



# G.A.G. RAG

**Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club**

July 2025

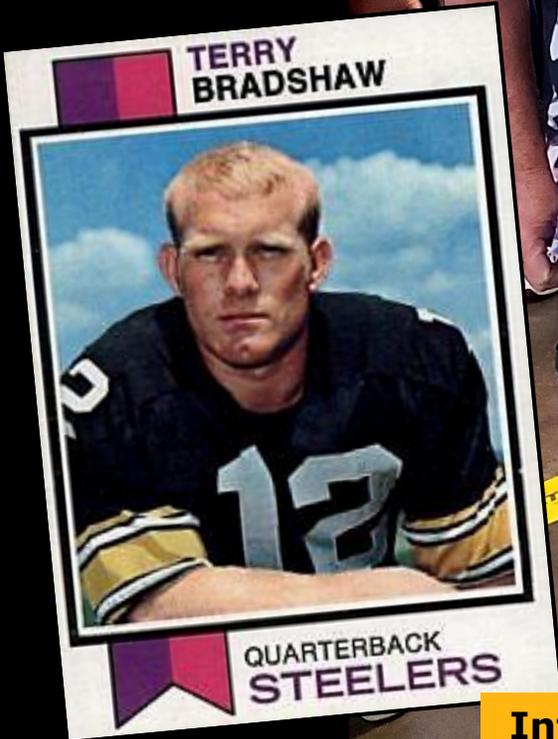
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## International Convention in Steel City is Filled with Fun, Spirit, and Surprises



**Yinzers:** G.A.G. Kiwanis was represented in Pittsburgh by Alan Young, along with Valerie and John Crawford.

**Inside:** A surprise guest appearance from Steelers HOFer Terry Bradshaw, plus additional highlights and election results from last month's Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh.





# Who Takes The CAKE This Month?

## July Birthdays

- 10 Tony Haas
- 11 John Crawford
- 13 Flora Brown
- 15 Lisa De Las Alas
- 22 Alex Zubak



## July Wedding Anniversaries

- 8 John & Pam Chandler
- 9 Joi & Paul Vogel
- 12 Kathy & George Butterstein
- 13 Dave & Carolyn Erlanson



## July Membership Anniversaries

2016 Jim Akin



## MEMBERSHIP METER

Club Membership (as of June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025) .....	25
Members Added Last Month .....	0
Members Deleted Last Month .....	0
Change, Year to Date (since October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024) .....	+1
Honorary Members .....	8

I am once again on the road. I'm writing this on Independence Day from Grass Valley, where an old army buddy lives. We are camped out overnight here and will be heading into the Sierras tomorrow morning. I have, for years, tried to get Bob, my Grass Valley friend, to join us up at our chosen camping spot. He, however, refers to camping as staying in Motel 6. I don't get it, living that close to the Sierras. He is, though, really good for the room overnight and really good conversation.

My subject for this column is once again community service. I had been thinking of my cousin **Mona**. Her birthday was yesterday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. She passed away last year. Mona was a PK (preacher's kid) and had decided she liked the business. As a good Southern Baptist, this did mean that the pulpit was out. Southern Baptists still frown on women in the pulpit.

She went to school at Grand Canyon College, a private Christian school in Phoenix, where she met her future husband **Keith**. He, too, was from a family of religious professionals. He was from a Salvation Army family, though at the time he had decided against joining the Army.

They both graduated and found employment in Las Vegas. Mona worked for the State of Nevada, and Keith became the music minister of a large non-denominational church. Both were rewarding jobs. Both were dissatisfied. I remember talking to them when I had made one of my infrequent trips to Vegas in order to make a fortune at the casino tables.

You know something is wrong when the first subject of conversation was how both were not happy doing what they were doing. I had always thought that people in the "religion" business were happy, but that's not always the case. All I could be was a good listener. This was beyond my area of expertise.

Things change. The very next year I was back in Vegas (this time on business) and went to visit. Both had joined the Salvation Army. They were very happy, and somehow the 80-90 hour work weeks were just part of the adventure.

Mona and Keith spent the rest of their lives in the Army. Their final destination was the management of the Salvation Army retirement home in Phoenix. Really retired in place. By then, they were Colonel **Keith McCreevy** and Mrs. Colonel **Mona McCreevy**. A life well spent for not much reward, except joy in what they accomplished. They also got to travel. Just like the U.S. Army, the Salvation Army moves its officers around. In 40 years, they had been stationed in ten different locations.

They both have since been, as the Salvation Army calls it, promoted to Glory.

The point I'm attempting to make here, aside from the obvious old saw that "Money can't buy happiness", is that community service creates self-satisfaction. As I like to say, I'll do this until it's not fun anymore. Let's not be afraid to tell people that we do community service projects because it's good for our psyche, as well as the community.

-- Jim



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## GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

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# New Jersey's Mulhaul Elected President of Kiwanis

*Results also include Hope Markes as President-Elect and Cathy Szymanski as Vice President*

*by Tony Knoderer, Kiwanis International Office Staff*

**Michael Mulhaul** of Interlaken, New Jersey, was elected President and **Hope Markes** of Hanover, Jamaica, was elected President-Elect during the House of Delegates at the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **Cathy Szymanski** of Erie, Pennsylvania was elected Vice President.

**Timothy Sheppard** of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and **Amy Zimmerman** of Beavercreek, Ohio, were elected Trustees for the United States and Pacific Canada Region. Also joining the board in October for three-year terms will be **Shinichi Yoshikuni** of Tokyo, Japan, who was elected as a Trustee for the Asia-Pacific Region during the Kiwanis International Asia-Pacific Convention in March; and **Jon-Fadri Huder** of Samedan, Switzerland, who was elected as a Trustee for the Europe Region during the 2025 Kiwanis International Europe Convention in May.

**Mulhaul** has been a Kiwanis member for 33 years. A member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany, New Jersey, he has served as its President and Treasurer. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Asbury Park, which he helped charter. He has been both District Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the New Jersey District and is currently President of the New Jersey District Foundation and a Kiwanis Children's Fund trustee. Mulhaul and his wife and fellow Kiwanian, **Laura**, have three adult children, a son-in-law, and a grandchild.

**Markes**, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Hopewell in Hanover, Jamaica, was Governor of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District in 2013-14 and previously served as Lieutenant Governor. She was also a member of the district's Strategic Planning Committee and was Regional Vice Chair for "The Formula," a membership growth initiative of Kiwanis International. She also has served on the Membership and Education committees. At the club level, she twice served as President. She served as Secretary and Chair of the Fundraising, Membership, and Interclub committees. Markes will serve as Kiwanis International President in 2026-27.

**Szymanski** has been a Kiwanis member since 1994. Her home club is the Kiwanis Club of Erie, Pennsylvania, where she has served as Distinguished President and Secretary. She was elected a Kiwanis International Trustee in 2019. During her tenure, she served as the board's membership chair and as a counselor for Circle K International, the Kiwanis program for college students. Szymanski was a Distinguished Governor of the Pennsylvania District in 2011-12, following terms as Distinguished Lieutenant Governor and District Membership Chair.

All of the Kiwanians above begin their terms on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

The House of Delegates also voted on proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. The following amendments were approved:

- **Proposed Amendment 1: Language Cleanup and District Submission of Resolutions.** Submitted by the Kiwanis International Board, this amendment will clarify the current language of the Kiwanis International Bylaws requiring districts to be in good standing in order to submit resolutions. With the rewording, districts and clubs also can better understand the deadline for submission of resolutions.
- **Proposed Amendment 2: Regional Boards to Propose Resolutions and Amendments.** Submitted by the Kiwanis International Board, this amendment will allow the boards of Kiwanis regions (such as Asia-Pacific and Europe) to propose resolutions and amendments, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- **Proposed Amendment 3 – Remote Voting for Kiwanis International Business –** this amendment was not approved. Submitted by the Capital District Board, this amendment was submitted to provide for candidate nominations and initial review of proposed amendments and resolutions at the Kiwanis International Convention, with final voting via secure remote voting.

The next Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Manila, capital city of the Philippines, June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Subsequent International Conventions are scheduled for Dallas (2027) and Las Vegas (2028).



**Michael Mulhaul**

*Kiwanis International President 2025-26*



**Hope Markes**

*International President-Elect 2025-26*



**Cathy Szymanski**

*International Vice President 2025-26*



Over 1,800 delegates representing more than 700 Kiwanis Clubs converged on the David Lawrence Convention Center in Downtown Pittsburgh, on the bank of the Allegheny River.

## Pittsburgh Proves Itself as a Convention Destination

Fair or not, Pittsburgh has developed a reputation as a blue-collar, industrial setting that is less than appealing as a host city for a Convention. However, as attendees of last month's Kiwanis International Convention discovered, the Downtown setting and the natural beauty of the area make the Steel City a hidden gem amongst the coal mines.

For the first time in its 110-year history, Kiwanis International made Pittsburgh the site of its annual International Convention, and the David Lawrence Convention Center was certainly up to the task. A thoroughly modern venue nestled among buildings more than a century old, the Convention Center was everything Kiwanis members could have hoped for – particularly the air conditioning! With scattered showers giving way to thunderstorms, it was good to get out of the weather and into our workshops.

Delegates to the Convention were scattered across several hotels in the area, with most of the Cal-Nev-Ha District assigned to the Renaissance Hotel, about six blocks west of the Convention hall. It was an arduous walk between the hotel and the Convention Center, with lots of loose bricks that caused one local member to stumble and suffer a black eye. The hotel itself, however, was a classically beautiful building dating back to 1906.

Of course, the number one attraction in town is PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates of Major League Baseball. Hundreds of Kiwanians visited the ballpark – even many who aren't baseball fans. Those who participated enjoyed delicious food, incredible lightning shows in the distance beyond home plate, and a special drone show tribute to Pittsburgh's favorite neighbor, **Fred Rogers**.



A young Kiwanian from Panama expresses his support for the new Kiwanis Voices pilot program.



Representing the La Jolla Kiwanis Club by proxy, **Valerie Crawford** displays her handheld electronic voting apparatus.



G.A.G. Kiwanis delegate **Alan Young** stops by for a visit with members of the Australia District, making some new Kiwanis friends from Down Under.



**Above:** A small group from Division 21 stopped for a quick photo with the International President of Kiwanis. From left to right: **John Crawford** (Grantville-Allied Gardens), President **Lee Kuan Yong** (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), and **Neill and Kate Kovrig** (Hillcrest All-Inclusive).

More than 1,800 delegates representing over 750 Kiwanis Clubs around the world converged on Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania last month to elect new leaders, to learn more about leadership and membership, and to celebrate their achievements over the past year. Over 120 of these Kiwanians traveled from the Cal-Nev-Ha District, including **John and Valerie Crawford**, and **Alan Young** (with his wife, **Grace**), representing G.A.G. Kiwanis.

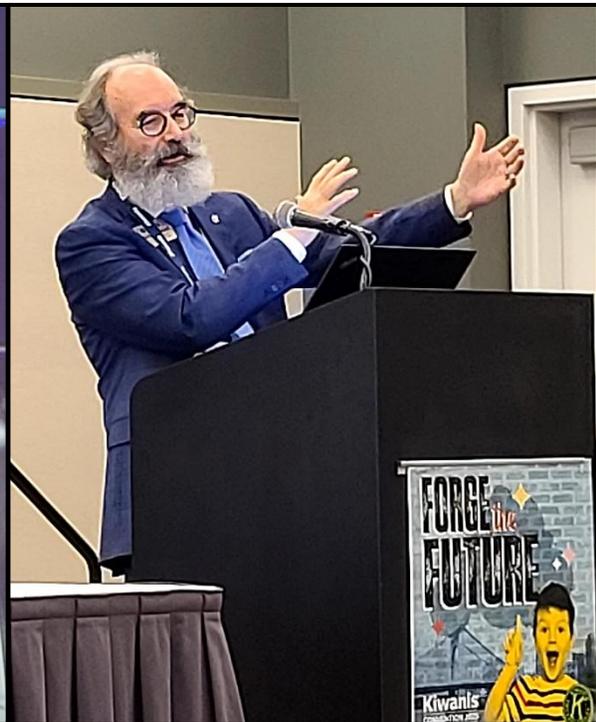
International President **Lee Kuan Yong** from the Kiwanis Club of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, welcomed the crowd during the opening session with his famous “Wow!” expression, with arms open wide. His infectious enthusiasm and love for Kiwanis was a constant inspiration to his fellow members from around the world. Other delegates were present from faraway places like Australia, Bermuda, India, Jamaica, Nepal, Panama, and next year’s host nation, the Philippines.

The biggest surprise of the convention was certainly at the opening session on Thursday morning, when President Lee Kuan took to the stage and announced that our featured Keynote Speaker, actor **Martin Sheen**, had to cancel with just four days’ notice due to a family emergency. The disappointment in the Convention hall quickly turned to excitement when the news arrived that a new speaker had been secured at the last minute – none other than Pittsburgh Steelers Hall of Fame quarterback and FOX Sports analyst **Terry Bradshaw**! The four-time Super Bowl champion, a beloved figure throughout Pittsburgh, gave a speech that was rousing, inspirational, largely improvisational, and at times hilarious. Bradshaw alternated between football memories from the 1970s (including a motivational story about former Dallas Cowboys coach **Tom Landry** and his quarterback, **Roger Staubach**) and a sincere appreciation for Kiwanis members and their impact around the world. The 76-year-old NFL star brought down the house, although some of his message was lost on some of the international audience, unfamiliar with American football.

While there was no dues increase on the table for this year, the House of Delegates was not without its controversy. For at least the fourth time in the last ten years, remote voting was defeated with significantly less support than the same proposal had last year. The proposal, if passed, would have allowed Kiwanis members around the world to participate in the House of Delegates online, and without having to attend a Convention. The proposal required two-thirds of the vote in order to pass; it just barely cleared fifty percent.

Another topic of considerable contention was the new Kiwanis Voices program introduced by incoming International President **Michael Mulhaul** of New Jersey. Already having been approved by the International Board of Trustees, the new Kiwanis Voices program will allow young people (age 18-26) to form their own Kiwanis Clubs without having to enroll in college and join Circle K. Although Kiwanis already accepts members as young as 18 years old, Mulhaul explained that 98 percent of our Key Club graduates either do not go on to college, or choose not to join Circle K at their chosen college or university. Although President-Elect Mulhaul and two past Presidents of Kiwanis International argued their case at two different seminars, it was clear that a large number of Circle K advisors and administrators consider the new program to be in direct competition with Circle K, and are unhappy with the way the new program was unveiled. *(Learn more about the new Kiwanis Voices program on Page 11 of this newsletter.)*

For many delegates from the Cal-Nev-Ha District, the only real disappointment at the Convention was with the election results, as San Diego’s own **Gary Jander** took second place in his campaign for International Vice President. Falling just four percent shy of victory, Gary was unable to overcome a distinct home advantage for **Cathy Szymanski** of Erie, Pennsylvania, just a short two-hour drive from Pittsburgh.



**Above Left:** International President **Lee Kuan Yong** of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia channels his inner **Mister Rogers** on stage at the Convention.  
**Above Right:** International President-Elect **Michael Mulhail** makes his case for a new pilot program, **Kiwani's Voices**, in front of a skeptical audience.



**Left:** Steelers legend **Terry Bradshaw** does his best impression of former Cowboys coach **Tom Landry**.  
**Center:** **John Crawford** dons a mini Pirates helmet.  
**Above:** The Pirate Parrot meets **Valerie Crawford**!

**CAL-NEU-HA** 

# District Education Convention





**August 7-9, 2025**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**



# ELDER FINANCIAL FRAUD & ABUSE

JULY 24

**5:30PM**

*Martin Nuñez will present on combatting common scams and financial crimes as a white-collar crime prosecutor in the San Diego District Attorney's Office.*



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# Meeting Notes

Summarized by John Crawford



**Left-Right:** Club President **Jim Akin** calls the meeting to order with a small memorial to **Gene Elmore** by his side; Vice Captain **Dave Barnett** of Daedalians Flight 13, an organization for ex-Navy pilots, gave us some of his memories of Gene; **Kathy Butterstein** spoke from her heart as she shared.

## June 5<sup>th</sup> – Remembering an American Hero and a Stalwart of G.A.G. Kiwanis

There was a somber tone to tonight's meeting, as we gathered to pay final respects to one of our finest. **Gene Elmore** passed away on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 101, and with his passing, we have lost one of our most accomplished members. Gene gave 56 years of his life to our club, setting records for longevity along the way, but also inspiring countless others to join our club or serve in a leadership role within our organization.

Gene's wife, **Wanda**, did not want a formal memorial service, but still we felt an obligation to say "farewell" and "thank you" to the last of our World War II veterans.

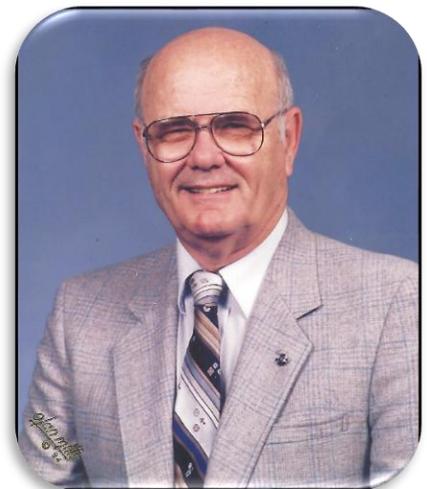
Along with Wanda, many of Gene's friends and family joined us, along with fellow Kiwanis members past and present. His granddaughter, **Maria (Angie) Lee** joined us for the evening, and brought her daughter, **Valicity**. Also in attendance were **Dave and Paula Barnett** representing Daedalians Flight 13, a group of ex-Navy pilots who meet at Admiral Baker Field. Gene was a respected part of their organization for many years, and Dave got up for a few minutes to share some of his favorite memories of Gene.

Also in attendance were **Benjamin and Helen Jones**, longtime friends of the Elmore family. From the Scripps Ranch Kiwanis Club, we welcomed President **Craig Bratlien**, and we also welcomed one of our former club members, **Mickey Zeichick**. Other guests included member spouses **Amy Blume** and **Grace Young**, and **Lisa De Las Alas** brought two of her children, **Laurel** and **Kane Bushnell**.

Many of our members took an opportunity to share their thoughts on Gene, who spent more time as a member of our club than any other member. Gene joined us in March 1969, and it was noted that if a new member joined our club today, they would have to stay in the club until the year 2081 in order to match Gene's tenure!

Club President **Jim Akin**, along with Past Presidents **Gary Blume**, **Kathy Butterstein**, **John Chandler**, and **John Crawford** all had plenty of wonderful things to say about Gene, and Wanda was there to share some of her thoughts as well. We presented Wanda with a beautiful bouquet and reminded her that she will forever be part of our Kiwanis family.

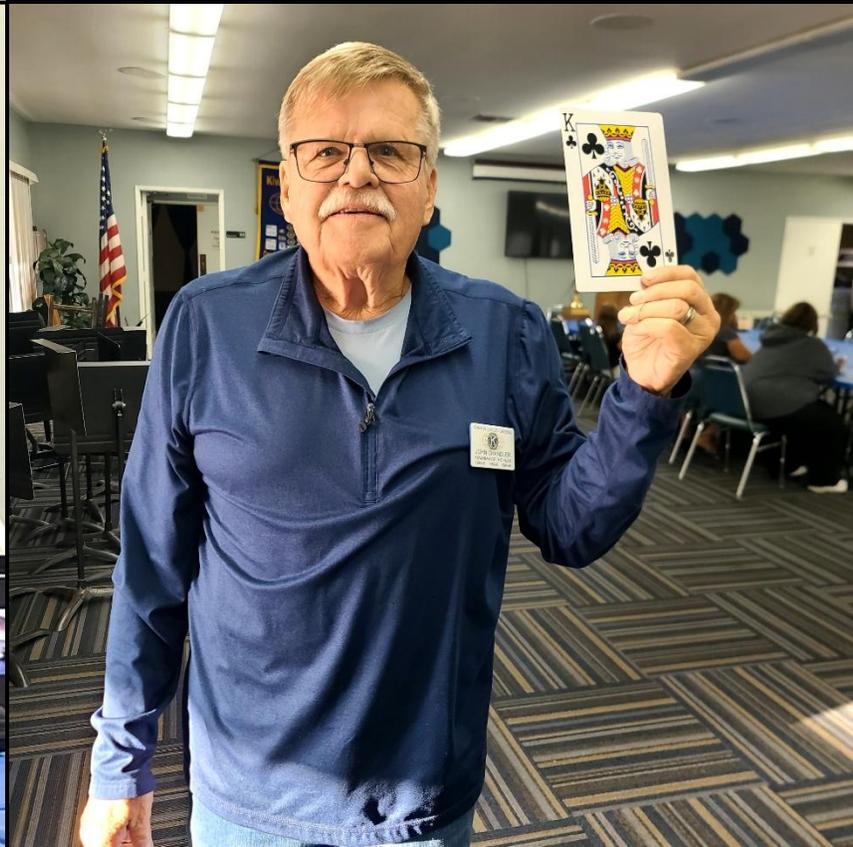
As the meeting drew to a close, we were able to view a slideshow that had been created for Gene's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday just a few years ago. It captured much of his life, including his service to our country as a Navy pilot during the Second World War, and his many accomplishments as a member of Kiwanis. Our club newsletter (*see last month's issue*) was also printed and available as a special tribute to Gene. As we all shared in the memories and the love that we had for Gene, although it was a sad occasion, we took some solace in knowing that Gene had a long and remarkable life, and we are grateful for him.



**Owen E. "Gene" Elmore**  
1923-2025

# Meeting Notes

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At left, **Jim Akin** presides over a club meeting after a pizza dinner prepared by **Vic Enchelmayer** and a few extra helpers. At right, **John Chandler** pulled the lucky "King of Clubs" card to take home a big prize as part of a club administrative fundraiser.

## June 12<sup>th</sup> – The Start of Summer Vacation, Service Plans, and a Big Win!

While we had several members away on vacation or traveling for other reasons, we still welcomed some of our favorite guests and family members. We got to enjoy a visit from **Humberto Moreno**, the new husband of club member **Rosy Moreno** (formerly **Rosy Garcia-Rivas**). The Morenos also brought along their sons, **Elijah** and **Jacob**, while **Lisa De Las Alas** brought her daughter, **Laurel Bushnell**. We also had a couple of club members check in with us via Zoom since they were unable to attend in person.

With school out for the summer, we had no students joining us today, but we are hopeful that we will see some of our Key Club and Builders Club students in July and August.

As our usual House Committee Chair, **Gary Blume**, was out of town on a well-earned vacation, **Vic Enchelmayer** helped us put together a delicious pizza dinner, with an assist from **Lisa De Las Alas** and some of our other dinner contributors. We do not hire cooks for our club, so all food preparation is done by our club members, and we are always grateful for their willingness to serve.

After dinner was done and President **Jim Akin** finished introducing our guests, we discussed some upcoming service opportunities, including patriotic Flag displays on Waring Road for both Flag Day and Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>). **John Chandler** will be hosting his annual Independence Day potluck party at his home, and we always look forward to that social event, always a fun way to spend the day.

We are also hoping to participate in a local grassroots 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade beginning at Marvin Elementary School. It's just a short walk – a few blocks at most – but it should be a great way to engage with our local neighbors and help spread the word about our Kiwanis Club.

We recognized some of our members who helped with the Allied Gardens First Friday Concert last week, as we had several children and parents engaged with an art project that we hosted during the concert. *(There is no concert scheduled for July due to the Independence Day holiday.)*

September 5<sup>th</sup> will be a special anniversary celebration at the Benjamin Branch Library in Allied Gardens. Our club hopes to be present for that event to help with cooking and, again, a chance for us to present ourselves to the community.

Our guest performer – a musician – sadly had to cancel on us on short notice due to a family emergency. Instead, a few of us started talking about old bygone ballparks in San Diego, such as Westgate Park. Located where Fashion Valley stands today, Westgate Park was the second home of the old minor-league San Diego Padres from 1958 to 1967. Although it only hosted the team for ten years, it was an important part of our city's history. One of our former members, the late **Don Lydy**, was part of the architectural firm that designed and built the ballpark. One day soon, with some help from the San Diego Padres and our city council, we hope to place a historical marker where this old ballpark once stood.

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## June 26<sup>th</sup> – Taking Care of Our Favorite Local Waterway

Even though several of our club members were out of town, either on vacation or in attendance at the Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, we still had a fun meeting and a delicious meal prepared as always by our House Committee Chairman, **Gary Blume!**

Club President **Jim Akin** called the meeting to order, and we were soon reminded of our plans for Independence Day! Not only did we hear about our plans to raise the flags on Waring Road for the holiday, but we were all invited to the home of **John and Pam Chandler** for their annual holiday party at their home in La Mesa. This is always John's favorite holiday and the Chandlers enjoy hosting a potluck at their place each year.

Our guest speaker today was **Rob Hutsel**, who has spoken to us before. He is the CEO and President of the San Diego River Park Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to the conservation of one of our area's greatest natural resources, the San Diego River.

The San Diego River flows from its source near Julian down through Ramona, Lakeside, and Santee, then into Mission Valley through Mission Trails Regional Park. It is historically significant as a fresh water source for the indigenous Kumeyaay people and later for the Franciscan missionaries, the first European settlers in the area.

With the goals of "Connect, Create, and Conserve," the River Park Foundation has made tremendous progress on its goals in recent years. They have opened a new Visitor Center at Grant Park in Mission Valley. They have also gained land grants to help realize their vision of a single, continuous pathway, allowing people to hike or bicycle from the headwaters of the river to its outlet in Mission Bay.

"The program was excellent with many slides and a lot of positive questions and answers," recalled club member **Vic Enchelmayer**.

We thank Mr. Hutsel for coming back to speak with us again. We will be helping the River Park Foundation at one of their upcoming events on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> starting at noon at Grant Park. We will be serving hamburgers from our cook trailer to some of the foundation's best donors and volunteers.



**Above:** San Diego River Park Foundation Chairman and CEO **Rob Hutsel** has visited our club before. Here, he updates us on the latest news coming from the San Diego River!

### Dates To Remember 2025-26

#### **2025 Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District Convention**

*August 7-9, J.W. Marriott, Las Vegas / Summerlin, Nevada*

#### **Key Club Fall Rally South**

*November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Six Flags Magic Mountain*

#### **2026 Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference South**

*January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – Burbank Airport Marriott*

#### **2026 Cali-Nev-Ha Key Club District Convention**

*April 10-12, Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, CA*

#### **2026 Kiwanis International Convention**

*June 23-27 – Manila, Philippines*

#### **2026 Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District Convention**

*August 13-15 – Nugget Casino Resort, Reno, Nevada*





## New Pilot Program Aims to Attract Younger Kiwanians

Many delegates at the Kiwanis International Convention last month were briefed for the first time on a new pilot program that was approved only just two months ago by the International Board.

Known as “Kiwaniis Voices,” the new program is geared toward students who have graduated from Key Club but may choose not to attend college where there is a Circle K club in existence. 2025-26 Kiwanis International President **Michael Mulhaul** gave several reasons why he hopes this experimental new approach may win over new Kiwanians for a new generation.

Mulhaul estimates that some 70,000 Key Club members graduate from high school each year, but less than two percent of those end up making the transition to Circle K. This leaves approximately 68,500 Key Club graduates every year who do not continue serving in the Kiwanis Family.

There are many possible reasons for this, including students who choose to attend a trade school or two-year community college where there is no Circle K club; some may take a “gap year” before continuing their education, while others might continue with a family business or open a new business of their own. Many Key Clubbers, as was pointed out during one of the Convention workshops, only join Key Club so that they can put in on their college application so they can get into college in the first place, seeing no value in continuing with organization once that goal is achieved.

Circle K membership continues to be down significantly since the COVID-19 pandemic, with fewer than 6,000 Circle K members worldwide. Operating expenses for keeping the collegiate-level club afloat have been running at a significant deficit despite Kiwanis investing thousands upon thousands of dollars into the program each year.

Incoming President Mulhaul notes that membership in K-Kids and Builders Club has seen a significant uptick since the pandemic, and believes it is only a matter of time before these young members grow up to become Key Club members themselves. “It’s certainly possible that we could have 500,000 Key Clubbers in just a few years,” he explained. “That would mean 125,000 graduates every year.”

Fielding questions from an audience made up largely of current Circle K members, advisors, and alumni, Mulhaul was careful to point out that the new Kiwanis Voices program would not necessarily compete with Circle K, as it would instead target young adults aged 18-26 who are not enrolled in a major college or university.

Members of Kiwanis Voices would pay only \$40 per year in membership dues, and would be considered members of Kiwanis International. They would be able to vote and attend conventions, hold their own meetings and projects, but would “age out” of the program once they turn 27. These members would then need to join a traditional Kiwanis Club.



**Above:** SLP Director **Timothy Cunning** sits in the House of Delegates at the Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, next to Circle K District Administrator **Patti Ryder** of the Poway Kiwanis Club.

## Tim Cunning Named Executive Director of CNH District

After a search that yielded four well-qualified candidates, Past District Governor and current SLP Coordinator **Timothy Cunning** has been selected to serve as the new Executive Director and Secretary of the Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District. Cunning will replace **Mark McDonald**, another Past District Governor who has been serving as Executive Director since April 2015.

A member of the KYDS Kiwanis Club of North County, Cunning has served as a Key Club Regional Advisor and is a Past Lt. Governor of Division 37. He served as Regional Trustee from 2014-17, and for several years as a Key Club Region Advisor beginning in 2014.

He also served a successful term as Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor in 2019-20 under difficult circumstances, with the second half of his term unfortunately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the unforeseen effects of the pandemic, Tim was able to lead his team of Lt. Governors under his “Ignite the Passion” theme. Tim is also a member of the Poway Kiwanis Club and the Likasi Kiwanis Club, located in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

He and his wife, **Marie**, make their home in San Diego. They have two grown children. Tim is known for his sense of humor, his love of trivia, and his ongoing pursuit of pickle-themed snacks and memorabilia.

Tim will officially take over his new position following Mark McDonald’s retirement, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>.



There was plenty of fun to be had at the Allied Gardens "First Friday" concert in June. At left, Kiwanian **Danielle Iwatsu** is surrounded by kids engaged in an art project she was hosting. At right, **Kane** and **Laurel Bushnell**, children of **Lisa De Las Alas**, met with the Mauzy Plumbing penguin. Mauzy Plumbing has just recently merged with Allied Gardens mainstay Ideal Plumbing, and are co-sponsors of the First Friday Concerts in the Park.

# LAKE ELSINORE STORM

## LAKE ELSINORE STORM BASEBALL

MINOR LEAGUE AFFILIATE OF THE SAN DIEGO PADRES

DIAMOND STADIUM OF LAKE ELSINORE  
500 DIAMOND DRIVE, LAKE ELSINORE, CA

### KIWANIS NIGHT



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025**  
**TICKETS ARE \$20.00**  
 SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET TICKETS  
**GATES OPEN AT 5:45PM, GAME TIME IS 6:45PM**  
\*A PORTION OF EVERY TICKET SOLD WILL SUPPORT THE FIRST LADY'S FOCUS TO TREAT AND PREVENT PEDIATRIC CANCER



#### RECEIVE THESE BENEFITS WHEN YOU PURCHASE YOUR TICKET

- GAME TICKET  

- FREE PARKING IN LOT C  

- \$5 FOOD VOUCHER  

- VOUCHER FOR A FUTURE STORM GAME  


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## MEALS on WHEELS

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY

### Delivery Schedule

- |                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| July 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | Gary & Amy Blume           |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup>      | Rosy Moreno                |
| July 17 <sup>th</sup>      | George & Kathy Butterstein |
| July 24 <sup>th</sup>      | Alan & Grace Young         |
| July 31 <sup>st</sup>      | John & Pam Chandler        |
| August 7 <sup>th</sup>     | Gary & Amy Blume           |
| August 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Rosy Moreno                |
| August 21 <sup>st</sup>    | John & Pam Chandler        |
| August 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Kathy & George Butterstein |
| September 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Rosy Moreno                |
| September 11 <sup>th</sup> | Alan & Grace Young         |
| September 18 <sup>th</sup> | John & Pam Chandler        |
| September 25 <sup>th</sup> | George & Kathy Butterstein |

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

# Division Realignment Approved for San Diego

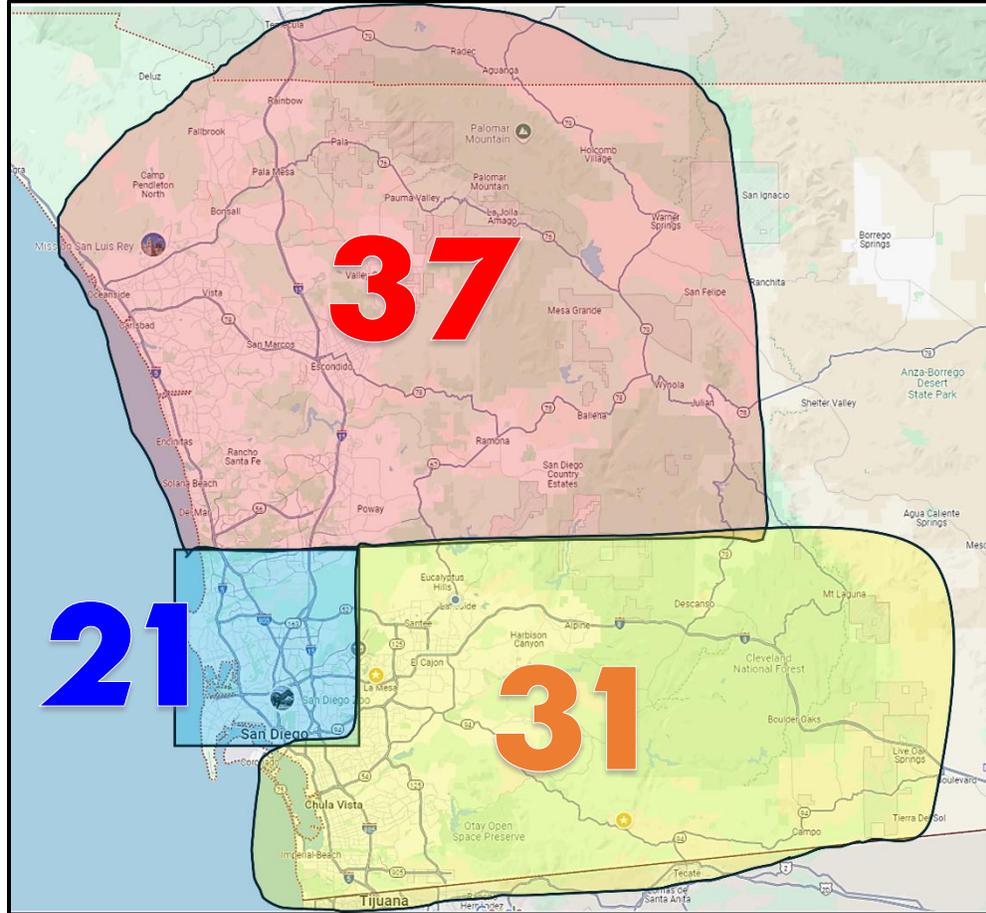
## Slight Impact to Division 21; Division 11 Eliminated Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>

The Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District Board of Trustees approved a proposal last month from the Realignment Committee that will re-draw the division boundaries for Region 1 (San Diego County).

The most significant change, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, is that Division 11 will cease to exist, with most of its clubs being reallocated to Division 31 (East County). District bylaws specify that a division must have a minimum of nine active clubs or 250 members in order to function as a division. Division 11 (South Bay) has been short of those goals for several years. After a two-year probationary period in which the division was given an opportunity to build new clubs, or boost its existing clubs, six of the seven clubs in Division 11 will be welcomed into Division 31 for the next Kiwanis year.

The major exception is the Downtown San Diego Kiwanis Club, the first Kiwanis Club in our city. Chartered in 1920, the San Diego club is home to current District Governor **Doug Frost**, and boasts an impressive history of leadership and service to San Diego. Its most well-known project today is the Laurels For Leaders luncheon, an annual event which recognizes ASB Presidents from high schools throughout San Diego County. The San Diego Club has been meeting within Division 21 for years, and will be reassigned accordingly.

The realignment will strengthen both Division 21 and 31 so that hopefully no further realignment will be needed for many years.



Updated map of Region 1, following the vote to eliminate Division 11 and reallocate its clubs to two neighboring divisions. As it stands currently, Division 21 will have ten Kiwanis Clubs beginning in October, and Division 31 (East County / South Bay) will grow to either fifteen or sixteen clubs. Division 37 (North County) is unaffected by the change.



The annual Independence Day party hosted by **John and Pam Chandler** gives us a chance to catch up with old friends. At left, **Amy Blume** visits with **Ron and Mickey Zeichick**, with **Dave Erlanson** joining in. At right, **Lisa De Las Alas** and **Valerie Crawford** chat with **Paul Vogel**.



One of our club members, **Flora Brown**, took home quite the haul of door prizes from the recent "Alice in Wine-derland" social event, hosted last month by the KYDS Kiwanis Club in Division 31.



Our club has proudly displayed the American flags along Waring Road for every patriotic holiday since 1970! In this case, members **Alan Young** and **Joi Vogel** (among others) helped with the efforts on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 MOW Meeting DARK due to Holiday	4 Flag Display on Waring Road / Holiday Party at Chandlers	5	
6	7	8	9	10 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m.  <i>Happy Birthday, Tony Haas!</i>	11  <i>Happy Birthday, John Crawford!</i>	12
13 SD River Park Open House  <i>Happy Birthday, "Mom Flo" Brown!</i>	14	15  <i>Happy Birthday, Lisa De Las Alas!</i>	16	17 MOW <b>NO BREAKFAST MEETING</b> – Alternate Event to be announced	18	19 San Diego Pride Parade ( <i>contact Hillcrest Kiwanis</i> )
20	21	22  <i>Happy Birthday, Alex Zubak!</i>	23	24 MOW Dinner 5:30 p.m.	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 <b>Division 21 DCM</b> (Date Tentative, Location TBA)		

Club meetings take place on Thursdays – 5:30 p.m. at Palisades Church (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays are morning meetings at 7:30 a.m.)



Service Opportunities in **RED**  
Kiwanis Family Events in **BLUE**

# July 2025

## Key Club International Convention

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Orlando, Florida

## San Diego River Park Foundation Open House BBQ

Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon - 2 p.m.  
The River Center at Grant Park (off Qualcomm Way)

## San Diego Pride Parade

Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Check-In at 8:00 a.m.  
Contact Hillcrest All-Inclusive Kiwanis for exact location

# August 2025

## Allied Gardens First Friday Concerts

Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m.  
Allied Gardens Park & Rec Center

## Kiwanis Night at the Lake Elsinore Storm

Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:45 p.m.  
The Diamond at Lake Elsinore

## Cal-Neu-Ha Kiwanis District Convention

August 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>  
JW Marriott Resort, Summerlin (Las Vegas), NV

## Region 1 CLE Training (Club Leadership Education)

Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Fletcher Hills Presbyterian, 455 Church Way, El Cajon



# 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.

**Fifty years ago (July 1975)** – On July 12<sup>th</sup>, G.A.G. Kiwanis hosted its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Allied Gardens Shopping Center on Waring Road (where Grocery Outlet and Ideal Plumbing are located today). **Floyd Lee** and **Jerry Musicant** served as co-chairs of the fundraiser. For the first time, G.A.G. Kiwanis sold advertising space on placemats for the event, and at just \$10 per space, all available spaces were sold out. We also had a local celebrity attend as “**Jack**” from Jack in the Box was there to shake hands and meet the public.

**Twenty years ago (July 2005)** – Back before the First Friday Concerts in the Park, other outdoor events took place in Allied Gardens every summer. On July 24<sup>th</sup>, for example, it was the Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra taking the stage for a live performance. Kiwanis members were there in attendance, selling refreshments and trying to recruit new members, while the orchestra played into the night for a crowd that gathered before sunset. Some of the musical selections included a **John Philip Sousa** march (“*The Stars and Stripes Forever*”), a medley from “*The Lion King*,” Disney’s popular animated release from 1994, and the Rogers & Hammerstein classic “*The King and I*.” Among those in attendance from Kiwanis, either to work or to take in the show: **Lee Agsten**, **John Crawford**, **Dorothy Dougherty**, **Bob Frankhouser**, **Ron Levingston**, **John Peterson**, **Jack Scott**, **Kevin Stone**, **Dan Yelvington**, and **Debbie Yost**.

**Ten years ago (July 2015)** – After a spirited debate at a club meeting, members of G.A.G. Kiwanis voted by a margin of 18-7 to permanently close the Christmas Tree Lot. The Tree Lot had been in business for 26 years – each time overseen by **John Chandler** – but the rising costs of trees combined with the difficulty in finding able-bodied volunteers proved to be an unsurmountable obstacle.

**Five years ago (July 2020)** – With their annual Independence Day celebration canceled due to COVID-19, members of the G.A.G. Kiwanis Club brought some patriotic cheer to the La Mesa home of **John and Pam Chandler**. Club members decorated their vehicles and drove past the Chandler residence with their horns honking and flags waving... Elsewhere, **Johnny Pernicano**, a longtime member of the Pacific Beach Kiwanis Club, passed away on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at age 92. The charismatic musician was part of the famous Pernicano family of restaurant owners, and a survivor of a harrowing 1958 plane crash.



# PROGRAM PREVIEW

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

July 10<sup>th</sup>

Recap of Kiwanis International Convention

K.O.D. *Lisa De Las Alas*

July 24<sup>th</sup>

San Diego District Attorney’s Office

Fraud Prevention

K.O.D.: TBA

August 7<sup>th</sup>

**NO MEETING – Room Closed for Fumigation**

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



# Kiwaniis®

GRANTVILLE-ALLIED GARDENS

## Board Meeting Agenda

**Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 Club Secretary **John Crawford**.  
Committee Chairs and Board Members Subject to Change.