



Woodside Terrace A. M. Kiwanis Club
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ARE WE HAVING FUN YET? Have you got yourself in that "Kiwanis Goove" yet? You know, when you look at your calendar for the month and most of what you are going to be doing this month involves Kiwanis. Yep, the cioppino was just the start. A warm up. Something to get the juices flowing. It seems to me that there are some basic physics dynamics at work here. Like "bodies at rest tend to stay at rest." Translation, if your "Kiwanis" body is not doing something right now, it will tend not to do anything in the future.

However, "bodies in motion tend to stay in motion" dictates that once a Kiwanis member gets "in motion," gets "active," gets in the "Kiwanis Groove," he or she will stay that way. So, I see it as part of my job to motivate, to activate, and sometimes agitate people into action. Give them the spark that gets the motion going that just doesn't stop.

If there ever was an example of Kiwanis in action, in rhythm, in style, it was our annual cioppino feed. We have been there before. We have worried and fretted, and in the past, it came off fine. But this year there was an unspoken sense that we were going to fall short of our expectations. After all, the economy is in the tank. People all over are losing their jobs and being displaced. And our friends at the Legion tell us that we have to cut back on our attendance this year to be in compliance with fire codes. Kinda felt like everything was stacked against us. Two weeks before the event it even looked like we wouldn't sell the reduced number of tickets.

Then it happened. That Kiwanis Groove kicked in. Mike Akana reports that sponsorships were showing more activity than in years past. Raffle prizes started to overwhelm Carol Stewart. The volunteers start signing up and filling the duty roster. We get a good deal on the wine through David Amann. The Key Club assures us that they are on board.

Soon members are saying "I need some tickets!" The balance is tipped and the event landslides to unparalleled success. It's the momentum. It's the motion started by a great event chairman, Nicole McKay, that filters down to all the members and results in the best cioppino ever. You all showed up. You knew what had to be done, and you did it. In spades. Congratulations for a job very well done. AND, look at the calendar to see what's next. We have the momentum. Let's keep it rolling!. **PREZ BILL**

(P.S. As I reviewed this writing before pushing the "send" button to Lynne, I realized that I had mentioned only a few names of the vast number of members who worked so hard to make the event successful. Mea culpa! And, we had a lot of help from non-members as well, including, particularly, Tom Person, Larry Graves and Al Quebec who all pulled duty for two days. I am sure that there are going to be some great pictures on the web site. Go. Look. And Thank all those you see in the pictures for their help, and I will do the same.)

Well, We Did It!!

Thanks to our chief crab lady, Nicole McKay, and lots of helpers our 4th annual crab cioppino fund raiser was a great success. Things looked pretty iffy just 2 weeks before the event as ticket sales were down significantly from where they were the same time last year, but a last minute push brought us to within just a few tickets shy of our target. And our sponsors contributed even more this year than last, so we ended up doing just fine.

There are so many people to thank it is hard to know where to start, but special thanks go to Nicole for taking charge, Donna for tracking and accounting for all of the tickets (last year we oversold and it was not pretty!!), Carol Stewart, Lourdes Carini, and Regina Van Brunt for coordinating all of the raffle and silent auction prizes, all of our wonderful cooks, of course, but especially Tommy Person who always has fun and makes it look easy (but really it is far from that!!), to our Key Clubbers for helping in so many ways, to Mike for coordinating the sponsors and creating the program, to Ella Morris for making the salad, to the Souffront family who helped in many ways, to Elizabeth who cut a lot of cake, to Jeff Thorson for being DJ extraordinaire, for David Amann for being Emcee, to those who sold tickets and to those who bought tickets. It was wonderful also, to see Bill Lowell and Carl Barbieri, club members whom we rarely see. I know I must have left out some names and I don't want to slight anybody. It really takes a concerted effort to pull this off, and as always, our club members came together to make it happen.

Preliminary figures are already in. It looks like we netted just over \$10,000. That means we can support more service projects for our community!!! Thanks everybody for all your hard work.



Midwinter:

Wouldn't you know it, but our crab cioppino conflicted with the midwinter conference in Sacramento. However, our immediate past President and incoming Lt. Governor, Mike Akana, represented our club. here is his report:

Midwinter Conference North at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento was well attended. Don Canaday, International President was in attendance and promised to attend the Convention in San Diego in August if the District meets its membership goals. Past International President Steve Siemen's also attended and his presentation was a big hit. He is a professional public speaking coach, so his presentations are always polished, original, and thought provoking. There was also a presentation of the Kiwanis Doctor program, an overview of the Key Leaders program, and a challenge by the Key Club, Circle K for support of the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation. The Palo Alto club won the Large Club Interclub Award (as usual!!)

The Second Annual Rubber Ducky Regatta, benefitting the Pediatric Trauma Program, was touted. The Regatta is on Saturday April 25. There is a chance to win \$1,000,000 if the duck with your number wins the race. And in case you think there is no chance to win, Caroline McKendry won one of the prizes last year. More details will follow. There were previews of the 94th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee June 25-28 at the Nashville Convention Center and the District Convention August 13-15 at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego.

I attended the morning General Session, the workshop for Lt. Governor's elect and the Interclub Luncheon. After the third workshop session in the afternoon, I high tailed it to the American Legion for our crab cioppino fund raiser.

Mike Akana

Upcoming Events



Governor's Visit: It isn't too late to sign up for the Governor's Visit on Sunday, March 8 starting at 12 noon (lunch is served at 1:00 PM). So far only five members have signed up to go. Usually we have at least 8. This year they have kept the cost down to try to make it easier for folks who might be struggling a bit (aren't we all right now?) It will be at the the Saratoga Community Center, 19655 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga. Traditionally clubs present Distinguished Service Awards and Dunlaps or Hixsons to deserving club members at this event. Also, if you haven't met Gov. Dan Connolly yet this is a great opportunity to get to know him. He is a dynamo, a great person and a dedicated Kiwanian. If you think you can make it, please contact Lynne Mercer at 650-752-0756 or Lmercer@Lmercer.com . Hope to see you there!!

Mezes Park: The day before the Governor's visit our club will participate in building a new playground at Mezes Park in Redwood City. This may count as our Kiwanis One Day service project, so we need a lot of club members and also Key Clubbers to show up. This is exactly the sort of service project that Kiwanis supports.... playgrounds for children!!! David Amann is spearheading the event. Here is what David wrote: The day will kick off at 8:30AM and finish around 3:00PM. Plan on staying the whole day because we'll need a ton of volunteers all day, there will be food, music and activities for the kids. (Note, Better to come for a few hours than to not come at all!!) We will also need help with registering volunteers, serving/cooking/donating food on Build Day. Here are the details:

Date: March 7th, 2009

Time: 8:30AM-2:30PM

Location: Mezes Park, Warren and Standish Street, Redwood City, CA 94063

If you and your friends would like to help, please send me the following at david.amann+mezes@gmail.com

- **Name:**
- **Phone Number:**
- **Email Address:**
- **Mailing Address:**
- **Number of People You Are Bringing:**
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If you do decide to help, I will need to know how many hours you put in for my monthly report (and also to qualify for Kiwanis 1 banner patch.) So please send a cc to Lmercer@Lmercer.com . Thank you so much for participating!!!

Relay for Life: Greetings! Please mark your calendars for May 30-31 for this year's Relay for Life at Sequoia High School. This year we celebrate Relay's 25th birthday! It's a very special year and we'd love to have a huge level of participation. The website is already up and working, if you'd like to sign up, go to: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=13873

If we have 100% on-line sign ups we can qualify for time off the "track" - that means we could choose to be off the walking path from 2 a.m. - 4 a.m and George who usually walks that shift could get some sleep!!

Just follow the link to sign up for team name "Woodside Terrace Kiwanis" or call me and let me know if you'd like me to sign you up. (650) 670-4078. Take Care.

- Donna Vaillancourt

Other Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendars for:

- Interclub with Palo Alto: Thurs, March 19, Sheraton Hotel
- Kiwanis Show: Time Warp!! March 27 (Friday Evening) is Kiwanis Night/\$20-\$35
- Al Julian Games: (Regional Track Meet and a Division Event) April 18
- Beach Blanket Babalon: (Division Social Event) April 26
- Special Games: (Division Event) May 15
- Tour de Cure (Division Event) June 14
- International Convention in Nashville: June 25 - 28
- July 4th Carnival: (Our Second Major Fund Raiser) July 3, 4, 5 **** Larry already has tickets*****

Member News:



Our own Margie Carrington was speaker at one of our club meetings in February. Margie joined our club in 1993 after visiting us as a guest speaker. When she learned about our scholarship program, she didn't blink an eye. She submitted her application on the spot and became a member of our club. Margie is Director of Financial Aid and Scholarship Coordinator at Canada College, so she has been a very active member of our Scholarship Committee. She also is on our Board of Directors. But did you know she is also a child advocate? That was the topic at her recent presentation to our club. The following information is directly from the San Mateo County child advocacy website:

Each year, 600-800 San Mateo County children enter the foster care system as a result of abuse and neglect. Advocates for Children trains and supports Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers (CASA) who mentor and speak up for these children.

CASA has had a strong presence in San Mateo County since 1999. Initially our organization was part of a two county agency, Child Advocates of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. In March 2006, San Mateo formed its own, separate CASA organization, Advocates for Children.

A member of the National CASA Association, our local CASA program operates under the authority of and according to guidelines established by the Judicial Council, as outlined in the California State Welfare & Institutions Code and in Rule 1424 of the California Rules of Court. More than 900 CASA program offices are in operation, with trained women and men serving as CASA volunteers. CASA volunteers are the only volunteers that are appointed by a judge and empowered to stand up for an abused or neglected child in court.

Margie asked for our support at their annual fund raiser, a "Music for Our Children" benefit concert to be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009. Earl Thomas and his band will be tearing down the house at The Little Fox Theatre in downtown Redwood City! Tickets are \$75. (Includes one drink, hors d'oeuvres and an event T-shirt. \$20 is tax deductible.) You can buy tickets directly on line (Go to the CASA website at <http://www.advocatesfc.org/> and look under their Upcoming Events) or contact Margie directly at carrintonm@smccd.net.

Key Club News: "On Saturday, February 7th, I had the opportunity to attend my very first Key Club Conclave, held at the Sunnyvale Community Center in Sunnyvale. Key Clubbers from all over Region 17 of Key Club International, encompassing Divisions 12, 34 and 43, gathered to elect their Lt. Governors for 2009-2010. It was a great experience, seeing these young adults, dressed in formal business attire, conduct themselves with decorum (and a lot of fun, too) as they went about their business, asking questions of the candidates and voting for them.

Congratulations are in order for Patrick Lin of Lynbrook Key Club who was elected 2009-2010 LTG for Division 34 South. We'll be seeing more of Patrick as the year progresses. Elections for the Division 34 North LTG were postponed and I'll let you know the results of that election next month. At right are Jason Won Lee, Lt. Governor Elect for 34 north and Jeff Lee, current Lt. Gov.



Attending a Key Club Conclave definitely re-affirms the notion that our future is in good hands. I'm just glad I wasn't subject to the same questions as were the Key Club candidates when I became Lt. Governor!"

- Jim Stinger, Lt. Gov. Div. 34
Div. 34 Newsletter

Programs:

Date	Person Responsible	Speaker/Topic
March 3	Glenn Behm	Julie Brahmst/Gov. Visit
March 10	Bill Morris	Club Social Evening
March 17	Maureen Fish	Georgie LaBerge/Planting Trees
March 24	Glenn Behm	Brian Dahlquist/Division Projects Suggestions
March 31	Glenn Behm	Bill Menafra/Good Friday Prayer Breakfast
April 7	Elizabeth Pollard	Marcia Goldman/Pace, Autism Awareness
April 14	Bill Morris	Club Social Evening
April 21	Donna Vaillancourt	Donna/Relay for Life
April 28	Lynne Mercer	Lisa Marks/Personal Reflections on the Obama Movement

Duty Roster:

Date	Pledge	Invocation	Fine Master
March 3	Carol Stewart	Craig Thorson	Harry Tong
March 10	NA	NA	NA
March 17	Donna Vaillancourt	Mike Akana	Glenn Behm
March 24	Lourdes Carini	Margie Carrington	Steve Dellinger
March 31	Elizabeth Ghelete	Larry Graves	George Kerewicz

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