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Sunday afternoon, I was reading my *Archaeology Magazine*. This is an actual printed magazine. I usually read it online, but the power was out (another story) so all things electronic crying for a charge. This is my favorite magazine, and I have been a subscriber for 40 years. When I was a kid, I wanted to be an archaeologist. I had read the book "Gods, Graves, and Scholars" at least three times by the time I was thirteen, and I knew I was destined to be in the sands of Egypt.

It was a sad blow to my young ego when I found out just how much and what type of education was required to become a successful archaeologist. I knew I was going to have to do something else with my life.

That aside, what does *Archaeology Magazine* have to do with Kiwanis? At the end of the magazine, there is usually space for the editor or guest essayist to put forth something. The magazine I was reading had an essay from the president of the Archaeological Society of America, and I found what he wrote to be spot-on for any organization. He that there are three functions of an organization that must be carried out in order to be successful: Educate, Advocate, and Support.

Our Kiwanis Club is almost all about that first function, educate. All of our programs such as the scholarship fund and the support of school clubs serve as our overall goal as a club to aid in the educational development of children.

Advocate, perhaps our most difficult function, means that we need to tell as many people as possible what our community goals are. This should be an easy sell, but I admit that it is not. That said, we should never stop being an advocate for our club and for our community.

Support comes in two forms. There is the monetary form and the community service form. We are very fortunate to be in a position to help community goals with both of these forms. Supporters are the rubber on the road, helping and making things work. We are blessed with a membership that does believe that supporting the community in any way we can, both physically and financially, is the way to live.

After seeing this essay, I have had to make a promise to myself to actually read the printed magazine when I receive it. Editorials and essays are not online. But please remember the three functions: Educate, Advocate, and Support.

By the way, the power did finally come back on.

-- Jim

Who Takes The CAKE This Month?



May Birthdays

- 11 George Butterstein
- 22 John Chandler
- 23 Danielle Iwatsu
- 29 Chris Holbrook



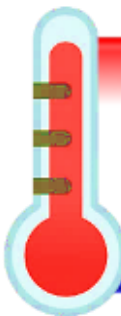
May Wedding Anniversaries

... None yet!



May Membership Anniversaries

2012 Alex Zubak



MEMBERSHIP METER

Club Membership (as of April 30 th , 2025)	26
Members Added Last Month	0
Members Deleted Last Month	1
Change, Year to Date (since October 1 st , 2024)	+2
Honorary Members	8



Kiwanis
GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

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Other contributors this month include Gary Blume, Valerie Crawford, Vic Enchelmayer, Danielle Iwatsu, Alan Young, and Phoebe Shoemaker (Division 21 East Key Club Lt. Governor). Sorry if we missed anyone!

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Vic Enchelmayer sands down a metal support on a picnic table.



At left, **Rich Orr** of the Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club organized this year's Kiwanis One Day project. At right, two volunteers from Canyon Hills Key Club apply wood stain to a picnic table.

G.A.G. Crashes Tierrasanta Party for Kiwanis One Day

It was supposed to be a divisional project, but it ended up being a feather in the cap of the Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis One Day took place at Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, April 19th, organized by **Rich Orr** of the Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club. While the project had plenty of volunteers, enough to get the job done, nearly everyone there was from Tierrasanta Kiwanis or one of their two sponsored Key Clubs at Canyon Hills or Hoover High School.

The only exceptions were **John Crawford**, **Vic Enchelmayer**, and **Alan Young** of the Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club, and one additional Key Clubber from Mission Bay High School.

The volunteers were directed by Ranger **Steve Blankenship** of Mission Trails Regional Park. Meeting at the corner of Mission Gorge Road and Deerfield, on the San Carlos/Allied Gardens side of the park, the Kiwanis and Key Club volunteers were guided uphill to a little-known picnic area overlooking a BMX bike course, which was being used by a couple of teenage stunt bikers.

The five picnic tables in this area had recently been restored, with new wood for the tables and benches. Because of the new lumber involved, each table and each bench had to be sanded down to create a smooth and safer surface. This was where the Kiwanis volunteers were first put to use.

Later, after the sandpaper had nearly worn out, out came the wood stain and the paintbrushes. Students and adult volunteers started to apply the protective coat, hoping that this will help keep the picnic tables in good condition for many years to come.

One unexpected surprise during the project was a visit from two herpetologists, recent graduates from SDSU who were using telemetry equipment to track the movements and population of the park's rattlesnakes. Happy to have an audience, the two "herpers" gladly explained their work and their equipment to the crowd.

Overall, a satisfying and fun project for everyone involved!

Meeting Notes

Summarized by John Crawford

April 3rd – Time to Meet Your Match!

It was chili and cornbread for dinner, a tasty treat prepared by **Gary Blume** and our House Committee. Often, we are spoiled for dinner, so our Kiwanis Club is great to visit on a Thursday night anytime you don't feel like cooking at home!

President **Jim Akin** called the meeting to order and introduced our guests, including **Judy Enchelmayer**. We also welcomed **Mary Haas**, a member of our club who was joining us from Minnesota via Zoom. Mary gave us some updates from her new home, where she has been creating "trauma dolls" for use by pediatric hospitals to help the youngest patients understand medical procedures.

We got a report from those members who attended the Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference in San Diego last weekend. Members shared some of their favorite moments about the conference, including a valuable workshop on sponsoring K-Kids and Builders Clubs. We also enjoyed hosting the event in our hometown, which gave some of our student volunteers a chance to experience a large-scale Kiwanis conference for the first time. We had three Builders Club members in attendance from Lewis Middle School, and they all had fun looking at the different exhibits and Kiwanis supplies.

Two of our club members also celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary last week, and celebrated with a fancy dinner with many of their Kiwanis friends. It was indeed fortunate that the Mid-Year Conference was in San Diego that same weekend, so that many friends were able to join us from out of town!

We had two different guest speakers that unfortunately had to cancel on us this week on short notice due to unforeseen situations. We are working to reschedule each of those guest speakers, but this gave us a chance to have some old-fashioned fun with some of our club members.

Our Kiwanian of the Day, **John Crawford**, helped raise some funds for our club with Happy Dollars, giving each member a chance to update us on the important events going on in their lives. We always enjoy the opportunity to share noteworthy events with our friends and our Kiwanis Family.

After our Happy Dollars were spent, John put on his best **Gene Rayburn** impression and hosted a fun game of "Match Game 2025." Based on the 1970s game show, John asked for three panelists to match their answers to funny clues. Our "celebrity panel" was made up of club members **Gary Blume**, **Vic Enchelmayer**, and **Danielle Iwatsu**.

There were silly questions about our club's food, our members and their television habits, and even the Padres! We all had lots of laughs, proving that even when we don't have a guest speaker, we can all get together and still have a good time.

PROGRAM PREVIEW

Contact **Lisa De Las Alas** or **John Crawford**

May 1st

PHHS Key Club Takeover

Alexis Green, 2024-25 PHHS Key Club President

May 8th

2025 G.A.G. Kiwanis Scholarship Awards

K.O.D.: Valerie Crawford

May 22nd

Lewis Builders Club Takeover

Violet Devera, 2024-25 PHHS Key Club President

*To recommend a speaker for an upcoming meeting, or to sign up as K.O.D., please contact **Lisa De Las Alas**.*



MEALS on WHEELS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Delivery Schedule

May 1 st	Gary & Amy Blume
May 8 th	John & Pam Chandler
May 15 th	Alan & Grace Young
May 22 nd	John & Pam Chandler
May 29 th	Kathy & George Butterstein
June 5 th	Gary & Amy Blume
June 12 th	Alan & Grace Young
June 19 th	Kathy & George Butterstein
June 26 th	John & Pam Chandler

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

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CONVENTION 2025
PITTSBURGH



FORGE the FUTURE

June 25-28



April 10th – Rosy Takes Center Stage, Followed by a Forecast of Snow



It's always fun when a new member takes their first turn at the podium as Kiwanian of the Day. With her kids **Elijah** and **Jacob** both there to help collect the money, **Rosy Garcia-Rivas** did just that on April 10th, and she hit a home run!

Rosy, as one of our club's newer members, is still learning names and learning more about our club, so she gave us a fun activity by which we could ALL learn more about each other. Each of us was asked to write an unknown or surprising fact about ourselves, while other members in the room had to match the unknown fact to the club member. We discovered that one of our members buys a cup of coffee each day only to throw it out again, one of our members dislikes Greek food and shrimp, and one member once found a dead body! Some facts were more shocking than others!

We enjoyed Rosy's group activity and we are so glad to have her as part of our team. She brings a great deal of energy and enthusiasm into the room!

After Rosy was finished with her activity, she turned things over to John Crawford, who is set to become our next Club President starting in October. John gave us an outline of a new service project which he hopes to bring to fruition next winter, namely a Kiwanis "Kids Snow Play Day." Inspired by similar projects that we have seen at Sea World and in the city of Poway, this proposed project would take place in the City of La Mesa and give inner-city kids their first experience playing in real snow.

We looked at the logistics and the proposed budget for such a project, which would be done in collaboration with the La Mesa Kiwanis Club. The event would consist of three areas – a "tot lot" for the smallest children, a play area for building snowmen and for snowball fights, and a downhill area for saucer sleds. We are hoping to make this project a reality in February or March next year, but we could use a few corporate sponsors to get us there!

Club member **Rosy Garcia-Rivas** steered us away from the usual trivia questions and got us to reveal a little more about ourselves. It was super fun!



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Kids SNOW PLAY DAY 2026

Meeting Notes

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April 17th – Good People, Great Pancakes, and Outstanding Pupils



Above: Patrick Henry High School senior **Emma Clifford**, along with her parents **Jennifer Clifford** and **Kevin Klein** (at left), received our April Student of the Month Award from PHHS Associate Principal **Noelle Yates** (center) and, at right, Kiwanian **Doug Grosmark**.

It's time for Thursday morning breakfast again! This week, we had pancakes and sausage, dutifully prepared by our House Committee Chair, **Gary Blume**. We also enjoyed a plate of fresh fruit donated to us by our club member **Chris Holbrook**, owner-operator of the Waring Road location of Grocery Outlet. We appreciate Chris and the staff at Grocery Outlet for their many delicious contributions to our club over the years.

Our club President, **Jim Akin**, also doubled as our Kiwanian of the Day, collecting Happy Dollars and helping to raise a little extra for our club's Admin fund. We also discussed the Kiwanis One Day project scheduled for Saturday, April 19th.

Aside from breakfast, the highlight of our Thursday morning meeting was the chance to honor our Student of the Month Award winners from Lewis Middle School and Patrick Henry High School. For more about these academic stars, please see the article on the next page.



VIVA LAS VEGAS!

Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District Convention

August 7th – 9th, 2025

JW Marriott Las Vegas
The Resort at Summerlin
221 N Rampart Blvd.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89145





STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

On the third Thursday morning of each month, our “early risers” get up and have a breakfast meeting to honor a few of our local academic heroes.

In April, we welcomed two talented kids from Lewis Middle School, and a 12th-grader from Patrick Henry High.

We started with **Layla Lopez**, a 7th-grader from Lewis Middle School who has recently shown improvement in P.E. and science. Layla was there with her dad, **John Lopez**.

Layla considers herself to be a kind person and a good friend. She says that she is organized and that she is not afraid to ask for help when she needs it. She enjoys playing volleyball, watching movies, and perfecting her makeup and skin-care regimen. She is interested in possibly becoming a hairstylist when she gets older.

We were then introduced to **Xavier Lee**, an 8th-grader who gets straight A's at Lewis. Xavier was joined by his proud parents, **Vincent** and **Katrice**. As we learned, Xavier was recognized with a character award for his good study habits and for always demonstrating a willingness to participate in class. He was nominated by two different teachers for this award.

While Xavier is not yet clear about his future career path (that's okay, he has plenty of time to decide!), he did reveal that he enjoys art, and competing in track and field.



At left, Principal **Justin Phillips** of Lewis Middle School congratulates **John** and **Layla Lopez**. To the right, **Vincent** and **Katrice Lee** congratulate their son, **Xavier**, alongside **Doug Grosmark**.

Also recognized was 6th-grader **Khalany Velazquez**, who has been getting straight A's (and straight E's in citizenship, the highest possible mark). Khalany also wants to be a hairstylist! Seems that we will have some very intelligent hairdressers in the future! Khalany was unable to attend today.

Lewis Principal **Justin Phillips** was on hand to participate in the award ceremonies for both Xavier and Layla, telling our audience all about these two star students. We appreciate Principal Phillips making time for us!

Finally, from Patrick Henry, we welcomed Associate Principal **Noelle Yates** and her Student of the Month Award winner, senior **Emma Clifford**. Emma was joined by her mom and her stepdad. Emma enjoys reading and writing, along with tennis, and she has her career path all figured out. She hopes to be a civil rights attorney some day. She describes herself as a “very driven and passionate student” who likes to challenge herself and explore new subjects. We were all quite impressed with our amazing students!



Congratulations!

We are so happy for our club member **Rosy Garcia-Rivas**, who will be getting married on Saturday, May 3rd. Rosy and her fiancée, San Diego Police officer **Humberto Moreno**, are set to tie the knot in Carlsbad this weekend.

We wish nothing but the best to the happy couple, along with their sons **Elijah** and **Jacob**. Congratulations on your special day!

April 24th – Keeping the Memory of 9/11 Victims Alive

On a warm Thursday night, we enjoyed a delicious spread of barbecue ribs with plenty of potato salad and watermelon. It was a perfect way to greet the upcoming summer.

With many of our members on vacation or busy attending other important community events – including Senior Awards Night at Patrick Henry High School – we were happy to welcome our guests. **Judy Enchelmayer** has been a regular visitor lately, along with her husband and past President of our club, **Vic**. It was also good to see some other family members from our club, such as **Amy** and **Bryson Blume**, and **Laurel** and **Kane Bushnell**. We are always happy to welcome the extended family of our club members!

We reviewed the previous weekend's project at Mission Trails Regional Park for Kiwanis One Da, and then it was time to get down to business. We held our club elections for the upcoming term.

Elected to serve for the 2025-26 Kiwanis year were the following:

President	John Crawford
President-Elect	Valerie H. Crawford
Vice President	Lisa De Las Alas
Secretary	<i>(To Be Appointed)</i>
Treasurer	Alan Young
Immed. Past Pres.	Jim Akin

Club Directors 2024-26: **Gary Blume**, **Alex Zubak**, *(Seat Vacant)*.

Club Directors 2025-27: **George Butterstein**, **John Chandler**, **Vic Enchelmayer**, *(Seat Vacant)*.

Danielle Iwatsu has agreed to serve as Club Secretary for the upcoming term, while two spots for Directors still remain available. We also elected four members to serve as Foundation trustees: **George Butterstein**, **Valerie Crawford**, **Rosy Garcia-Rivas**, and **Dave Erlanson**.

Our guest speaker today was **Ed Presnillo**, the founder and CEO of Honoring USA Heroes. Ed grew up in San Diego in the 1960s, then served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He studied veterinary medicine at Walter Reed Hospital, then returned to San Diego to work with the Navy in training marine mammals. Ed moved to Murrieta seven years ago, where he joined the Temecula Valley Kiwanis Club.

He opened a business called Temecula Sound Art, where he would create Bluetooth speaker devices. In 2019, Ed was listening to the radio in his car when he heard an interview with a New York Fire Chief who had been among the first responders on September 11th, 2001.



The NYFD Fire Chief on the radio was dying of cancer, and he said 3,000 other first responders had also been treated for cancer, likely as a result of 9/11. His biggest regret was that the current generation is already forgetting 9/11, and the heroes who gave their lives that day.

Ed (pictured above) has dedicated himself to preserving the memory of the 2,977 innocent men and women who perished on that fateful day (including 343 firemen, 72 law enforcement, and 55 military personnel).

He told us the story of **Stephen G. Siller**, a Brooklyn fireman who was planning to play golf on the morning of 9/11. After the first plane struck the World Trade Center, he headed to his fire station and found all of the fire engines were already gone. He drove as close as he could to Ground Zero but found that traffic was closed three miles out, so he ran the rest of the distance on foot. Captain Siller lost his life that day in response to the tragedy.

Ed has created more than sixty memorial plaques over the years, many including audio snippets of favorite songs or biographical information about the fallen hero. Kiwanis Clubs and Rotary Clubs have sponsored many of these plaques, offering \$400 as a Level 1 sponsor, or \$750 for Level 2. Ed has also been active in planning and promoting a touring 9/11 memorial exhibit – a museum on wheels – as it travels across the nation with artifacts and images from that terrible day. He is already planning to be in New York for the 25th anniversary of 9/11 next year.

He also gave us updates on several “second-generation” first responders who joined fire or police in memory of a parent who was killed in September 2001. It was a heart-wrenching presentation.



Lewis Middle School seventh-grader **Ruby Phillips** is excited to serve as our next Builders Club President, starting Monday, May 19th. She has been a frequent guest at Kiwanis meetings.

The Lewis Middle School Builders Club has completed their officer elections for the upcoming school year. **Ruby Phillips**, who has been faithfully attending Kiwanis meetings and events for the past year, was elected to serve as Club President for the 2025-26 term. The election results:

President	Ruby Phillips
Vice President	Akari Quimby
Secretary	Prue Crutchfield-Arbor
Treasurer	Kaleesi (Kali) Chavez

Ruby's election continues an unusual streak in which no male student has been elected President of Lewis Builders Club since 2007. It's also a victory for the "little sisters" of the world, as both Akari and Prue have older siblings that served as President and Vice President of the club just two years ago (**Kira Quimby** and **Imogen Crutchfield**). Builders Club also completed their annual Trash Derby, a competitive service project to clean up their campus, on Monday, April 28th.

Patrick Henry's new Key Club officers recently spent a Sunday morning doing some important training for the upcoming term. With the Cali-Nev-Ha Key Club District Convention taking place in Ontario over the weekend of May 25-27, the new club officers are now officially in charge. Division 21E Lt. Governor **Phoebe Shoemaker** was Patrick Henry's only representative at the Convention this year.

Outgoing PHHS Key Club President **Alexis Green** was named the Key Clubber of the Year, as presented by advisor **Valerie Crawford** on Senior Awards Night.

Both the Key Club and Builders Club are set for their annual Takeover meetings later this month.

Gary Blume reports that he has received scholarship applications from the Patrick Henry Key Club seniors and that those applications will be reviewed during the first week of May. Scholarship awards will be presented on May 8th.



The Hearst Elementary K-Kids Club created some handwritten greeting cards for both Mother's Day and Father's Day. Supervising the project were Kiwanis members **Doug Grosmark** (foreground) and **Joi Vogel** (back).



New officers for the Lewis Builders Club are (L-R) **Prue Crutchfield-Arbor**, **Ruby Phillips**, **Akari Quimby**, and **Kaleesi Chavez**. Builders Club will take over the G.A.G. Kiwanis meeting on May 22nd.



CNH | KEY CLUB

April 19, 2025

To my Kiwanis family:

My name is Phoebe Shoemaker, and I am proud to serve California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club Division 21 East as the Lieutenant Governor for the 2025-2026 term. I have been a part of Kiwanis for a large portion of my life, originally becoming intrigued in K-Kids because I heard you could get free snacks for cleaning up campus. Later I discovered Kiwanis was much more than that, leading me to advance from Builders Club to Key Club. I am very excited to not only to serve my division, but to have the opportunity to build connections with all of you and give back to the community that has always supported me.

I was born on the Big Island of Hawaii and later moved to San Diego, where I am currently a junior at Patrick Henry High School. After high school I hope to go to a nice college with lots of financial aid to study Astrophysics, with my dream being to work at NASA. I have been in my school's Key Club since freshman year, serving as a club secretary and division secretary during the 24-25 term. The past term has definitely had its ups and downs for my division, but I hope to improve on anything and everything including Kiwanis connections, member engagement and retainment, fundraising for PTP and Yes!, being more informative about Key Club opportunities and awards, and overall aiming to set a solid foundation for the future of Division 21 East. Even with difficulties this past year, it has taught me resilience and how the most dedicated members will always show up for what they're passionate about.

Outside of Key Club my favorite activity is being the editor-in-chief for my school's yearbook. In my class, I am one of two people who have been in the program for three years, and I get questioned why I love it so much when no one else stays. The true reason is that I love passion. I love watching students go from talented freshmen to team captains. I love watching students become inspired and discover their passion from loving a teacher's class. I love seeing students achieve and succeed. I truly admire when others have passion and from short interviews, their stories and names stick with me far past that singular moment. I see this passion in Key Clubbers too, from long hours spent on the best spirit stick, showing up to events at 8AM, and always striving to help others. I've noticed that the activities I become most enamored with involve the most passionate and devoted people who do the activity simply because they enjoy it. Inspired by all the students and Key Clubbers that have each left a part of their story with me, I hope to lead with my own passion and work hard to make this term the best I possibly can.

The opportunity to serve as Lieutenant Governor is something I have set my eyes on ever since my first DCM, and I am grateful for you as my Kiwanis Family for introducing me to this wonderful organization and supporting me throughout my years. Honoring the Key Club principles of leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness throughout my term, I hope to create an environment where all members feel just as passionate about Key Club as I do.

If I could ever be of service to you, do not hesitate to email me at d21e.ltg@cnhkeyclub.org.



In service,

Phoebe Shoemaker
Division 21 East Lieutenant Governor

California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District
Key Club International

Key Club DCON is a Memorable Weekend

Patrick Henry's Sole Representative Had a Blast in Ontario

*by Phoebe Shoemaker,
2025-26 Lt. Governor, Division 21 East
Cali-Nev-Ha Key Club District*

This past weekend, I had the honor of attending DCON 2025 (the Cali-Nev-Ha Key Club District Convention) as a Lieutenant Governor-Elect for Division 21 East, where I was officially installed for the 2025-26 term.

It was truly an unforgettable weekend, which really did live up to how **Mr. Crawford** says how his DCON changed his life. I am really thankful to the Kiwanis Club for sponsoring me to go. I did not expect your kindness, and hope I can pay it back by being involved and dedicated towards Kiwanis as much as possible!

I had so much fun meeting up in person with my other Region 1 LTGs (who can now confidently call some of my closest friends), watch the new Executive Board be installed, and overall had an amazing time meeting other Key Clubbers across CNH!

On Day 1, both Region 1 and Region 18 (Hawaii) helped to set up T-shirts and badges for DCON. I attended Lt. Governor-Elect training, which was very long and a bit of an information overload, but very valuable.

On Day 2, Friday, I attended some more Lt. Governor's training, attended some workshops, went to the Executive Board candidate meet and greet session, and we had our regional session where the elects performed a skit about the Code of Conduct (ours was "Squid Game" themed for some reason). The Convention itself featured a "Tangled" theme, after the Disney movie of the same name.

On Day 3, Saturday, I attended the caucus session and House of Delegates, where I watched the Executive Board candidates give very well-spoken speeches, and I voted for my choice. Then I attended the Kiwanis Family general session and expositions, where I bought way too many Key Club pins and merch. That night, I watched members receive awards and scholarships on stage, and finally jumped around in the mosh pit at the Governor's Ball.

Finally, on the morning of Day 4, Sunday, my roommates and I were accidentally late to receive our gold ties and District Board polo shirts because none of our alarms went off! Luckily, we still made it in time. We ended the trip by going on stage to finally be installed as the new Lieutenant Governors.

Although I was running on probably four hours of sleep each night from being too hyped and talking too long all night with my hotel roommates, I will remember this DCON for my whole life and am very thankful to have attended it! I made so many friends across CNH and learned valuable Key Club leadership information that I will use to make my term the best I possibly can!

Again, I thank you all again for sponsoring my trip. You have all made an impact on my leadership journey that is truly invaluable.



Division 21 East Lt. Governor **Phoebe Shoemaker** (bottom left), representing Patrick Henry High School, poses alongside the other Region 1 Key Club Lt. Governors.





LAKE ELSINORE STORM BASEBALL

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Saturday, May 10th, 10-2**

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RSVP required to get on the agenda – please contact Region 1 Trustee John Crawford to reserve a spot.

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OTHER TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

- Meet Your Cal-Nev-Ha Childrens Fund
- Connecting with Your SLP Leaders
- Membership and the Art of the "Soft Sell"
- Pittsburgh Preview

... and MORE

Region 1 MegaClub

What would it look like if all of our most dedicated and talented Kiwanis volunteers in Region 1 were in the same Kiwanis Club?

For just one day, we're going to find out.

Join your fellow Kiwanians from all over San Diego County as we enjoy a meal together, meet new people, share our favorite Kiwanis moments, and enjoy everything that makes Kiwanis special. Break bread with us and score some major Interclub points, too!



**Special Guest
GARY JANDER**
Candidate for International
Vice President

WD-40 Headquarters
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San Diego, CA 92131





Del Mar Kiwanis-Sheila McDonnell Memorial 32nd Annual Day at the Races

Win: FRIDAY, August 29, 2025

Place: Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Star Fiddle Sky Room

Show: 1:00 p.m. til 7:00 p.m./ Post Time 3:00

**Entrance * Buffet Served 1:00-3:00 * Official Racing Program
* 50-50 Raffle * Silent Auction * Door Prizes * No-Host Bar**

Benefiting



Randy Jones Foundation- Provide kids from military families the opportunity to get involved in sporting events and outdoor activities.



Also, several additional organizations that benefit children in need.

\$100.00 per person

*See reverse side for details & tear-off registration form,
or purchase tickets online at <http://2025delmarkiwanis.eventbrite.com>



Outdoorsmen: At Kiwanis One Day last month, **Vic Enchelmayer** connected with Mission Trails Regional Park Ranger **Steven Blankenship**, who attended both SDSU and Point Loma Nazarene University.

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m.	2	3 Rosy's Wedding Day!
4 Vintage Alpine Wine Event	5 PHHS Key Club 12:58 Lewis Builders 2:40 Board Meeting	6 Division 21 DCM & LTG Election	7	8 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m.	9	10 Region 1 Training Conference, 10-2
11	12 PHHS Key Club 12:58 Lewis Builders 2:40	13	14	15 MOW Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Student of the Month Awards	16 Hearst K-Kids Room 12, 2:15 pm	17 Ocean Beach Kiwanis Kite Festival
18	19 PHHS Key Club 12:58 Lewis Builders 2:40 (Last Mtg of the Year)	20	21	22 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m. Scholarship Deadline	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day (Flags on Waring Rd.)	27	28	29 Last day of class for public schools Beach Social? TBD	30	31

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



Service Opportunities in **RED**
Kiwanis Family Events in **BLUE**

May 2025

Vintage Alpine (Wine Tasting)

Sunday, May 4th, 1:00 p.m.

Summers Past Farms, 15602 Olde Highway 80

Division 21 Kiwanis DCM & Lt. Governor Election

Tuesday, May 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Region 1 Training Conference

Saturday, May 10th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WD-40 Headquarters, 9715 Businesspark Ave, 92131

78th Annual Ocean Beach Kiwanis Kite Festival

Saturday, May 17th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Robb Field, 2525 Bacon Street, San Diego 92107

Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)

Monday, May 26th

Flags to be Displayed on Waring Road

June 2025

Flag Day (Federal Holiday)

Saturday, June 14th

Flags to be Displayed on Waring Road

Alice in WINE-derland (KYDS Kiwanis Fundraiser)

June 14th, 2:00 p.m.

\$65 per person, contact Valerie Crawford for location details

Juneteenth (Federal Holiday)

Thursday, June 19th

Flags to be Displayed on Waring Road

Kiwanis International Convention

June 25-28th

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

July 2025

Key Club International Convention

July 2nd – 6th

Orlando, Florida

Independence Day (Federal Holiday)

Friday, July 4th

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.

Thirty years ago (May 1995) – Club President **Mike Culver** helped present several scholarships to SDSU Circle K members and Patrick Henry Key Club seniors. Among those receiving awards were 1994-95 Key Club Lt. Governor **Cassie Springer** and SDSU Circle K President **Nijole Truskunas**.

Twenty-five years ago (May 2000) – At Old Town San Diego's Casa Guadalajara restaurant, Division 21 Lt. Governor **Larry McLeland** served as host for the Official Visit of District Governor **Terri Neumann**. Terri was the first woman ever elected to serve as Governor of the Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis Club. Attending from G.A.G. Kiwanis were **Carol Carotenuti**, **John Chandler**, club President **Kathy Culver**, **Gene Elmore** (with wife **Wanda**), **Jim MacDonald** (with wife **Joanne**), **Lyle Mathews** (with wife **Susan**), **John Peterson**, **Boyd Sauter**, and **Jim Vish** (with wife **Sandy**)... Later that same month, club members gathered for a south-of-the-border social on the Tecate Railroad in Mexico. Among those making the trip were **Larry Gilmore**, **Don Lydy**, **Jack Scott**, and **Terry Shanklin**.

Twenty years ago (May 2005) – G.A.G. Kiwanis and our SLP clubs had a great turnout at Rady Children's Hospital for the Miracle Mile of Quarters. Helping to display quarters on the big red carpet (and participating in the Quarter Art contest) were dozens of volunteers from the SDSU Circle K club, the Patrick Henry High School Key Club, and the newly-reformed Builders Club at Lewis Middle School.... On May 14th, G.A.G. Kiwanis brought a huge crowd to the outdoor patio at Hooley's at Grossmont Center for a fun social. The house was packed! Most club members were there (along with spouses), including the **Blume** family, **George Bradley**, **Gene** and **Wanda Elmore**, **Larry** and **Vickie Gilmore**, **Ron Levenson**, **Don** and **Barb Lydy**, **Rosina Monaco**, **Byron** and **Bunny Newman**, **John** and **Norma Peterson**, **Boyd Sauter**, **Terry** and **Aldona Shanklin**, **Kevin Stone**, **Norm** and **Ruby Townsend**, **Steve** and **Sam Wrischnik**, and **Debbie Yost**.

Fifteen years ago (May 2010) – After eleven years, support for the SpringFest was beginning to wear thin. Although the event itself remained popular, the expansion of the project to two days and the addition of a beer garden left some club members feeling overworked and underappreciated. There was a lot of competition for Kiwanis hot dogs and hamburgers, too, as several food trucks were invited to participate. The kids sure had fun, though, with eight Builders Club members marching, and Division 21 Lt. Governor **Jim Nickel** riding in the back of a convertible during the parade!... Five different PHHS Key Club students collected scholarship awards from G.A.G. Kiwanis, including Class of 2010 Valedictorian **Matt Abrams**, a past Key Club Vice President, and **Taylor Winchell**, a three-time club Secretary who finished third in his class! Also recognized with scholarships were three graduates of the Lewis Builders Club who each put in four years of Key Club service at Patrick Henry: **Chelsea Magaña**, **Amanda Spendlove**, and former Division 21 Lt. Governor **Clara Townsend**. Amanda would go on to serve as Paradise Division Lt. Governor at SDSU a few years later.

Five years ago (May 2020) – Among the events canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic: Allied Gardens "First Friday" concert series, Lewis Middle School's year-end BBQ, Lake Murray 4th of July Fireworks, Kiwanis International Convention (Indianapolis), Key Club International Convention (San Francisco), and Circle K International Convention (Las Vegas). Trying times, indeed!



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GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 5th, 2025

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)	Doug Grosmark / Stephan Barrington
K-Kids (Foster)	Rosy Garcia-Rivas
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
Kiwaniis Club**



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2024-25 Club Officers

Jim Akin	President
John Crawford	President-Elect
Lisa De Las Alas	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	(Treasurer)
Gary Blume	(Secretary)
John Chandler	(Chair)

2023-2026

Vic Enchelmayer
Dave Erlanson
Alan Young

2024-2027

George Butterstein
Valerie H. Crawford
Rosy Garcia-Rivas

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.