

BULLETIN

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Kiwanis Meeting on July 23, 2026

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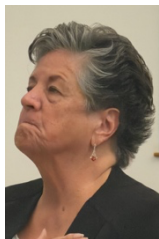
Photographs by Steven Llanusa

The meeting began with a tasty lunch. Chinese Salad, sweet and sour chicken, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, and butter. Dietary options of fish fillet and fried tofu were also available. Our dessert included strawberry with cream cake and fresh fruit.

President Linda Olin called the meeting to order at 12:30

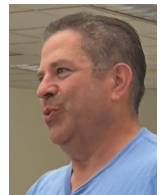
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Melody Batchelor. The patriotic song was led by Conrad Nicoll, who remarked, "Well, it's a beautiful summer day, so let's sing 'America the Beautiful.'"

Jim Wylie led the invocation reminding us of our purpose to make a difference in our community and working in service.



For next week's Concert, Linda Olin recommends trying order slips to keep track of food sold and to start grilling at 4:45 or 5:00PM. So that the early-birds at the Park can start eating.

Jess Swick is having cataract eye surgery so won't be at the Concert in the Park on July 27. Mason Prophet and Al Plummer will run the grill.



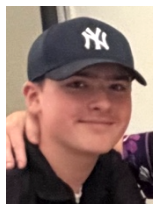
Jeff Levy sold glow in the dark necklaces again. He sold 86, with the 12 remaining necklaces going to the Key Club kids who helped out. With \$80 in credit card sales plus cash, total earnings for the necklaces were \$226.

Linda said there will be a Kiwanis Club event at Claremont Craft Ales Trivia Night on Wednesday, July 29. Beer might be provided.

On September 30th, the Phoenix Floats in Irwindale are going to have a test run of all their floats. They need people to ride on them. It's at 6:45 in the morning.

Division 15, our Kiwanis division, is having a Club Leadership Training for officers, assistant officers, and active club members on Saturday, August 29, starting at 8:30 for registration. Jojo Treadwell, Greg Negrete, Conrad Nicoll, Raul Rodriguez, and Jim Wylie will attend this training at the Rancho Cucamonga headquarters. Other members are encouraged to attend.

Guests



Stevie Gaydosh was recognized by Linda Olin as a guest and volunteer with many hours of work done.

Barbara Rugeley was warmly welcomed back.



President's Report

President Linda Olin said the third Concerts in the Park was well attended. A good band played and even went an extra 15 minutes. There were 23 Key Clubbers on hand to help with running food, serving, and helping with anything people asked.

"Instead of us running, we should ask the Key Clubbers to please go and do it," Linda Olin said. "They're the ones earning their 1,000 community hours." Julie Olesniewicz agreed, but recommends a Kiwanian oversee and help manage the Key Clubber volunteers.

Announcements

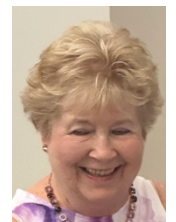
Al Plummer will collect food and other items for the ongoing Food Drive for the CUSD Family Resource Center. Delivery is scheduled for Thursday, July 23. Contact Al about donations and get it going again. School starts August 19, but families are still picking up groceries during the summer.



Lieutenant Governor Elect Linda Clinton will be inducted during a Saturday luncheon at St Ambrose beginning at 11:30AM.

Greg Negrete said "Footloose" tickets for August 2 at 2:00PM can be paid through Zelle or Venmo (@trentonnegrete). The IVRT show is at Morgan Auditorium in La Verne on Third St.

Peggy Constantine declared she saw IVRT's "Footloose" a week ago and it is wonderful!

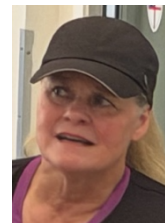


Greg Negrete also mentioned that Greg Van Holsbeck, Magician, will perform at Granite Greek Church in Claremont from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Search on Facebook to find tickets for \$12. Tickets are also available on EventBrite by searching "The Parking Lot Variety Show."



What does Dorothy click together to return home? Ruby Slippers. Everyone was correct!

In West Side Story, Tony falls in love with whom? Maria (Cindy Gee)



Singing in The Rain, what causes the biggest challenge? Talking pictures (Al Plummer)

Mary Poppins, what is Burt's occupation? Chimney Sweep (Arnie Bloom)



Blues Brothers, what's the motivation causes them to reunite the band? The orphans.

Linda Clinton answered correctly but wondered why she still had to pay. Linda Clinton asked, 'I got the answer right. Do I really still have to pay?' Mason quipped, "Are you new?"



Rocky Horror audiences are famous for doing what during screenings? Participating with Props (Julie Olesniewicz)

Cabaret, which city does the show take place in? Berlin (Carl Herbold)

Raffle

The raffle is up to \$2,138! Jim Wylie drew his own ticket! He drew the Queen of Spades to which Linda Olin commented, "Oh, we all feel sorry for you." Jim thought the Queen of Spades should be worth \$13.

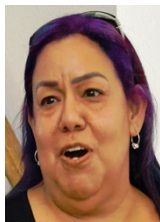


True Confessions



Daniel Tilton shared a weather alert. "It's going to be 100 degrees here, and if you're going to San Francisco this afternoon, it's going to be 69 degrees."

Peggy Constantine shared that her son and his wife bought a lovely home in Washington DC and got the keys yesterday.



Maria Rodriguez is starting back to work, so this will be her last meeting for the season. She won't be back to regular meetings until next summer but will volunteer at the remaining Concerts in the Park, Wine Walk and Beer Walk, and See's candy sales.



John Thompson missed last Thursday's meeting and Monday's Concert because he had a heart stent put in to repair a 99% artery blockage. The surgery was successful.

Greg Negrete shared that his niece has dated a guy for 10 years. He lives in Ontario, and when Greg was his high school teacher years ago, he kicked the guy out of his class permanently! Last night this guy showed up at Greg's house because he's having legal problems, so Greg gave him \$3,000. Irony.



Jim Wylie's wife, Joan, experienced A-fib again and was back in the ER. She is now seeing an electrophysiologist. An ablation procedure is scheduled in September. "She's doing well, until she's not," Jim shared.

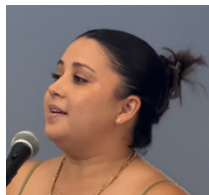
Tail Twister

Tori Alvarez gave a trivia quiz focused on Broadway musicals. Tori warned, "Everyone get your money out because it's going to be a heavy day!" Tori recruited Mason Prophet to carry the can.



Grease 1978 what is the name of the High School? Rydell (Peggy Constantine)

In the Sound of Music how many Von Trapp children are there? Seven (Melody Bachelor; Steven Llanusa whispered the answer to her!) [Editor's Note: Apparently not whispered quietly enough!]



Program

Greg Negrete introduced Jim Kohnman and his presentation on "Riding the Metro Rail." Greg shared that he loves trains and recently rode the A Line with his wife from Pomona all the way to San Dimas! "Yeah. We went crazy," Greg said. "And I mean, we had our arms up through the whole ride and everything."



Jim Kohnman started by explaining the difference between Metro Rail and Metrolink

Metro Rail is a local urban rapid transit and light rail network operated exclusively within Los Angeles County by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Metrolink is a commuter rail system connecting suburban counties (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and North San Diego) to major urban job centers like downtown Los Angeles.

Jim talked about the many places the Metro Rail goes: Staples, Crypto to LAX...more places than you'd think! Jim took a recent trip to Griffith Observatory. You can visit George Lucas Museum and more sights near there.

The new station in Pomona is the current end of the "A" line and other end is Long Beach. Rides with full fare are \$1.75 If you get a senior Tap card, fares are \$0.75 during peak hours \$0.35 outside of peak. Tap cards can be purchased from machines at the station and then loaded with more funds to pay for fares.

Metro Rail has incorporated letter designations as well as the color names.

The Metro Rail "A" train runs every 8 minutes during weekday hours and every 10 minutes during midday,





STATION TAP CARD MACHINE:

weekends, and early evenings. Late-night trains run every 20 minutes.

Santa Monica- Take the E line. Several places to switch but best is Arts District stop because they share the same line in some area. Just step off A line, next train will be E line, and will take you to a block of the pier.

Hollywood area- Switch to B line at Union Station, and head to Hollywood!

Senior Cards: [www.taptogo.net/Reduced Fare](http://www.taptogo.net/Reduced_Fare)
Over 65 card is good for 10 years

If debit cards don't work, Greg N. gave a hot tip....emergency doors open without sounding the alarm.

With a Heavy Heart We mourn the loss of a wonderful member, Greg Shapton. Service details and tribute to follow

Kiwanis Club Calendar

July 27	Concerts in the Park	Memorial Park	Monday	4:00 – 9:30
July 30	Weekly Meeting	St. Ambrose	Thursday	Noon
August 3	Concerts in the Park	Memorial Park	Monday	4:00 – 9:30
August 6	Weekly Meeting	St. Ambrose	Thursday	Noon
August 10	Concerts in the Park	Memorial Park	Monday	4:00 – 9:30
August 12	Board Meeting	101 S. Mills Ave	Wednesday	5:15 PM
August 13	Weekly Meeting	St. Ambrose	Thursday	Noon
August 17	Concerts in the Park	Memorial Park	Monday	4:00 – 9:30

Programs

July 30 – Handy Tool Tips, Jim Wylie
August 6 – Linda Olin's Special Guest
August 13 – Mixologist Tequilla Talk & Taste
August 20 – Seth Pringle Artist

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. — Kiwanis defining statement, adopted October 2004.



Bulletin Team: Cass Armstrong, Linda Clinton, Peggy Constantine, Sara Mae Heady, Barbara Jefferson, Steven Llanusa, Barbara Rugeley, Rowena Schiller, Jess Swick, John Thompson, and Jim Wylie



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PRESIDENT ELECT – JoJo Treadwell
VICE PRESIDENT – Greg Negrete
TREASURER – Raul Rodriguez
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Club Treasurer Raul Rodriguez Co-Chair
Brian Moraga
PROGRAM COMMITTEE – Greg Negrete
READ ME PROJECT COMMITTEE – Jerry Feingold
CONCERTS IN THE PARK – Conrad Nicoll, Barbara Rugeley, Jess Swick, AN ALL-CLUB EVENT.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Raul Rodriguez and Maria Rodriguez
SEE'S CANDY STORE – John Thompson and Raul Rodriguez
ADOPT A FAMILY HOLIDAY PROJECT – Peggy Constantine
HYGIENE KIT COMMITTEE – Cass Armstrong
SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS – Brian Moraga
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EL ROBLE BUILDERS CLUB – Lanelle Maurer
VISTA BUILDERS CLUB – George Haro
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MEMBERSHIP ADVISOR – Pat Henny

MEMBERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY – Laura Bollinger
MEMBERSHIP RETENTION – Pat Henny
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Julie Martin, Melody Batchelor, Steven Llanusa, Cindee Gee, and Peggy Constantine
TAIL TWISTER TEAM – Conrad Nicoll
HOUSE COMMITTEE – varies each week via signups
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL ROSE PARADE FLOAT PROJECT – VACANT
ROUTE 66 AUCTION & PARTY – Julie Martin, and Cindee Gee
FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – Chair Club Treasurer Raul Rodriguez Co-Chair Brian Moraga
INTERCLUB VISITATIONS – Linda Olin, Melody Batchelor
IVDSA BUDDY WALK – Brian Moraga
CLAREMONT VILLAGE CRAFT BEER AND WINE WALKS – Mason Prophet
NEWLETTER PRODUCTION – Steven Llanusa
KIWANIS ONE DAY PROJECT – Jerry Feingold
NOMINATION COMMITTEE – Chair Club President Linda Olin and President-Elect JoJo Treadwell
KIWANIS DIVISION 15 MEETINGS – VACANT