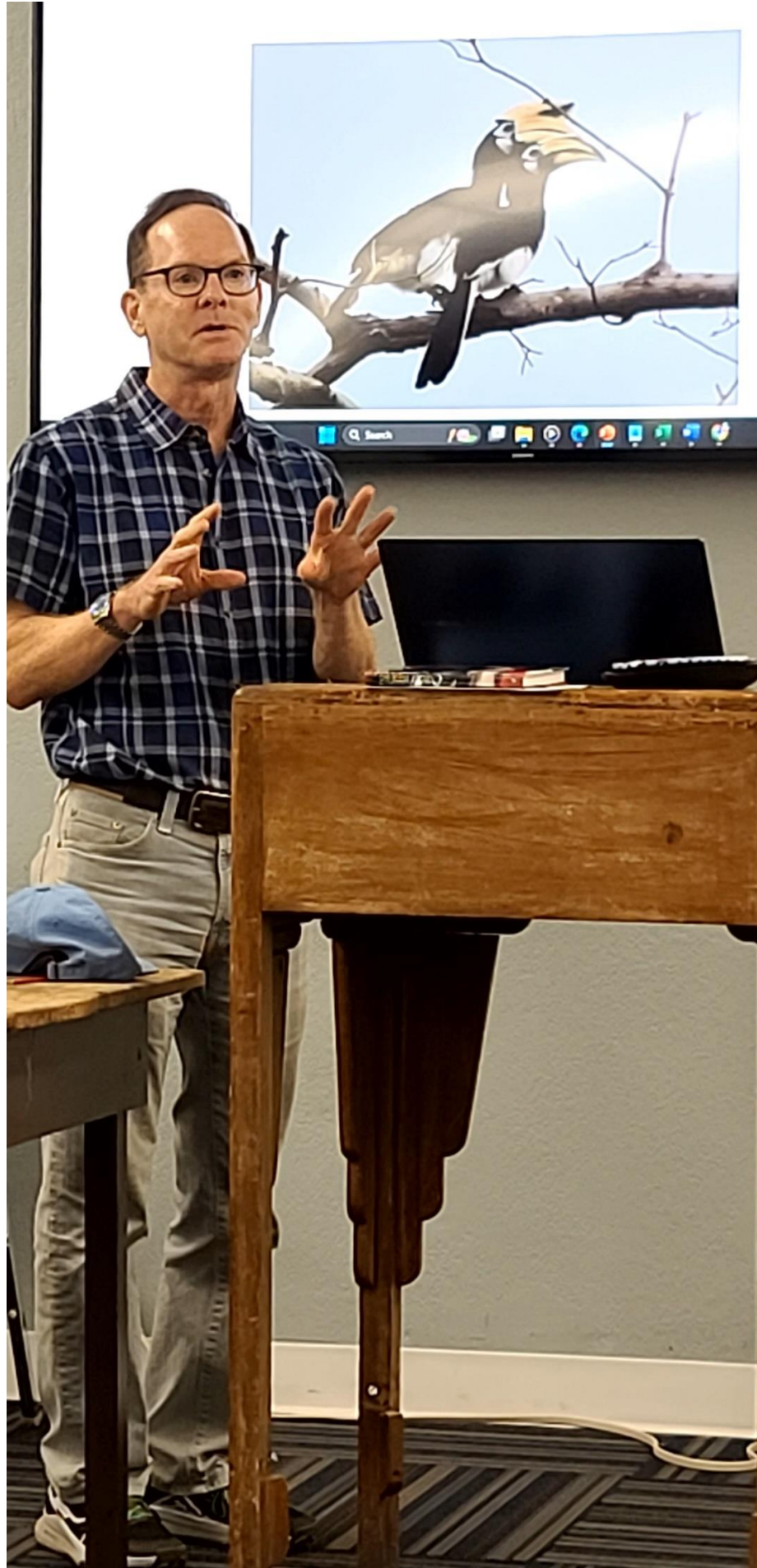
Our dinner tonight was a special non-meat treat – an amazing ratatouille prepared with care, using squash, eggplant, and tomato sauce, with pasta and garlic bread on the side. Our thanks to House Committee Chair **Gary Blume**, as he and his committee always feed us well.

Club President **Jim Akin** – who by day is still helping the San Diego County Registrar of Voters verify last week's election results – called the meeting to order and gave us some insight on the ballot-counting process.

We were invited to the upcoming Miracle Mile of Quarters project at Grossmont Center, a regional Kiwanis fundraising effort for Rady Children's Hospital. We were also notified of a fun service opportunity (bagging leftover Halloween candy) with our K-Kids Club at Hearst on December 13th.

Our guest speaker today was **Andy Roth** (*pictured, right*), who has made countless trips to far-off countries for the purpose of birdwatching! Andy and his wife, Fran (who also joined us for tonight's meeting) have visited exotic places like Australia, Panama, Africa, Europe, and more, seeking rare birds. Andy has captured on film everything from colorful rainbow lorikeets (*pictured below*) and hornbills to the crested fjordland penguin of New Zealand. He is looking forward to his next adventure in the Philippines.

We thank Andy for sharing with us his very interesting and colorful hobby!



Meeting Notes

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November 21st – Tasty Waffles and a Great Group of Kids

Today's breakfast meeting was a wonderful opportunity to meet some top students from nearby Lewis Middle School. We were happy to welcome **Marina Garcia**, Associate Principal of Lewis Middle School, as our guest this morning.

The meeting was a little late getting started because some of our student guests and their families were a little late in arriving. This allowed us to do things out of normal order.

Before everyone arrived, we started serving breakfast to get the waffles and scrambled eggs while they were hot – right off the grill. House Committee Chair **Gary Blume**, along with **Vic** and **Judy Enchelmayer**, made and served a great breakfast of waffles, scrambled eggs, and sausage. There was also a box of donut holes to fill us up.

Alan Young called the meeting to order while people were finishing breakfast. After the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by Vic, Alan explained how our club President, **Jim Akin**, was still working with the Registrar of Voters. His current job was a continuing commitment to the 1% count for the Registrar of Voters that has at least one more day. He told us it is a mind-numbing job, but the reason for one more day is to recount a number of ballots that were counted on a particular scanner. There may have been a problem between machine eyeballs and human eyeballs, so the protocol in place says to recount everything that went through the scanner in question and then recount manually.

After introducing our other guest, **Judy Enchelmayer**, the meeting was turned over to Dr. **Doug Grosmark** for our Student of the Month presentations. We welcomed three outstanding honorees from Lewis Middle School, including 6th grader **Cora Sprinkle**, 7th grader **Liliana Sweis**, and 8th grader **Alexia Jade Ganzun**.

Associate Principal Garcia spoke as part of each award. She told us the qualities of a Lewis Leopard. We were all impressed by the three awardees. (*For more about the Student of the Month Award winners, see article on Page 7.*)

Associate Principal Garcia gave us an update of the ongoing construction projects on the Lewis campus. The walls for a new two-story classroom building are going up. The new building should be ready for the Fall 2026 semester. The old music building is being rebuilt, and will be a new student administration building. When that is complete, the existing office will be converted into a new music building.

After the Student of the Month presentations, we were left with a small group. Alan Young was our Kiwanian of the Day, and he collected Happy Dollars from the audience. The big Happy Dollar was from **Bjorn Endresen**. He explained to us how his wife, **Pauline**, has been offered a position with the United States State Department at a yet-to-be-determined county to work at an embassy somewhere in the world. She will start in January with a trip to Washington, D.C. to start the training process. Bjorn will be traveling to Washington, D.C. several times as Pauline's training progresses.

While we will surely hate to lose Bjorn and Pauline, we are excited for this new opportunity in their lives. Bjorn has been a tremendous addition to our club and he will not be easily replaced!

Overall, today's meeting was a great way to get together with friends and a terrific way to start our Thursday. We only have breakfast once a month – and we are always happy to welcome guests from the community.

PROGRAM PREVIEW

Courtesy of Vice President **Paul Vogel**

December 5th

Official Visit of Lt. Governor Neill Kovrig

K.O.D.: Vic Enchelmayer

December 12th

Program TBA

K.O.D.: TBA

December 19th (Morning Meeting)

Student of the Month Awards

K.O.D.: TBA

December 26th

DARK – Happy Holidays!

January 9th, 2025

Special New Year's Organizational Meeting

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



6th-grader **Cora Sprinkle** was one of three students selected to represent Lewis Middle School as a Student of the Month award winner. With Cora are her parents, **Hilary** and **Kent**, and sister **Claire**.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS



Lewis Students Take Center Stage for Student of the Month

For over thirty years, G.A.G. Kiwanis has been recognizing students from local schools with the Jim and Joanne MacDonald Student of the Month Awards. Each honored student receives an award certificate and a gift card to a local eatery. (Thanks to Honorary club member **Craig MacDonald** of Hooley's Public House for donating the gift cards each year.)

Last month, we were able to welcome three outstanding students from Lewis Middle School, including 6th grader **Cora Sprinkle**, 7th grader **Liliana Sweis**, and 8th grader **Alexia Jade Ganzun**. We were also happy to welcome Associate Principal **Marina Garcia**, representing the Lewis administrative staff. Each student was introduced by G.A.G. Kiwanis member **Dr. Doug Grosmark**, with assistance from fellow Kiwanian (and fellow dentist!) **Dr. Stephan Barrington**.

First up was **Cora**, along with her mother **Hilary**, her father **Kent**, and her sister, **Claire**. Cora would like to be a surgeon one day at Rady Children's Hospital – a local institution that is near and dear to us! She was recognized for her positive attitude and for her participation in the classroom, where she is an academic star. In her spare time, Cora enjoys ballet, singing, reading, drawing, art, and making jewelry!

Next, we met **Lilliana**, a 7th-grader at Lewis and a neighbor of Cora's. She was joined by her parents, **David** and **Christina**, along with sister **Talleen**.

Lilliana received the school's Character award, and although she wasn't sure how she earned it, she did say that she tries to follow the "Leopard Way" as exemplified by the school's top students. Lilliana hasn't decided yet on a career yet, but she does enjoy painting and volleyball.

Finally, we were introduced to 8th-grader **Alexia Ganzun**, along with her father, **Randolf**. Alexia described herself as "a very hard-working student who strives to do well, even if I get a bad grade." She enjoys reading and writing, along with flag football and crochet. Alexia is also hoping to become a doctor someday, specifically stating that she is interested in being a dermatologist. With her positive attitude and her ability to thrive in the classroom, we believe she can make her dreams come true.

It was a joy to meet all of these inspirational students who make Lewis Middle School, and our entire community, a special place to be!



Lewis Middle School eighth-grader **Alexia Jade Ganzun** (second from right) was one of three Student of the Month award winners recognized by G.A.G. Kiwanis last month. L-R: Dr. **Stephan Barrington**, Lewis Associate Principal **Marina Garcia**, proud parent **Randolf Guzman**, Alexia, and Dr. **Doug Grosmark**.



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Service Leadership Programs



"On The Farm"

Eight members of the Patrick Henry High School Key Club attended Fall Rally South at Six Flags Magic Mountain last month, hitching a ride with the Canyon Hills Key Club. This year's Fall Rally faced some new challenges as the Golden Bear Theater was demolished earlier this year to make way for a new thrill ride, so instead of using a large 3,000-seat amphitheater, the pep rallies (about an hour each) had to be spread out over a much longer day – eight rallies in a theater that seats only 800. The students still enjoyed their day at the park, though, in the organization's largest annual fundraiser for the Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis Children's Fund and Pediatric Trauma Program.

Patrick Henry Key Club members will be assisting with the "Santa Paws" pet adoption event at Grossmont Center in La Mesa later this month. "The students always show up when there are animals involved," said advisor **Valerie Crawford**. Club elections will commence next month, and scholarship applications will be unveiled to the senior class as well. Key Club International celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025 (specifically on March 23rd).

The Hearst Elementary K-Kids Club collected several 24 bankers boxes' worth of leftover Halloween candy, which were sorted and classified last month. The K-Kids students will compile the candy into holiday care packages for the Marine Corps families at MCAS Miramar after school on Friday, December 13th.

The Builders Club at Lewis Middle School had a productive month, participating in activities like the Miracle Mile of Quarters at Grossmont Center in La Mesa. Five Builders Club students from Lewis, plus advisors **Jacinda Dietz** and **Vic Enchelmayer**, were in attendance for MMQ, which Ms. Dietz cites as her favorite Kiwanis event. Lewis took second place for their age group in the Quarter Art contest as well, and they were grateful to do so, after years of having no competition from other Builders Clubs.

Builders Clubbers also created their own hand-made Thanksgiving Day greeting cards for Meals-On-Wheels recipients, which are always well received. They will be making winter holiday cards and hosting a holiday Toy Drive during the month of December.



Countdown to 100



This Will Give You Cavities: Hearst K-Kids advisor **Doug Grosmark**, who maintained his dental practice in Del Cerro for over thirty years, helps to sort leftover Halloween candy with one of his K-Kids volunteers. The candy is collected and donated each year to U.S. Marine Corps families stationed at MCAS Miramar.

SLP Interclub Guide

The **SDSU Circle K Club** meets on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. at the Conrad Prebys Student Union, Presidential Suite. *Contact Alan Young.*

Patrick Henry High School Key Club meets every Monday at 12:58 p.m., Room 203. *Contact Valerie Crawford.*

Lewis Middle School Builders Club meets on Mondays; 2:40 p.m., Room 220 (Ms. Dietz). *Contact Vic Enchelmayer or John Crawford.*

Hearst Elementary School K-Kids Club meets on the third Friday of each month at 2:15 p.m. in Room 12. *Contact Doug Grosmark or Stephan Barrington.*



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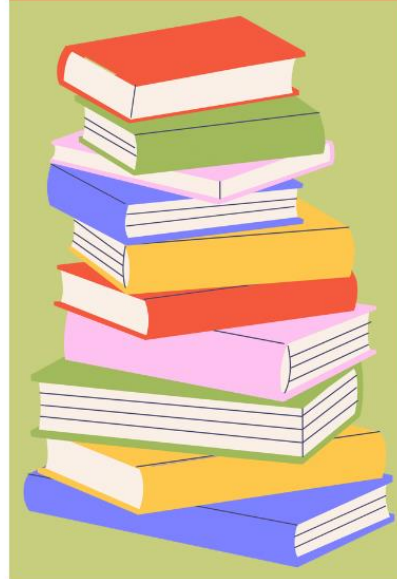


Donate to our Toy Drive

We're looking for donations of
new toys and other gifts for
children and teenagers ages 2-18

What to donate:

- Legos
- Hot Wheels & toy trucks
- Stuffed animals & dolls
- Action figures: dinosaurs, superheroes, Barbies, etc.
- Art supplies & coloring books
- Children's, Middle Grade, & YA books/graphic novels
- Video, board, & card games
- Backpacks
- Reusable water bottles
- Cozy items: blankets, scarves, socks, gloves, beanies



December 2nd-13th

Drop off in the
office or room 220

MMQ Rolls Out the Red Carpet for Rady's

Rady Children's Hospital first opened its doors in 1954, thanks in part to the Kiwanis Clubs of San Diego County for their fundraising efforts. Today's Kiwanis Clubs continue to support Rady Children's Hospital, particularly through our annual Miracle Mile of Quarters campaign.

G.A.G. Kiwanis supports this fundraiser by collecting coins at club meetings (using the famous Muir Glen tomato can) and through the support of our local business partners at Grocery Outlet and Keil's. These two stores keep a jar on their checkout counters throughout the year, where Kiwanis volunteers like **Paul** and **Joi Vogel** collect the proceeds.

On Saturday, November 16th, Kiwanis Clubs from all over San Diego County gathered, along with their sponsored SLP clubs, at Grossmont Center in La Mesa for the Miracle Mile of Quarters celebration. Students participated in the Quarter Art contest, designing inspirational messages using coins, all while raising awareness (and money!) for Rady's.

Our Builders Club at Lewis Middle School took second place for their age group with their two designs, seen below.

G.A.G. Kiwanis has been a champion for MMQ since the project's inception forty years ago. We regularly donate more than \$3,000 to the hospital via MMQ every year.



Still lending a hand from thousands of miles away, G.A.G. Kiwanis member **Mary Haas** sent these trauma dolls all the way from Minnesota! These dolls, on display at the Miracle Mile of Quarters project, help reassure children before they undergo complex medical procedures, as doctors and nurses can demonstrate on the dolls what needs to be done. Helping with the display were (*at right*) club members **Vic Enchelmayer** and **George Butterstein**.



Club President **Jim Akin** wasn't the only one helping out with the national election last month! Here, Kiwanian **Kathy Butterstein** puts in a long day of service as a volunteer with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters.



Drawing (literally) inspiration from her quarter art design at the Miracle Mile of Quarters, one Builders Club student used a likeness of Snoopy and Woodstock on a holiday card for Meals-On-Wheels.



MEALS on WHEELS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Delivery Schedule

December 5 th	Gary & Amy Blume
December 12 th	George & Kathy Butterstein
December 19 th	Alan & Grace Young
December 26 th	Gary & Amy Blume

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



Don't Miss These VIPs Coming Soon to a Meeting Near You

A couple of local Kiwanis dignitaries will be making their official visits to our area.

Division 21 Lt. Governor **Neill Kovrig**, now serving his second term in that position, will be the guest speaker at our club meeting on Thursday evening, December 5th. Neill is a member of the Hillcrest All-Inclusive Kiwanis Club.

Meanwhile, Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor **Doug Frost** of the San Diego (Downtown) Kiwanis Club is slated for his official visit to Region 1 on Saturday, February 8th. The time and location have yet to be announced. Doug is an attorney who makes his home in Tierrasanta. This event will be a draw for Kiwanis Clubs in four local divisions, as Governor Frost will be presenting awards to community heroes.



District Governor **Doug Frost**

Lt. Governor **Neill Kovrig**

Mid-Year Returning to San Diego

The Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District will be holding two Mid-Year Conferences this spring, one in Modesto on February 22nd, and the other in San Diego on March 29th. The San Diego conference will take place at the Marriott Mission Valley.

Each Mid-Year Conference (so named because it occurs about halfway through the Kiwanis term) is a single-day event designed to educate new members and club officers on important topics such as membership, fundraising, youth safety guidelines, diversity and inclusion, and more. This is a wonderful opportunity for local Kiwanians to ask questions and to learn more about the various resources and charities available to your club.

G.A.G. Kiwanis will register 100 percent of our club for this conference, which means any member can attend free of charge.



DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 MOW Dinner 5:30 pm	6	7
8 Santa Photos at Princess Del Cerro Park, 2-4pm	9 PHHS Key Club 12:58 SDSU Circle K 2:00 Lewis Builders 2:40	10	11	12 MOW Builders Club Toy Project, 2:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m.	13 Hearst K-Kids Room 12, 2:15 pm	14 Santa Paws Adoption event at Grossmont Center
15 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VIC!	16 PHHS Key Club 12:58 SDSU Circle K 2:00 Lewis Builders 2:40	17	18	19 MOW Breakfast 7:30am	20 G.A.G. Kiwanis Holiday Party and Potluck	21
22	23 No SLP meetings this week due to holiday	24	25 Christmas Day / First Night of Hanukkah	26 MOW NO MEETING -- DARK	27	28
29	30 No SLP meetings this week due to holiday	31 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GENE ELMORE *101*				

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



December 2024

Winter Classic Speech & Debate Invitational

December 6th – 8th (Volunteers Needed)
La Costa Canyon High School, Carlsbad, CA

Photos With Santa

Sunday, December 8th, 2pm – 4pm
Princess Del Cerro Park, 6195 Wenrich Drive

Lewis Builders Club Toy Drive / Sorting Project

Thursday, December 12th, 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Middle School, Room 220

K-Kids Candy Bagging Project

Friday, December 13th, 2:15 p.m.
Hearst Elementary School, Room 12

Santa Paws Pet Adoption Project

Saturday, December 14th, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Grossmont Center, La Mesa

G.A.G. Kiwanis Holiday Party and Potluck

Friday, December 20th, 5 – 8p.m.
Enchelmayer Household

January 2025

Poway Winter Festival

Friday, January 10th & Saturday, January 11th
Poway Community Park, 13094 Civic Center Drive

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Federal Holiday)

Monday, January 20th, 2025
Flags to be Displayed on Waring Road

110th Birthday of Kiwanis International

Tuesday, January 21st, 2025

Division 21 Quarterly DCM

Thursday, January 30th, 5:30 p.m.
Location To Be Announced

February 2025

Official Visit of District Governor Doug Frost

Saturday, February 8th
Location and Time TBA

Presidents Day (Federal Holiday)

Monday, February 17th, 2025
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.

One hundred ten years ago (December 1914) – On a cold morning, **Allen Simpson Browne** entered a tailor's shop at 1188 Gratiot Avenue in Detroit, Michigan. Newly acquainted with the owner of the shop, **Joseph Prance**, Browne proposed the beginning of a new organization to promote networking among local business owners. Prance agreed to join the new organization – then called the Supreme Lodge of Benevolent Order Brothers – and thus officially became the first member of what would later become Kiwanis International. Prance's completed membership application was dated December 26th, 1914. The first Kiwanis Club was founded the following month with Prance as its first member.

Fifty years ago (December 1974) – The holiday season meant two big Christmas-themed parties for the club, one for our members and one for some of the neediest children in San Diego. First was a celebration for the kids at the Hillcrest Receiving Home (now the Polinsky Children's Center). Dr. **Al Heck** donned the Santa Claus suit while Navy chaplain **Ken Abel**, **Bob Frankhouser**, and **Norm Honkanen** served as his elves.... Later, Dr. Heck was wearing the Kris Kringle getup once again as the club held its annual Christmas party for members and their wives at the Admiral Kidd Club. Everyone else was in their best suits and ties!

Forty years ago (December 1984) – Three different parties in one month? Sure thing! First was the Holiday Party for children at the Allied Gardens Rec Center, complete with clowns, Santa Claus, and **Jack Scott** in the elf suit... Next up was the holiday party for "grown ups," hosted at Jack Scott's home with **Jim MacDonald** tending bar... Finally, **Carl Geissert**, one of the last two charter members in the club, hosted a two-day Open House celebration with his wife, **Dorothy**, for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Thirty-five years ago (December 1989) – G.A.G. Kiwanis hosted its annual Holiday Party for disabled and handicapped children at the Allied Gardens Rec Center, complete with Dr. **Al Heck** as Santa Claus, and sure enough, **Bob Frankhouser** as his elf yet again. Our House Committee and cooks were on hand to provide a pancake breakfast for those children in attendance, while **Dave Anfanger** led the group in a holiday singalong. Former Kiwanis member and past club President Dr. **Harry Eng** entertained the crowd with his magic act, and there were plenty of presents to go around.

Thirty years ago (December 1994) – The San Diego Police Department celebrated the latest graduating class of its new RSVP division – the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol. Part of that graduating class was our own **Bob Frankhouser**. As an RSVP volunteer, Bob and his fellow officers would help the police with low-risk support duties, such as residential safety inspections for families on vacation, traffic control at special events, and parking enforcement.

Ten years ago (December 2014) – At what turned out to be the final bow for the G.A.G. Kiwanis Christmas Tree lot, more than 150 trees remained unsold after the final weekend of business. With the club short on volunteers – and some arguably sort on patience – the decision was made to close the lot a little earlier than usual. Still, there was no shortage of last-minute bargain shoppers, as fourteen trees were sold during the traditional lot closing party on December 22nd. Many of the remaining trees were donated, including 59 to Marine families at MCAS Miramar, twenty to The Grove Church, and more a dozen to a local food bank. After twenty-six years, the Tree Lot closed for good.

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