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Plus:
Highlights from
the Key Club
International
Convention!

Gary Blume was just one of several Kiwanis volunteers helping at a special celebration for the San Diego River Park Foundation on Sunday, July 13th. *See Article on Page 3.*

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by Jim Akin, 2024-25 Club President

Did you ever stop to think about why you joined our Kiwanis club? I'm betting the answer is "probably not." Why do I say this? Well, all of us who are members have a long history of community service. I, personally, have been a member of other organizations for most of my adult life. Those organizations always had community service as a standard goal. I can claim a break in service for the years that I was in the Army. It is stretching it to say that the Army is a community service organization.

Community service, or the desire to help in some way in the neighborhood, is what we do. Most of us learned that from our parents, or were struck by a role model sometime along the way. But why do we do such things as, for example, flip burgers for the River Park Foundation? The pay is terrible, and the checks are never on time, so there must be other reasons.

I would postulate that the primary reason we do such projects is that we receive self-gratification. It makes us feel good to know that we have done work for no other reason than to have done it. Those of you who have helped put up the flags on Waring Road, did you not feel good after ten minutes of 7:00 a.m. coffee-less work? I would say ten strenuous minutes, but that would be pushing it.

Finally, I would like to mention the reason that we can exist as a regularly meeting organization. That is friendship and fellowship. Some of us no longer have working lives that incur a daily haul of human personalities. I don't particularly miss the workplace environment that required tolerance of the anti-social, but I have missed many of the colleagues of the workplace. It is a good feeling to come to a Kiwanis meeting knowing that there will be good conversation between like-minded people.

That element of friendship and fellowship in the Kiwanis world makes up for the terrible working conditions and the rotten pay. The self-gratification is quite refreshing. Find out for yourself. Drag yourself out of bed on a holiday, and come help plant the flags along Waring Road. We don't have coffee. We don't have donuts, but you will go home feeling better.



-- Jim

Who Takes The CAKE This Month?



August Birthdays

- 12 John Chappell
- 29 Dr. Stephan Barrington

August Wedding Anniversaries

None!



August Membership Anniversaries

- 1999 Gary Blume



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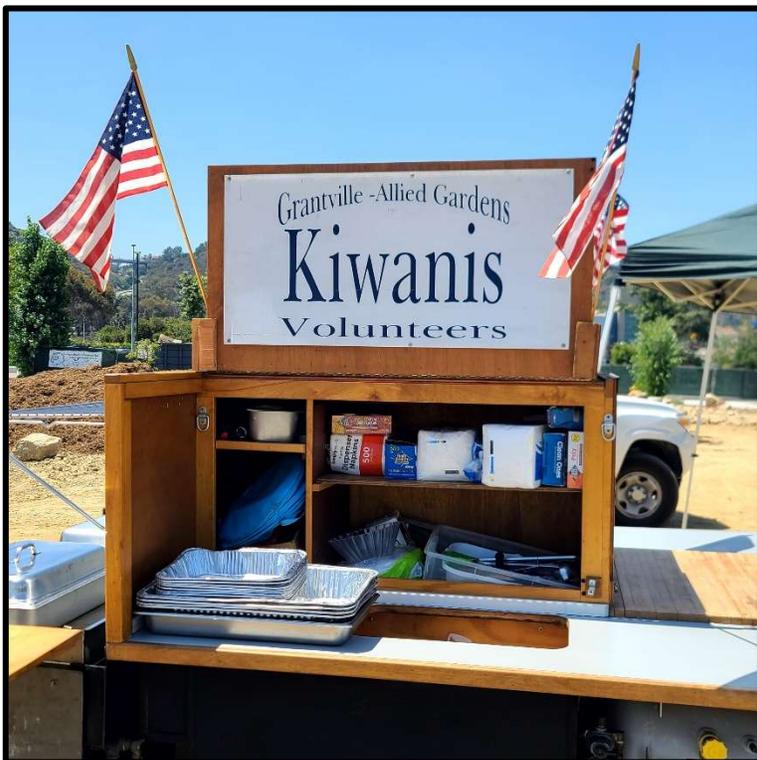
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At left, the famous G.A.G. Kiwanis cook trailer has been through dozens of projects, hundreds of miles, and thousands of burgers over the years! At right, volunteer **John Chandler** has been the master of the grill, and maestro of the spatula, for most of those projects.

A River Runs Through It

Less than a month after we were paid a visit by San Diego River Park Foundation founder and CEO **Rob Hutsel**, G.A.G. Kiwanis volunteers gathered together for a day of service and sunshine at the site of the foundation's new Visitor Center.

On Sunday, July 13th, **John Chandler** and **Dave Erlanson** wheeled out the club's cook trailer and spent about three hours flipping hamburger patties, along with veggie burgers and hot dogs, at a noontime event celebrating some of the San Diego River's most valuable advocates and volunteers. Also helping from Kiwanis were **Gary and Amy Blume**, **John Crawford**, and **Alan Young**.

It was a scorcher of a summer day, but the hard-working volunteers from G.A.G. Kiwanis smiled and served hundreds of meals to hungry patrons. Event organizers from the San Diego River Park Foundation provided the food, including beef patties from the always-popular Hodad's, as well as all of the expected toppings and condiments. Kiwanis was there mainly to cook and provide labor, which we did gladly.

The lunch treats were provided free of charge to those in attendance, many of whom were happy to enjoy the vegetarian or vegan patties offered as an alternative to beef. Many of the volunteers are particularly conscious of the environment and their own health and nutritional needs, so the Garden burgers and black bean patties were almost equally as popular as the more traditional ground beef burgers.

One of the ambassadors for the San Diego River Park Foundation was **Kendall Muell**, a former member of the Lewis Middle School Builders Club and Patrick Henry Key Club. She looks back fondly on her days in the Kiwanis Family. In recent years, she has interned with the San Diego Zoo and with the San Diego River Park Foundation, where she now works full-time as an Education and Outreach Coordinator.



Considering the proximity of the San Diego River to our own community, as well as the importance of keeping our waterways clean, an ongoing partnership between G.A.G. Kiwanis and the River Park Foundation seems only natural. The River Park Foundation will be hosting a similar event in the upcoming months to recognize some of their major donors and community partners, so they may be calling upon G.A.G. Kiwanis and our cook trailer again soon. Overall, this was a fun event for our Kiwanis volunteers and a good way to meet some of our neighbors.

Meeting Notes

Summarized by John Crawford

July 10th – Looking Back on an ICON-ic Visit to the Steel City

With President **Jim Akin** officially “off the grid” on vacation, our meeting was called to order by **Alan Young**, a past President and Past Lt. Governor. This was fitting, as Alan had just returned from his trip to Pennsylvania, New York, and Ontario, a trip which included a visit to the Kiwanis International Convention.

Our guests today included **John Brummer** (online via Zoom), as well as three of our Key Club officers from Patrick Henry High School. We welcomed PHHS Key Club Vice President **Kayla To**, Secretary **Giovanna Rodriguez**, and **Phoebe Shoemaker**, Division 21 East Lt. Governor. Phoebe just returned from the Key Club International Convention in Orlando, and she was happy to tell us all about it.

Alan then introduced us to another guest, **Peter Kozma**, the Founder and Artistic Director of Opera NEO. Peter, along with his assistant **Kelly**, have been using our meeting room at Palisades Church for rehearsals as they do every summer. Opera NEO is an organization that hopes to introduce opera for a new generation, performing operatic works in period-appropriate instruments. That explains the 18th-century replica harpsichord that’s been in our meeting room for the last few weeks!

Peter just returned from Budapest, Hungary, where he worked with several Hungarian performers, and even brought back a few with him to San Diego! Over the next few weeks (Opera NEO keeps a performance schedule going all summer long), Peter’s troupe will be performing works by Vivaldi, along with some Italian comedy operas. They will perform at the Spanish Village in Balboa Park, among other local venues. For more information about the program, please visit www.OperaNEO.com.



Alan Young, a Past President and Past Lt. Governor of our club, is also a member of Palisades Church. Alan not only ran the meeting for us today, but served as our Kiwanian of the Day as well!

After a few announcements, including an upcoming service project at the San Diego River and Grant Park, Alan turned things over to **John Crawford**, our President-Elect. John gave us a slideshow review of the recent Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, **Valerie**, were able to attend, along with **Alan** and **Grace Young**, and many of our Kiwanis friends from the California-Nevada-Hawai’i District.

John summarized the International Convention, saying that the most pleasant surprise of the entire convention was a surprise live appearance and Keynote address by Steelers legend **Terry Bradshaw**. The NFL Hall-of-Famer thrilled the crowd with a humorous and engaging speech, stepping in as a last-minute replacement for actor **Martin Sheen**.

John also told us about the workshops and officer elections at the International level, as well as a side trip to PNC Park for a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game and a live drone show after the game. Alan and Valerie also gave us their impressions of the convention, and although our preferred candidate lost the election for International Vice President, we all agreed that Pittsburgh was worth the trip! The city was a blend of history and modern amenities.

For those who were unable to attend this year’s Kiwanis International Convention, upcoming conventions are scheduled to take place in Manila, Philippines (2026), Dallas, Texas (2027), and Las Vegas (2028). We also look forward to our own California-Nevada-Hawai’i District Convention coming up in Las Vegas, August 7-9, 2025.



Peter Kozma, the Founder and Artistic Director behind Opera NEO, gave us a brief and impromptu presentation about his troupe and their performances.

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June 26th – Taking Care of Our Favorite Local Waterway

With several of our members – including Club President **Jim Akin** – still away on their summer vacations, it fell to our President-Elect, **John Crawford**, to chair today's meeting.

We introduced our guests, including **Judy Enchelmayer**, wife of club member **Vic Enchelmayer**, and our old friend on Zoom, **John Brummer**, joining us online from his home in Lockeford, California. We were also very happy to welcome back **Kathy Ha**, a former member of our Key Club at Patrick Henry High School, who has now completed college and is working for an aviation company in El Cajon. Kathy has been interested in getting back involved with the Kiwanis Family after a four-year Key Club journey that helped shape her life.

One other guest joining us for the day was **Doug Mooney**, a longtime employee of the San Diego District Attorney's office. He was there primarily to hear from our guest speaker, **Martín Nuñez**, who gave us a very informative presentation about the latest scams and schemes that we need to watch out for.

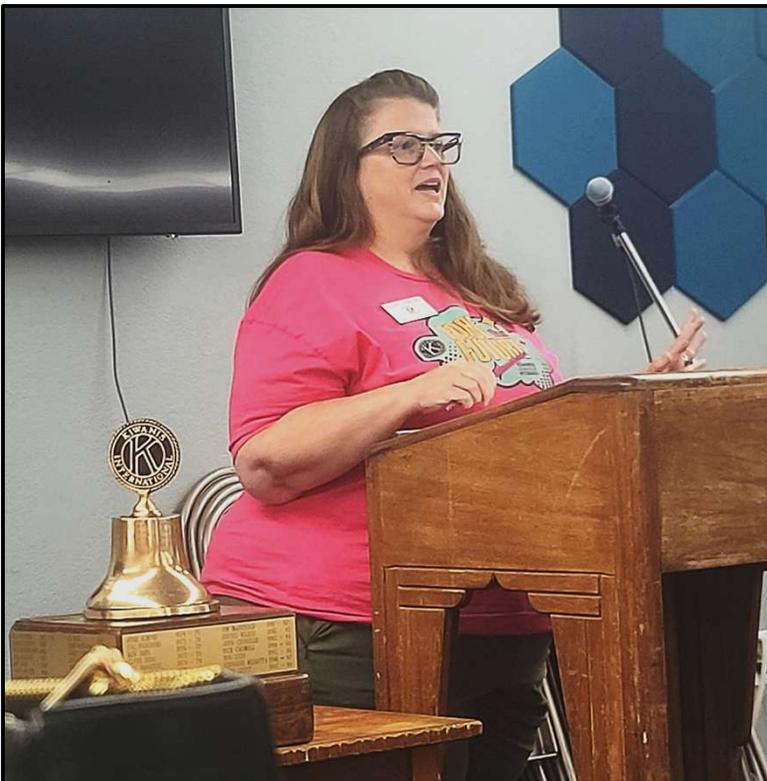
Martín Nuñez was hired by San Diego District Attorney **Summer Stephan** several years ago to specialize in elder abuse cases and fraud prevention. He also works as a law professor at the St. Francis School of Law in San Diego, and just returned from the World Police Summit in Dubai!

Professor Nuñez let us know that for every case of elder abuse that is reported to the proper authorities, it's estimated that another 23 cases go unreported! Many people are afraid to report these situations out of shame or embarrassment, or fear of retaliation. As a society, our elderly population is growing at a record pace, to the point where by 2035, 23 percent of the U.S. population will be considered elderly. For the first time in human history, the elderly will outnumber children!

Martín went on to explain that the most common type of elder abuse is financial abuse, in which a trusting or confused senior is convinced to turn over large sums of money or grant access to a bank account or credit card. In many cases, the perpetrator is a relative (often somebody who lives in the same home) or an unscrupulous professional, such as a tax preparer or in-home caregiver with access to the senior's sensitive personal information. Seniors can be scammed by their own grown children or grandchildren, particularly those battling mental health or drug and alcohol issues. Alzheimer's patients or dementia patients are especially susceptible to this.

Some of the most frequent scams seen in San Diego this year include computer viruses or tech support impersonators, law enforcement impersonators, and friend requests on social media from total strangers posing as friends or relatives. There are also the "Romeo" scammers who present themselves online as a possible romantic interest, preying on the lonely and single, who establish an online relationship with the victim before convincing them to send them a large personal loan. There is also the "grandchild scam," in which the scammer calls a senior and claims to be in some sort of immediate trouble, such as a large debt or a need for bail money to get out of prison. This one hit us especially close, as one of our former club members nearly fell for this very scam; thank goodness for the local bank manager who recognized the scam before any money was lost!

After Professor Nuñez had to bail on us – pun intended – we turned things over to our Kiwanian of the Day, **Valerie Crawford**, who quizzed us on some amazing facts and figures from the world of Major League Eating! **Joey Chestnut** and his hot dog record will face no challenge from the likes of us!



Pressed into service as an impromptu Kiwanian of the Day, **Valerie Crawford** bowled us over with some questions about Major League Eating!



Guest speaker **Martín Nuñez** of the San Diego District Attorney's Office also doubles as a professor for a local law school!

Kiwanis Goes Storming Into Lake Elsinore for a Good Cause

Friday, August 1st was Kiwanis Night with the Lake Elsinore Storm, and it drew a crowd of Kiwanians from San Bernardino to San Diego.

Located about 20 minutes north of Temecula, the Lake Elsinore Storm are a Single-A minor league affiliate of the San Diego Padres. This game pitted them against the Inland Empire 66ers, a farm team for the Los Angeles Angels. This game was promoted to Kiwanis Clubs throughout Southern California as a fundraiser to support the First Lady's Focus, the Cal-NeV-Ha Kiwanis District's yearlong initiative to help treat and prevent pediatric cancer. First Lady **June Frost**, wife of District Governor **Doug Frost**, was at the game.

June recalled going to Lake Elsinore Storm games back when she was working as a librarian in Riverside County. Although she lives in San Diego today, she considers herself a fan of the Storm. She was not aware that the game was a fundraiser for her project until after she had already purchased her ticket. Imagine her surprise, then, when she was told that she would get to throw out the ceremonial first pitch! "Kiwanis is making my dreams come true," she said.

Although First Lady June was nervous about throwing out the first pitch, she did a fine job, with our own **John Crawford** serving as her personal catcher, and Region 4 Trustee **Rex Ramsey** of the San Bernardino Kiwanis Club acting as an umpire!

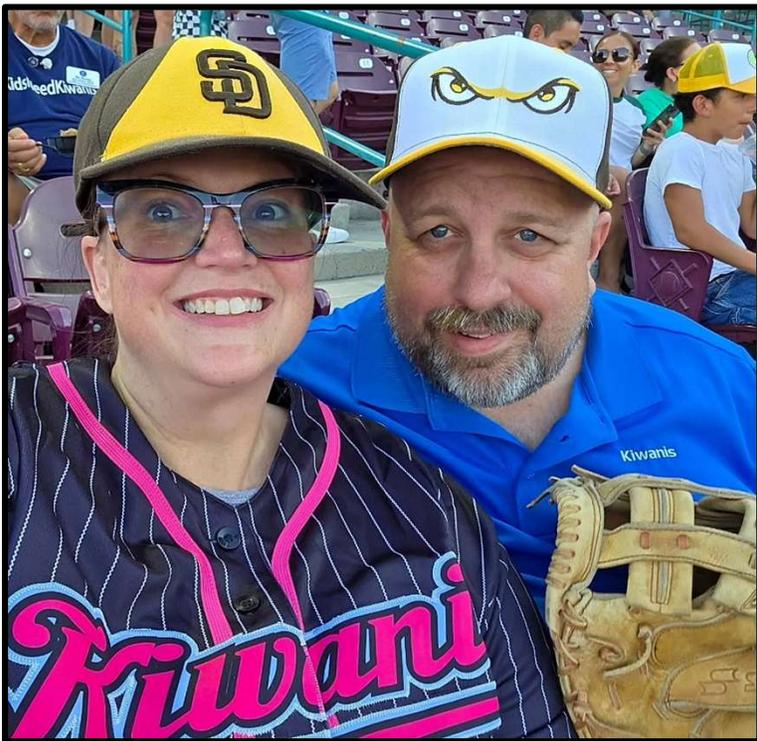
The Temecula Valley Kiwanis Club – geographically the closest club to the Diamond in Lake Elsinore – also had their own pregame recognition on the field. They brought out three of their club's scholarship recipients and had each of them throw out a first pitch to the team's mascot, **Thunder**. About 35 Kiwanians from Temecula Valley were in attendance, with an additional 35 or so from other clubs.

Representing Grantville-Allied Gardens were **John** and **Pam Chandler**, along with **John** and **Valerie Crawford**.

The game itself was a fun one, with the home team falling behind early to a 2-0 deficit in the fifth inning. However, Lake Elsinore came storming back to a 3-2 walkoff victory with a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the ninth. The crowd, including many Kiwanians who stayed to the end, was then treated to a postgame fireworks display.



Kiwanians **Rex Ramsey**, **June Frost**, and **John Crawford** pause for a pre-game selfie on the field with Lake Elsinore's mascot, **Thunder**.



Valerie and **John Crawford** were just two of at least 70 Kiwanians in attendance for Kiwanis Night with the Lake Elsinore Storm.



“This is Why We Live Here”: Summer Sunset on the Shore!

Although we enjoy our Kiwanis meetings each week, the fifth Thursday of each month is reserved for a fun social night for our members to get together in a more informal setting. During the summer, the most popular social event is our beach bonfires, held in Mission Bay Park next to the Paradise Point resort.

This summer has been no exception, as for the second time, we gathered around a bonfire pit on the bay. Preparing for a sunset on a picture-perfect July evening, **George and Kathy Butterstein** scouted out the ideal location to soak in the sun and watch the boats go by.

Soon, as more and more of our club members and spouses showed up, it was time to get the grill going. Hot dogs, potato salad, chips, baked beans, watermelon... we had all the fixings for an ideal summer night cookout. **Alan and Grace Young** even brought the perfect dessert to top off the night – S'mores!

Vic and Judy Enchelmayer brought along their cornhole set for some competitive fun. **Dave and Carolyn Erlanson** brought plenty of firewood, including some crisp and dry pine cones that really stoked the fire!

We were also joined by **Winnie and Craig Bratlien**, friends from the Scripps Ranch Kiwanis Club. Also attending – and contributing to the potluck feast – were **Jim Akin, John and Pam Chandler, John and Valerie Crawford**, and **Joi and Paul Vogel**. Four of our members' dogs made the trip as well.

Dave and Kathy combined to keep the fire stoked and strong for the entire evening. Kathy kept throwing in a special chemical additive that would change the color of the flames to green, blue, or even purple! It was certainly entertaining.

Overall, the bonfire was a delightful way to meet up with our favorite Kiwanis friends outside of the meeting environment. No bell, no gavel, no name badges, no announcements.

If you missed our July 31st bonfire, don't fret. We will most likely hold at least one more beach bonfire social in August or September, before the weather starts to get chilly.



Using a special chemical compound to change the colors of the flames, **Kathy Butterstein** admires her handiwork at the bonfire. “I think in another life,” she laughs, “I could have been a pyromaniac.”



At left, the **Bratliens** catch up with the **Youngs**, while **Carolyn Erlanson** tends to her dog; at right, Kiwanians surround the fire ring with the sun shining over scenic Mission Bay behind them. It was a perfect night to get out to the beach, but there's always room for a few more people to join in the fun.



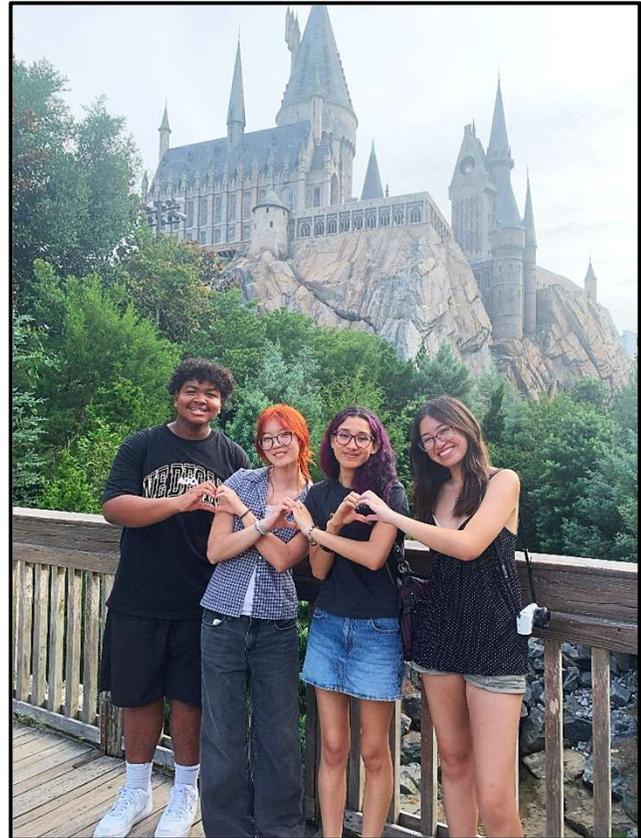
Representing three different divisions within San Diego County, Key Club Lieutenant Governors **Phoebe Shoemaker**, **Donald Nash**, and **Liliana Hooks** posed for a quick photo with the giant Key Club wordmark during the International Convention in Orlando.

From June 29th to July 6th, four of San Diego’s local Key Club Lieutenant Governors – **Liliana Hooks** (*Division 21 West*), **Donald Nash** (*Division 11*), **Leo Nguyen** (*Division 31*), and our own **Phoebe Shoemaker** (*Division 31 East*) – traveled to Orlando, Florida to attend the Key Club International Convention. This was a particularly memorable convention as it celebrated Key Club’s 100th year of service.

Leo Nguyen of Helix High School in La Mesa summarized the Convention experience as such: “Throughout the convention, we participated in engaging workshops, listened to inspiring speeches – with one of the Keynote speakers being Coach VJ (**Vera Jo Bustos**) – celebrated our peers as they received well-deserved recognition, and witnessed the installation of the new International Board. Even **Gary Jander** was honored with a mention during Kiwanis International Trustee **Cathy Tutty’s** speech at the closing session! Overall, we had an unforgettable time, from meaningful moments at the convention to fun memories like hitting the pool!”

Several members of the PHHS Key Club board of directors enjoyed a “summer tour” of San Diego County on July 11th with advisors **John** and **Valerie Crawford**. The kids were able to enjoy breakfast in Ramona, feed goats and other animals at a petting zoo at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center, view incredible metal sculptures in the desert of Anza-Borrego State Park, and try a few free samples at the famous Julian Cider Mill. Overall, it was a fun opportunity for board bonding and a little “staycation.” PHHS Key Club will be present at the school’s freshman orientation later this month.

For more information about the Key Club International Convention in Orlando, see **Phoebe Shoemaker’s** article on the next page.



Local Key Clubbers took a short break from the Convention and visited Harry Potter World at Universal Studios Orlando.

Below: A group of Cali-Nev-Ha Key Clubbers enjoyed the theme parks of Orlando!



Fun in the Sun at Key Club Convention in Orlando

by Phoebe Shoemaker, Division 21 East Key Club Lt. Governor, Patrick Henry High School



In the first week of July, I had the honor of attending the centennial Key Club International Convention in Orlando, Florida! It was honestly one of the most fun weeks of my life and I am very grateful for your support in helping me get there financially. It was truly an experience I'll remember for the rest of my life!!

To start the week off, five of our San Diego Key Club Lt. Governors (and one district committee chair) booked a different flight from our Region Advisor without knowing, so we actually ended up in Orlando before anyone else even arrived (whoops). Although it was a mistake, I actually enjoyed getting there accidentally so early, since we were able to eat dinner with our District Governor (which was really fun), as well as properly rest before the hectic week ahead!

Okay, to actually start the week off, we went on the district trip which included two days at Universal Studios Orlando! I'm honestly a roller coaster wimp, but I LOVED going to Universal!!! I think my favorite rides were the Revenge of the Mummy ride because of how fast it spirals downwards, and the Ripsaw Falls ride which is basically a more fun version of Splash Mountain. I'd never been to Universal Studios before, even the one in California, so going for the first time was super fun and I never knew how immersive and exciting the theme park is!

The first day of the International Convention mostly just included a lot of socializing with all the Key Clubbers who had just arrived from all over the world, and pin trading! I met a ton of members from the various districts like the Caribbean Atlantic district, Bahamas District, Canadian districts, and more! I especially loved pin trading, since it was a really good way to start conversations with new people, and collecting all the cute pins as keepsakes, and to flex on other members.

The second day of convention was all about caucusing and getting to know the candidates for international office! Although this day was filled with a lot of sitting around and listening, it was actually one of my favorite days as it was super inspiring listening to all the candidates' Key Club journeys, and their intended plans if elected. It also made me kind of jealous that I'm a senior and that I don't have another year where I could run for international office, but I guess I'll just wait for my turn when I join Circle K.

On the third day of the convention, which happened to be the 4th of July, we had the nominating conference for candidates and were able to attend various workshops. I was happy that the candidates that I wanted to pass onto the next round, did in fact make it to the Nominating Conference. I was especially happy that they actually gave us a provided meal for lunch! The leadership luncheon was also a very funny couple of hours as they had us sing "Happy Birthday" for Key Club's 100th anniversary, made us wear little sparkly party hats, and provided party blowers – I think my table were the only people using them obnoxiously. Additionally, this day was very much a district bonding day, as we went to Rainforest Cafe in Disney Springs for dinner, where we lied to the waiters saying it was one of the LTG's birthdays and they brought out a GIANT three-tier lava cake. We ate it all in less than three minutes!

Then on the final day of convention, we attended more workshops, including some hosted by some members of our own Cali-Nev-Ha Key Club District. We also held the House of Delegates. It was kind of tense since the candidate for International President that I wanted to be elected was running against another candidate that I really did not want to win. Also, an amendment to a bylaw that was being proposed by a CNH member was very controversial among the districts, and the fact that we had a candidate running for International Trustee also made the afternoon more tense. Unfortunately, the CNH-proposed bylaw amendment was not passed, but our candidate for International Trustee, **Tyler Moran**, was elected, and my favored Presidential candidate, **Isabella Baldisseri**, was also elected!

Finally, to end the night, we had the President's Ball, which was definitely a culture shock. As someone who has lived in Hawaii and California all her life, I've never actually seen people line dancing in a serious, non-joking way. The music and dance choice was definitely interesting to me. Eventually though it just turned into a normal dance, so I had a ton of fun dancing the end of convention away with all my friends, those I made at Convention and those I grew closer with!

Overall, prior to this trip I've never had a desire to visit Florida, since I thought all that there was in the state was alligators and humid weather, but I think this ICON trip may have changed my mind. In addition to all the new things I learned and intend to bring back to my own division, I also just really enjoyed spending a week with my friends as well as growing closer with my district! I am eternally grateful that I was able to have this opportunity and experience as a whole!



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Hobnobbing: At their International Convention in Orlando last month, Cal-Nev-Ha Key Club Lieutenants **Donald Nash** (Division 11), **Phoebe Shoemaker (D21E)**, **Megan Jaelene Lantion (D19S)**, and **Leo Nguyen (D31)** stop for a quick photo with International President **David Robaina** of the Southwest District (*center*).

PROGRAM PREVIEW

Contact **Lisa De Las Alas** or **John Crawford**

August 7th

NO MEETING – Room Closed for Fumigation Social at Hooley's La Mesa instead, 5:30 p.m.

August 14th

Program TBA

K.O.D. "Mom Flo" Flora Brown

August 28th

Program TBA

K.O.D.: TBA

October 2nd

Incoming Club President John Crawford and Committee Chairs

K.O.D.: TBA

To recommend a speaker for an upcoming meeting, or to sign up as K.O.D., please contact **Lisa De Las Alas**.



Put Your Party Hat On

G.A.G. Kiwanis Annual Installation Banquet and Awards Night

Thursday, October 9th

La Gran Terraza – University of San Diego



MEALS on WHEELS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Delivery Schedule

August 7 th	Gary & Amy Blume
August 14 th	Rosy Moreno
August 21 st	John & Pam Chandler
August 28 th	Kathy & George Butterstein
September 4 th	Rosy Moreno
September 11 th	Alan & Grace Young
September 18 th	John & Pam Chandler
September 25 th	George & Kathy Butterstein

If you would like to volunteer for a shift, please contact **Amy Blume** at AmyGaryBlume@gmail.com.

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June 25-27, 2026

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Joseph William (Joe) Terwilliger

1972-73 Club President

June 10, 1927 – July 19, 2025



The Allied Gardens community lost a stalwart resident and one of the "good guys" early in the morning on Saturday, July 19th. **Joe Terwilliger**, a 70-year resident of the community, and past President of G.A.G. Kiwanis, passed away at the age of 98. His son, **David**, posted the announcement.

Born blind in one eye, Terwilliger was unable to enlist in the military when he was young. Instead, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service in their Training Department, and first joined our club in 1967. He was one of **John Peterson's** best friends in Kiwanis, and he succeeded "John Pete" as our thirteenth club President for the 1972-73 term (*see photo at right*).

"Joe added a new element to our club meetings – humor," Peterson would write many years later in his memoirs. "Always ready with a joke or a funny story."

Joe and his wife, **Joyce**, moved into Allied Gardens in 1955, purchasing a home on Dundee Avenue. Joe would live in that same house for the next 70 years! In addition to his Kiwanis membership, Joe was involved as a volunteer with Allied Gardens Little League and, when his kids were young, Marvin Elementary School. He and Joyce were avid golfers and would review golf courses for the USGA.

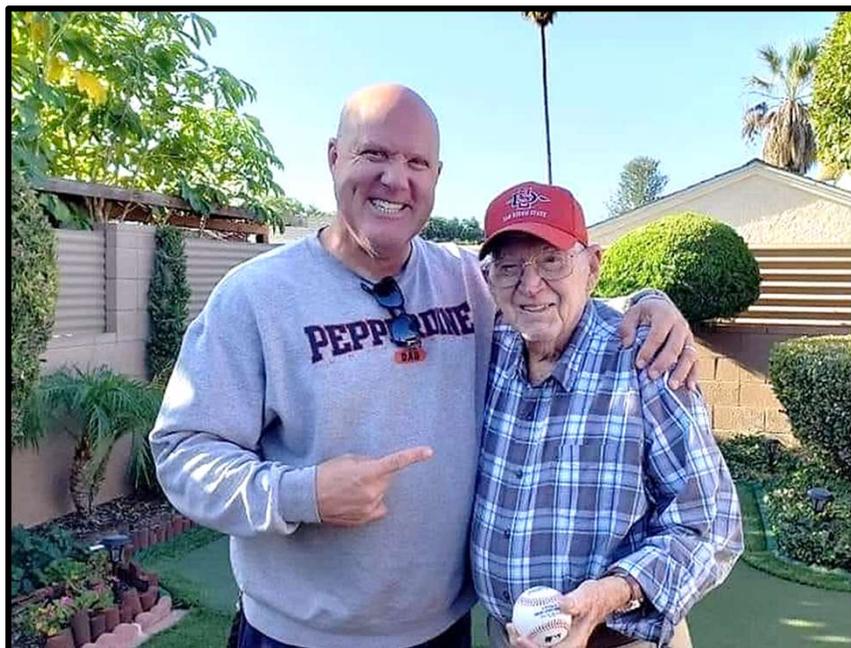
The Terwilligers and Petersons would often vacation together in Borrego Springs, with the men usually finding some time for a round of golf during their visits. In 1967, they, along with two other close friends, founded the Borrego Open golf tournament, a charity event that started out with a single foursome and grew over the years into a popular event that still takes place every year. Although he never actually won the tournament, his adopted sons **David** and **Mike** have both won several times each. When the 2020 Borrego Open was cancelled due to COVID-19, co-founder **Joe Terwilliger** was named the Honorary Tournament Champion for that year.

In 1968, Joe was one of several club members who installed the first Kiwanis sign on Waring Road, "about halfway up the hill," Peterson would recall many years later. Others working on that project included **Harry Eng**, **Bob Frankhouser**, and **Al Heck**. Terwilliger was also part of the Kiwanis committee that installed the Waring Road flagpole in honor of the nation's bicentennial in 1976. All told, Joe spent more than fifteen years as a member of G.A.G. Kiwanis.

Joe was one of several G.A.G. Kiwanis members in attendance at the 1971 International Convention in San Francisco, having driven up with his wife, **Joyce**, and **John** and **Norma Peterson**. Joe also attended the 1972 Mid-Year Conference in Palm Springs, the 1972 District Convention in Las Vegas, then 1978 in Bakersfield, and Reno in 1980, among others.

His uncle, **Grover "Clayton" Terwilliger**, was the owner and proprietor of the Purple Cow restaurant in Allied Gardens and an original charter member of our club in 1960. Clayton volunteered his restaurant as the club's first meeting place.

Joe Terwilliger was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, **Joyce**, in October 2008. They are survived by their two sons, **Mike** and **David**, five grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.



At left, Past President **Joe Terwilliger** made it to G.A.G. Kiwanis one last time on March 14th, 2019, to kid around with his old pal, **John Peterson**, and to celebrate **Gene Elmore's** 50th year in the Kiwanis Club. At right, San Diego Padres broadcaster **Mark Grant** paid a special visit to Joe's home in Allied Gardens to present the 92-year-old with an autographed baseball. Joe could tell stories of seeing the minor league Padres back at Lane Field!



REGION 1 CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION (CLE) TRAINING

August 30th, 2025 8AM - 1PM

@Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church
455 Church Way, El Cajon, CA 92020

- **\$25 per club** for training materials
- **\$10 per person** for supplies, food, and refreshments

You can pay your incoming LTG in advance or at the door.

Please RSVP by August 23, 2025.



AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday Concert, 6pm / Kiwanis Night at Lake Elsinore Storm	2
3	4	5	6	7 MOW Social at Hooley's, 5:30 pm	8	9
					Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada	
10	11 First Day of Public School	12 <i>Happy Birthday, John Chappell</i>	13	14 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m.	15	16
17	18	19	20 Division 21 DCM 6pm, Location TBA	21 MOW	22	23 Food Distribution Project at Ascension Church, Zion Ave.
24	25	26	27	28 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m.	29 <i>Happy Birthday, Stephan Barrington</i>	30 Region 2 CLE Training , Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church, 9am-2pm
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Service Opportunities in **RED**
 Kiwanis Family Events in **BLUE**

August 2025

Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District Convention

August 7th - 9th

JW Marriott Resort, Summerlin (Las Vegas), NV

Division 21 DCM

Wednesday, August 20th, 6 p.m.

Location TBA

Food Distribution Project

Saturday, August 23rd, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Ascension Lutheran Church, 5106 Zion Avenue

Region 1 CLE Training (Club Leadership Education)

Saturday, August 30th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Fletcher Hills Presbyterian, 455 Church Way, El Cajon

September 2025

Labor Day (Federal Holiday)

Monday, September 1st

Flags to be Displayed on Waring Road

First Friday Concert in the Park

Featuring Buzz Campbell & The Heartaches

Friday, September 5th

Allied Gardens Park & Rec Center, 6pm – 8pm

Patriot Day (Federal Holiday)

Thursday, September 11th

Flags to be Displayed on Waring Road

Twilight Tasting Fundraiser

Saturday, September 13th

Water Conservation Garden, Cuyamaca College

Benjamin Branch Library 60th Anniversary Party

Saturday, September 20th, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

5188 Zion Avenue (at Glenroy), San Diego

Allied Gardens Community Blood Drive

Thursday, September 25th, Noon– 6 p.m.

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Key Club Regional Training Conference (Rave-TC)

Saturday, September 27th, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Torrey Pines High School



Turn Back the Clock

*Take a look back into the history of G.A.G. Kiwanis!
 Special thanks to **Mary Haas** for maintaining our club archives.*

Sixty-five years ago (August 1960) – Kiwanis International received the charter paperwork for the new Grantville Kiwanis Club, on or about August 3rd. The charter was approved on August 30th, and the club hosted its charter celebration banquet on September 17th. Today, the club recognizes September 17th as its official anniversary date. **John Clark** of the Old San Diego Kiwanis Club was the chairman of the New Club Committee that did much of the recruiting that year, gathering 37 local businessmen to sign up as charter members.

Fifty years ago (August 1975) – On August 7th, San Diego Mayor **Pete Wilson** was our club's guest speaker at a special nighttime meeting. Mayor Wilson was running for re-election at the time, having been previously elected in 1971. He would go on to win two more terms as Mayor, then later served as a U.S. Senator (1983-1991) and Governor of California (1991-1999). Mayor Wilson was introduced by then-club President **Gene Elmore** – who was experimenting with a mustache at the time!... Later that month, the 55th Annual Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention took place in Honolulu, August 20-23, and G.A.G. Kiwanis sent a big delegation! Those in attendance included **Gene** and **Wanda Elmore**, **Carl Geissert**, **Al** and **Emily Heck**, and **Cal** and **Patricia Pancheri**.

Thirty-five years ago (August 1990) – The G.A.G. Kiwanis received a very nice letter from **Linda Hahus**, branch manager of the Benjamin Library, after the club made a donation of exactly \$437.11 to support the library. The money was earmarked to cover the costs of new audio cassettes and compact discs (CDs), a new and increasingly popular medium for enjoying music.

Twenty-five years ago (August 2000) – As the club prepared to celebrate its 40th anniversary, the occasion turned bittersweet with the loss of **Carl Geissert**, one of only two charter members remaining from the original composition of the club in 1960. Geissert was a native of Bennington, Kansas and a Navy veteran who lived to be 87 years old. He had a long career with the Sparkletts Water company in Mission Valley. Geissert passed away on August 14th, with the ink still drying on his 40-year Legion of Honor certificate. (The other surviving charter member, **Bob Frankhouser**, would still be with us for another fifteen years to come!)... The Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District Convention took place at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego... About a week after that, **John Crawford** stepped down as Governor of the Cal-Nev-Ha Circle K District due to a combination of burnout and political pressure. He wouldn't sit on the sidelines for long, though, as he would be elected President of the SDSU Circle K club just six months later.

Twenty years ago (August 2005) – With **John Peterson** behind the project, G.A.G. Kiwanis again fulfilled a longtime commitment by cooking lunch at the Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp at Southwestern College in Chula Vista. Among those helping to cook burgers and serve the athletes on August 20th were **Rob Busley**, **John Crawford**, **Dorothy Dougherty**, **Dave Erlanson**, **Bob Frankhouser**, **Carol Neal**, **Tony Orosco**, **Joan Talbert**, **Norm Townsend**, **Steve Wrischnik**, **Dan Yauger**, and of course the event chairman, John Peterson... One week later, several club members headed south of the border, where they took a tour of the Baja California coastline. The tour included a live mariachi performance and a brief real estate pitch from Coldwell Banker. No word if there were any takers for the coastline property! Among those on the international trip were **George Bradley**, **Gene Elmore**, **Bob Frankhouser**, and one of our own real estate experts, **Dan Yelvington**.



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GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 1st, 2025

Call to Order	Jim Akin
Introduction of Guests	Jim Akin
Correspondence	John Crawford
Presentation of Minutes	John Crawford
President's Report	Jim Akin
Treasurer's Report	Alan Young
Foundation Treasurer's Report	
Budget / Finance	John Chandler
Community Service	George Butterstein
MMQ	George & Kathy Butterstein
Fundraising	
Membership & Member Outreach	John Crawford
Interclubs	Alan Young
House	Gary Blume
Circle K (SDSU)	Alan Young
Key Club (Patrick Henry)	Valerie Crawford
Builders Club (Lewis)	John Crawford
K-Kids (Hearst)	Doug Grosmark / Stephan Barrington
K-Kids (Foster)	Rosy Garcia-Rivas
Scholarships	Gary Blume
Education	George Butterstein
Sunshine	Joi Vogel
Newsletter/Social Media/Publicity	John Crawford
Website	Kathy Butterstein
Socials	Kathy & George Butterstein
Division / District / International	
Unfinished Business / New Business/Open Floor	
Adjournment	



**Grantville-Allied Gardens
Kiwaniis Club**



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2024-25 Club Officers

Jim Akin	<i>President</i>
John Crawford	<i>President-Elect</i>
Lisa De Las Alas	<i>Vice President</i>
(Position Vacant)	<i>Secretary</i>
Alan Young	<i>Treasurer</i>
Vic Enchelmayer	<i>Immed. Past President</i>

Board of Directors

George Butterstein	2023-25
John Chandler	2023-25
Dave Erlanson	2023-25
(Position Vacant)	2023-25
Gary Blume	2024-26
Valerie Crawford	2024-26
Alex Zubak	2024-26

Foundation Trustees

2022-2025

Jim Akin	<i>(Treasurer)</i>
Gary Blume	<i>(Secretary)</i>
John Chandler	<i>(Chair)</i>

2023-2026

Vic Enchelmayer
Dave Erlanson
Alan Young

2024-2027

George Butterstein
Valerie H. Crawford
Rosy Garcia-Rivas

2024-25 Club President

Jim Akin

Questions? Comments? Changes? Suggestions? Please contact Club President **Jim Akin** or Acting Secretary **John Crawford**.
Committee Chairs and Board Members Subject to Change.