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KIWIN'S PREPARE TURKEYS FOR RESCUE MISSION



The Slant photo by Nancy Weidenmiller

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KIWANIS AND KIWIN'S ANNUAL TURKEY PROJECT

250 Turkeys Prepped for Rescue Mission Dinner
 The Kiwanis Club of Merced and the Merced High School KIWIN'S Club held the annual "turkey project" on the evening before Thanksgiving. 25 members of the KIWIN'S Club traveled to the Buhach Hall where 250 turkeys awaited them. 7 members of the Kiwanis club provided transportation.

The Merced Rescue Mission holds a dinner on Thanksgiving Day which is open to all comers. This year they anticipated feeding about 4,000 to 5,000 people. For several years the Merced High School KIWIN'S Club has gathered its members at the Buhach Hall the night before to clean and wrap the birds. Members of the Buhach staff then load them into the large ovens which can accommodate 60 pans. Approximately 130 turkeys are cooked in the first shift, with the balance being done at the 4am shift.

Cover: KIWIN'S prepare the turkeys for the Rescue Mission Thanksgiving dinner.
 The Slant photos by Jim North



The birds, donated by people from all over Merced County, are delivered in their colorful wrappings (top, left). KIWIN'S unwrap each bird and remove the giblets (top, right). Each bird is then hand washed (bottom, left), seasoned, wrapped and loaded into the ovens by Buhach cooks (bottom, right).



KIWANIS RINGS BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Project Coordinated by Barbara Appling

Barbara Appling is coordinating the Kiwanis Club of Merced participation in the annual Salvation Army bell ringing effort. This year we'll ring at WalMart. Ringing sessions are set for 11:30 to 1:30pm and 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

Scheduled "Ringers"		Available "Ringer" Times	
Dec 03	Nancy Weidenmiller PM	Dec 03	11:30-1:30
Dec 05	Barbara Appling AM PM	Dec 08	11:30-1:30
Dec 10	Jim North PM	Dec 10	1:30-3:30
Dec 12	Barbara Appling AM	Dec 19	Both
	Russ McSwain PM	Dec 22	Both
Dec 16	Dave Brown PM	Dec 23	11:30-1:30
Dec 23	Barbara Appling PM	Dec 24	Both

We know this is a busy time for everyone, but this is a chance to serve the neediest folks in the community and make the Salvation Army effort more productive. Every slot we fill means the Army doesn't need to pay a "Ringer". Please take a look at the schedule and decide to participate. By the way, when you go, wear your Kiwanis hat so people know we're working. Frankly, we need to let more people know what we do.

President Jim

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

From notes by Secretary Barbara Appling

The Board of Directors met at President Jim North's house on November 18. 9 members were present.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning membership development and the direction the club should take in the future. The recent club assessment was used as the basis for much of the discussion. President Jim referred the board members to the webinars at Kiwanis International to use as guides for the future activities of the club. They can be accessed at www.kiwanis.org under "Member Resources" and "Training".

The final report for the pancake breakfast indicates a net of approximately \$3,700. Minor amounts of money and invoices remain outstanding. Russ McSwain has volunteered to schedule the banner for next year at the Merced Fire Department on December 3.

The Finance Committee submitted the Administrative and Foundation budgets for approval. The Administrative budget was approved as submitted with only minor changes. The Foundation budget was the subject of much discussion. Due to the reduced income from the pancake breakfast, our major fund raiser, cuts were made across the board from the submitted budget. Most notable, the KIWIN'S line item was reduced from the requested \$3,500 to \$2,500. Funding for several other items is simply not possible at this time. The budget was designed to operate the Foundation without dipping into reserves.

Immediate Past President Kathy Wyman has requested a 90 day leave of absence from the club which was approved effective 1 November 2009.

The next meeting is December 9.

DUES REMINDER...THEY'RE PAST DUE

PRESIDENT JIM

If you're one of the 12 or 13 or so who have not paid dues, you should take care of it immediately. There are Administrative bills to pay.

If you are having some difficulty (aren't we all?) during this economic situation, we can work something out. Talk to me...our conversation will be private.

Mailing Address:
Kiwanis Club of Merced
Post Office Box 1371
Merced, CA 95341

Amount Due: \$145.00

Dues should be given to
the Club Secretary,
Barbara Appling

Jim and Judy North

**KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED
PRESIDENT'S
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**



**THE PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL
WILL BE HELD AT
JIM AND JUDY'S HOME
3245 THORN AVENUE
MERCED**

TAKE EAST OLIVE AVENUE TO PARSONS
TURN NORTH ONTO PARSONS AVE
TURN EAST ONTO TEAK AVE
TURN NORTH ONTO THORN AVE

RSVP NOT REQUIRED BUT APPRECIATED
722-7680
JIM_NORTH@SBCGLOBAL.NET

**DECEMBER 13, 2009
2:00PM TO 5:00PM**

All members are invited along with a spouse, significant other or guest.

Hosted refreshments will be served.

No gifts or donations expected. We're just going to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

(Come even if you haven't paid your dues!)

KIWIN'S CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Drive nets over 600 canned food items for Food Bank
The Slant photos by Jim North



On November 21 approximately 25 members of the Merced High School KIWIN'S Club conducted their annual canned food drive. The Kiwanis Club of Merced,

their sponsoring club, provided transportation as approximately 10 Kiwanians drove the youngsters to various parts of Merced, "It was a great success," said Nancy Weidenmiller, who coordinated the project for the Kiwanis Club. "We did it in two shifts this year, and that seemed to work well," she said. The first group solicited donations from Merced residents from 11:00 to 12:15 and the second worked from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.



The canned food was taken to the Merced County Food Bank. KIWIN'S is a member of the Kiwanis Key Club International and one of the Sponsored Leadership Programs.

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

DECEMBER

- 02 MEETING FEDERAL PRISON WARDEN
- 09 MEETING PROGRAM TBA
- 09 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS 6PM NORTH HOME
- 13 PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2-5PM NORTH HOME
- 16 MEETING SWEET ADELINES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FAMILY DAY
- 23 MEETING NO MEETING TODAY
- 30 MEETING PROGRAM TBA

JANUARY

- 06 MEETING JESS BROWN MCAG
- 13 MEETING PROGRAM TBA
- 13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS 6PM NORTH HOME
- 20 MEETING PROGRAM TBA
- 27 MEETING PROGRAM TBA

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.)

In a recent issue, one of the winners at the weekly drawing was identified as Julio Sandoval. Naturally, the winner was our own Julio Valadez.

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)
 KING, KEITH* (Shirley)
 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
 KEITH KING LAW OFFICES
 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 OF EDUCATION

(TOTAL ACTIVE THIS ISSUE: 24)
 (AS OF OCTOBER 1 2009)

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(TOTAL MEMBERSHIP THIS ISSUE: 24)

—HONORARY—

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

Distinguished Club 2006-2007

Dues should be given to the Club
 Secretary, Barbara Appling

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets 2nd Wednesday 6:00PM
 3245 Thorn Ave Merced

President	Jim North
President Elect	Andrea Alvarado
Secretary	Barbara Appling
Treasurer	Robert Martinez
Immediate Past Pres	Kathy Wyman
2008-2010	2009-2011
Russ McSwain	Steve Wilson
Dave Brown	Herman Afonso
Elaine Parker	Mike Ryan

KIWANIS FAMILY

International President

Paul Palazzolo

Governor, CalNevHa District

Roy Talley

Division 46 Lieutenant Governor

Jeremiah Williams (Modesto)

CalNevHa Trustee (Region 12)

Dick Brown (Oakdale)

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



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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