

Kiwanis Club of SLO Noontime



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Meeting Notes

Vice-President Kevin Hauber rang the bell sharply at 12:30 p.m.

Returning member Joe Hazouri led us in the pledge (welcome back Joe!). Ron led us in singing "My Country Tis Of Thee." Don McC led us in prayer.

Sandy introduced Circle K vice president Nick Kolbe, a third year business major at Cal Poly and a first-time but sure to be frequent visitor.

Shane's introduction of Bridgette was so shabby that Bart protested loud and long with promises of bad things to come to Shane for his nonchalant behavior.

Fine Free

Rich C was absent due to Yom Kippur.

Secret Greeter

Don Vermeer nailed past president Bart as the only one not shaking his hand.

Even after Bart bought raffle tickets, he failed to be friendly.

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Joke of Week

Nick was not informed of this distinction prior to the meeting so Circle K liaison Shane K told a funny about a plane crash with a CPA, a dentist, a priest and a student aboard. Howie told a story about Johnny in Catholic school.

Upcoming Kiwanis Events!!!

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| Oct. 20 | Special Guest Day @ Monday Club, 12 noon <i>Speaker: Paul Brown, SLO City Councilman</i> |
| Oct. 27 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon <i>Speaker: Dianne Timmerman, Rx Drug Coverage</i> |
| Nov. 3 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon <i>Speaker: Shane Phipps, Grizzly Academy</i> |
| Nov. 10 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon <i>Speaker: Evan Mendelson, Ex. Dir., Hotline</i> |
| Nov. 11 | DCM @ TBD, 6PM <i>Lt. Governor Doug Carrol</i> |
| Nov. 17 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon <i>Speakers: Hilding and Pres. C</i> |

Program Speaker

Unfortunately, our program speaker was ill and unable to attend today's meeting. Fortunately, Sandy seems to always have something to say and shared with us a community resource she recently wrote about for *SLO Journal* magazine (in November 1 issue, coming out soon!)

Alpha Academy is a residential mentoring program for young men ages 18 to 25 located on a 40-acre ranch on Buckley Road near Vachell Lane in San Luis Obispo.

Operated by the Son Care Foundation, founded by Jack and Karen Gould, the non-profit program is based in the 100 plus year old ranch house, renovated to accommodate the Academy when the Foundation bought the ranch in 1999.

Since then more than 70 young men have graduated from the program which teaches leadership, problem solving and life skills.

The students attend four hours of class and spend four hours doing chores and other activities on the ranch. Stephen Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" is the basis for much of the curriculum.

The mission of Alpha Academy is "to mentor young adults seeking direction in acquiring the spiritual, emotional and physical skills necessary to lead successful, responsible lives."

Through "business centers", students have an

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opportunity to gain hands-on experience with budgeting, scheduling, computer work and other activities.

One such business center is Thousand Hills Pet Resort, a day care facility for dogs located on the ranch. Resembling an upscale playground in a park, the Pet Resort provides socialization to dogs there for the day and a multitude of ramps, jumps and runs. They are presently under construction with two dozen cottages that are one, two and three unit facilities for overnight or long-term kenneling.

The Foundation has launched a capital campaign to help support this undertaking and the future of Alpha Academy and its graduates. Rob Bryn, retired from SLOPD as public information officer, is the Director of Outreach.

In addition to Thousand Hills Pet Resort, other business centers include "MissionCars.com" a site designed to help churches and other community service organizations process and benefit from car donations. "Webcarsandtrucks.com" is a partnership with local auto dealer (Ken Jordan Used Cars) and helps people locate and purchase used cars.

For more information on Alpha Academy, Thousand Hills Pet Resort and other business centers, contact 805-596-0433 or alpha@lifemap.net or www.lifemap.net. Thousand Hills Pet Resort can also be reached at daycare@thousandhillspetresort.com.

Soapbox

Hildy Gal made up for lost time some months back when she missed a Soap Box opportunity. She shared that she was born in Chicago and reared in Southern California.

Hildy attended UC Santa Barbara in the 60's but left the country after Nixon's election and lived in Canada for a number of years.

From there, she went to visit her mother on a kibbutz in Israel (her mother is an educator who was on sabbatical) and stayed 13 years. It was there that she met her husband of 25 years, Gideon (Giddy). They had three children, two sons and a daughter.

When the politics became untenable in Israel, the Gal family moved to the United States and back to California for Hildy. They first settled in Tehachapi but moved to San Luis Obispo County nearly eight years ago and currently live in Atascadero.

Her children, now 20, 22 and 24 years old, all live away from the home but she still has an active household with two Israeli houseguests currently.

Both English and Hebrew are spoken in their home and all of her children have Hebrew names (one son still adheres to). She and Giddy also have three dogs and four cats.

Giddy owns and operates an office supply business (John Carsel is a client) and until the last few years, Hildy managed her husband's

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business and was a stay-at-home mom. She began volunteering for Salvation Army in Atascadero and when the job became available in San Luis Obispo, she was encouraged to apply for it.

Hildy reminded us that the Salvation Army is always in need of donated items. She thanked us for being bell ringers and said that she hopes to get a "competition" going between the three local Kiwanis Club to ring for the most money.

She also told us about the "angel" project during the holiday season. Different locations around town will have trees decorated with "angel" photographs. "Angels" are for adoption, which means buying Christmas presents for the child as suggested by their moms.

She suggested that we consider giving gift certificates, which are particularly good for teen-agers.

Hands on volunteers are especially needed before the holidays.

Reminder: We will be visiting the Salvation Army for our regular club meeting on January 12, 2006.

Kiwanis Quote

"Never eat more than you can lift."
...Miss Piggy

Announcements

Acting President Hauber passed around a sign-up sheet for Special Guest Day tasks. The "calling committee" was asked to report on their contacts and at least ten invitees have responded that they will attend Thursday's meeting. They were asked to be sure to make reminder calls on the 18th. Thanks everyone for your follow-through.

On Special Guest Day, each table will have name cards and seat four club members and four guests. Everyone is encouraged to mingle as much as possible. And more importantly, EVERYONE needs to be in attendance.

Shane announced that this week's Circle K meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday, October 6 in the Engineering building. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dan H and Jim F are spearheading this year's See's Candy sales. Each box is \$13, \$2 less than See's retail price. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

Fines & Forfeitures

Captain Bart served as Fine Master and Holly once again commanded the collection box. He immediately coughed up \$3 sad for having to leave early, for forgetting to shake Don V's hand and for his youngest son being in the hospital for tests.

Jim F was \$5 happy that after missing several meetings due to work and other commitments,

Fines & Forfeitures, Continued

he is able to join us again. Howie gave five happy bucks for Joe's recovery and return as well.

Joe was sad that he has been absent from our "august group" but \$10 happy that he's back and his replacement surgery was so successful, both of his legs are now the same length and he no longer "tilts"! Congratulations Joe and welcome back!

Jim A gave \$5 for "batching" it for a month while Dawn is visiting their daughter and family in Orange County. Ron gave a sad buck for leaving early. Shane was happy that Nick was in attendance and hopes for more Circle K participation in the future.

Kiwanis Education

Where and when was the first International convention held outside of the United States and Canada? The second International convention held outside North America was held in 1993 where?

The first Kiwanis International meeting outside of North America was held in Vienna, Austria in 1983, marking the 20th anniversary of Vienna's Kiwanis Club, the first one in Europe. The second was held in Nice, France in 1993.

Next week's question? What is Kiwanis Fourth Object?

Miscellaneous

Ticket Winners:

\$4 - Shane

\$6 - Jim A

\$10 - Shane

Membership:

Sandy missed for \$87.50.

Next week's pot is \$90.

Next Week's Meeting:

Fine Free: Jim F

Soapbox: Fitz

Joke of the Week: Joe H

Speaker: Paul Brown

City Councilman &
Entrepreneur

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/15: John Carsel
Birthday

10/15: Jan Carsel
Birthday

10/21: Jim Frye
Birthday

11/1: Sandy Baer
Club Anniversary

11/19: Milt & Pamela Batson
Anniversary

11/20: Lois Stratton
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!!!

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