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STEVE WILSON ASSUMES TREASURER DUTIES



The Slant photo by Barbara Molino

29 September Meeting

Welcome to Lieutenant Governor Jeremiah Williams and First Lady Nancy

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Cover: Steve Wilson was busy taking care of club finances at the October 6 meeting. Steve is serving as treasurer for the second time.
The Slant Photo by Jim North

KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- Junior Olympics
- Special Olympics
- Middle School Academic Achievement Awards
- Playhouse Merced Youth Conservancy
- College Scholarships
- Sponsored Leadership
- Merced High KIWIN'S
- UC Merced Circle K Club
- Merced Rescue Mission
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- Young Children Priority One
- Pediatric Trauma Prevention

President Andrea Alvarado was presiding over her first meeting today. Keith King started us off with "The Star Spangled Banner", and the club handled this one very well. Kristal Brown led the Pledge, and Russ McSwain blessed the proceedings.

Our guest list included Michelle Xiong, soon to be a member and the club advisor to Merced High KIWIN'S. Karen Adams, Past President of Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced was present as our speaker. Karen is Merced County Treasurer and Tax Collector.

With the famous line "Pass out the song books!", Keith King led the club in two old diddies. First came "I've Been Workin' On The Railroad" followed by "She'll Be Comin' Round The Mountain". Karen Adams remarked that we sing much better than her club!

Kathy Wyman and Russ McSwain talked about the pancake breakfast meeting. Posters are available and they are attempting to get out the publicity. There was talk of extending it to 13:00 (1pm). (Whacha think about this...didn't we delete that extra hour last year because all we were doing was standing around for an hour when it used to last that long?)

New member John Carlos was celebrating a birthday...chose to have the famous quartet of King, Andersen, North and Wilson sing to him for \$2.

Kathy Wyman and Robert Martinez won the \$10 each; lotto to Michelle Xiong, Russ McSwain and Keith King.



Steve Wilson, Lee Andersen and Keith King sing Happy Birthday to John Carlos as Jim North adds his own personal touch to the proceedings.

The Slant Photo by Kristal Brown

Happy and Sad Dollars Member "Recognition"

Russ McSwain was \$H for new President. Dave Bultena was \$H to have seen Jim North in "Twelve Angry Men", said he did a great job...for a change! Andrea Alvarado had a \$Anxious...took CPA test in Fresno...not certain of outcome. Lee Andersen was \$H to see Larry and Melissa back in the club along with Michelle Xiong. Karen Adams was \$H that our club still sings; \$H and encouraging for Andrea for the CPA exam.

The color was yellow today: Russ got Steve Wilson for no apparent reason. Kathy Wyman conducted her own personal pin and badge check...several members contributed. Lee Andersen went after Barbara Appling for failing to keep her monkey under control (Woot was being a bit obnoxious); paid the fine for her as he said she is such sweetheart.

Committee Reports

Pancake Breakfast Committee Meets

The Pancake Breakfast Committee met for their regular noontime Thursday meeting on October 7th at Wired Cafe on 18th and Canal. The attendees included Dave Brown (Chairman), Melissa & Larry Mercado, Steve Wilson, Julio Vasquez, and Andrea Alvarado.

Raffle items were discussed. Members will be asked to bring one item to be raffled off during the breakfast.

The committee has flyers and sponsorship letters available. Dave and Julio plan to hit the pavement next Wednesday to solicit businesses for raffle prizes and/or sponsorships. If you would like to help out on Wednesday, contact Dave Brown. Otherwise, feel free to ask businesses you deal with to sponsor or post a flyer for us. The sponsorship letter can be found at: <http://mercedkiwanis.com/fund-raisers/pancake-breakfast/pcb-downloads/> (password: 95340).

And a quick recap for members who have missed the recent regular meetings. The Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 31st. Setup will be the morning of October 30th. Don't forget that this is a required project for all members! Pricing for tickets and sponsorships remain the same as last year.

We expect tickets to be available at next Wednesday's meeting. Please make other arrangements to pick up tickets if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Andrea Alvarado & Dave Brown

KIWIN'S Update

Michelle Xiong, Club Advisor

KIWIN'S are getting ready for an active year, although somewhat reduced from previous years. They are holding training sessions for new members, sort of like our orientation of new members, so they will know what KIWIN'S is all about.

They'll hold Halloween Carnival 31 October from 6-9, and will need some Kiwanians to help out with chaperone duties. They will also be helping with setup and operation of our pancake breakfast on the 31st.

They will set up and usher for the Pops Concert on Saturday, October 9th.

October 6 Program Karen Adams, County Treasurer and Tax Collector

Program Chairman Russ McSwain introduced Karen Adams to the club. She is Merced County Treasurer and Tax Collector, an elected position.

Karen reviewed the problems created by the failure of the legislature and governor to agree on a budget which is about 100 days overdue. Local governments, schools, etc., are impacted by this failure and are unable to do realistic planning. She is hopeful for a change in the budget process in the future, and cited the lack of leadership in Sacramento.

Karen reported that the County of Merced earned \$9,840,000 in the fiscal year 2009-2010, which is lower than last year and reflection of the economic situation. They had a 1.6% return on investments. She cited her policy of having “plain vanilla” approach to investments...if there is uncertainty about the investment, get out of it.

Karen is a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced.



Karen Adams, Merced County Tax Collector and Treasurer.

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year

Dues are due and payable.

Please pay to Secretary Barbara Appling

\$145

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 Palazzo, 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 IS SAVING KIDS LIVES: The Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation with Loma Linda University Children's Hospital in 2004 to provide training in pediatric emergency medicine to a qualified physician. With the backing of a grant totaling nearly \$400,000 to date, the "Kiwanis Doctor Program" has now successfully trained two doctors:

Dr. Thorp and Dr. Young. As the program moves forward, preparations are being made to start training the third doctor in July 2010. Dr. Thorp and Dr. Young have collaborated with Kiwanis to share their knowledge gained during their training in pediatric emergency medicine with Paramedics, nurses, and other doctors who care for critically ill and injured children within the rural areas of the Cal-Nev-Ha District. These Kiwanis sponsored training seminars have been conducted as far north as Eureka, California and as far south as El Centro, California with many areas in between. Clubs, divisions, and individuals are encouraged to donate toward the Kiwanis Doctor Program. More information: call the Foundation at (877) 597-1770, ext. 116 or go to www.cnhfoundation.org.

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

October

13	Meeting	
20	Meeting	
27	Meeting	
30	Setup	Pancake Breakfast Setup Merced High Cafeteria 08:00 to 12:00
31	Event	Pancake Breakfast Merced High Cafeteria 07:00—12:00

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

October 22 **Division Council Meeting Ceres**

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

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 County Human Services Agency
Alvarado, Andrea (Vern)	Merced County Office of Education
Andersen, Lee* (Ann)	County Supt of Schools
Briggs, Susan	Dep Dir Merced Cnty Community Action Agency
Brown, Dave (Kathy)	
Brown, Kristal	Teacher
Bultena, David*	Ret Merced County District Attorney's Office
Carlos, John (Eleanor)	Retired. Board of Directors, Zoological Society
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: 26)
 (AS OF 28 September 2010)

—SENIOR—

(Total Membership This Issue 26)

—HONORARY—

* Past President + Past Lieutenant Governor

Distinguished Club 2006-2007

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets 2nd Wednesday 6:00pm

President	Andrea Alvarado (Vern)
President Elect	Dave Brown (Kathy)
Secretary	Barbara Appling
Treasurer	Steve Wilson (Lisa)
Immediate Past Pres	Kathy Wyman

2009-2011

Vacant
 Herman Afonso (Marihelen)
 Mike Ryan (Sam)

2009-2011

Cindi Eager
 Robert Martinez (Silvana)
 Russ McSwain

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President
 Sylvester Neal (Auburn, Washington)
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 A Alan Penn (Medina, Ohio)
 International Trustee (USA)
 Oscar E Knight III (San Diego)

California Nevada Hawaii District

Governor
 Thomas W "Tom" Millham (Tahoe Sierra)
 Governor Elect
 Richard G "Dick" Olmstead (Palmdale West)
 Trustee (12)
 Dick Brown (Clovis)

Division 46

Lieutenant Governor
 Al Smith (Groveland)

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



Kiwanis
Young Children
 Priority One

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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