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Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club

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TO GO**



Lewis Builders Club 8th-Grader **Kaelyn Gillooly** (*center*) prepares dozens of brown paper bags to be filled with PB&J sandwiches – and other goodies – for the homeless, after school on Thursday, April 25th.

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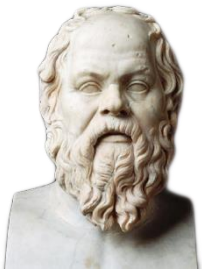


by Jim Akin, 2023-24 Club President

I would like to expand a little bit on one of the things that I mentioned at our last meeting. This meeting, for those of you who could not attend, was quite entertaining and thoughtful. We got to honor **Gene Elmore** for his 55 years of membership in G.A.G. Kiwanis. We got to see and hear Councilmember **Raul Campillo**, who had a proclamation making December 31st, 2023 as "Gene Elmore Day" in the City of San Diego. We also that evening got to meet our scholarship recipients as selected by the committee ably chaired by **Gary Blume** (See article on Page 9).

The scholarship recipients are at the heart of what I want to write about. There are too many people, let's say above the age of 25, who seem to think that the youth of America is probably the results of the downward fall of American society. I am reminded of a quote:

"Children; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. They no longer rise when elders enter the room, they contradict their parents and tyrannize their teachers. Children are now tyrants."



This is a quote from **Socrates** (469–399 B.C.). Things have not changed much in the intervening 2,500 years. There seems to be a thought in some minds of mature adults that the youth, who are definitely not trying to emulate us more mature adults, should be doing their damndest to be exactly like us. Sorry, it doesn't work that way.

We, the supposed mature adults, are supposed to sign on to creating good work by making the next generation (and generations after that) independent thinkers and doers. They have done just that. Our scholarship recipients are a wonderful example: young, smart, independent thinkers who also see a world that does depend on community, as in Kiwanis.

Our job, as the mature adults, is not to nay-say the younger generation. If we don't like what they are doing on any given thing, find a reason to support and give guidance. I volunteered with the Boy Scouts for 40 years, and I am working up to ten years with Kiwanis. I am proud to be one of the supporters, instead of the naysayers.

-- Jim

Who Takes The CAKE This Month?

May Birthdays

- 2 Imogen Crutchfield (*Lewis Builders Club*)
- 11 George Butterstein
- 22 John Chandler
- 23 Danielle Iwatsu
- 29 Chris Holbrook



May Wedding Anniversaries

None

May Membership Anniversaries

2012 Alex Zubak



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Sorry if we missed anyone!

Salute to a Real-Life American Hero



The phenomenal **Gene Elmore** has spent 55 of his 100 years as a member of our Kiwanis Club!



Anthony Hackett (left) and City Councilmember **Raul Campillo**, representing the City of San Diego, declared December 31, 2023 to be Gene Elmore Day.



Membership Chair **John Crawford (left)** and City Councilmember **Raul Campillo (right)**, presented a mayoral proclamation to Gene's wife, **Wanda Elmore**.

This was a celebration more than one hundred years in the making, as the City of San Diego and G.A.G. Kiwanis paid tribute to a volunteer unlike any other. It's just the latest in a long list of accolades for our own **Gene Elmore**.

During our evening club meeting on Thursday, April 25th, City Council Representative **Raul Campillo** presented a proclamation from the City of San Diego and Mayor **Todd Gloria** officially declaring December 31st, 2023 – Gene's 100th Birthday – as Gene Elmore Day in the city. The proclamation was meant to be presented months earlier, but a bout with COVID-19 and pneumonia prevented Gene from any public celebration of his big birthday.

After a video tribute to Gene and the special presentation from the councilman, Gene's wife **Wanda** was presented with his 55-year Legion of Honor certificate, the first time in our club's history that anyone has reached this plateau. In reaching 55 years of club membership (achieved in March), Gene has broken the record for longevity for G.A.G. Kiwanis.

Although for health reasons, Gene was unable to attend the ceremony in person, he was reportedly able to view the meeting online via Zoom. He had plenty of friends and family present with him, both in person and online.



Meeting Notes

Summarized by John Crawford

April 4th – Patrick Henry Takeover Gives Students a Chance to Shine



2023-24 PHHS Key Club President **Irene Bui** (left) and incoming 2024-25 President **Alexis Green** discuss the agenda at their Takeover meeting.

The annual PHHS Key Club Takeover is always our most unpredictable event of the year. This year, PHHS student volunteers **Alexis Green**, **Cindy Ha**, **An Nguyen**, and 2023-24 Key Club President **Irene Bui** ran our meeting for us, giving our own club President, **Jim Akin**, a well-deserved night off.

Following a delicious dinner and the announcements of upcoming events, the students led us in a fun icebreaker, helping them learn everyone's name. Each of us placed a fun adjective in front of our first name, coming up with alliterative nicknames like Darling Dave, Jabbable Jim, Dazzling Danielle, Vivacious Valerie, and Gregarious Gary!

President Irene then gave us a summary of the year in Key Club at Patrick Henry High School, including such popular events as the annual San Diego Tet Festival (Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration in February) and Fall Rally South, Key Club's annual Six Flags fundraiser to help prevent pediatric trauma.

Each Key Clubber then introduced herself with a favorite Key Club memory. Cindy joined Key Club as a freshman and knew that she wanted to get involved right away. She just spent her sophomore year as Club Treasurer. She especially likes the club's dog-walking events where she gets to play with puppies.

An, the club's incoming Vice President of Communication, said her favorite memory was Fall Rally South, team building, and competing for spirit sticks.

Alexis, our incoming 2024-25 Key Club President, joined as a freshman. She went to the Key Club Regional Training Conference (RTC) in Poway, where she got to see the different Key Club divisions and build up her leadership skills.

Overall, the PHHS Key Club raised \$70 for running our meeting.



PHHS Key Club members (L-R) **Irene Bui**, **An Nguyen**, **Cindy Ha**, and **Alexis Green** did a fine job running our meeting!

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Kiwanian of the Day **Bjorn Endresen** did a terrific job testing our knowledge of Australia!



April 11th – The Thunder Down Under

Tonight, we welcomed guest **Sandy Deck**, a former member of our club who has decided that she wants to return to Kiwanis! We are happy to welcome her back. We also welcomed **Violet DeVera**, who was recently elected to serve as our next Builders Club President at Lewis Middle School for 2024-25, as well as **Wanda Elmore**, Gene's wife of more than 50 years.

Our meeting today was all about Australia and New Zealand, starting with our Kiwanian of the Day, **Bjorn Endresen**, who has sailed all around the world. Bjorn

tested our knowledge of all things Australian, including the cassowary, the kangaroo, and Uluru (Ayers Rock).

We then heard from our Immediate Past Lt. Governor and longtime resident of Allied Gardens, **Alan Young**. Alan and his wife, **Grace**, recently returned from a months-long visit to both Australia and New Zealand, where they were able to enjoy many of the most famous sights, sounds, and experiences of the Southern Hemisphere. Alan's sister has been living in Australia for decades, and so he was able to visit family while enjoying Sydney and many other Australian attractions. After spending several weeks in Australia, they then hopped across "The Ditch" to New Zealand, a tropical paradise where everything is lush and green. Alan shared with us several slides from his vacation – making all of us envious in the process – and answered several questions about the experience. And if two months of travel wasn't already enough, the first thing Alan and Grace did after returning home? Spring Training baseball in Arizona with the Padres, of course!

PROGRAM PREVIEW

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

May 2nd

Meghan Nechrebecki
Transforming American Healthcare
K.O.D.: *Kathy Butterstein*

May 9th

Program TBA
K.O.D.: *Vic Enchelmayer*

May 16th (Morning Meeting)

Student of the Month Award Presentations
K.O.D.: *Lisa De Las Alas*

May 23rd

Builders Club Takeover

Kira Quimby, 2023-24 Lewis Builders Club President

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

April 18th – Small Crowd, Too Many Waffles!

It was a modest meeting today as we gathered over breakfast. The third Thursday of each month is set aside for a morning meeting in deference to those who can't make our evening meetings, particularly our partners in education at the local schools. We did have one guest today from nearby Foster Elementary School, and she invited us to participate in the upcoming "Spring Fling" at Foster, scheduled for Friday, May 3rd. This fun-filled event goes from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., after school, and they even have an In-N-Out Burger truck ready to cook!

We appreciate House Committee Chairman **Gary Blume** for getting up early to make two dozen waffles for our audience today. Unfortunately, with only ten people at the meeting, we had a few too many waffles to go around! Seconds, anyone?

Our Kiwanian of the Day today was Dr. **Doug Grosmark**, our K-Kids advisor and local dentist who has been enjoying his retirement. Doug introduced us to **Shirley Ferrell**, President of The Associates, a group that raises money for New Entra Casa, a home for female ex-offenders who are making the transition from prison life back into regular society. She spoke about the history of New Entra Casa and The Associates. We are proud to have supported them for many years!

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At left, three Builders Club members (and possibly future scholarship winners?) from Lewis Middle School enjoyed our meeting; at right, members of the Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club visited in honor of **Gene Elmore**. From left to right: **Dave West**, **Pete Penczar**, **Jan Whitacre**, and **Hani Shatila**.

April 25th – Gene Elmore Tribute Plus Scholarships = Best Meeting of the Year?

With a room packed full of guests, and two very inspiring presentations for all to enjoy, this might have been our best meeting of the year. It was certainly inspirational.

Drawn in by a combination of scholarship presentations and a once-in-a-lifetime celebration for longtime Kiwanian **Gene Elmore**, our club was proud to host Interclubs from five other clubs at one meeting! We had an eye-popping 28 guests, not including our own club members.

Visiting us from the Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club were **Pete Penczar**, Dr. **Hani Shatila**, **Dave West**, and President **Jan Whitacre**, all in recognition of Gene. Visiting for the same reason from the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club were **Melanie** and **Jim Nickel**. The Hillcrest All-Inclusive Club visited with us for possibly the first time in person, including President **Mike Bacon**, **Benny Cartwright**, **Chuck Foster**, **Mario Garcia**, **Marwan Khaleel**, and Division 21 Lt. Governor **Neill Kovrig**.

We also had three members of the Lewis Middle School Builders Club – **Dakota**, **Ruby**, and **Violet**, along with our scholarship recipients from SDSU and PHHS. Former member **Sandy Deck** was back with us today and we are glad she picked up a membership application to re-join our club!

Also in the crowd were several friends and relatives of **Gene Elmore**, who in many ways was our guest of honor for this meeting. While Gene was watching from home via Zoom, he was represented in person by his wife, **Wanda**, and son **Jack**, among others. Gene was recognized not only for his 100th birthday (which took place last December), but for his record-setting 55 years as a member of our club. Gene joined G.A.G. Kiwanis in March 1969 – and it was pointed out that this was before the San Diego Padres played their first major league baseball game! Gene was a decorated Navy pilot who flew 162 missions during World War II in both the Pacific and European theaters, seeing action on D-Day and in the Korean War as well.

City Councilman **Raul Campillo** and his representative for the Allied Gardens community, **Anthony Hackett**, were on hand to present a proclamation to Wanda, officially declaring Gene's 100th birthday as "Gene Elmore Day" throughout the City of San Diego.

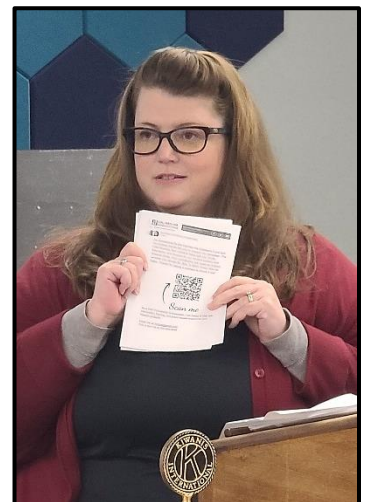
Everyone enjoyed a delicious chicken bake with some green beans and ice cream, along with a special video tribute to Gene, before we turned our attention to our Scholarship Committee Chair **Gary Blume**. Gary introduced our four scholarship winners, as we handed out \$14,000 to these very deserving and dedicated scholars.

SDSU Circle K club officers **Emily La**, **Sean Pitman**, and **Kristen Waterford** were each introduced to the audience and presented with an award certificate indicating how much each student would receive. Patrick Henry High School senior **Irene Bui**, our 2023-24 Key Club President, was the fourth honoree. Each of the four students was also presented with a special congratulatory certificate from the office of City Council Representative **Raul Campillo**, which will certainly look good framed on the wall or listed on a job application!

We are proud to support these outstanding students as they work diligently to continue their education and pursue their long-term career goals. (For more information about all four of our scholarship winners, please see the article on Page 9 of this newsletter.)

Speaking of education, today's Kiwanian of the Day was Patrick Henry High School English teacher **Valerie Crawford**. Valerie was Irene's teacher this year!

First, she collected Happy Dollars from the audience – and there were plenty of those considering the happy tone of our meeting. She then asked us to correctly guess the prices of tuition, parking, and more college expenses at SDSU. Our scholarship winners were keenly aware of these amounts and more! Good thing we were able to help pay the bills!



Valerie Crawford

DISTRICT EDUCATION CONVENTION



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On behalf of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis and the Board of Trustees, we would like to issue this call to the 104th Annual District Education Convention in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

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Guests of Honor at our April 25th meeting included (L-R) Scholarship Committee Chair **Gary Blume**, 2023-24 PHHS Key Club President **Irene Bui**, SDSU Circle K officers **Kristen Waterford**, **Emily La**, and **Sean Pitman**, and San Diego City Council Representative **Raul Campillo**.

Scholarship Winners Have 14,000 Reasons to Be Thankful

The G.A.G. Kiwanis Foundation and our club's Scholarship Committee, chaired by **Gary Blume**, combined to hand out \$14,000 in scholarships to a total of four students this year. Adding to the presentations on April 25th, District 7 City Councilman **Raul Campillo** was on hand to present additional certificates in recognition of this year's outstanding scholars.

First was **Sean Pitman**, a second-year member and current Vice President of the SDSU Circle K club. Originally from Redondo Beach, California, Sean is a Computer Science major who spends time as a volunteer tutor at the SDSU Library. Sean has developed an interest in music-editing software. He originally considered becoming a chef, but found that his love of food didn't necessarily translate into a talent in the kitchen, so he turned to his other loves – music and computer science.

Also recognized was **Kristen Waterford**, a third-year Circle K member at SDSU and currently the club Treasurer. Kristen spent four years living in the nation of Colombia during her elementary years. During high school, she developed a passion for community service by volunteering at a nearby elementary school, and she continues to volunteer today at the Tierrasanta Library. She is a Computer Science major with a minor in Psychology, balancing it all with a 30-hour work week as well!

Emily La is currently serving as the President of the SDSU Circle K club, now in her second year with Circle K. She is a Psychology major who hopes to become a therapist one day. Originally from San Rafael (Marin County), California, Emily cites her late high school music teacher as a positive influence in her life and the person who initially turned her down the path of serving others. She and Sean have worked together on the Mustard Seed Project, a local organization which aims to distribute food and supplies to the homeless.

Patrick Henry High School senior **Irene Bui**, who only just recently completed her term as Key Club President for 2023-24, is a first-generation immigrant from Vietnam. At the age of 12, she would help her parents navigate business and medical documents, as they were not fluent in English. She is also active in the First Generation Scholars program, which helps non-native students qualify for college. In addition to her four years in Key Club, Irene plays piano for her church choir and has been actively involved with Patrick Henry's Link Crew, Body Improvement Club (focusing on health and physical fitness), and Badminton team. Next year, she plans to enroll in SDSU as a Biology major, hoping to eventually become a dentist.

Congratulations to each of our 2024 Scholarship recipients!



New (2024-25) Lewis Builders Club President **Violet DeVera** should be a familiar face, as she has attended numerous G.A.G. Kiwanis meetings while serving as Builders Club Secretary last year.



Builders Club 6th-grader **Ruby Philips** is one eager volunteer when it comes to building peanut butter sandwiches!

The Lewis Middle School Builders Club held their club elections last month, and in doing so, maintained an unusual trend. Lewis Builders Club has not had a male President since 2007-08.

The elected officers for the upcoming year will be:

President	Violet DeVera
Vice President	Dakota Le
Secretary	Georgia Dailey-Ray
Treasurer	Ana Morales

Other than club elections, Builders Club kept busy last month with their biggest annual project, the Peanut Butter and Jelly drive for San Diego's homeless population. About 30 students showed up after school on Thursday, April 25th – along with several Lewis Middle School staff members and four G.A.G. Kiwanis volunteers. The group was put to work building PB&J sandwiches, which were then packaged with fresh fruit, granola bars, water or juice, and a napkin. More than 600 meals were prepared and delivered to Downtown San Diego that same day.

Thanks to Grocery Outlet of Allied Gardens for their generous donation of 70 loaves of artisan bread, which along with other supplies donated by the parents, students, and staff of Lewis Middle School, helped to make this project possible. Thanks also to volunteer **Mario Garcia** of the Hillcrest All-Inclusive Kiwanis Club for distributing hundreds of lunches Downtown to the needy!

Builders Club members have been invited to participate in the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Kite Festival on Saturday, May 18th, and will host a Kiwanis Takeover on Thursday, May 23rd. Their year-end celebration takes place on Thursday, May 30th.

Now meeting again on a regular basis, the SDSU Circle K club has completed its slate of meetings for the Spring semester. Their last meeting of the year took place on April 24th and featured a service project in which club members made handwritten greeting cards. President **Emily La** hopes to see an increase in membership this fall.

SDSU Circle K was represented well by their three scholarship winners at our Kiwanis meeting on April 25th (see Page 9 of this newsletter).

The new club officers for the Patrick Henry High School Key Club, including new President **Alexis Green**, have begun their term and have set out some goals for the new year. The club will strive for 60 paid members next year, which would be a 25 percent increase over their 48 members this year. They also hope to achieve 1,200 service hours or 20 hours per member, along with \$1,500 raised for charity, and at least five members in attendance at the 2025 Key Club District Convention in Ontario, California. PHHS Key Club leaders also want to host more service projects on campus during school hours, as they have proposed seven on-campus projects during the course of the year.

Getting a head start on that last goal, members of the PHHS Key Club will be creating candygrams for Teachers Appreciation Week, observed during the first week of May. Key Club members also completed their annual Kiwanis Takeover during the first week of April (see Page 4 of this newsletter).

The Hearst Elementary School K-Kids club last month completed their annual coin drive for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The K-Kids fundraiser collected some \$1,100 from participating classrooms. K-Kids and Kiwanis volunteers at Hearst helped to collect and roll coins at their last meeting.

The G.A.G. Kiwanis Foundation and our scholarship committee proudly granted \$14,000 in college scholarships last month to qualifying students from the SDSU Circle K club and Patrick Henry Key Club.





LEWIS BUILDERS CLUB PB&J DAY

Highlights from the Lewis Middle School Peanut Butter & Jelly project to feed the homeless and hungry on Thursday, April 25th.
Includes several photos from **Eric Morales** (Builders Club parent)



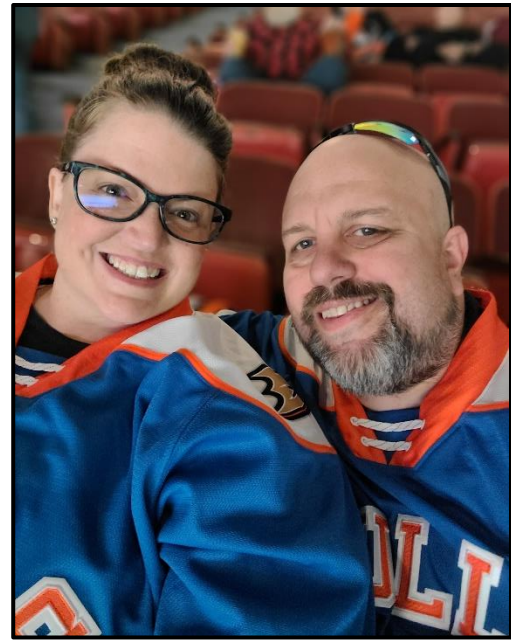
Kiwanis One Day Volunteers Help Spruce Up Mission Trails

by Alan Young, Immediate Past Lt. Governor

On the morning of Saturday, April 27th, a group of 21 volunteers met at Kumeyaay Lake Campground in Mission Trails Park for the annual observance of Kiwanis One Day (a day of service where the entire Kiwanis Family collaborates on a single project). Division 21 Kiwanis members were present from Tierrasanta, Pacific Beach, and Grantville-Allied Gardens, including former G.A.G. Kiwanis member **Kevin Tostado**. SLPs were represented by Key Clubbers from Canyon Hills and Mission Bay, and four Builders Club members from Lewis Middle School (**Violet, Dakota, Ruby, and Sammy**).

It was a cool, semi-overcast morning, perfect for an outdoor project. The task was weed picking to get rid of invasive and non-native growth. Clearing the area will allow for planting of native grass and plants. The crew removed several truck loads of weeds in less than three hours.

A big "Thank You" goes out to **Rich Orr** of the Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club for organizing the event.



Valerie and John Crawford were in uniform last month for Kiwanis Night with the Gulls.



At left, **Mario Garcia** of the Hillcrest All-Inclusive Kiwanis Club helped pitch in by driving hundreds of sandwiches from Lewis Middle School to the St. Vincent de Paul Village in Downtown San Diego; at right, two Builders Club students worked hard on building as many sandwiches as possible!



MAY is Membership Month

Invite a Friend to Kiwanis!

With More Support From Kiwanis, Allied Gardens First Friday Concerts Announce Summer Slate

Free Outdoor Concert Series Returns for 10th Season

The popular "First Fridays" outdoor concert series, which draws a crowd of thousands to the Allied Gardens Park and Rec Center every year, has released their upcoming schedule for the summer of 2024.



As G.A.G. Kiwanis has doubled its support for the event with a grant of \$500, the concert also relies on donations from the community as well as title sponsors such as Ideal Plumbing and Grocery Outlet. The sunset concerts are free to attend, and feature several top local music acts.

Kiwanis is welcome to set up a booth at each concert, where members can engage with the general public and spread the word about our club and our service activities.

Volunteers are also needed to help break down booths and clean up the park after each concert ends at 8:00 p.m.

June 7 th	Gilbert Castellanos and the New Latin Jazz Sextet
July 5 th	8 Track Highway Band (70s and 80s rock)
August 2 nd	Nitro Express (Country Rock)
September 6 th	Dim The Lights (Funk and Disco)
October 4 th	Full Strength (Funk, Hip-Hop, R&B, Soul)



Jazz trumpeter **Gilbert Castellanos**

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May 9 th	Kathy & George Butterstein
May 16 th	John & Pam Chandler
May 23 rd	Gary & Amy Blume
May 30 th	Dave & Carolyn Erlanson
June 6 th	Kathy & George Butterstein
June 13 th	Bjorn Endresen and Gary Blume
June 20 th	Dave & Carolyn Erlanson
June 27 th	John & Pam Chandler

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

Additional drivers needed. Sign up to partner with a fellow Kiwanian, or with another friend or relative. Thank you!

Escondido-Area Kiwanian Left Partially Paralyzed After Motorcycle Accident

Dave Geary, an Air Force veteran and past Lt. Governor for the Division 37 Kiwanis Clubs, suffered a severe spinal cord injury as the result of a motorcycle accident on Friday, March 15th near Yuma, Arizona. The 66-year-old longtime Kiwanian has been left partially paralyzed.

Geary was riding on Interstate 8 with some friends from his American Legion group to help accompany a traveling Vietnam War Memorial Wall from Arizona to El Cajon. A sudden gust of wind crossed his path and forced him off the road and flying off his bike, sending him about 100 feet past where the motorcycle crashed. Geary was wearing a helmet, which likely saved his life, but landed hard on his shoulder. Dave was rushed to a hospital in Yuma, then later airlifted to Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, where he has been given care in the trauma center ever since. He has control of his arms but has been otherwise paralyzed from the chest down. He is hoping to be released sometime in June.

Geary knows he is lucky to still be alive following the accident. "They said it was a miracle," he told 10 News.

In addition to his service as Lt. Governor in 2015-16, Dave has served as a Key Club advisor for many years. The native of Foxboro, Massachusetts (and an avid fan of the Red Sox and Patriots) opened his own computer repair shop in Escondido about twenty years ago. He hopes to continue to run his business while he faces a long and arduous recovery.

His daughter has set up a GoFundMe link to help Dave and his family with their medical expenses.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/helping-dave-geary>

President Katrina Baranko Set to Visit San Diego



Katrina Baranko, 2023-24 Kiwanis International President, is planning to visit San Diego from June 16-20 in an effort to help create new Kiwanis Clubs in the region. President Baranko will be accompanied by Kiwanis International office staff and other dignitaries as they focus on new club building efforts in Division 11. She and her team will be recruiting members for potential new clubs in places like Coronado, Downtown San Diego (residential high-rises), and Lemon Grove.

President Baranko is a 30-year member of the Kiwanis Club of Albany, Georgia, where she owns Merle Norman Cosmetics and Gifts. She holds a master's degree in Education from Georgia State University, and is a past District Director of the Georgia Association of Educators. She has also served on the board of directors for the March of Dimes and the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce.

If you are interested in joining President Katrina's team and building new Kiwanis Clubs in San Diego County, contact **John Crawford**.



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District Education Convention



May 2024

Spring Fling at Foster Elementary School

Friday, May 3rd – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Foster Elementary School, 6550 51st Street, Allied Gardens

Benjamin Branch Library Community Celebration

Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Benjamin Branch Library, Zion Avenue at Glenroy

77th Annual Ocean Beach Kiwanis Kite Festival

Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Robb Field, 2525 Bacon Street, San Diego 92107

TierraFest (Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club)

Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Parade starts at 10:00 a.m., Tierrasanta Blvd. at Santo Road

Fireworks 8:15 p.m., Tierrasanta Lutheran Church

La Jolla Kiwanis Half-Marathon & 5K

Saturday, May 18th, 6:30 a.m. Start Time

Del Mar Fairgrounds to La Jolla Cove

PHHS Senior Awards Night

Thursday, May 23rd, 6 p.m.

PHAME Building, Patrick Henry High School

Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)

Monday, May 27th

Flags to be Displayed along Waring Road

G.A.G. Kiwanis Mission Bay Beach Bonfire

Thursday, May 30th, 5:00 p.m. – Dusk

Paradise Point Resort at Ingraham Street

June 2024

Allied Gardens First Friday Concert

Gilbert Castellanos and the New Latin Jazz Sextet

Friday, June 7th

Allied Gardens Park & Rec Center, 6:00 p.m.

Flag Day (Federal Holiday)

Friday, June 14th

Flags to be Displayed along Waring Road

July 2024

Independence Day (Federal Holiday)

Thursday, July 4th

Flags to be Displayed along Waring Road

Note: To avoid Thursday evening conflicts, the Board of Directors recently voted to hold club Board meetings on Monday nights (first Monday of each month).



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.

Thirty-five years ago (May 1989) – The SDSU Circle K club held its year-end banquet in style at the Shelter Island Marina on May 13th. The night included a visit from VIP guest **Easter Nacionales**, the Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor from nearby Point Loma Nazarene College. New club President (and outgoing club Treasurer) **Ava Chan** accepted the leadership role from Paradise Division Lt. Governor **Douglas Barton**, all while SDSU Circle K recognized five different advisors from G.A.G. Kiwanis: **Grady Nordeen**, **John Peterson**, **Boyd Sauter**, **Jim White**, and Dr. **David C. Wright**.

Twenty-five years ago (May 1999) – We had some extra help with our Waring Road flag display on Memorial Day, as Boy Scout Troop 51 joined us in time to hoist 35 flags. The scouts (at least seven of them) and scout leaders (at least three) worked with **John Peterson** to raise the Stars and Stripes, then stopped for a few moments of quiet reflection in honor of our deceased military men and women... Meanwhile, a long-standing tradition continued as the SDSU Circle K club hosted its annual Spaghetti Dinner. Every year, the SDSU Circle K members would take over the home and the kitchen of the G.A.G. Kiwanis President (in this case, the Fletcher Hills home of President **Ed Smrt**), then proceed to cook a full-scale meal, including spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, a salad, and a dessert. The entire project was meant as a “thank you” gesture to the Kiwanis Club for another year of sponsorship for the Circle K club. It’s a tradition that should be brought back!

Fifteen years ago (May 2009) – The Lewis Middle School Builders Club held their annual Kiwanis Takeover at the Allied Gardens Recreation Center, hosted by new Club President **Ellen Brown**. One of the activities at their meeting was a hula hoop challenge, in which the Builders Club leaders dared their adult counterparts to demonstrate their hula hoop skills. For the record, the two winners were **Kathy Butterstein** and **John Peterson**! Lewis Builders Club earned a tidy sum of \$100 at the Takeover.

Ten years ago (May 2014) – After an anonymous donation of \$30,000, New Entra Casa (a North Park women’s shelter for ex-offenders transitioning from prison back into society) reached out to G.A.G. Kiwanis for help with some major construction projects. Five residential units on Idaho Street were refurbished, transformed from “a termite-ridden eyesore” (as described by **John Peterson**) into fresh new homes, complete with a new outdoor wall, new paint, new windows, a new staircase, and insulation. Among those helping with the four-day project (over Mother’s Day weekend, no less) were Peterson, **John Chandler**, **Mary** and **Tony Haas**, **Tony Orosco**, and **John** and **Susan Rodden**... Elsewhere, **Neil Hudelson**, an employee of Kiwanis International in Indianapolis, visited our club to thank us for supporting the Eliminate Project. This project was part of a ten-year collaboration with UNICEF, in which Kiwanis Clubs all over the world raised money to help rid the world of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT), a deadly yet entirely preventable disease which claims the lives of newborn infants – and in many cases, their mothers – within the first ten days after birth. G.A.G. Kiwanis was singled out as a “Model Club” for our efforts, including a multiyear campaign in which our club would sell Mother’s Day cards, with proceeds going to support the Eliminate Project... Seven students, including five from SDSU Circle K, earned \$5,000 in scholarships.



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GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 6th, 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	



**Grantville-Allied Gardens
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2023-24 Club Officers

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

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
<i>(Position Vacant)</i>	2023-25

Foundation Trustees

2021-2024

George Butterstein
Kathy Krzeminski
Mickey Zeichick

2022-2025

Jim Akin
Gary Blume
John Chandler

2023-2026

(To Be Determined)

2022-23 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.