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Kiwanis Meeting on July 30, 2026

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As we gathered together for food and fellowship, our club enjoyed another delicious lunch. Green salad with two dressings, chicken enchiladas, brown beans, Spanish rice, tortillas, guacamole, sour cream, sliced jalapeno peppers, and salsa made the meal. Dietary options included potato enchiladas, fish filet, and fried tofu with grilled mushrooms. Dessert was chocolate cream cake, pecan pie, and fresh fruit.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Connely.

Conrad Nicoll selected "America" aka "My Country 'Tis of Thee" as our patriotic song.

Jim Wylie gave an invocation touching on the importance of community service.

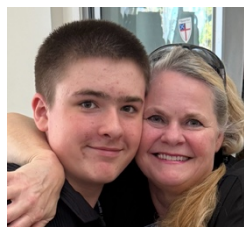


Guests



JoJo Treadwell introduced Wanda Krawiec who expressed interest in our club during last Monday's Concert in the Park.

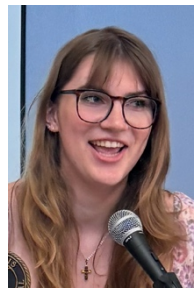
Stevie Gaydosh was here with his grandmother Cindee Gee.



Scholarship Recipient

Arny Bloom introduced one of our Kiwanis Scholars, Ryan Thom, who was here to get her scholarship check.

Ryan Thom explained she was here for her fourth and final time as she prepares for her senior year at USC. She is finishing her Bachelors of Science degree in Pharmacology. This year was her most academically challenging one. Upper division science classes are tough. Ryan is also working as an EMT assistant at



ducting research in country.

This summer she is working medical staffing at Hollywood Bowl and other larger venues. After her graduation from USC, Ryan has plans for taking a gap year before pursuing an advanced degree as Physician Assistance school. She concluded her talk by introducing her mother, Amy Thom.

concerts, football games, and other big events. She enjoys working events supporting medical needs. Ryan is an officer in USC's Emergency Service Club and volunteered for Southern Cal Emergency Service which entails working at events like tailgates, graduation, etc. as a volunteer EMT.

Ryan said she uses many skills she learned and developed while in Key Club during her extracurricular activities. USC participated in a national gathering in Emergency Medicine from around the



President's Report

Linda Olin began with a recap of last Monday's Concert in the Park. The Fourth Snack Bar went well. JoJo Treadwell was thanked since she took over when Linda had to leave. Conrad Nicoll did a great job shopping for all the supplies. Mason Prophet ran the grills with help from Al Plummer and Mary Paine. Sergio Perez, Laura Bollinger, and Rowena Schiller did the set-up. Steven Llanusa ran the ice-cream cart with help from the Key Club. Barbara Rugeley came and helped with condiments and Key Clubbers.



The early opening for sales was effective. Raul Rodriguez, Barbara Nicoll, and Maria Rodriguez handled the food line by cashiering quickly and accurately. Arny Bloom kept the dirty dishes from piling up by washing them whenever needed. Recycling was put in a trash bag for Cass Armstrong and her husband Harold to handle. The large containers for Recycle aren't always utilized by the city when the attendees pay no attention and fill them with garbage.

Jeff Levy was selling necklaces which totaled a lot. He'll buy them for us and we'll continue selling for this concert. This past concert was the best sales. Jeff won't be at future concerts so the

continued sales may not occur. We've been lucky to getting the proceeds from these sales.

If you ask Key Clubbers to work a job, be clear to let them know what their job is supposed to be. There are tasks where they do work. Tell them what their job entails.

Dues are coming up by September 30 deadline. In the past, a ten day grace period existed but it has been eliminated per Kiwanis International. Full year dues are \$360. Half year's dues of \$180 are also due by September 30 and March 30.

Leadership Training for Kiwanians is coming up in August. Incoming Lt. Governor Linda Clinton will be putting on this training. She will be inducted at DCON in August. Linda's Lt. Governor lunch will be here at St. Ambrose on September 19th.



Linda and JoJo will be at DCON so help will be needed to pick up the food for that week's Concert in the Park, so coordinating that will need to be done.



Announcements

Raul Rodriguez let us know that on August 19 the Claremont Senior Program is hosting An Afternoon at the Opera. Our club has helped at this event in the past. What we do is assist with the set-up, set food out, help serve light refreshments, bus tables, and help clean. We'll work at the Jocelyn Center setting up 2:00 – 6:00 and Program 3:30 – 5:00. A volunteer sheet with assignments will be available next week.



Steven Llanusa thanked Cass Armstrong, Jess Swick, and Barbara Rugeley for signing up. As Jim Wylie used to say, if we don't have volunteers to write the Bulletin then we don't have the Bulletin. A sign-up sheet was circulated to ensure this vital service can continue.



Raffle

The pot was at \$2192 raffle. Only five cards are left. Ryan Thom pulled Cindee Gee's ticket. She picked the Queen of Clubs. Cindy generously donated her winnings back to the club.



True Confessions



Greg Negrete admitted that his wife had fun trying to poison his drinking water. Greg set his glass down at the three-sink washing station to go get something. While he was gone, his wife Patricia filled up his water cup with Sanitizer. Because it was dark at the sinks, Greg didn't notice the color and guzzled the sanitizer fluid. Since he survived, Patricia will have to be more strategic in her next attempt.

Arny Bloom confessed that he saw the attempted poisoning. After Greg's consumption, he advised Greg to go read the label. The ingredients were listed as non-toxic. Arny is feeling better because after washing and rinsing the dishes, they are dipped in the sanitizer and allowed to air dry. Since the sanitizer is left

on the dishes, he had some concerns. Now he has peace of mind that we won't rest in peace because of the sanitizer.



Mason Prophet told us he spoke to Ed Leavell. Bad news: Ed was rear ended and had to have neck surgery. Good news: now that the surgery is done, Ed is feeling better.



Laura Bray thanked Raul and Maria for getting a ride last week as she suffered from two flat tires. Her air conditioning went out for three days. She is grateful to the two tow truck drivers who got her both times she had flats.

Carl Herbold confessed his USC Granddaughter is in Turkey visiting a high school friend's family. She started the summer working at an ice cream parlor and hostess at a fancy resort. The Swiss world cup team stayed there for breakfast. Carl's granddaughter was invited to join them in singing the Swiss national anthem.



Daniel Tillman thought Carl's granddaughter should visit Troy since she's in the neighborhood. He is also still wearing an anarchist T-shirt he's had since he was 35. Luckily, not every day without being washed!



Barbara Rugeley discovered that washing a car fob will not stop it from functioning. Even better, it still worked after going through the dryer.



Al Plummer shared two things with the club. Next week he is not going to be here so he can't work the grill. The second thing was that if he was here, he would win the pot.



Jess Swick told us he got new eyes thanks to his recent cataract surgery. Also, Jess will be in Victoria, Canada, next week.

[Editor's Note] The grills are going to be pretty short-handed without Al and Jess.

Tail Twister

Conrad Nicoll prepared the questions while everyone else prepared to pay up!



1. Mason Prophet paid even though his table knew that Thursday, July 30, is National Cheese Cake Day.



2. The four subsystems of Earth's physical geography (with the hint of initials G_, A_, B_, and H_) were almost all identified by Jim Kohnman's table: Geosphere, Atmosphere, and Biosphere. The fourth, the Hydrosphere, was named with some help.





3. Laura Bollinger's table didn't know that Nematodes, round worms, are the most abundant animal on Earth they live in the water which covers most of the planet.



4. Cass Armstrong's table now is able to name some of the longest common words in English with six letters in alphabetical order: ALMOST BEGINS CHINTZ BIOPSY CHIMPS.

5. We didn't know that human beings are bioluminescent, but only when viewed with special, light-sensitive machines.

6. Jess Swick knew that Vatican City is the only sovereign country surrounded by a city.

7. Ted Wooten's table now knows that Nevada, not Colorado, is the state which leads the USA in gold production



8. Barbara Jefferson's table was informed that the organism which has the fewest chromosomes is the Jack Jumper Ant. Females have just two chromosomes and males have only one. No word as to how many genes are on each chromosome.

Program

Jim Wylie concluded his series of three "Ask the Handyman" programs.

The BASIC TOOL KIT

Gloves : Nitrile, latex, work gloves

Dust mask and safety glasses

Tape measure

Level

Masking tape

Sharpie

Pencil

Multi-tip screwdriver (Milwaukee 11 in 1)

Pliers:

Long nose

Slip joint

Arc joint (Channel Lock)

Adjustable wrench (Crescent wrench)

More tools

Hammer

Non-contact electrical tester

Battery tester

Putty knife

Toilet plunger

Utility knife

Box cutter

Scissors

Cell phone camera

Optional tools

Battery drill

Drill bits

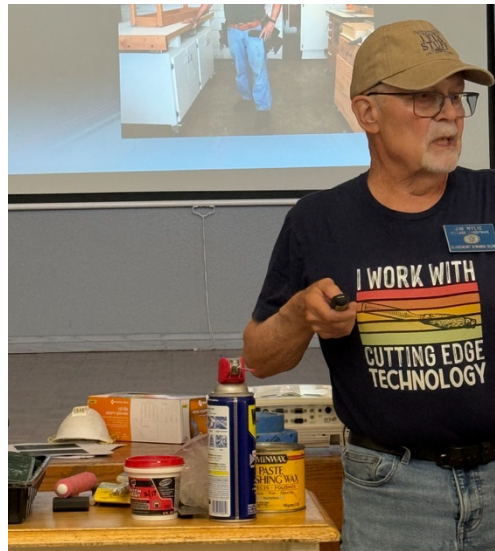
Driver

Assorted screwdrivers

To fix squeaks and related problems on doors hinges, use WD40. For Drawers without metal slides, put wax or paraffin wax where there is wood on wood.

HVAC system should have their filters change in spring and fall. Mason Prophet suggested changing the filters every time the clocks change between Daylight and Standard Time. Buy pleated filters for best results.

Painting Tips Always wear the nitrile gloves for ease of cleaning hand. Also helpful are dust masks if you're sanding. N95 is worth having with a metal piece to customize fit with an exhale valve.



Useful paint brushes include two inch wide angled brushes good for tight fits. Also, foam brushes can be purchased to use for touch up and are disposable.

Paint Rollers come in all kinds of sizes. For smooth surfaces use smaller nap. Nine-inch rollers and pan are a standard width.

Plastic liners for the roller pan make it easier to Once they're dry, the roller pan dries, it doesn't have to be cleaned.

A spin tool for rollers that also works for brushes. Simple green is good for cleaning paint. Almost all paints for interiors are water-based. Most paint already has primer in it.

Buying paint with custom color match, make sure to get extra stickers used to label the cans. These stickers can be stored if you need to order more paint of that color.

Dunn Edwards takes used paint for disposal. When painting, do the trim stuff first. Blue painters' tape is handy. Special sharper edge masking tape minimizes pain bleeding. Make sure to get quality masking tape. Tear tape off when the paint is still a little tacky. Make sure to remove light and outlet covers before painting so you can mask the switches and outlets.

Earthquake Preparedness Tips: Anchor tall furniture to the wall using straps attached to studs. To protect items on shelves, use museum putty.

To open garage door when the power fails, look for a string hanging down from the chain or mechanism which pulls the door open. This must be accessed from inside the garage.

Sprinklers: know how to turn them on and off manually. Many sprinklers have seasonal adjustments. Check sprinklers for leaks check for heads broken or pointing the wrong way.

QUESTIONS

Jim stayed to answer any questions that people had after the program which ended at 1:30.



Kiwanis

Saturday, August 29
Check in 8:30 AM Class 9AM - 1PM

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Kiwanis Club Calendar

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	TBD	Tuesday	TBD
August 13	Weekly Meeting	St. Ambrose	Thursday	Noon
August 17	Concerts in the Park	Memorial Park	Monday	4:00 – 9:30
August 20	Weekly Meeting	St. Ambrose	Thursday	Noon
August 24	Concerts in the Park	Memorial Park	Monday	4:00 – 9:30

Programs

August 6 – Another Interesting Program
August 17 – Mixologist Tequilla Talk & Taste
August 20 – Seth Pringle Artist

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CONCERTS IN THE PARK – Conrad Nicoll, Barbara Rugeley, Jess Swick, AN ALL-CLUB EVENT.
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TAIL TWISTER TEAM – Conrad Nicoll
HOUSE COMMITTEE – varies each week via signups
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL ROSE PARADE FLOAT PROJECT – Greg Shapton
ROUTE 66 AUCTION & PARTY – Julie Martin, and Cindee Gee
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NEWLETTER PRODUCTION – Steven Llanusa
KIWANIS ONE DAY PROJECT – Jerry Feingold
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KIWANIS DIVISION 15 MEETINGS – Greg Shapton