

BULLETIN

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Kiwanis Meeting on August 13, 2026

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Weather turned milder and the turnout was wonderful. Kiwanians enjoyed this break in the heat as well as each other's company. Lunch was lemon chicken, scalloped potatoes, fresh steamed carrots and green beans. Also offered were special non-meat offerings of fish and fried tofu. Desserts included fresh watermelon, grapes, and pineapple, plus a yummy Tres Leche Cake.

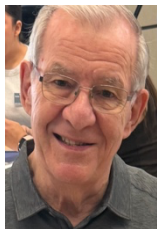
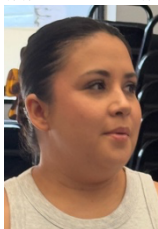
Past President Julie Olesniewicz presided since both VP JoJo Treadwell and Pres. Linda Olin were at the Kiwanis International California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention in Reno.

Cindee Gee led the Flag Salute.

Tori Alvarez got us singing "God Bless America."

Jim Wylie gave a warm invocation, followed by a prayer to forgive us for our singing.

Mike Conley quipped, "Our prayers weren't answered."



Special Birthday Celebration



Julie Olesniewicz invited Kim McCurdy and Gayle Jensen to come to the meeting and receive our thanks and Birthday song tribute.



Guests



LaNelle Maurer introduced her husband (and a great helper on Kiwanis projects), Todd Smith.

Laura Bray introduced Margie Lofton.



Barbara Rugeley introduced Kathy Lofelman, who had planned to come with a friend a week ago, but came alone today. Brave. She also asked if we had a brochure for her to take. (Good idea.) I suggested using the website. She verified that the correct URL is Claremontkiwanis.org and not .com. I hope we see her back again!



Tania Anders was here as a supportive mother because her son was here to receive his next Stan Larson Scholarship Check



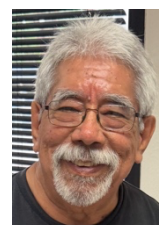
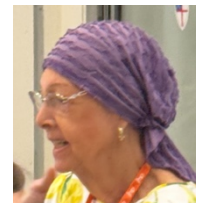
Announcements

Raul Rodriguez announced the last concert sold \$6000 in sales, first time all summer. The Beatles' covers were such a draw.



Cindee Gee urged us to sell Route 66 Party tickets. Members who didn't get their packets at the meeting can pick them up at Ability First. Tickets cost \$100 for dinner and all the activities that will happen at the party. This party is our club's biggest fundraiser. Each member is expected to sell four or buy four tickets. Friday, September 25, is only 6 weeks away. Yikes!

Pat Henny had a great health report no new growth, her health is stable and the cancer has almost disappeared: wonderful news!



Raul reminded us of our service for Joslyn Center's Afternoon of Opera on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 2:00-6:00. More volunteers are welcome. This event has been so popular that it has already sold out! I [Barbara] had to volunteer to hear it. Raul added, "And doesn't Pat Henny look ravishing! With her scarf!"

Jim Wylie: dues are due. Pay up! Members have until September 30 to make their full or partial payments.



Shout Outs

Jess Swick yelled, "Al Plummer cleans grills great!!" We're so unused to having them cleaned each Monday night. What a pleasure.



Julie Olesniewicz deserves a huge shout out for substituting for Lina Olin who is at a Kiwanis International Convention in Reno. Both Linda and JoJo Treadwell are sharing information about our club's successes and learning what Kiwanians in other countries do. Julie looked very comfortable being back at the podium and presiding over the meeting again.

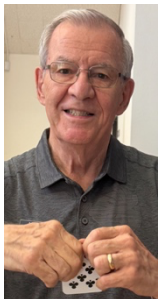
Stan Larson Scholar

Arny Bloom introduced Tobin Anders and his mother, Tania Anders. Tobin spoke about his freshman year at UCLA in a dorm room with his best friend, in a hall with one bathroom for 50 guys. He took many General Education classes as he works toward his engineering degree. Next year he'll room with five guys in an apartment and take lots of math classes. He hopes for an internship over the next 3 years. He appreciates the scholarship as textbooks cost \$200!



Auction

Jess Swick brought an auction item from Canada he valued as "between \$5 and \$100." After bidding, the prize was won by Steven Llanusa for \$45. Inside the attractive green bag was a refillable water bottle and a tin of high end chocolates. The tin remained unopened despite suggestions to share it.



Raffle

Tori Alvarez invited Tobin Anders to draw the winning ticket. Sales of raffle tickets were robust since there was a one-in-three chance of winning the pot which was at \$2,340. Mike Conley won the raffle again, but only selected the nine of clubs. Next week there are only two remaining cards. Winners of the raffle will have a 50-50 chance of winning the pot!



True Confessions

Laura Bray explained that she worked the Membership Table last Monday. For the first time, she listened to the concert last Monday. "When we're working the Snack Bar, we can't really hear it. It was great." And she won't be at the next concert.



Greg Negrete reported as he entered the Kiwanis Board Meeting last Tuesday that JoJo Treadwell told him, "I have the most fantastic news." Then, she left immediately after the meeting, and he still doesn't know what it is because Jojo is in Reno. Hopefully this information is not time sensitive!

Steven Llanusa apologized for his error in saying that the pot was won last week. And he passed around sign-up sheet for more Bulletin writers.



Jess Swick had a great vacation in Canada, watching his two little grandgirls in the surf. Ah. Family time is so valuable.



Paul Wheeler donated \$20 because, "I got to take another trip around the sun with the great Kiwanians club members here." Happy Birthday, Paul!



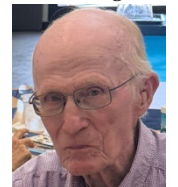
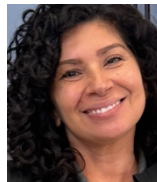
Cass Armstrong asked, "Who read last week's Bulletin?" She then counted several, but not all, hands raised. She explained, "Because there's a lot of effort done each week for the Bulletin. I just want to make sure it's getting read."



Tail Twister

Tori Alvarez geared questions for Tail Twisting to the Program so the questions are cocktail based.

1. In the Big Lebowski, what cocktail does the dude famously order? ANSWER: Alas, it was a White Russian. Somebody got it wrong.



2. In the classic song "Margaritaville" what does Jimmy Buffett say he is searching for? ANSWER: He lost his shaker of salt.



3. Which tequila-based cocktail is traditionally made with tequila, lime, and orange liqueur? ANSWER: margarita

4. In the movie "Desperado," who plays the guitar-carrying hero in "El Mariachi"? ANSWER: Harrison Ford



5. Which movie famously features the line, "Nobody puts baby in a corner"? ANSWER: Dirty Dancing

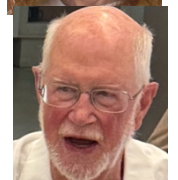
6. In "Cocktail," Tom Cruise plays a bartender who makes spectacular drinks. What is his character's name? Christine Duran said, "You should ask: Who has seen the movie?" ANSWER: Brian Flanagan



7. In "National Lampoon Vacation," where does the Griswold family hope to visit? ANSWER: Wally World



8. In the "Hangover," where does the group travel for the bachelor party? ANSWER: Las Vegas.





9. In the Blues Brothers," Jake and Elwood famously order what type of food at the diner? CHOICES: pancakes, chicken, or dry white toast? ANSWER: all of them.

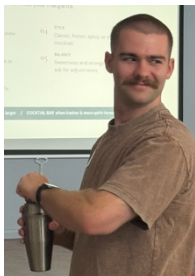


Barbara explained, "I'm sorry I didn't see or hear who did or didn't answer. But weren't they great questions to go along with the tequila presentation?"

Program

Justin Glomboske, Paulina Alvarez (his fiancé and Tori's sister), and Tori Alvarez gave information and drinks. Mocktails were also available and popular.

What is tequila? A distilled spirit made from blue agave, primarily in Jalisco, Mexico, where the soil, altitude and climate shape the agave. Traditionally roasting, milling, fermenting, and distillation preserve its character.



These are the tequila types: 1) Blanco: unaged, fresh, vivid agave; 2) Reposado, aged 2-13 months, smooth, gentle oaked; 3) Anejo, 1-3 years, rich and complex. This is the best one. Careful: it could cost \$400 a shot. She said she'd had one.

"And the good thing is I didn't have to pay for it."

Make sure there are no additives, because it's the additives and sugars that create a hangover. Some major brands are being sued because they claim to have no additives. Wrong. It's blue agave that has the best taste.

The classic margarita is just triple sec tequila, fresh lime juice, and simple syrup. Mocktails were also available for our demonstration. The rim of the glass can have salt or tajin, a spicy mix. Be careful when you order, sometimes you get a double and you don't know it until the bill.



What is simple syrup? Just equal parts sugar and water. [Boiling the water and then adding the sugar makes it easier to dissolve the sugar evenly.]

Mocktail is just a puree with blended frozen fruit, like a strawberry flavored syrup.

What is the calorie count? Tori said, "I don't count calories when I'm drinking margaritas."

What local restaurant has the best margaritas? Elviras, La Paloma, and Niños.

What's the purpose of salt on the rims? It's different, combines sweet and salty. People like it.



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



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Kiwanis Club Calendar

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
August 29	Leadership Training	Div. 15 8360 Red Oak #201	Saturday	8:30
September 3	Weekly Meeting	St. Ambrose	Thursday	Noon
September 9	Board Meeting	101 S. Mills Ave	Wednesday	5:15 PM

Programs

August 20—Seth Pringle Artist
August 26 – Step Pyramids of Mexico City
September 3 – Upland Swat Team
September 10 – Another interesting Program

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 Greg Shapton, Jess Swick, John Thompson, and Jim Wylie



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TAIL TWISTER TEAM – Conrad Nicoll
HOUSE COMMITTEE – varies each week via signups
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