

# Pasadena Kiwanis Club Newsletter

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The activities in and around Pasadena Kiwanis Club sometimes become overwhelming and this seemed to be one of those times. We rush through the flurry of past and planned events and many of our absent members aren't able to learn of event results or member news updates. This "once in a while" publication is intended to fill in a few of the current news voids.

**George Throop – was recently selected as the Outstanding Citizen of The Year For Sierra Madre**. Past President George's current hobby of making wooden toys for children at hospitals and children's homes in the area are gaining wide acclaim from nurses, care givers and parents. These unpainted toys can be used in hospitals where painted toys can't be used as well as in nursery environments where the children can learn to paint "their toy" in safe, supervised and learning situations. Congratulations, George.

Sad note: Don Everett Fuller, husband of the late Alice Brown passed away April 8<sup>th</sup> at the San Gabriel Medical Hospital. Alice died in January 2005. Alice was the daughter of the founder of Kiwanis International, Allen Brown! Alice and Don had set up the Alice Brown Memorial Fund that has been added to the awards program of the Kiwanis Club of Pasadena Foundation.

**April 29 and May 6** Pasadena Kiwanis members will join with their sponsored Circle K members of PCC and Key Club members of Marshall High School I to work on a **Rebuilding Together project**. Our house to be fixed up this year is located just off Fair Oaks Avenue near Altadena Drive. Details will be available at the club meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>, but everyone, members, family members and guests, are invited to lend their skills to painting, gardening, and general cleanup/fix-up tasks.

April 14 Prayer breakfast interclub at Altadena/Crown City was well represented with 8 Pasadena Kiwanis club members: Betty Ford, Ray Bartlett, Reid Allen, Mel Smith, Mark Clay, Marla Knutsen, John Marshall and Joe Moore.

**Thursday noon, May 11<sup>th</sup>, our next interclub with the San Gabriel Kiwanis Club** at their new location, the San Gabriel Hilton Hotel. We know this conflicts with our own meeting, but surely we can at least spare an interclub foursome. Betty Ford is coordinating this activity. Call her at 626 -398-1063 if you can attend. Great job on inter-clubs this year, Betty!

April 21-23 ten of our sponsored Key Club members of Marshall High School Attended the Key Club Convention in San Jose. Our members Sara MacLellan and Mark Clay served as chaperones. Sara is a former Key Club Lt. Governor and directed the students to the most beneficial sessions. Thank you both. Report is the students learned a lot, had a good time, and stayed out of trouble, as expected from this group of outstanding students. Thanks to Dave Cashion, Marla Knutsen, and Mark Clay who provided the transportation from school to the airport so the parents didn't have to take time off work.

Monday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Pasadena Kiwanians again served the evening **meal at Union Station**. Please sign up in the projects note book for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Saturday evening, May 13, 6 – 10:30 p.m., join **PCC Circle K for their Installation** dinner at Ocean Star Restaurant, 145 N. Atlantic Blvd. in Monterey Park. Great Chinese food and a reasonable \$20 cost. Their invitations are exceptionally well done! Let's support our youth. RSVP to pccckipres@gmail.com or call Lucy at (626) 826-3120 by Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

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**May 19<sup>th</sup>, a great Kiwanis family night** to visit the planetarium at Glendale City College followed by dinner at a Milano's. Gather your family members and join us for a really enjoyable "night out". Marla Knutsen is coordinating this event, but please sign up. We need to make reservations at the planetarium (no cost!), arrange car pooling – limited parking available - and to reserve tables at the restaurant.

**Student Awards. June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Hilton Hotel.** We have the San Gabriel Room reserved again for our annual Kiwanis Student Awards Program. We need help with presenting the awards at the various high schools and middle schools, and with reservations and hosting at the event. See, or call, or email Mel Smith if you can help. 626-796-2332 or email melbury@earthlink.net.

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, a super night concert in the park at the Arboretum** . Looks like we'll have 2 tables. Reid Allen and Karen Drew are putting this event together. Get your reservations in soon, only a few spots available!

**Kudos to our Vice President Marla Knutsen** for coordinating, and mostly getting the speakers herself, good programs at our luncheon meetings. Marchelle Sellers of McDonald House had an excellent presentation at our April 20 meeting. Attention -missing members give yourself a break and join us for lunch on Thursdays so we can learn what you are doing, too.

As of this writing the **Jazz Fest** will be held again this July 22 and 23, this time a new location at holes 16, 17 and 18 of the south Brookside Golf Course. Save the date, this is our club's big fund raiser for the year. More info to come.

And, we have two fund raiser **Duck Race opportunities**, one for Cal -Nev-Ha District in August and one for Glendale Kiwanis in October. We get 50% of whatever we sell after an initial \$250 cost. This was a huge success for Glendale last year, and we get in on the program without having to do the work. We netted a few hundred dollars last year but have grander expectations this year. These duck races are a win-win fund raiser for everyone, especially Pasadena Kiwanis. We are working on awarding some prizes just among those who participate through Pasadena Kiwanis so we are assured at least some of our contributors will win! If you know of Pasadena area business or personal contributors encourage them to give through Pasadena Kiwanis. It costs them nothing extra but half their contribution goes to a Pasadena Kiwanis Foundation!

Please visit or call our infirmed members. For health reasons Dick Davis has had to retired from the club but has been elected to Honorary Status. Dick Thomas is at the Kensington Home in Alhambra. Thanks to Tom Delahooke and others Dick occasionally gets to occasionally attend one of our club meetings! Dick has a direct phone line to his room 626-289-8474, but talking is a struggle at the moment. George Throop is home from the hospital recouping after a bout with pneumonia followed by severe knee problem that has him using a walker until the swelling goes down. See you in a couple weeks, George. Calls are OK. Keep all of them in your prayers.

**Other Member Happenings**: It was good to see Dave Robinson a couple weeks ago. Welcome back to Shelley and Ed Hill after their two -week trip to Great Britain. And to Horst and Ginny on their return from celebrating Horst's 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in Germany followed by COLD trip to Ireland on their way home. Chris Kolbeck has had to go on extended leave following his transfer to the Beverly Hills office of New York Life. And we thought we didn't see him very much before! Congratulations to Nicola Keller on her return to Villa Esperanza. Welcome home, Nicola!

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And, for those who missed the follow-up, **Career Day** a few weeks ago was another gratifying success for our Kiwanis Club and our Key Club. We had 38 Key Clubbers go to 10 different venues. Students went to an architectural/interior design firm, bank, dentist, photographer, Hilton Hotel, Huntington Hospital, fire department, veterinarian, the courthouse, and mortuary. Again, thanks to all who participated. The positive reactions expressed in the thank you notes from the students provides motivation for keeping this program as one of our annual service activities.