

Kiwanis Club of Pasadena Newsletter

June 10, 2008

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What's Up?

The dedication of Ann Hains tree and granite monument presented by Pasadena Kiwanis with the help of Chris Cabot will be held on Monday, June 16th, at Marshall High School, 990 N. Allen Ave., 12:00 P.M.

The Jazz Fest will be held on July 18, 19 and 20. People, we need help, at least one shift from all able bodies. This is our big fund raiser for the year, and yes, we get help from Bank of America volunteers. But, **our presence is important**. It's at Raging Waters Park in San Dimas and we can carpool. Sign up - see Bob Riegel if you have questions.

Union Station Feeding, June 23, July 28 and August 25, 5:00 p.m. Please sign up. It only takes a small crew and a couple hours time.

Programs

June 12, a fun and informative speaker, Shirlee Smith, a columnist with the Star News will tell us "All About Parenting". Got no kids = what to expect. Got kids – new ideas to get them to do what you want. Had kids – So that's what I should'a done, but in spite of everything, they still turned out OK!

June 19, Fullbright Scholar Dave Armstrong, from University of Riverside, will present a fascinating story of the opportunities and adventures of modern day Fullbright award winners. You will be amazed!

June 26, a day for all of us headed by our own John Marshall. John made the wild statement about corruption in the first year of his career in the Pasadena Police Department. He'll tell us this and many more crazy stories of his career, and duties with the Tournament of Roses, etc. This is your chance to ask John if those rumors of our colorful past in the Pasadena Police Department are true. Of course, John has the right to embellish any story, so beware. Come and support a great guy, a great Kiwanian, a proud Pasadenian and our friend. John will get to sit at the table with the roving microphone. Somebody needs to bring a recorder! See Mel Smith. And, bring questions and hear one of the great storytellers of our club.

July 3rd - We will be dark! No meeting.

So far, in July, we have our member Dr. Jim Getzen who will tell about the new methods for treating heart disease, what you need to know about big changes in the medical profession.

Steve Applebaum, owns a nationwide technical training school, training trainers by internet and other modern day communications.

Got programs! Tell us, we'll work on it. We do have a couple for the future, but we need your suggestions. The only responses from our appeal 2 weeks ago were from Dr. Wear, Craig Wallace and Reid Allen. Come on, people, programs don't just happen! If more of you contribute we can have a better variety of luncheon speakers. One idea, I'd like to have Cal Worthington tell us about selling cars for 50 years. Anybody know him?

A Busy Last Quarter

Rebuilding Together – Joe Moore got us an interesting house project, 30 people the first weekend to clear the weeds off an adjoining hillside with 2 weed whackers, paint a small concrete pad at the front entry,, and paint 4 contiguous rooms in a small house at the same time! Plus, we had to move every thing before we could begin – trinkets on tables, tables, lamps, ashtrays, furniture, pictures, curtains, blinds and switch-plates. Plus, the plumber had to redo the kitchen plumbing. We came close in 2 weekends of work, but we just couldn't get the kitchen done. Thanks to Joe Moore, Chi Ching, Howard Miller, Chris and Judy Williams, Mel Smith, Don Anderson, Bob Riegel and Jim Getzen, who took over for John Marshall the duty of engaging the landlord in conversation while the rest of the crew worked!

<u>Club election – new officers for 2008-2009</u>

President Nicola Keller President-elect Susan Lyte

Vice President - TBA
Treasurer Who else?
Secretary Kristen Schultz
Immediate Past President Marla Knutsen

Directors Mark Clay, Bob Riegel, Mel Matthews, Mel Smith, Reid Allen,

Harry Crusberg & Joe Moore

Student Awards – Thanks to everyone for a very successful Student Awards. Superintendent Edwin Diaz offered a few words of welcome and Yvette McDowell was a great Master of Ceremonies. The two board members, Scott Phelps and Bob Harrison, stayed around after the event and were very pleased with the event. We distributed 31 awards totaling \$13,000! We had a great crew – Mel Smith, coordinator, Reid Allen, Don Anderson, Chi Ching Chang, Mark Clay, Harry Crusberg, Mary Grace De la Paz, Karen Drew, Betty Ford, Jim Getzen, Nicola Keller, Marla Knutsen, Sara Hatch, Yvette McDowell, Joe Moore, Bob Riegel, Craig Wallace, Greg Wessels, and Patti Woolman. Ray Bartlett had to go to the doctor's at the last minute, John Marshall anchored the Kiwanis table, and Mel Matthews was able to attend after all. In addition, Mel's son, Steven Smith, assisted Bob Riegel with photos and new member Jason Sandoval pitched in to greet guests and get them to the buffet. The buffet was a good answer to feeding 120 people. We had a choice of 2 good main courses, fish and beef, good variety of salads and desserts, and a lot less confusion.

People News

Captain, now Major Shelley Hill – Aloha to Shelley and Ed as the Salvation Army relocates them Honolulu, Hawaii. What a tough transfer assignment! Harry Crusberg and Kathy decorated our meeting of May 28 with festive balloons, etc. with a farewell sendoff from the club. Congratulation to both Shelley and Ed for their promotions to Major in the Salvation Army. Shelley has left with a recommendation to her successor for her replacement in Pasadena Kiwanis. She also plans to join the Kiwanis club in Honolulu.

Jason Sandoval, a new member will be joining our club on June 12th. Jason is CEO and founder of Maexidus, a combined investment portfolio management company located at 225 S. Lake Avenue. He has been to a few meetings and helped usher the attendees at the Student Awards luncheon. Welcome Jason.

George Throop- is back in his workshop turning out more wooden toys. An unbelievable restrictive liquid diet is keeping him at home, but hopefully his recuperation will continue and we'll see him soon.

Horst Lechler – Guess what! So much for retirement and traveling, Horst is back in business starting a new company. You'll have to ask him the details, but it is obvious he is having a ball in spite of the frustrations of any new venture.

Glad to see Dr. Bob Torrey, and Dave Robinson, Howard Miller, Yvette McDowell, and Sara Hatch.

Dick Davis – Dick retired from the club last year due to health reasons and passed away the first week of June. The family held a private service June 9th and will have a memorial service in August. I talked to his wife Dottie and she said he missed Kiwanis but the physical problems were too great to keep up attendance.

Craig Wallace's mother, Wanda Wallace, passed away on May 30th. The service was held at the Chapel of the Flowers at Forest Lawn on June 6, 2008. Our sympathies and condolences to Craig and his family.

Our Sponsored Youth

Thanks to Reid Allen PCC graduating Circle K member Patricia Huang received a Kiwanis Foundation Award. Thanks to Patricia and other club members Circle K is again active at PCC.

Marshall Key Club is closing out the year with a couple service projects and an inventory of the classrooms to install American flags. The decision to install the flags has been delayed until September partly because some of the past flags seem to disappear over the summer.

The Key Club and your Kiwanis Sponsored Youth Committee has embarked on a project to make sure an American Flag is in every one of the 70 classrooms at Marshall. The school budget for this kind of purchase has been eliminated! We'll buy the flags over the summer and install them the first week of school in Sept.

PAST PRESIDENTS BOOK – Come on, past presidents. Write at least a couple paragraphs about your Kiwanis experiences. Send your info to Mel Smith. So far, only 3 bios have been submitted.

Projects in the Works

Danny's Farm in Altadena, a Jim Gott project for disabled youth who take care for animals. Nicola Keller is spearheading this effort. She is also hoping to establish an Ackton Club at Villa Esperanza. And, Greg Wessels is learning about the requirements for and hoping to establish a Key Club at Rosemary High School.