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Kiwanis Meeting on August 6, 2026

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We came together for another wonderful meal and fellowship. Spaghetti con polpo, (spaghetti with giant meatballs in a rich tomato sauce) was the star attraction complimented by a fresh green salad and garlic bread. Tofu and filet of sole were available for us pescatarians and vegetarians. An array of sweet desserts I need to pay attention to even if I can't imbibe in other than the fresh fruit. I do recall a strawberry shortcake with strawberries in a sugar syrup that looked particularly yummy... Gayle, Kim, and Kim's daughter never cease to delight...

Linda Olin called the meeting to order at 12:30 and asked John Thompson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Conrad Nicoll must've signed up to always do the song because we seem to always be singing "God Bless America". A little variation warranted Conrad? Rowena Schiller, hairdresser extraordinaire, read the invocation from Matthew, chapter 5 verses 14-16. "We are the light of the world".



Guests



Linda Olin welcomed Barbara Rugeley and Pat Henny back to the meeting.

Mason Prophet brought a guest, Holly Hyatt. Holly is going into her senior year at Geneva High School. Go Bears! Holly's doing her senior project in real estate so that's why she's in this internship.

Jojo Treadwell brought Scott. Her introduction, though we've all met Scott before, was "Scott has been dragged into our club with spatula in hand and has become a fine replacement for those grillers whose presence has been compromised by health or travel issues.



And guess what? He's done an excellent job AND he gets along with Mason, one of our master grillers, so we're glad Scott got Mason's spatula of approval.

President's Report

Linda Olin welcomed Barbara Rugeley and Pat Henny back to the meeting. She acknowledged long term members: Paul Wheeler, 44 years; Arny Bloom, 39 years; Pat Henny, 37 years; Dennis Bauman, 36 years; Jim Wylie, 36 years, and Ted Wooton, 29 years.



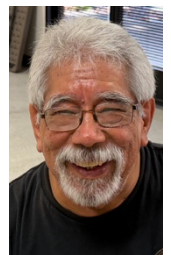
This week's concert was the fifth one. We have a plethora of Key Club members from Etiwanda High, Rancho Cucamonga High, and Alta Loma High as well as Claremont High.

The Acoustical Mystery Tour will be next week's band, look for some Beatles covers. Reminds me of a conversation I had with a Gen Z person. They asked me if I knew Paul McCartney was in a band before the Paul McCartney band. I said yes, I believe I do. The student came back with, Oh then you remember Wings?

Route 66 date September 25 was mentioned. Get those tickets sold so we can have a good crowd for our major fundraising event. Every member is expected to sell/buy four tickets.

Announcements

Raul Rodriguez reminded us that August 19th there will be a Senior Event at the Jocelyn Center (Larkin Park) from 2 to 6. The Signup sheet is going around. We have one more slot for 6:00. If that slot is filled, sign up anyway. (There's a DCM at 2:30 that day but no other volunteers are needed for that time there).



Linda Clinton had an announcement. She thanked Jojo for announcing the CLE training last week. It was really good. It's for the 2026, 2027 leaders. We're putting together a directory for Division 15. We have 14 clubs in the division. You might want to look at it and be a part of it. Your name will be in there anyway. If you have a business, it will be part of it. Jojo and Jim and Linda Clinton will be working on it.

The next Kiwanis Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 11th (next week) at noon at the CUSD district office, Room 310 (third



floor) at 170 W. San Jose Ave. Julie Olesnewicz will be holding door adjacent to west side of building parking lot open for 15 minutes from 11:45 to 12:00 so be punctual. This last information is especially important to the chronically late. Otherwise you have to go through the guard at the door on the other side of the building and show your identification.

Conrad Nicoll is looking for some Tail Twisters to help out in coming weeks. Linda Clinton is doing it today and Jess Swick after that. There are four blank spots that need filling so please add your name when the clipboard gets to your table.

Jojo Treadwell informed us as incoming President, she's in charge of committees. While many have chosen to remain chairs of their committees, some committees may need chairs and welcomed all members to volunteers. Review list of committees (listed below at the end of this Bulletin) to see if any committees interest you as chair or member. A Chair is needed for Publicity Committee.



Jim Wylie explained dues are coming up by September 30 deadline. Full year dues are \$360. Half year's dues of \$180 are also due by September 30 and March 30. Email notices will go out in September so keep an out for it. Payments can be made by check or by card.

Raffle

The pot was at \$2,277 with only four cards to draw from. Ted Wooten pulled Arny Bloom's ticket from the drum. Arny chose the winning card and won the pot. No plans for the winnings were disclosed.

Auction

The item was from Paul Wheeler who said he purchased it at an Idaho "Candy Store" which is a state store, which means they're closed on Sunday and gives us a hint as to the contents of the auction item.

The highest bid was Mason Prophet's at \$45. It was a bottle of bourbon whisky.



True Confessions

Linda Clinton explained she was hacked by someone out of Nigeria trying to withdraw \$1,307.91 from her account, three different attempts, and failed. She was also the victim of a hit and run where they got her mirror. The replacement for the mirror case was \$855.00!



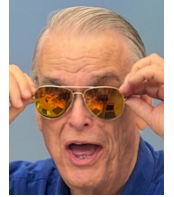
Paul Wheeler declared, "For 44 years with this bunch of scoundrels here, I did another trip around the sun and I've been at Balboa and White Mountains and Idaho for white water rafting. So here's some money." He generously put in \$20.

Pat Henney started to rise, then said "I hope I don't fall down again" then stood and thanked Raul Rodriguez for the several rides when she needed them. Lena Serrato was noted for being available to drive her every



Monday she needed to go to Fontana, and will drive her next Monday for her scan. Carl Herbold and his wife Bryna, who's been a long term friend, were acknowledged for their visits. Rowena Schiller and Cass Armstrong were recognized for their constant support. Pat expressed her gratitude to all the people who drove her to Fontana and Duarte and San Dimas. She concluded, "This is what it means to be a part of this Kiwanis family."

Conrad Nicoll found a pair of sunglasses on his table after the last meeting; he rose from his seat wearing them as he made the announcement. I [Cass] recognized them as mine! My favorites! Hope somebody found my hat at this meeting (last week) on the table across from the register check-in table.



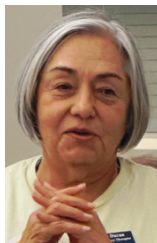
Daniel Tillman said "At Christmastime I asked my daughter for something special, and she gave me this t-shirt. It says 'Woke just means you give a damn about other people.'" He continued "I have an important announcement, My daughter is in San Francisco now and the temperature is 69 degrees."

Mason Prophet had a two part confession and a shout out. First part of his true confession was that our Vice-mayor, Ed Reese, said that he had just met a woman who was at the concert on Monday who said that last year she attended 65 concerts between south Orange County and the Inland Valley Empire. Her conclusion was that our concession and food was the best! And that's a credit to all of us!

Part two was a more personal true confession which is that his business partner, Ryan Zimmerman and he just purchased an office building across the street from Shelton Park in the village. It's the Zetterberg Law Building. Mason effused, "I want to give a shout out to our commercial loan officer, Melody Bachelor, who made it happen. Thank you!"

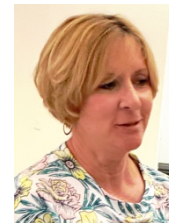


Jojo Treadwell exclaimed, "What a good confession! I really like that. See, that's what the directory helps us with too. We find other people someplace else to help us with our business because we know them, we trust them, we love them."



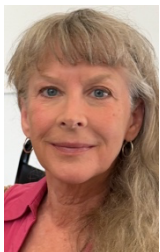
Christine Duran talked about visiting her brother in Las Vegas. She's never complained about the hot weather here. Celebrating her daughter's mother-in-law's retirement it was 103 degrees at midnight in Las Vegas, 117 degrees during the day, no humidity.

Leah Moreno was up next and shared that she was tired of our hot weather and that her good news was that her daughter is expecting her (Leah's) second granddaughter due on March 4th, a good day to march forth out of her daughter—March forth!



Tail Twister

Linda Clinton took to the podium to begin her fine collecting. She said anyone can answer. We'll see who watches tv and reads rather than do other things.



Nicholas Cage is the nephew of what famous director? Laura Bray knew it was Francis Ford Coppola.

Who is the youngest Oscar winner of all time? Jim Kohnman's table didn't know it was Tatum O'Neill.



What country does Jungle Book take place in? Barbara Rugeley's table knew the answer "India"



What is the high school in Grease? Scott Jacobson at Jerry Feingold's table knew it was Rydell High School. [Editor's note: Venice High School was used.]



Christine Duran's table got the question In Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, what keeps the three headed dog asleep? Steven Llanusa knew it was music.



"What actor and comedian appeared in the video for the Paul Simon song "You can call me Al"? Mike Connerly's table needed a hint. Starts with a C. Rowena Schiller knew it was Chevy Chase.

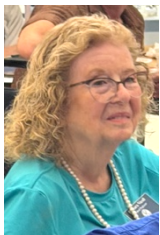
"What musician was awarded the first gold record? Laura Bolinger stated Perry Como?"



What were the names of the five brothers in the Jackson 5?

Michael, Tito, Germaine, Marion and Jackie were named by various people around the tables.

Which country singer threw javelin while attending Oklahoma State University? John Townsend's table didn't know it was Garth Brooks.

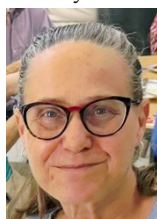


What song did Paul McCartney pen for John Lennon's son Julian? Barbara Nicoll's table correctly named "Hey Jude"



Which 1950's crooner sang the hit song "Beyond the Sea"?

Someone at LaNelle Maurer's table knew it was Bobby Darin.



Which singer's real name is Robin Fenty? Peggy Constantine astonished several when she knew it was Rihanna.

How many elements on the Periodic Table? Responses of 103, 107, It's 108, and 117 were given. I [Cass] looked up the answer of 118.



Kudos to Jeff Levy for carrying the can and collecting the cash. He not only raises money at the Snack Bar with the glow necklaces, but by shaking down our Kiwanis members whether they got the answer correct or not!

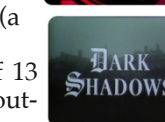
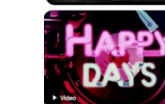
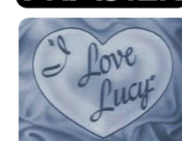
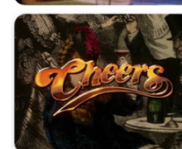
Program

Greg Negrete apologized for serving as the speaker again, but blamed it on Linda Olin's no show guest and Steven Llanusa's unwillingness to give his August 27 program two weeks earlier than scheduled due to a lack of time to finish it.



Instead, Greg came up with a great exercise. He played a few bars of several musical pieces, some with lyrics that were the intros to sitcoms in the '50's, '60's, '70's, '80's, '90's, and 2000.

1. All in the Family
2. Cheers
3. The Simpsons
4. Frasier
5. I Love Lucy
6. Will & Grace
7. Hill Street Blues
8. Stranger Things
9. Charlie's Angels
10. Mash
11. Moonlighting
12. Friends
13. Addams Family
14. Happy Days
15. Dark Shadows
16. The Cosby Show



Scott Jacobson came in First Place with a score of 14 (a tie score with Greg's wife).

Peggy Constantine achieve a Second Place score of 13 which was no surprise all of those who know her outstanding trivia acumen.

Steven Llanusa took Third Place with a score of 12 declaring, "I can't believe I missed Will & Grace!"

Greg Negrete kindly provided Starbucks Gift Cards to the top three winners. Everyone else tied for Fourth!



The meeting was adjourned at 1:30



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

Kiwanis Club Calendar

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 19	Opera Night Senior Program	Jocelyn Center	Wednesday	2:00 – 6:00
August 20	Weekly Meeting	St. Ambrose	Thursday	Noon
August 24	Concerts in the Park	Memorial Park	Monday	4:00 – 9:30
August 27	Weekly Meeting	St. Ambrose	Thursday	Noon

Programs

August 17—Mixologist Tequilla Talk & Taste
August 20—Seth Pringle Artist
August 26 – Step Pyramids of Mexico City
September 3 – Upland Swat Team

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



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HOUSE COMMITTEE – varies each week via signups
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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 – Greg Shapton