

# Kiwanis Club of SLO Noontime



## Koverall



May 11, 2006

### Meeting Notes

President C called the meeting to order with gavel to bell at 12:30 p.m. Bob A led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bart led us in singing (sort of) "You're a Grand Old Flag". Howie provided the invocation.

Bob A briefly introduced our program speaker Jerry Kaml. Kevin was pleased to introduce Bridgitte Kramer in Shane's temporary absence. Baxter introduced wife Deon and Don V brought wife Carrie as a guest. Rich introduced note taker and bell keeper extraordinaire Aimee Snow.

Kevin reported on the nominating committee's (of one) proposed slate of officer for next year. In addition to Kevin as president other slate members include: Justin V as vice-president, Milt as secretary, and Pila as treasurer. President C welcomed nominations from the floor and hearing none, he accepted the slate of officers as presented. Election will be on May 18 during our annual meeting.

Howie reported on Feed the Homeless on Sunday evening. He has been saving our leftover catered lunch entrees and freezing

### Meeting Notes, Continued

them for serving the homeless as he did that evening. Judson Terrace also furnished entrees and our regulars came with their bounty as well. Three Circle K members - Sarah, Michelle and Nathan - helped to serve as did Pila, Doc S, Baxter, Don V and Howie.

Don McC led us in singing an altered version of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" to get us in the mood to root for the SLO Blues. Their season begins May 21 and Kiwanis Night is June 16. Don McC says we need a quartet to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" as well as entertain during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch.

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### Upcoming Kiwanis Events!!!

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| May 18 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon<br><i>Program: Hazel McNett, Commander SLO Am. Legion</i>            |
| May 25 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon<br><i>Program: Don Vermeer, "Before you die, eat a peck of dirt"</i> |
| June 1 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon<br><i>Program: Judson Terrace Field Trip</i>                         |
| June 8 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon<br><i>Program: TBD, hosted by Shane</i>                              |

## Meeting Notes, Continued

### Secret Greeter

Gary was Secret Greeter but everyone was friendly so no \$\$ raised. We're on to you Gary & Pres C!

### Fine Free

Holly was absent.

### Joke of the Week

Dan is ALWAYS prepared with a joke or two and today was no different. Thanks for the Navy funny Dan! Howie also had a Farmer John and the chickens joke.

### Soap Box

Cathy was absent.

## Announcements

Dan and Rich announced that by this week's meeting a total of 59 tickets have been sold to the June Reverse Drawing and Dinner event. Keep it up members!

There are only 100 tickets (admitting four for the dinner, no-host bar, and drawing) available so early commitment for ticket purchases is encouraged.

Remember, you can join with one two or three other members or friends to form a "mutual" ticket" with winning proceeds divided among the "consortium" holders.

Bob S and Pres C were the only ones to attend the Interclub at the SLO Morning Club.

## Announcements, Continued

President C announced that a sign-up sheet was being distributed for an upcoming work day at the Manzanita School. The painting and organizing day is May 13 beginning at 9 a.m. - 1.m. at the previous Pacheco School on Grand Avenue.

President C encouraged club members to attend the May 18 DCM at the SLO County Club.

A \$25 dinner ticket buys a gourmet dinner following an open bar beginning at 5:45 p.m.

At least 10 of our club members MUST attend for an honorable showing. Pres. C. and Howie reminded us that NO JEANS ARE ALLOWDED so Pres. C needs to pass this information along especially to the North County Kiwanis Clubs.

## Kiwanis Education

*What year was the first International Convention and where?* Kiwanis International conventions began when the Cleveland, OH Kiwanis Club invited other clubs to meet there in May, 1916. There were a total of 16 clubs with 1,924 members in attendance. Today's usual International Convention attendance is about 12,000.

*Next Week's Question:* The first president of Kiwanis International was named during the 1916 Cleveland convention. Who was it?

## Soap Box

Bob S, his usual optimistic self, told us of a recent weekend he and Lois spent making lemonade. Bob noticed an upcoming "machine convention" some weeks earlier in Half Moon Bay. They tried to book a hotel there but all were full so they booked a room in Carmel.

When they arrived in Half Moon Bay they found no convention and learned that it had been cancelled due to the rain and mud! Thousands of machines left unseen! Nevertheless they first thought they would return to SLO County via Highway 1 through Big Sur but as they ventured south they learned that Highway 1 was closed.

On a whim they drove Highway 16 through the Carmel Valley to Greenfield and the spring display of wild flowers was spectacular as were their rural surroundings. So as Bob says, "If you're served a lemon, make lemonade."

## Fines & Forfeitures

Fine Master Fitz was once again the tail-twister. Rich gave a buck for Bart driving his "birthday gift to Denise" to Kiwanis for the second week in a row. Aimee gave a sad dollar for forgetting to show up at Feed the Homeless on Sunday evening.

Bob A was \$20 happy that Howie has been saving food from our lunches for the homeless as well as for Cal Poly Civil Engineering Department being one of the best in the

## Fines & Forfeitures, Continued

country. Students recently won first place in a competition to design, build and race a concrete canoe and another team won second place in the bridge design competition at a recent conference at UCLA. Lastly, he was happy he got to golf with Gary.

Gary paid a buck NOT to have to share his score he is SO BAD after not playing for 15 years (thanks to Kyker he's back on the course.) Justin gave a happy buck for the warm weather (he rode his motorcycle today).

Kevin also gave a happy buck for the slate of officers for his term as president next year and \$9 for his birthday for a total of \$10. Doc gave a sad buck for "getting old" as he was reminded that Tom Mott played "Little League" baseball 24 years ago!

Fine Master Fitz wants to know why Hilding is ALWAYS absent on his birthday??? Hilding???

Bart gave a sad buck for leaving early. Janice gave \$6 for no longer being sick plus her son graduated from Sacramento State. Pila was also \$5 happy that she too is feeling better after being sick for three weeks.

## Kiwanis Quote

*Baited like eagle giving lately bath'd..  
As full of spirit as the month of May,  
And gorgeous as the sun at midsummer.  
Shakespeare: King Henry IV, Pt. 1*

## Program Speaker

Bob A introduced Jerry Kaml, a volunteer with the American Red Cross. Originally from Texas, Jerry was stationed in California in the Marines and after an honorable discharge he moved to San Luis Obispo to attend Cal Poly where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. He completed his studies at Michigan State University where he received his PhD.

Jerry returned to San Luis Obispo and taught in the public schools for 35 years before his retirement in 1997. Since then he has been an active volunteer with not only the American Red Cross but he is also a Floor Captain at the Performing Arts Center, a Docent at the County Historical Museum, an Instructor for AARP's Safe Drivers Program and Chairman of the SESLOC Federal Credit Union.

In his free time, Jerry enjoys gardening, travel, golf and tinkering with his Model A Fords. He and his wife Sherry live in San Luis Obispo. Jerry has a Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) designation with the American Red Cross. He has helped with various disasters - floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires and hurricanes, most recently Hurricane Katrina.

Jerry was an early responder during Hurricane Katrina and went the day before it struck to Montgomery, AL. "I always try to do my assignment to the best of my ability," Jerry says.

Hurricane Katrina did the most damage in Mississippi and in New Orleans the levies broke

## Program Speaker, Continued

causing Lake Ponchartrain to flood. It was the worst natural disaster to ever hit the United States and the worst disaster ever other than 9/11.

Jerry worked at the Montgomery warehouse and within one day they were on the road in rental trucks to Mobile and on Highway 10 to New Orleans. He distributed MREs (Meals Ready to Eat). Volunteers always worked in pairs due to the civil unrest. Of the workers there, 92% were volunteers.

He told us there were teddy bears on every truck for the children who had lost everything. He returned in October, this time to Biloxi, MS, where he drove 500-600 miles a day in ERVs (emergency response vehicle) doing food distribution.

Biloxi, the largest of the feeding operations, served 8600 hot meals a day. Jerry personally delivered 400 meals a day, 200 twice a day. During the disaster and the subsequent upheaval the American Red Cross provided 200,000 volunteers and served 25 million meals. They will be feeding along the Gulf Coast for at least the next two years.

Jerry believes that Wal-Marts should be used as shelters in the event of such another disaster. Jerry says volunteers, including himself, are ready to come home after three weeks, the normal assignment, because laundry is a problem and they are sleep deprived but satisfied at having helped those so in need.

## News from Kiwanis Intl.

### Disaster Relief Fund to aid Indonesian Earthquake victims

Your International Kiwanis Foundation has again been called upon to aid in disaster relief. The earthquake in Indonesia has destroyed many homes and businesses in the United States Gulf Coast.

The **Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund** will be utilized to aid children affected by the devastating earthquake. The Foundation, working through the districts and clubs within the affected areas, ensures that contributions will be directed to children, the most innocent of the victims.

Many of the concerned ask if there is anything they can do to help. Contributions are being accepted.

Please send your support to the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA 46268 or go to: <https://ssl.kiwanis.org/ssl/kif/disaster.asp> to contribute online.

Our thoughts are with the countless individuals suffering because of this natural disaster. Please join us in serving children who are truly the most innocent victims of severe tragedies.

Stan Storey, President Kiwanis International Foundation

## Monthly Musings

May recognizes National Tennis Month, Physical Fitness and Sports Month, Military Appreciation Month and Better Sleep Month.

The second week of May observes National Hospital Week, Nursing Home Week, Police Week and Stuttering Awareness Week.

To mark May as Older Americans Month, note the following: in 2005 MetLife's Mature Market Institute asked the question "How old is old?"

Not surprisingly, a third of those younger than 30 say that 60-year-olds were old while more than two-thirds of those 50-64 (Boomers) say that older than 70 is old.

Men were more likely to see people as old by 60 than women.

Not surprising if you read the "personals". "Gentleman, 70, seeks woman in her 40's or 50's for amicable relationship." He must think that women his age cannot walk talk or even be amicable!

As Satchel Paige said, "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?"

May 11 is the birthday of Irving Berlin (1888), Phil Silvers (1912) and Doug McClure (1935).

It was on May 11 in 1858 that Minnesota became the 32<sup>nd</sup> state.

## Miscellaneous

### Ticket Winners:

\$4 - Janice

\$6 - Bob S

\$10 - Doc S

### Membership:

Dr. John missed \$57.50 by drawing the seven of spades  
Next week's pot will be \$60.

### Next Meeting May 18, 2006:

Fine Free: Gary S

Soapbox: Fitz

Joke of the Week: Hildy G

Speaker: Hazel McNett

Commander, SLO Am. Legion

Hosted by Dan

### Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May 12

*Hilding & Mary Carol's Anniversary*

May 16

*Kevin Hauber's Birthday*

May 30

*Howie Scholz's Birthday*

May 30

*Wendy Carsel's Birthday*

### Website:

If any members cannot receive the newsletter via an email attachment... please go to:

<http://home.kcbx.net/~xkiwanis/news.html>

for archives that you can view/download.

Thanks Dan, Great Job!!!

*Since it's inception March 2004 we average 51 hits a month on our club's website!!!*

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