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Meetings

May 10, 2024
Program: Teranga Ranch
Speaker: Dana Stangel

May 17, 2024
Program: Healing California
Speaker: Michael Allen

May 24, 2024
*** Dark ***
Memorial Day Weekend

Kiwaniis Club of Glendale
meets Fridays at
12 noon
at The Elks Lodge
120 E. Colorado
Glendale CA 91205



Laurel Patric
Reporter

There was an air of expectation as I walked into Kiwanis Friday. Was it the upcoming Duck Race? Or was it Cinco de Mayo? Or was it the upcoming program which promises to be exciting? I'm not sure, but something was going on!

Dressed for the day, President **Irma Villegas** called the meeting to order and in quick succession **Savi Labensart** and **Rebecca Kupperman** led us in *America The Beautiful*, **John Saunders** guided us through the Pledge of Allegiance and **Cathy Keen** gave a short, but meaningful, inspiration. It was so meaningful, I decided to include it here: "When in doubt, be kind. When not in doubt, be kind anyway." We also took a moment to remember Rosaline and George Sarkisian, **Liza Boubari's** grandparents, who arrived in the USA when they were 15 and 17 years old.

Irma thanked those who help make our meetings happen, including, **Richard Dell**, **Rene Karapedian**, **Carl Povilaitis**, **Claudia Sysock**, **Mary Broerman** and **Bob Praun**. She also included **Laurel Patric**, me, as reporter and **John Saunders** as publisher of this week's KiwaniNews.

Even though **Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan** was here, **George Chernich** led us in our stretches before **Liza Boubari** helped with guest Introductions including two potential new members, **Niki Armstrong** and **Ardo Grigoryan**. **Sheldon Eskin** introduced our speaker **Ellis Hall**, the Ambassador of Soul, and his "faithful assistant" **Elizabeth**. May birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated. (I still miss those Porto's desserts.)

Jim Patric told an almost-over-the-line joke before his wife **Laurel Patric** (me) gave the Goodwill Report. **Dave Greenbaum** is home with his long-time girlfriend **Edie Cleves** who had hip surgery. **Cathy Keen** and **Susie Dell** went to lunch with **Barb Denton** who would love to hear from **TJ's** friends in Kiwanis. And **Gail Chernich's** mother passed away peacefully Thursday at age 96.

Since **Robin Goldsworthy** is on vacation, we were all spared paying for the KiwaniNews sponsors.

There were some fun photos to share of Thursday's duck tagging. (See page 3 for more.) It looks like everyone was having a great time preparing for Saturday's race. Speaking of the race,



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as of noon today 18,421 ducks have been adopted. 20,000 is our goal. Will we make it? Stay tuned for an update. Remember it's all for the kids! (Publisher Note: We hit 20,000 ducks adopted just before 7:00pm on Friday!)



We have had a request from our Fremont K-Kids group for 10 basketballs. There are simply not enough basketballs for the kids who want to play! **Irma** says that everyone who donates a basketball will be invited to the K-Kids meeting to present them. Sounds like fun!

Hmmm. There is a mysterious fundraiser (or fun-raiser) coming up on June 6. It will be at Glen Arden and involves both a singles and a couples activity. Some people appeared to have guessed at least one of the activities, but it was over my head, so stay tuned for more information as the date gets nearer. Another K-Biz meeting will be on May 22 at the Grill. Don't forget to keep reading after the newsletter to see the flyers about all the fun community events that are happening.



The 50/50 pot of \$70 was won by **Bob Praun**. Hasn't he won in the past? But he faithfully buys a ticket every week so thank you **Bob** for helping cover our lunches!



There were a couple of nice fines today. **Rebecca Kupperman** paid for a perfect annual physical and for her upcoming trip to Washington DC to visit her son for Mother's Day. And **Irma** paid because she was inspired by all the folks who came out for duck tagging.

Speaking of fines, as a Past President, I am going to remind folks that fines help pay for all our wonderful projects in the community, including our Youth Leadership Programs. Let's all step up and do some more sharing of the good things that are happening in our lives. These fines don't have to be a large amount of money. It all adds up and lets us continue to serve the kids in Glendale. Besides it's fun for the rest of us to hear your good news!



Our program was again one of the best. **Sheldon** re-introduced Ellis Hall who regaled us with stories of his upbringing and work with and for such greats as Ray Charles, Jamie Foxx, Nelson Mandela, Helen Keller and Oprah Winfrey. He did all this through music, play-

ing the piano and demonstrating his 5-octave vocal range. What a wonderful way to end our week. Thank you **Sheldon** and Ellis!



Hail Kiwanis!

PS. I know we will be talking about the Duck Race next week, but since I didn't get this written until after I spent the morning in the Merchandise Booth, I want to say that I think it was a resounding success. **Carl** shared that we had surpassed our 20,000-duck adoption goal. We were frantically re-tagging loser ducks for the next race because we only had 15,000 ducks delivered but 20,000 ducks were adopted! We had tags for the additional 5,000 that were amazingly retagged by the 3rd race! Great job retaggers!. Little ducks were selling like hotcakes. The park was crowded with adults, kids and dogs. **Amy Navarrete** was there with all her little dancers. And everyone seemed to be having a great time. I never found out who won the \$10,000, so I guess it wasn't me. Congratulations to **Carl**, his Duck Committee and everyone who helped out to make this event a success. Winners are listed in the flyers section.



KIWANIS KALENDAR (See flyers below)

May 22—K-Biz, Grille By Toasted Bun, 8am

June 1—AASC Annual Family Picnic, Scholl Canyon Park, Glendale, 12noon-3:30pm

July 3-6—Kiwani International Convention, Denver, CO

Glendale Kiwanis Had A “Small” Event On Saturday But Before
The Race, We Needed To “Tag” The Race Participants (All 15,000 Of Them)!



Sponsors are randomly selected by the Publisher each week from the Kiwanis membership. If all five posted sponsors are present at the meeting on the date of the newsletter, the President pays a \$20 fine. If no posted sponsors attend the meeting, each member in attendance pays a \$1 fine (members only, no guests). The collected funds go into our Club account to offset Administrative expenses.

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May 30th, 2024

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

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This annual event recognizes and honors the accomplishments of Glendale Police Department employees and members of the community. The foundation will announce the Officer of the Year, Reserve Officer of the Year, Civilian Employee of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Community Service Awards.

For more information section, email awards@gpf.org,
visit www.gpf.org or call (818)374-7979

Luncheon tickets and sponsorship form attached





Glendale Sunrise Rotary's The Field of Honor

This is a community-wide event that celebrates patriotism and honors those who have made an impact on our lives.

1,000 American flags will fly at Forest Lawn Glendale from May 21 to May 27, 2024. A community memorial ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Flags can be purchased to honor those who have impacted our lives. Those honorees will be listed on the individual flags.





Scouts Learn to Cook Breakfast Over an Open Fire!
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