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The Slant

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**WELCOME MICHELLE XIONG
NEWEST CLUB MEMBER**



The Slant photo by Dave Brown

27 OCTOBER MEETING

Michelle Xiong becomes newest Kiwanian

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Cover: Michelle Xiong is the newest member of The Kiwanis Club of Merced

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President Andrea was presiding over her second meeting. Keith King led the patriotic song, "God Bless America"; John Carlos led the Pledge, and Russ McSwain blessed the proceedings.

Songmeister Keith King got us started with two old "chestnuts": "Dixie" and "Ah Marie". Lots of volume on the final "Ahhh Marie!"

Jim North introduced wife of 54 years, Judy who, in turn, introduced her cousin, Becky Orłowski who was visiting from Detroit (or thereabouts).

Today was induction day for guest Michelle Xiong. Michelle was in KIWIN'S 6 years ago, and comes to us from UC Santa Barbara. She will help Larry Mercado as a Kiwanis Advisor to KIWIN'S. Michelle was introduced by her sponsor, Melissa Mercado.

Dave Brown gave a short report on the pancake breakfast progress. Sponsor mats will be prepared this weekend, and members need to get out and sell. KIWIN'S will do some door to door selling. They will also help with setup and the event.

\$8 each went to Steve Wilson and Michelle Xiong, and Lotto tickets were won by Keith King, Jim North and Steve Wilson.

Andrea reminded us that dues are due...pay to Secretary Barbara Appling. She also announced the Board meeting for this evening and the Division 46 Council Meeting in Ceres for Thursday.



President Andrea (r) looks on as Melissa Lo presents new member Michelle Xiong with her certificate of membership.

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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

Happy and Sad Dollars Member "Recognition"

Andrea Alvarado was celebrating 3 years of wedded bliss today...well she didn't say it that way, but we all know that true love is blissful!

Russ McSwain was \$H for his trip to Kansas and \$\$ for falling out of his pickup (???). Melissa Mercado was \$H for new member Michelle. Dave Brown put in a \$H for working again...has a couple of contract possibilities. Michelle was \$HHH for Larry, Melissa and KIWIN'S in general.

Lee Andersen had walked in late and put up the obligatory \$. He was also \$ for "Saint" Judy being with Jim for 54 years.

Updating The Slant

They aren't very dramatic, but we are revising *The Slant*. We have reverted to the Kiwanis recommended fonts to conform with the rules when the newsletter is submitted for competition. Information has been added to the Club Page, showing the various clubs in Division 46. In the future a page or two will be added to report on the Sponsored Leadership Programs. Merced High School KIWIN'S will provide news stories and pictures, and we hope to reestablish contact with UC Merced Circle K and include them as well. The editor would be interested to hear your input on the newsletter as we go along. Editor

Committee Reports

Board of Directors Meets

Andrea Alvarado, President

The first board meeting of new President Andrea Alvarado was held on Wednesday, October 20th. The board took action on many items including approving: the 2010-2011 budget, hosting the December 16th DCM in Merced, hosting a Special Guest day on December 1st, and approving new member John Carlos to fill the final open board position.

Some new items were brought to the board for consideration including: ordering club t-shirts, ordering club business cards, and obtaining a club banner for identification at projects. Updates were provided on the following upcoming projects: the Red Ribbon Parade (October 29) and the 53rd Annual Pancake Breakfast (October 31).

The next board meeting will be held on November 10th at 6:00 pm. If you wish to submit a project for the board to consider, please email your request to Andrea. All members are welcome, and encouraged, to attend the board meetings.

Division Council Meeting

5 Members Attend

Lieutenant Governor Al Smith held his first (of seven) Division Council Meetings (DCM) this year on October 21st. The DCM was hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ceres. Many were in attendance, including five from our club, and camaraderie and pizza fun were had by all.

The topic of the first DCM was various Kiwanis International and District Kiwanis projects that we can participate in. Our own Larry Mercado spoke about the benefits of KIWIN'S. In particular, he shared that KIWIN'S (and other SLP programs) are not merely a tool to get more Kiwanis projects done, but more importantly a way to teach many desirable traits in our youth such as public speaking, social skills, dependability, commitment, sacrifice, and leadership. Frank Vierra (Kiwanis Club of Atwater-Winton) also took the podium, to express his agreement with Larry. Frank also announced Local Key Clubs will be attending the Fall Conference this weekend and have the opportunity to work on the Rose Bowl Float in December. Eleanor Keuning (Kiwanis club of Mariposa) took the stand to talk about the First Lady's Project (Food for Kids). Ed Wheeler (Kiwanis Club of Turlock) updated us about funding opportunities with the Kiwanis Foundation and current activities of the Kiwanis House. Kiwanis House is now working with the Shriners.

Membership was the topic for Frank Taylor (Kiwanis Club of Castle-Atwater). He told us that membership is the Division's priority program this year. During roll call it was revealed our division is already up at least nine members since October 1st, including our own Michelle Xiong. There are many resources available from Kiwanis International to help share the Kiwanis message and grow our membership. Locally, in our own club, growing our membership will allow us to do more in the community, and provide more comrades at lunch!

To cap off the meeting, a drawing was held with proceeds benefiting the SLP& Foundation Fund. The next DCM will be hosted by our club and held in Merced on Thursday, December 16th. The next DCMN's education topic will be grant opportunities.

Andrea Alvarado, President

MORE PICTURES New Member Induction



Top to Bottom: President Andrea appears to be helping Jim North find his place as he conducts the induction ceremony for Michelle Xiong.

Melissa Mercado affixes the Kiwanis K to Michelle. Melissa is Michelle's sponsor.

Andrea and Melissa shared some fun thoughts.

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

2010

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 2011

April 2	Total K Day	
July 7-10	International Convention	Geneva Switzerland

CALIFORNIA NEVADA HAWAII DISTRICT 2011

February 5	Mid Year North	Sacramento
February 19	Mid Year South	San Diego
August 18-20	District Convention	San Diego Town & Country Convention Center

DIVISION 46 2010

October 22	Division Council Meeting	Ceres
December 16	Division Council Meeting	Merced
2011		
January 20	Division Council Meeting	Sonora
March 17	Division Council Meeting	Atwater-Winton
April 8	CalNevHa Governor Tom Millham Visit	
May 19	Division Council Meeting	Turlock
June 16	Division Council Meeting	Oakdale
August 11	Division Council Meeting	Greater Modesto

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year

Dues are due and payable.

Please pay to Secretary Barbara Appling

\$145

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

PROFESSION

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
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
Sellers, Sheila	Retired Educator
Weidenmiller, Nancy	Major, USAF (Ret)
Wilson*, Steve (Lisa)	Merced City Finance Office
Wyman*, Kathy	Merced County Office of Education

TOTAL ACTIVE THIS ISSUE: 21
 (AS OF 28 September 2010)

—SENIOR—

(Total Membership This Issue 21)

—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)
President Elect	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 Clubs)
Atwater-Winton	President: Bob Miller Tue Noon Casablanca Restaurant 2181 Shaffer Rd Atwater
Castle-Atwater	President: Jess Ambriz Thu Noon Casablanca Restaurant 2191 Shaffer Rd Atwater
Greater Ceres	President: Donald Harris Tue Noon The Waffle Shop 2500 Mitchell Rd Ceres
Greater Merced	President: Ellen Taylor Mon Noon Elks Club 19th & M Sts Merced
Greater Modesto	President: John Field Tue Noon The Seasons 945 McHenry Ave Modesto
Greater Sonora	President: Bill Beck Tue 7am Pine Tree Restaurant 19601 Hwy 108
Greater Turlock	President: Ruth Reilly Fri 6:45am Latif's Restaurant 111 N Golden St Blvd Turlock
Groveland	President: David Holcomb Tue (1st, 3rd, 4th) Foothills Community Church Groveland
Los Banos	President: Gloria Mendonce Tue (2nd, 3rd, 4th) Country Waffle 845 W Pacheco Blvd LB
Mariposa	President: Eleanor Keuning Tue Noon Happy Burger 5121 Hwy 140 Mariposa
Merced	President: Andrea Alvarado Wed Noon Elks Club 19th & M Sts Merced
Modesto	President: Margaret Trammell Wed Noon The Seasons 945 McHenry Ave Modesto
North Modesto	President: J Michael Boyd Thu Noon The Seasons 945 McHenry Ave Modesto
Oakdale	President: Linda Royalty Tue 7am Ryderz Restaurant 875 East F St Oakdale
Sonora	President: Mike Mandell Fri 7am Pine Tree Restaurant 19601 Hwy 108
Turlock	President: Ken Hood Tue Noon Home Town Buffet 1665 Countryside Dr Turlock



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.

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