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JEREMIAH WILLIAMS INSTALLED AS IMMEDIATE PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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September 8 Meeting

Keith King Updates Club on Estate Planning

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Cover: Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Jeremiah Williams was making his final remarks at the Division 46 Installation on 11 September. Story on page 2.

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Barbara Appling and "Woot"

OPENING

President Steve Wilson opened the meeting and asked Keith King to lead the club in "God Bless America". Kristal Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Dave Bultena blessed the proceedings.

GUESTS

Kathy Wyman has been carrying one of the monkeys floating around the club these days, and brought a guest so "he" could go on his way. Her guest was John Kean. "Woot" was immediately passed on to Secretary Barbara Appling.

SONG TIME

The club joined Keith King as he started us off on "Five Foot Two" followed by a salute to summertime lovers, "Cruising Down The River". The club was in acceptable voice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Andrea announced the Board of Directors meeting for tonight at Secretary Barbara Appling's home. Time is 18:30. Division 46 will hold installation of officers on Saturday, 11 September at the Elks Club on Merced.

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS & RECOGNITION

Elaine Parker is \$H that the detached garage construction is almost done...it's to be "her" gardening garage...sort of a Master Gardner's "hidey hole". Andrea Alvarado was \$H that it didn't rain...that meant that the roof on their getaway home in Mariposa didn't leak. Dave Brown had talked with former member and Past President Vince McMillon who is in Hawaii...\$H that he's doing well and is down to 180 lbs. Kristal Brown is \$H to be going on overnight hike this weekend. Steve Wilson noted the passing of former member and Past President Del Bireline in Oakhurst

with a \$S. Barbara Appling was \$S not to be here last week; \$H for ribbon won at Mariposa fair.

The "recognition" color was red. Russ McSwain got Dave Bultena for the Cameron article in the *Sun-Star* (well done Dave!). Andrea didn't have a red one, but goaded Lee Andersen into getting Keith King for excessive happiness. Kathy Wyman had a red one and got Andrea for picking on Keith.

THE PROGRAM

President Steve called on Keith King for an impromptu program. Keith gave members some insight into the estate planning process. One of the things stressed was the need for people to have a will. He outlined the 10 reasons not to have a will. They are all simply excuses for not having this very important document. Even if folks have trusts or don't have close family members, a will is important for the proper distribution of property. Otherwise the state steps in.

DRAWING AND CLOSING

Lee Andersen and Elaine Parker each got \$9; Lee and Keith along with Kathy got the Lotto. The meeting was closed at 13:00.



Keith King was our program today.

The ELIMINATE Project

Let's save more lives

Having saved millions of lives through its campaign to virtually eliminate iodine deficiency disorders, Kiwanis is set to battle another scourge that kills 160 children every day: maternal and neonatal tetanus. The new global campaign for children was announced this past June 24 during the Opening Session of the [Kiwanis International Convention](#) in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Joining forces with UNICEF, Kiwanis and its 600,000 family members will raise US\$110 million to eliminate this disease that kills one baby every nine minutes.

Tetanus spores are found everywhere—in the air, soil and contaminated objects. Bacteria can enter a mother's body through an open wound and pass through a newly cut umbilical cord. The effects are excruciating—tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and become hypersensitive to light, sound and touch. Even a mother's soothing voice and comforting caresses are unbearable. Kiwanis will devote the 2010-11 administrative year to educating its members about the disease and the Kiwanis campaign, preparing for the campaign launch at the 2011 international convention in Geneva, Switzerland, July 7-10.



Kiwanis International President Paul Pallazzo, UNICEF's Ambassador Téa Leoni and U.S. Fund for UNICEF President & CEO Caryl Stern celebrate the announcement of The Eliminate Project.

A historic moment

[Watch](#) the global campaign announcement.

Kiwanis Club of Merced Installation of Officers

The Kiwanis Club of Merced will install officers for the 2010-2011 Administrative Year at the Merced Elks Club on 29 September 2010.

Installing Officers

Installing Past Officers: Lieutenant Governor Jeremiah Williams.

Installing New Officers: Lieutenant Governor Designate Al Smith.

Lunch will be served at 12:00

Installation will begin at 12:30

Come out and honor those who have served the club this year and who will carry the club forward in the coming year.

Division 46 Lieutenant Governor Installed

Trustee Dick Brown acts as installing officer



Four members of the Kiwanis Club of Merced were in attendance as the 2010-2011 Lieutenant Governor was installed and the current Lieutenant Governor was installed as the Immediate Past. Dave Brown, Larry Mercado and Melissa Mercado hosted a table of Merced High KIWIN'S. 9 or 10 clubs from Division 46 were in attendance along with Lieutenant Governors and members or Key Clubs and KIWIN'S.

Past Lieutenant Governors Ramsin and Denise Ganji installed Jeremiah Williams as Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor. Nancy Williams was on hand to pin hus-

District Trustee Dick Brown is the installing officer as Al Smith (r) assumes the office of Lieutenant Governor for the third time.

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Ramsin Ganji (r) hands the pin of office to Nancy Williams (l) as she prepares to pin Jeremiah as Past Lieutenant Governor.

band Jeremiah with the pin of his new office.

California Hawaii Nevada Trustee Dick Brown was on hand to install Al Smith to his third term at the helm of Division 46. In addition to serving as Lieutenant Governor, Al will serve as President of the Kiwanis Club of Groveland. In his remarks, Lt Gov Al stressed the importance of giving the Sponsored Leadership Program (SLP) our support. He also said that SLP and increased membership will be the focus of his administration.



Merced was well represented at the installation. Front row, l to r: Melissa Mercado, Larry Mercado, Diane Putney, President, Kiwanis Club of Greater Ceres. Back row, l to r: Nikhi Moua, KIWIN'S Lieutenant Governor, Sapphire Division; KIWIN'S Charmigne Requillo and Victor Baeza; Kiwanian Dave Brown and Michelle Xiong, Merced High School Advisor to MHS KIWIN'S

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

September

- 15 Meeting Tony Doscetti**
- 22 Meeting Program TBA**
- 29 Meeting Installation of Officers**
- 30 Admin 2009-2010 Administrative Year Ends**

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

- February 05 Mid Year North Sacramento**
- February 19 Mid Year South San Diego**

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-

| <u>MEMBER'S NAME</u> | <u>PROFESSION</u> |
|----------------------------|--|
| Afonso, Herman | Merced Cnty Deputy Sheriff (Ret) |
| Afonso, Marihelen | Supervising RN Valley St Prison Women |
| Appling, Barbara | Merced Cnty Human Services Agency |
| Alvarado, Andrea (Vern) | Merced County Office of Education |
| Andersen, Lee* (Ann) | County Supt of Schools |
| Briggs, Susan | Dep Dir Merced Cnty Comm Action Agency |
| Brown, Dave (Kathy) | |
| Brown, Kristal | Teacher |
| Bultena, David* | Ret Merced Cnty Dist Atty Office |
| Eager, Cindi | Rabo Bank (Yosemite Ave) Manager |
| King, Keith* (Shirley) | Keith King Law Offices |
| Mahacek*, Richard (Susan) | UC Agricultural Extension (4H) |
| Martinez, Robert (Silvana) | Broker Exit Realty International |
| McSwain, Russ | Real Estate Broker |
| Mercando*, Larry | Retired |
| Mercando, Melissa | |
| North*+, Jim (Judy) | Major, USAF (Ret) Hot Dog Vendor |
| Parker, Elaine (Rob) | Col, USAF (Ret) Sierra One Consulting |
| Ryan, Michael (Sam) | |
| Sellers, Sheila | Retired Educator |
| Valadez, Julio | Insurance Representative (K of C) |
| Warren, Judy | California Canine Academy (President) |
| Weidenmiller, Nancy | Major, USAF (Ret) |
| Wilson*, Steve (Lisa) | Merced City Finance Office |
| Wyman*, Kathy | Merced County Office of Education |

TOTAL ACTIVE THIS ISSUE: 25)
 (AS OF 1 APRIL 2010)

—SENIOR—

(Total Membership This Issue 25)

—HONORARY—

* Past President + Past Lieutenant Governor

Distinguished Club 2006-2007



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meets 2nd Wednesday 6:00pm

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

KIWANIS FAMILY

International President
 Paul Palazzolo
International Trustee (USA) (Designate)
 Oscar E Knight III (San Diego)
Governor, CalNevHa District
 Roy Talley
 Richard G "Dick" Olmstead
 (Designate)
Lieutenant Governor Division 46
 Jeremiah Williams (Modesto)
 Al Smith (Groveland) (Designate)
CalNevHa Trustee Region 12
 Dick Brown (Oakdale)

Area Kiwanis Clubs
 Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced
 Mondays 12:00 Elks Club
 Kiwanis Club of Atwater-Winton
 Kiwanis Club of Castle-Atwater

Sponsored Leadership Programs
 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