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KRISTAL BROWN ALL SMILES FOR HER BIRTHDAY SONG



The Slant photo by Jim North

25 August Meeting

Report on District Convention

OPENING

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

GUESTS

Russ McSwain introduced his guest, Charlie Frost, who was visiting from Salinas. Charlie is a member of the Salinas Lions Club. While he is no guest, we were happy to welcome back Herman Afonso from his trip to the Azores.

SONG TIME

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Songmeister Keith King called out "Get out the song books," and had us turn to "Meet Me In St Louis", and "In A Shanty In Old Shanty Town", declaring that Jim North is as old as the latter. (Editor's Note: "In a Shanty in Old Shanty Town" is a popular song written by Ira Schuster and Jack Little with lyrics by Joe Young, published in 1932. The Johnny Long Band had a million seller of the song in 1946. This version was a slight revision of the Long band's 1940 version. Jerry Lee Lewis recorded a version in the winter of 1958/1959. Somethin' Smith and the Redheads re-charted the song in 1956. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Keith had it right...being born in August of 1932, your Editor is about the same age as the song.) (More on our songs of the day: "Meet Me In St Louis, Louis" is the focal point of the 1944 film "Meet Me In St Louis", starring Judy Garland. The song was written for the 1904 "Louis Exposition", commonly called the "Saint Louis World's Fair.")

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Larry Mercado reported in absentia that KIWIN'S have met and set their activities program for coming year. They have cut back on their rigorous schedule.

Program Chairman Russ McSwain announced that the program schedule will be posted on the club web site. Members who have programs will be able to look at the schedule and post their programs on the web site. Contact Dave Brown details.

We'll have former Merced Police Chief Tony Doscetti on 15 September.

Andrea has announced the club installation of officers for 29 September at the Elks Club. Details later. (I presume the Lieutenant Governor and the Lieutenant Governor Designate will be in attendance.)

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS & RECOGNITION

Dave Brown was \$H for Lee Andersen taking him for a ride...we presume that meant that Lee took him sailing! He is also \$\$ that his garden is coming to an end. Andrea Alvarado was \$H to be getting her car back from the shop today...result of a recent accident. Herman Afonso had \$5H as he enjoyed the vacation he and Marihelen had to the Azores. Had a 14 hour airplane ride.

Dave Bultena is \$H to have a new (used) mountain bike. Russ McSwain was \$H to have Herman back. Keith King is \$H that football season is here again and that the 49ers are finally coming together. (Don't you guys know that it's still August and baseball season is in full swing? Football indeed! Next thing you know, we'll have to suffer through the NBA and NHL.)

Color was "Green" today...Dave Brown got Jim North for no apparent good reason; Keith got Andrea because she still doesn't know how "Shanty Town" goes. Everyone thought your Editor would select someone for "recognition", but the "milk of human kindness" was flowing and he let everyone off the hook.

PROGRAM

Jim North was asked to report on the District Convention. His remarks are found on Page 2.

DRAWING AND CLOSING

Russ McSwain and Robert Martinez each took \$6 in the drawing; Lee, North, and Keith won Lotto tickets.

The meeting was closed at 13:00.

Cover: Kristal Brown was all smiles as the club members sang her birthday song at the 21 July meeting.
The Slant Photo by Jim North

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 [Kiwani 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.

A LITTLE HUMOR

When you're from the country, you look at things a little differently...

A Montana rancher got in his pickup and drove to a neighboring ranch and knocked at the door. A young boy, about 9, opened the door.

"Is your dad home?" the rancher asked. "No sir, he isn't," the boy replied. "He went into town." "Well," said the rancher, "Is your mother here?" "No sir, she's not here either. She went into town with Dad." "How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?" "No sir, he went with Mom and Dad."

The rancher stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other and mumbling to himself.

"Is there anything I can do for you?" the boy asked politely. "I know where all the tools are, if you want to borrow one. Or maybe I could take a message for Dad."

"Well," said the rancher uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to your Dad. It's about your brother Howard getting my daughter, Suzie, pregnant."

The boy considered for a moment. "You would have to talk to Pa about that," he finally conceded. "If it helps any, I know that Pa charges \$500 for the bull and \$50 for the boar hog, but I really don't know how much he gets for Howard."

Thanks to *The Compass*, Mother Theresa Council 2384, Knights of Columbus (Merced)

Report on Cal Nev Ha District Convention

At the 25 August meeting President Steve asked me to report on the District Convention, held in Reno from 19-22 August. I taught the seminar on Kiwanis International Foundation (I'm District Chair this year) and operated the KIF booth in the exhibit hall. Past Lt Gov Denise Ganji, District Chair for the ELIMINATE Project joined me at both events.

Below is a synopsis of the voting decisions made by the delegates on Saturday afternoon. The notes are the opinion of the proposers of the amendments, and in numbers 3 through 6 are an attempt by the proposers to promote their own agendas. Amendments 3-6 were not supported by the District Board of Trustees. They were proposed, in my opinion, as a result of the turmoil created in the District by a Past Governor at the International Convention two years ago.

Amendments to the District By-Laws require a 2/3 approval vote to pass.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES VOTING RESULTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1 - RESTATEMENT OF BYLAWS **PASSED**

Purpose: To provide a comprehensive cleanup and refinement of the District's Bylaws to address, define and clarify situations and events not previously covered in the Bylaws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2- DISCIPLINE OF A DISTRICT OFFICER **PASSED**

Purpose: To conform our District Bylaws to the amendment to the Standard Form of District Bylaws approved as Amendment #2 at the Kiwanis International Convention on June 25, 2010. *Both these amendments were overwhelmingly approved by the delegates.*

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3- TRUSTEE SYSTEM **FAILED**

Purpose: To adjust the present system of Governance for the District by removing the eighteen (18) District Trustees elected by regions. To negate District Regional Trustees as a district office. To return California-Nevada- Hawaii District Lt. Governors as members of the Board of Trustees, while retaining all other current responsibilities. To remove from the California- Nevada-Hawaii District the territories referred to as regions and return the territorial limits to divisions. To delete from California-Nevada-Hawaii District bylaws any and all reference to regions or regional trustees. *This amendment received only 27% of the necessary 66% required.*

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4 – ALCOHOL **WITHDRAWN**

Purpose: To prohibit District funds from being used to purchase alcoholic beverages.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5 - TREASURER SELECTION **WITHDRAWN**

Purpose: To allow for the open election of a District Treasurer at the Annual CNH District Convention. The District Treasurer position should be independent from the potential influence inherent with our current selection and reappointment process. As this is a member driven organization, our club delegates should have the opportunity to nominate and elect a District Treasurer, and hold that person accountable for the fiscal oversight of our District office. This proposed amendment helps to restore integrity and fiscal accountability within our District.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #6 - DISTRICT SECRETARY **WITHDRAWN**

Purpose: To make the District Secretary a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees and set forth criteria for entering into employment contracts with a District Secretary or person seeking employment as District Secretary. The proposed Bylaw amendment reduces the maximum number of years an employment contract may be entered into, strives to identify conflicts of interest and attempts to provide more transparent financial disclosure. It also places restrictions on the early renewal of the District Secretary's employment contract. Finally, this proposed amendment addresses "The Special Committee on Employment of the District Secretary" as well as the "Search Committee" in the event of a vacancy in the office of the District Secretary.



Tom & Cheryl Milham

TOM MILHAM INDUCTED AS 2010-11 CAL-NEV-HA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

On Saturday night, August 21, Tom Milham was inducted as Governor of The California Nevada Hawaii District for the 2010-11 Kiwanis Year. Tom is a member of the South Tahoe Sunrises's Kiwanis Club and has served his Division 3 times as Lt. Governor. He was president of the Cal-Neve-Ha Foundation 2000-2002. Tom, a Viet Nam veteran, retired from the U.S. Post Office in 2007. In 1978 Tom and his wife Cheryl founded the South Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care Center where they rescue, treat and release injured animals. They made National news in 2008 when they rescued a bear cub they named Little Smokey who was burned by wild fires. Little Smokey was nursed back to health and released. You can see the new bear cubs they are caring for on their BearCam online at www.ltwc.org.



RICHARD OLMSTED was inducted as our Governor Elect.

Report by Jim North, Club Delegate (with a little help from Tony Molino, Torrance Club).

CAL-NEV-HADIVISION 46

Lt. Governor's Retirement & Installation

SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2010
6:00 PM to 8:30PM

Merced Elk's Lodge

19th & "M" Street, Merced

Menu:

Teriyaki Chicken ...
baked seasoned red potato...
salad ... vegetable ... roll ...
coffee and iced tea ...

★ Cake or Apple Crisp Desert
\$27

Includes tip and tax

Dress is casual

Please RSVP

Al Smith (H) 209 532 0140
Cell: 209 352 1293
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Fun ... Awards

**** OPEN BAR ****

Please Bring A Gift For The Drawing

Installing officer will be Cal Nev Ha Trustee Dick Brown (Oakdale)
Not certain what is meant by open bar...does it mean a hosted bar? That's what
an open bar usually means. If hosted, who's hosting it? Editor

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

September

- 01 Meeting Program TBA**
- 08 Meeting Program TBA**
- 08 Board Board of Directors Meets**
- 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**

- September 11 Division 46 Lieutenant Governor Installation Merced Elks Club 18:00**
- 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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meets 2nd Wednesday 6:00pm

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
Governor, CalNevHa District
 Roy Talley
Lieutenant Governor Division 46
 Jeremiah Williams (Modesto)
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