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16 MARCH MEETING

By Kathy Wyman, Editor

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Cover: Merced High School KIWIN'S Club held their annual WakeAThon.

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 opened the meeting and **Keith King** led us in "God Bless America; Kathy Wyman led the Pledge, and **Dave Bultena** gave the invocation. **Kay Greeley and Dave Baker** were introduced as guests, and would present the program today.

Keith King led the songs for the day. A Scots diddy, "Loch Lomond" was the first offering, followed by "Hello! My Baby" by Joseph Howard. *(Ed note: President Andrea, I think this [the composer's name] would make an excellent question to ask members during the "recognition" portion of next week's meeting. Just a thought. It ought to be worth a couple of dollars or so.)*

Andrea gave a brief synopsis of the recent Board meeting. They discussed membership *(the club membership needs to DO something about membership!)*, KIWIN'S, etc...all reported in last week's edition of *The Slant*.



Dave Baker (l) and Kay Greeley were telling us about the local **Crime Stoppers** program. *The Slant* photo by **Andrea Alvarado**

Michelle Xiong said KIWIN'S WakeAThon was a great success. 128 KIWIN'S and several Kiwanians did their thing. Russ McSwain brought donuts, and they raised \$1,400. **Larry Mercado** raised the possibility of a KIWIN'S writing campaign to get Merced High School to appoint a viable and active advisor for the KIWIN'S. Wondered what the club thinks this would accomplish. *(Ed Note: I think it may be the only thing to get MHS off the dime and help us keep this valuable leadership program. If my thoughts get back to the principal, so be it. Other organizations seem to be able to get advisors, and I have never understood why KIWIN'S had to take the short straw!)* the hat she will be there and **Jim North** announced plans for interclubs to Greater Sonora and Los Banos *(see the Interclub Schedule)*.

The 25/25/50 was worth \$9 each today. Guest Kay Greeley drew her own number for the first one; Melissa Mercado won the other. Steve Wilson, Larry Mercado, and Kathy each won the Lotto tickets.



The Board of Directors had items to discuss at a special meeting after the club meeting. *The Slant* photo by **Jim North**

PRESIDENT ANDREA'S NOTES

Merced Members Attend Division 46 DCM



Past Lieutenant Governor Eleanor Keuning (c) was having an animated discussion with two club presidents: Ellen Taylor, Greater Merced, and our own Andrea Alvarado.

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discussed the KIWIN's convention dress-code. He explained that the change from business, to formal, to casual/entertainment attire on Saturday helps train members how to dress appropriately in different situations. Additionally,



Lieutenant Governor Al Smith (c) talks with Mike Mandell, President of the Sonora club and his wife, Joni, who is a Past President of that club.

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wanis Foundation. The annual club gift helps fund grant opportunities. Additionally, our contribution helps make a difference in the world. For example, the Foundation will be looking at opportunities to donate towards relief efforts from the recent disaster in Japan.

The Division 46 DCM was held at the Atwater Community Center Thursday, March 17th. Larry Mercado, Melissa Mercado, Michelle Xiong, Jim North and I were in attendance. A quorum was present and so the election proceeded. Al Smith will be continuing as our Lieutenant Governor for the 2011-12 year. The Division continues to seek individuals that would be interested in serving as Lieutenant Governor elect for the 2011-12 year.

Larry Mercado took the podium and



Division 46 KIWIN'S Administrator Larry Mercado talked about the KIWIN'S convention and other activities.

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discussed the KIWIN's convention dress-code. He explained that the change from business, to formal, to casual/entertainment attire on Saturday helps train members how to dress appropriately in different situations. Additionally, the practice of wearing club shirts on Friday and transitioning to convention shirts on Sunday takes the members from individuals to a large cohesive team. What a great opportunity for the members attending convention.

After a few other short reports, our own Jim North took to the podium to present on the Kiwanis Foundation (KIF). I hope to hear a customized version at one of our meetings, so I don't want to share too much. However, I will share some timely information. Our club recently made payment to the International Ki-

CRIME STOPPERS

*Kay Greeley and David Baker Present the 16 March Program
By Kathy Wyman*

John Carlos introduced Kay Greeley and David Baker who were representing Crime Stoppers.

Kay started off by telling the club about Crime Stoppers. It is nationally recognized and the purpose of it is to provide law enforcement with tips on crimes and fugitives. Because of Crime Stoppers, Stanislaus County had 106 arrests and Fresno County had 720 arrests. People can report information about a crime on a tip line. Any information given is confidential.

Kay, herself, was a victim of a violent crime and she was left to die. She spent a long time in the hospital and a considerable amount of time recuperating. Someone heard about the crime and that person provided information to the police and the person who committed the offense was arrested and got 27 years in prison. If it hadn't been for that "tip," the person may have gotten away with the crime.

Merced Crime Stoppers was formed in the summer of 2010. The Livingston police chief called Kay and asked her if she wanted to be on the Board. The board consists of a group of citizens who reside in Merced County. All of the police chiefs in the county act as advisors to the board. Kay would like our club to consider Crime Stoppers as one of the activities we donate to.



Crime Stoppers was the subject for the program presented by David Baker and Kay Greeley
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David Baker, also was a victim of a crime while he was on duty. David worked for the Sheriff's Department for 25 years. He was assaulted by someone who had previously killed a police officer. He was badly injured and he almost died. After that incident, he couldn't do his job because it was very traumatic for him, so he retired. He said that he observed a lot of crimes going on in jail. Inmates would talk about the crimes they committed and they also planned crimes while they were in jail. Sometimes family members would come forward and let law enforcement know about crimes because they knew the information would be kept confidential. Also, there are "snitches" in jail that would provide information.

So, having a Crime Stoppers in our county would hopefully increase people reporting crimes because they know the information would be kept confidential and they would also get a monetary award for their information.

Crime Stoppers is in the beginning stages and they will soon have a fundraiser to raise some money and they would appreciate everyone's support.

16 March Happy/Sad \$

Russ McSwain was happy for new grandson...decided on name: **Uncle Carl (?) Melissa** was \$H for Kiwanians who helped with WakeATHon. **Kay Greeley** was \$H for her recent birthday; **Kathy Wyman** was \$\$ for missing the WakeATHon. **Russ McSwain** has a \$Surprised that the KIWIN'S were able to eat "all" that food. **Barbara Applying** was \$H for WakeATHon; \$\$ for KIWIN'S situation. **Larry Mercando** was \$HH for WakeATHon and **Dave Brown** calling square dancing. **John Carlos** was \$H for St Paddy's day and \$An- nouncement for "Teddy Bear" day on Saturday at Applegate Park Zoo. **Andrea** was \$H for WakeATHon. *(Ed Note: I received a note from Tony Molino of the Torrance club...he too is sorry for the KIWIN'S situa- tion...however, he didn't include a \$\$.)*

March 19 DCM (Continued from page 3)

If you haven't been to a DCM recently, I encourage you to try and make the time. In addition to learning about Kiwanis, it is also a wonderful opportunity to network with fellow Kiwanians.

The next divisional meeting will be the Cal- Nev-Ha Governor's visit on April 8th. RSVPs are required for this event; representing our club will be Dave Brown and Jim North. The next DCM will be May 19th in Turlock. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend this DCM meeting. If transportation is a problem, we often arrange carpools in advance.



Left to right: President Andrea, Michelle Xiong, Larry Mercando and Melissa Mercando of the Merced club. Not pictured is Jim North....well how could he be...he's taking the picture!

The Slant photo by Jim North

Chances of a Man Winning an Argument



Thanks to your Editor's daughter, Victoria North Wainwright.

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

2011

23 Meeting Wayne Hague KC-135 Pilot Refueling Story
30 Meeting

April

06 Meeting
13 Meeting
13 Board of Directors Meets
20 Meeting
27 Meeting

May

04 Meeting
5, 6, 7 Junior Olympics All Members Participate Golden Valley High School (Atwater High?)
11 Meeting
14 Special Olympics Golden Valley High School (Atwater High?)
18 Meeting
25 Meeting

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

2011

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

CALIFORNIA NEVADA HAWAII DISTRICT

2011

August 18-20 District Convention San Diego Town & Country Convention Center

DIVISION 46

2011

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

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

KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED INTERCLUB SCHEDULE 2010-2011

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CLUB	DATE	COMP	WILL ATTEND/ATTENDED
Atwater-Winton (DCM 17 Mar)	23 Nov	X	Wyman, Carlos, North
Castle-Atwater Thu Noon			
Greater Ceres (DCM)	21 Oct		Alvarado, Mercado, Mercado, Appling, Xiong
Greater Merced Mon Noon	6 Dec	X	Herm & Marihelen Afonso; Wilson, North
Greater Modesto (DCM 11 Aug)			
Greater Sonora Tue 7am	22 Mar		<i>North, Bultena, McSwain & Guest</i>
Greater Turlock Fri 6:45am			
Groveland Tue Evening			
Los Banos Tue Noon	29 Mar		<i>North</i>
Mariposa Wed Noon			NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING DATE
Modesto Wed Noon			
North Modesto Thu Noon			
Oakdale (DCM 16 Jun)	5 Apr		
Sonora (DCM)	20 Jan		Alvarado, Carlos
Turlock (DCM)	19 May		
KIWIN'S (SLP) Wed 3:15pm	24 Nov	X	L Mercado, M Mercado, Xiong, Andersen
Sacramento (Mid Year North) (Out of Division)	5 Feb		Brown, Appling, North

Dates are proposed dates. Names in italics have scheduled for that date; names not in italics attended the interclub. KIWIN'S completes the SLP requirement; Mid Year Interclub Luncheon will complete the out of division requirement. 3 Kiwanians attending constitutes an interclub.

Blank dates were not accomplished and must be rescheduled. Colors but without X indicate DCM attendance. An Interclub at a regularly scheduled meeting is still required with these clubs in order to complete Round Robin.

As you can see, I have scheduled an Interclub for each of the next two Tuesdays. Greater Sonora meets in the morning and is set for 22 March. Los Banos meets at Noon, and we have that one set for 29 March. I will attend both meetings...won't you please look at your schedule and see which one you can attend with me.

Jim North, Interclub Chair ProTem

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)	Computer Technician
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
Fogelberg, Lisa	Hair By Lisa
King, Keith* (Shirley)	Keith King Law Offices
Mahacek*, Richard (Susan)	UC Agricultural Extension (4H)
McSwain, Russ	Real Estate Broker
Mercando*, Larry	Retired KIWIN'S Advisor
Mercando, Melissa	KIWIN'S Advisor
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
Xiong, Michelle	Merced United Way KIWIN'S Advisor

TOTAL ACTIVE THIS ISSUE: 22)
 (AS OF 1 December 2010)

—SENIOR—

(Total Membership This Issue 22)

—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

John Carlos
 Herman Afonso (Marihelen)
 Vacant

2009-2011

Vacant
 Vacant
 Russ McSwain

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

President	Sylvester Neal (Auburn, Washington)
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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 2181 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 Mendonca
Tue (2nd, 3rd, 4th) Country Waffle 845 W Pacheco Blvd LB
- Mariposa** President: Eleanor Keuning
Wed Noon The Miner's Inn Hwy 140 & Hwy 49 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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