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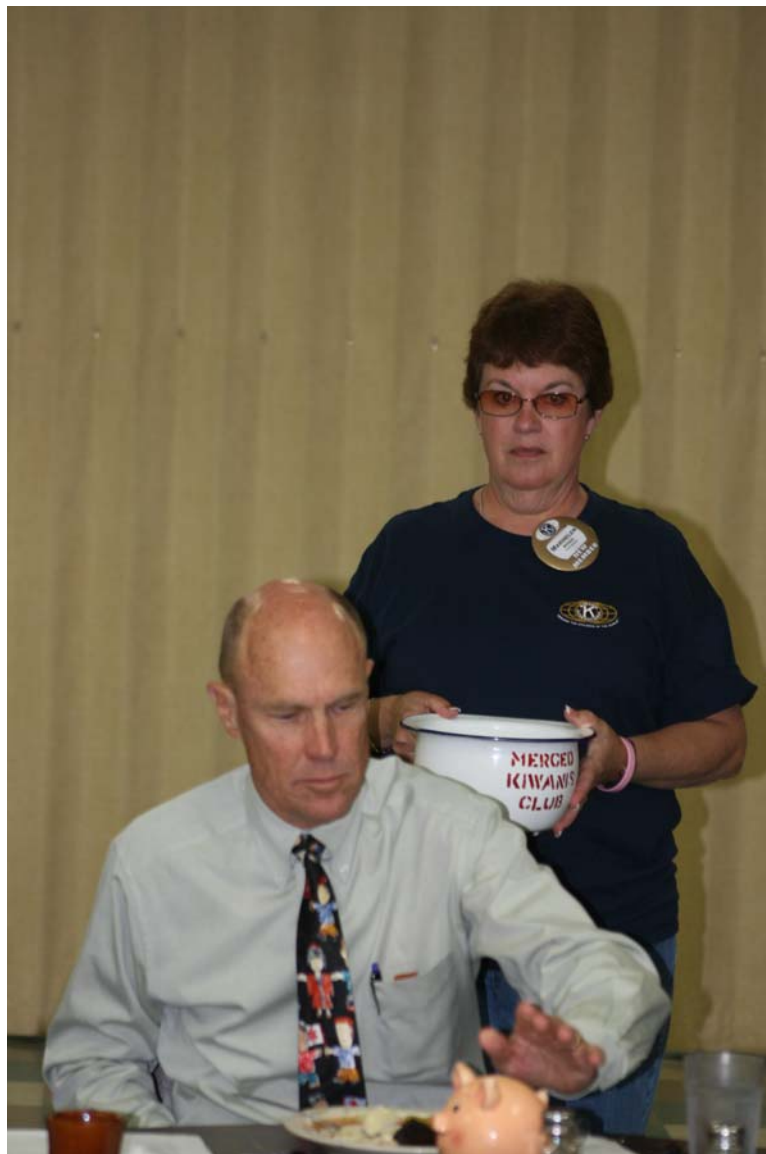
## *The Slant*

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## LEE ANDERSEN IGNORING THE POT



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**OPENING** President Kathy opened the proceedings at 12:15. Nancy Weidenmiller started us off with “God Bless America”, Stuart Hayden led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dave Bultena blessed the proceedings.

**GUESTS** Robert Martinez had his new escrow coordinator, Nichole Taylor, as his guest.

**KIWANIS SONGS**

Keith King made the traditional announcement, “Pass out the song books,” as he led us in song. By popular request (he said), we did #82, “Stoloda Pumpa” (which was arranged by Ruth Heller. It was followed by #81, “In The Good Old Summer Time.” The club was in good voice as 21 members joined in song.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**Junior Olympics** Elaine Parker and Andrea Alvarado filled us in on final details for this 65th annual event. Sign up

sheets went around for both event assignments and for help with various items needed, particularly for the concession stand. KIWIN’S will not be able to provide as many people as usual as this is also SRA testing day. Circle K will provide some folks as well.

**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS & RECOGNITION**

President Kathy announced that Lee Andersen had celebrated his birthday on April 22. He elected to have the whole club sing for him. Judy Warren was \$H that she had 8 service dogs graduating and was pleased at the youngsters who helped train them. Melissa Mercado and Larry were both \$H for Music Merced Festival and KIWIN’S helping out. Keith King was \$H for his 7 year old grandson playing baseball. President Kathy was \$H for exit interviews with high school seniors, saw lots of future leaders. Dave Brown was simply \$H for feeling good.

Green gum square in hand, Keith King went after Lee Andersen, something about not believing Lee is 40. Stuart Hayden got after Steve Wilson because his (Steve’s) wife is working so hard, and does Steve appreciate it? Kathy got after Stuart because he is “ditching” us in June as he leaves.



Judy Warren was talking about her service dog graduation and the youngsters who trained them.

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### THE PROGRAM

Program organizer Nancy Weidenmiller introduced member Elaine Parker. Elaine has completed the Master Gardener Program. Master Gardeners are available as a resource to the community at large. They are trained to find good information for home gardeners.

Elaine said that the biggest reason plants don't thrive is water, too much or too little. She gave the example of planting two plants adjacent to one another...one needs lots of water, and one does best in drier areas. One of them won't do well if the water needs of the other are met...to much or too little.



Kiwanian and Master Gardner Elaine Parker.  
*The Slant* Photo by Jim North

Youngsters are interested in growing things. Get them involved early in their lives. Golden Valley High had an Earth Day event where microscopes were set up for the youth to look through. They asked a lot of questions, particularly about the bugs.

The Master Gardener prospect goes through a selection and training process. After achieving the designation they are committed to a minimum of 50 hours of community service. A new program will begin locally in September.

### THE DRAWING

Robert Martinez and Mike Ryan took away \$18 each in the 25/25/50. Judy Warren, Dave Brown and Steve Wilson collected Lotto scratchers.

### CLOSING

President Kathy closed the meeting at 13:00.

## OPINION & HUMOR

*VIEWPOINTS OF THE WRITERS CAN BE EXPRESSED HERE.  
YOUR FAMOUS THE SLANT EDITOR RESERVES EDITORIAL PEROGATIVES  
PLEASE, NO WHINING!*

### HERE'S WHAT I THINK

FAMOUS *THE SLANT* EDITOR

Two things are on your Famous *The Slant* Editor's mind as I write this. Both are, I believe, crucial to the survival of the club.

The first one has to do with holding office. We will hold elections in the month of May. The nominating committee has been able to fill all except one office. However, no one seems able or willing (I don't know which) to step forward to serve as president in the coming year. We face the prospect of either not having a president or of having one who will be serving his third term. Neither of those is a particularly healthy thing for the club.

The other item has to do with membership, the age old issue in service clubs. We are losing two members due to career changes. We have not inducted a new member since November. Heck, we haven't even seen members invite folks to lunch. As both Governor Dan and Lt Governor Warren have pointed out, this club needs to grow. There is no reason we should not have 40 members. We need to spread the work around and look for other ways to serve the community.

What do you think. How do we deal with these two subjects?

### A LITTLE HUMOR

"Mr Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce court judge said, "and I have decided to give your wife \$775 a week." "That's very fair, you honor," said the husband. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance.

The old man calmly looked at the pastor and said, "Well, she's there."

**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE  
KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED  
MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE  
MAY\***

- 06 PROGRAM TBA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS**
- 09 SPECIAL OLYMPICS MERCED COLLEGE**
- 13 PROGRAM TBA**
- 20 MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
- 27 PROGRAM TBA**

**JUNE**

- 03 PROGRAM TBA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS**
- 10 PROGRAM TBA**
- 17 PROGRAM TBA**
- 24 PROGRAM TBA**
- 31 PROGRAM TBA**

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL  
CALIFORNIA NEVADA HAWAII DISTRICT  
DIVISION 46**

- JUN 24-28 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NASHVILLE TN**
- AUG 13-15 CALNEVHA DISTRICT CONVENTION SAN DIEGO CA**
- SEP 30 2008-2009 ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR ENDS**

**OOPS! OUR MISTAKE**

*(In the interest of honest, fair and accurate reporting, we will, when the occasion dictates, take note of errors in The Slant. We don't anticipate that happening very often, but we do anticipate that you will let us know when it does. That's OK...it lets us know someone really reads this stuff.)*

# THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED

Founded February 5, 1929  
 Meets Wednesday at 12:10 PM  
 The Elks Club, 1910 M Street, Merced, CA

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Kiwanis Club of Merced shall have a commitment to the youth of the world by service to the community.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

## MEMBERSHIP

### —ACTIVE—

#### MEMBER'S NAME

AFONSO, HERMAN  
 AFONSO, MARIHELEN  
 APPLING, BARBARA  
 ALVARADO, ANDREA (Vern)  
 ANDERSEN, LEE\* (Ann)  
 BRIGGS, SUSAN  
 BROWN, DAVE (Kathy)  
 BROWN, KRISTAL  
 BULTENA, DAVID\* (Maureen)  
 DAVIS, MATT  
 HAYDEN, STUART\* (Gail)  
 JONES, BRENDA (MARK)  
 KING, KEITH\* (Shirley)  
 LOGUE, BRUCE@ (Beverly)  
 MAHACEK, RICHARD (Susan)  
 MARTINEZ, ROBERT (Silvana)  
 MCSWAIN, RUSS  
 MERCANDO, LARRY\*  
 MERCANDO, MELISSA  
 NORTH, JIM\* + # \* (Judy)  
 PARKER, ELAINE

RYAN, MICHAEL (Sam)  
 SELLERS, SHEILA  
 VALADEZ, JULIO  
 WARREN, JUDY  
 WEIDENMILLER, NANCY  
 WILSON, STEVE\* (Lisa)  
 WYMAN, KATHY

#### PROFESSION

MERCED CNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF (RET)  
 SUPERVISING RN VALLEY ST PRISON WOMEN  
 MERCED CNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
 MERCED COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
 COUNTY SUPT OF SCHOOLS.  
 DEP DIR MERCED CNTY COMM ACTION AGENCY  
  
 TEACHER  
 RET., MERCED COUNTY DIST. ATTY. OFFICE  
 ASSOC ARTISTIC DIR PLAYHOUSE MERCED  
 TEACHER  
 PRINCIPAL, PIONEER ELEMMENTARY SCHOOL  
 KEITH KING LAW OFFICES  
 LEAD PASTOR LIFE SPRING CHURCH  
 UC AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION (4H)  
 BROKER EXIT REALTY INTERNATIONAL  
 REAL ESTATE BROKER  
 RETIRED  
  
 JIM'S HOT DIGGETY DOGS; MAJOR (RET) USAF  
 APPRAISER, MERCED APPRAISAL;  
 COL (RET) USAF  
  
 RETIRED EDUCATOR  
 UNLIMITED WIRELESS (OWNER)  
 CALIFORNIA CANINE ACADEMY (PRESIDENT)  
 MAJOR (RET) USAF  
 MERCED CITY FINANCE OFFICE  
 MERCED COUNTY OFFICE OP EDUCATION

(TOTAL ACTIVE THIS ISSUE: 28)  
 (AS OF NOVEMBER 1 2008)

### -SENIOR-

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### —HONORARY—

ANDERSON, JAY\* + # @ (Bea) RETIRED, MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
 HENKLE, RANDY \* RETIRED  
 RUSSELL, BILL (CYNTHIA) HEAD COACH MC BASKETBALL  
 STOWELL, KATHY TEACHER (RIVERA)

\*Past President +Past Lt Gov #Life Member @Hixson Award

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets 1st Wednesday 6:00PM  
 20 W 27th St Merced

President	Kathy Wyman
President Designate	
Secretary	Kristal Brown
Treasurer	Robert Martinez
Immediate Past Pres	Steve Wilson
2007-2009	2008-2010
Stuart Hayden	Barbara Appling
Elaine Parker	Dave Brown
Andrea Alvarado	Russ McSwain

## KIWANIS FAMILY

### International President

Donald R Canaday

### Governor, CalNevHa District

Dan L Connolly

### Division 46 Lieutenant Governor

Warren Riopel

### CalNevHa Trustee (Region 12)

James Hagen (Div 5)

### Merced KIWINS

Meng Vang, President  
 Sam Xiong, Lt Governor (Sapphire)

## Area Kiwanis Clubs

Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced  
 Kiwanis Club of Atwater-Winton  
 Kiwanis Club of Castle-Atwater  
 Key Club Golden Valley High School  
 Key Club Merced High School  
 Key Club Atwater High School  
 KIWIN'S Merced High School  
 Circle K UC Merced



## KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED PAST PRESIDENTS

1929	Bill Cole*	1963	Bruce Burchell*	1996-1997	Dan Doody
1930	Val Preston* & Tom McSwain*	1964	Dr Jack Wright*	1997-1998	Don Stowell* & Mike Hernandez
1931	Earl Chapman*	1965	Judge Don Fretz	1998-1999	Vince McMillan
1932	D J Hersough*	1966	Fred Pfitzer*	1999-2000	Larry Mercado
1933	Dr James Hayes*	1967	Q D Jones	2000-2001	Joy Miller
1934	Everett Shively*	1968	Jay Andersen	2001-2002	Ron Ringstrom
1935	Clyde Coats*	1969	William DeSimone*	2002-2003	Graham Sorensen
1936	H S Burns* & E E Danneker*	1969-1970	Keith King	2003-2004	Stuart Hayden
1937	M Jean Wybndelts* & Sid Thorington*	1970-1071	Wayne Symes* & Burton "Burt" Fogelberg*	2004-2005	Arlynne Hall
1938	Cecil C Anderson*	1971-1972	Marvin Sanders*	2005-2006	Stefani Hager
1939	John J Fluetsch*	1972-1973	Jack Williamson	2006-2007	James W "Jim" North
1940	Howard Manchester*	1973-1974	Wayne Symes*	2008-2008	Steve Wilson
1941	Walter Knapp*	1974-1975	Alvin Miller		
1942	Victor J Reich*	1975-1976	Henry DuPertuis		
1943	Eldrige Barrett*	1976-1977	William Liege		
1944	Dr Bill Heitman	1977-1978	Dave Bultena		
1945	Sheldon Jackson*	1978-1979	Eddie H Doremus*		
1946	Pat Remington*	1979-1980	Herman Olson*		
1947	Kenneth McSwain*	1980-1981	Dr William Stockard		
1948	L C "Bud" Jirsa*	1981-1982	Jim Farley		
1949	Harvey Garst*	1982-1983	Roland "Matty" Mathieu		
1950	Larry Davis*	1983-1984	James W "Jim" North		
1951	William Duffus*	1984-1985	Delbert Berline		
1952	Willis Stribling*	1985-1986	Harold "Cass" Casaletto*		
1953	Dr Henry "Doc" May- tum*	1986-1987	Charles "Chuck" Beiswanger		
1954	Edgar Flinders*	1987-1988	Dalton Davis		
1955	Ivan McMillan*	1988-1989	Art Cardoza		
1956	Ralph Shannon*	1989-1990	Osto Heath*		
1957	Melvin Peletz*	1990-1991	Ed Taylor*		
1958	Trent Harrington*	1991-1992	Randy Henkle		
1959	Floyd Shelby*	1992-1993	Jeannie (Fluetsch) Bliss		
1960	Howard McCulloch*	1993-1994	Steve Wilson		
1961	Edward McGarry*	1994-1995	Lee Andersen		
1962	Eldon Callister*	1995-1996	Debbie Parker		

## KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

1948	Clyde Coats* (5)	1973-1974	Jay Anderson (5)
1958	Kenneth McSwain* (5)	1987-1988	James W "Jim" North (46)

**DIVISION 46****Warren Riopel, Lieutenant Governor (Turlock)**

Atwater-Winton	La Nita's 2683 Shaffer Rd ATW	Tuesday 12:00 (11:45 to order)	Ray Fitchett prfitchett@yahoo.com
Castle-Atwater	Castle Air Museum 5050 Santa Fe Dr ATW	Thursday 12:00	George Brown geb1930@sbcglobal.net
Greater Ceres	Las Cascada 2704 Mitchell Rd CER	Tuesday 12:00	Tony Dewinkle dewinke@sbcglobal.net
Greater Merced	Elks Lodge 1910 M St MER	Monday 12:00	Mike Wegely wegleym@yahoo.com
Greater Modesto	Appetex Restaurant 825 Roseburg MOD	Tuesday 12:00	John Hill jwhhome@sbcglobal.net
Greater Sonora	Pinetree Restaurant 19601 Hess (at Mono Way) SON	Tuesday 07:00	James P Brown JimAndDot@mlode.com
Greater Turlock	Latif's Restaurant 111 N Golden St TUR	Friday 06:45	Audrey Lopes-Dermond alopes-dermond @agloan.com
Groveland	Foothills Comunity Ch 18717 Main St GRO	Tuesday 17:30 (No Meal)	Al Smith asmith@mlode.com
Los Banos	Country Waffles 845 W Pacheco LBS	Tuesday (2nd, 3rd, 4th) 12:00	Gloria Mendonca gloria28@sbcglobal.net
Mariposa	Happy Burger Hwy 140 & 13th MAR	Tuesday 1st: 18:00 Others: 12:00	
Modesto	The Seasons 945 McHenry MOD	Wednesday 12:00	
North Modesto	Elks Lodge 645 Charity Way MOD	Wednesday 06:45	
Oakdale	Almond Tree Rest 831 East F St OAK	Tuesday 07:00	
Sonora	Pinetree Restaurant 19601 Hess (at Mono Way) SON	Friday 07:00	
Turlock	Home Town Buffet 1665 Countryside TUR	Tuesday 12:00	

## OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

*Adopted in Denver, June 17, 1924  
At The Kiwanis International  
Convention*



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