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KIWIN'S FACULTY ADVISOR & KIWIN'S AT THEBOOK SALE



The Slant photo by John Carlos

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THIS WEEK'S MEETING: President Dave Brown opened the meeting at 12:20. **Songmaster Keith King** started us off with "God Bless America", **Jim North** followed with the Pledge, and guest **Richard Bethel** offered the invocation.



Guest Richard Bethel

GUESTS Mr Kiwanis **Lee Bogear** of Atwater-Winton was visiting today. **Richard Bethel** has submitted his application and was looking us over one more time. **Maxwell Norton** was introduced by **Lee Andersen** and would present the program later.

THE CLUB SINGS **Keith King** announced "Get out the song books," and led us in two George M Cohan songs: "You're A Grand Old Flag", and "Mary's

A Grand Old Name." The 11 members present were in pretty good voice.

BUSINESS and REPORTS **John Carlos** declared the KIWIN'S book sale a "wonderful" success. They netted \$1,490...that's a lot of books! (Pictures on KIWIN'S page)

On February 17-18 they will have another Awake-a-thon at East Campus. Chaperones are needed.

KIWIN'S are getting ready to elect officers for next year. They are planning another "to go" dinner. More information to follow.

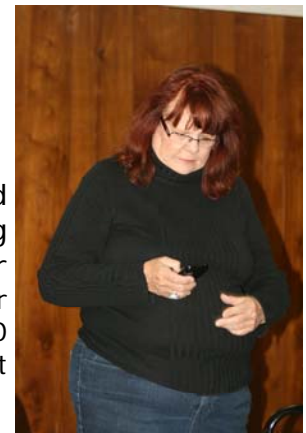
Tri-Tip Fundraiser: **Herman Afonso** reported that the date for the Tri-tip take out will be on Sunday, May 20.

Steve Wilson said that he and **Barbara Appling** worked at the Academic Decathlon on Saturday.

Keith King won \$14 in the 50/50. Scratch off winners were **John Carlos, Steve Wilson and Lee Andersen**

HAPPY & SAD
MEMBER RECOGNITION

Dave Brown was \$H to go flying this week and see son Cody. **Keith King** was \$S for no skiing snow. **Kathy Wyman** had \$SS as she paid for KIWIN'S tri-tip last week, but didn't pick it up; her mother is in HyLond. **Jim North** was \$H for 100 strokes at golf: **Keith King** was \$S that North didn't count all his strokes. (Now how'd he know that?)



Sheila Sellers was trying to sneak out to answer her phone which went off during the meeting.

THE COVER
KIWIN'S Faculty Advisor **Janice Rogge (c)** relaxes with two KIWIN'S at the Book Sale.

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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

8 FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Maxwell Norton, Farm Advisor for UC Ag Extension in Merced talked about his attendance at the International Horticulture Congress in Lisbon. Maxwell also is well known in music circles in Merced.

Maxwell told us that the global climate exchange is impacting worldwide food systems, pets and water. Crops are shifting to areas with less water as there is less rain in historically productive areas. The French wine industry is in a panic. French wine grapes are grown in specific areas only, while other countries are picking up production. In southern Norway, they are establishing vineyards.



Crop uses are changing as well. We now take corn to make plastic rather than using oil. Companies looking for different sources to make plastic.

The Slant photo by Jim North

Japan has developed a system for growing food in basements, transporting the crop upstairs to the store where it is purchased by the folks who live up another story. Saves energy and cost in development and transportation.

Producers are also making packages fun for youngsters to encourage them to eat fruit and veggies.

Top 5 grocery chains in US control 50% of the market.

Times are changing in agriculture all over the world.

1 FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The speaker for the day was one of our former members, **Julio Valadez**. Julio now sells insurance for the Knights of Columbus. His topic for the day was a Kite Festival that is being sponsored by the City of Livingston and the Knights of Columbus. It will be held on April 15. The theme is "Time to Fly" and he has patterned it after the one our club used to sponsor. He talked about all of the activities that would be happening that day. Foster Farms will be one of the main sponsors, but he is looking for other sponsors. A major expense will be the professionals that will do kite flying demonstrations. He will be forwarding the flyers for the Kite Festival to us and he would like us to distribute them to our friends.



1 FEBRUARY MEETING

BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Carlos and **Janice Rogge** gave the KIWIN'S report. On Wednesday, Feb 8, they need someone to chaperone the KIWIN'S at the Course and Elective Fair at Merced High from 5:00-7:00. **Lee Andersen** volunteered to be there.

On February 17-18 they will have another Awake-a-thon at East Campus. Chaperones are needed.

KIWIN'S are getting ready to elect officers for next year. They will be doing this next week. They are planning another "to go" dinner. More information to follow.

Book Sale: **Larry Mercado** said that there are a lot of very old books. The oldest books will be marked and if they are not sold, they will be donated. The Book Sale is this weekend and they still need volunteers to chaperone the KIWIN'S.

Tri-Tip Fundraiser: **Herman Afonso** reported that the date for the Tri-tip take out will be on Sunday, May 20.

Russ McSwain was the lucky 50/50 winner. He got \$20. Scratch off winners were **Kathy Wyman, Lee Andersen, and Julio Valadesz**.

HAPPY & SAD MEMBER RECOGNITION

John Carlos gave a S\$ because he was called at 3:12 am by the alarm company. The alarm at the Zoo Gift Shop went off. Someone had broken a window. He got another call at 4:30 a.m. and they did get into the shop. **Herman Afonso** gave a S\$ for all the pet lovers. It cost him over \$300 to spay a cat!

Lee Andersen's H\$ was for his trip to Arizona. He visited another Challenger Learning Center. **Andrea Alvarado** had a S\$ for being out a lot. Her H\$ was for the two new members here today. **Melissa Mercado** had a H\$ for being back. Her S\$ was for a former KIWIN's who is now a RN, but can't find a job.

Russ McSwain had a H\$ because of the honesty of Campus Automotive. They couldn't find out what was wrong with his car and they didn't charge him anything.

Steve Wilson's H\$ was for him being called back to work part-time at City Hall. I guess they couldn't get along without him.

Drawing

DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN SONORA 28 JANUARY

President Dave Brown and Jim North traveled to Sonora on 28 January for the Division 46 Council meeting. The meeting was held at the Tuolumne County Senior Center. The Kiwanis Club of Sonora hosted the meeting. The "baked potato bar" was open, accompanied by punch and water. Sonora had provided a cake to celebrate the 97th anniversary of Kiwanis International.

Kiwanis Club of Sonora President Iris Larson opened the meeting.

Lieutenant Governor Al Smith presided over the meeting. Kiwanians reported on their membership status, projects accomplished and upcoming, and sponsored leadership activities. Key Club Regional Advisor Frank Vierra reported on the Key Club meetings and introduced Key Club members from Livingston and Modesto.

Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair and Division Eliminate Coordinator Jim North brought attendees up to date on the Annual Club Gift Program and the World Wide Service Project, Eliminate. Kiwanis International will raise \$110,000,000 over the next four years to eliminate maternal neonatal tetanus in 38 countries. Clubs will need to organize fundraising to complete the project.

Past District Governor Bob Wikoff, Division Distinguished Club Advisor, reviewed the criteria for distinguished awards to members and clubs.

Lt Gov Al presented 1-2-3 keys to 4 Kiwanians who had recruited new members this year. Division Activities Director Diane Putney conducted the raffle, and President Iris closed the meeting at 15:45.

KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED
INFORMATION CARD
A SPECIAL GUEST PROGRAM
11 April 2012

(Please enter complete information about the prospect.)

Name _____

Street Address or PO Box # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Business Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____ Sponsor Name _____

GET A HEAD START! WE'RE HAVING A SPECIAL GUEST DAY ON 11 APRIL. EACH MEMBER NEEDS TO PROPOSE THREE NAMES MINIMUM AS GUESTS FOR THAT DAY. YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW THEM PERSONALLY OR THINK THEY WILL JOIN. YOU SHOULD NOT INVITE THEM. THE SPECIAL GUEST DAY COMMITTEE WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL THAT. IT IS CRITICAL THAT EACH MEMBER PARTICIPATE. EVEN THOSE WHO DON'T COME TO MEETINGS NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS. IF YOU GET THIS NEWSLETTER WE NEED FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE. FILL THIS OUT OR JUST EMAIL THE COMPLETE INFORMATION TO JIM NORTH AT jim_north@sbcglobal.net.

KIWANIS ONE DAY 21 APRIL 2011

Think you won't make a difference? Think again!

Each year Kiwanis clubs around the world join a day of service. **In 2012 Kiwanis One Day is on 21 April.**

It's a global effort, but it's made of personal commitments. After all, Kiwanis One Day consists of the involvement of Kiwanis club members around the world. It begins with your club's participation. It extends to the impact you have on your community. And, it results in an international spirit of service that inspires people worldwide.

There will be no limit to what you can do...and no boundaries on your spirit of fellowship. In fact, your efforts will be echoed by clubs in communities all over the globe.

Start planning for your Kiwanis One Day today!



GROW AND BUILD CLUBS

Recruit new members

Your club does so much good for the community, why wouldn't someone want to join? Maybe that someone doesn't know about Kiwanis. Maybe that someone needs to be invited. Recruiting new members is about sharing the Kiwanis message, telling of your club experience and asking them to join you in service. These tips and tools will show you how.

Prospect lists

Using these [prospect points](#), create a list of people you know who would benefit from membership in this new club. Be sure to include names you've gathered during community analysis interviews. Can't figure out who to ask? Use these [prompts](#) to fill your guest list.

Customized club brochure

Educate your community with a customized [club brochure](#). We'll provide an easy-to-use template.

Recruitment tips

Here are a few ideas for recruiting new members.

Take a systematic approach. Focus your growth efforts using the steps and timeline outlined in the [Reveal Your Growth Potential](#) program.

Plan a formal membership drive. Follow the steps outlined in our [Call to Kiwanis](#) from getting the board of directors' buy-in to developing a guest list to mentoring your new members.

Set clear goals. Hone your skills in setting and achieving your recruitment goals with the [Planning Your Club's Success](#) tool.

Look the part. Wearing your [Kiwanis apparel](#) is an easy way to promote Kiwanis and get the attention of prospective members. Be ready with your [elevator speech](#) if someone asks about Kiwanis.

(Editor's Note: The above articles are excerpted from the Kiwanis International site. Over the next few issues I will include material to expand our club improvement and growth effort. You can see the entire series on the KI site under Member Resources, Grow and Build Clubs.)

Sponsored Leadership Program (SLP)
Merced High School KIWIN'S
 Club meets Monday 15:30 Room 318



Club Officers

President	Nina Xiong	Sergeant At Arms	Christian Vang/Xue Thao
Vice President	Luana Xiong	Public Relations	Serena Moua
Secretary/Co-Sec	Arivanh Onevathana/Kristy Bounlangsy	Photographers	Pada Mouaa/NaleeThao
Treasurer	Kia Vang	Technology	Thomas Vang
Project Manager	Megan Lyvanhkhue	Sunshine	Yer Thao
Class Rep Freshman	TBA	Class Rep Soph	Alan Moua
Class Rep Junior	Mary Lee	Class Rep Senior	Monica Vongviengkham
Kiwanis Advisors	Sheila Sellers	Melissa Mercado	Michelle Xiong
Faculty Advisor	Janice Rogge		

KIWIN'S REPORT

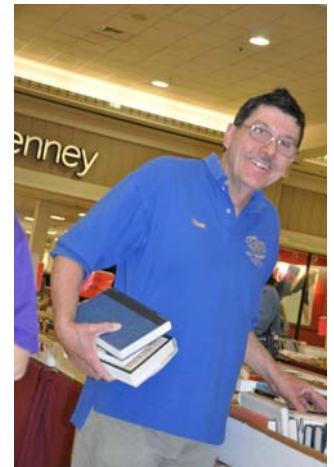
By Janice Rogge, Faculty Advisor



On February 2nd, 2012, about 10-12 KIWIN'S members gathered up and went over to help out Boys and Girls Club. What the members did was separated into room of teenagers and kids age group to help them with their homework. After the kids were done with their home work, it was power hour for them, which is play time. KIWIN'S member's played fun activities with them until it was snack time, and went home.



THE BOOK SALE IN PICTURES



Left & Center KIWIN'S at the book sale.
 Right: Steve Wilson chose several for his library.
 The Slant photos by John Carlos

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Talk of Torrance

March 22, 2011

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KIWANIS FOUNDATIONS WORKING FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



KIWANIS WORLD WIDE SERVICE PROJECT –The **ELIMINATE** Project Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of 60,000 innocent babies and 30,000 mothers each year. The

effects of the disease are excruciating tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. To eliminate MNT from the Earth by 2015, 129 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. Eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care. The end of this one disease means the beginning of better health for so many families.



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 more than

\$400,000, the "Kiwanis Doctor Program" has now successfully trained two doctors: Dr. Thorp and Dr. Young. Now we are training the third doctor. 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 info: call the (877) 597-1770, ext. 116 or go to www.cnhfoundation.org



PEDIATRIC TRAUMA PROGRAMS: Recognizing the serious need for education and training in the areas of pediatric trauma and injury prevention, the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation established the Pediatric Trauma Program in 1994. Our mission is to develop local projects, which will reduce the number of children in our district who are killed or injured by trauma.

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Are **you** the one?



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED

MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

2012 February

15	Meeting	
22	Meeting	
29	Meeting	Leap Year!

March

07	Meeting	
14	Meeting	
21	Meeting	
28	Meeting	Nominations Committee Reports

April

04	Meeting	
11	Meeting	Special Guest Day
18	Meeting	New Member Inductions
21	Event	Kiwanis One Day
28	Meeting	

May

02	Meeting		
05	Event	Junior Olympics	All members participate!
07	Event	Special Olympics	We cook!
09	Meeting	Election of Officers & Board	
16	Meeting		
20	Fundraiser	Tri-Tip Dinner	
23	Meeting	Middle School Awards	

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

2012

28 June - 1 July	International Convention	New Orleans LA
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CALIFORNIA NEVADA HAWAII DISTRICT

2012

03 March	Mid-Year Conference North	Hyatt Regency Monterey
16-18 August	District Convention	Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

DIVISION 46

2012

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.)

No errata has been noted recently. Are you reading 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 INTERNATIONAL DEFINING STATEMENT

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

MEMBERSHIP

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, Evelyn "Mom" #	Honorary
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)
McSwain, Russ	Real Estate Broker
Mercando*, Larry	Retired
Mercando, Melissa	
North**+, Jim (Judy)	Major, USAF (Ret) Hot Dog Vendor
Rogge, Janice	KIWIN'S Faculty Advisor
Sellers, Sheila	KIWIN'S Kiwanis Advisor Retired Educator
Weidenmiller, Nancy	Major, USAF (Ret)
Wilson**, Steve (Lisa)	Merced City Finance Office
Wyman*, Kathy	Merced County Office of Education
Xiong, Sheng Michelle	Merced United Way

TOTAL ACTIVE & SENIOR 22)
 (AS OF 6 October 2011)

* Past President + Past Lieutenant Governor @ Senior # Honorary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets 2nd Wednesday 6:00pm

President	Dave Brown (Kathy)
President Designate	Vacant
Secretary	Kathy Wyman
Treasurer	Steve Wilson (Lisa)
Immediate Past Pres	Andrea Alvarado (Vern)
2009-2011	2012-2013
Nancy Weidenmiller	Russ McSwain
Sheila Sellers	Barbara Appling
Herman Afonso	John Carlos

COMMITTEES

Spiritual Aims	Open
Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Barbara Appling
Community Service	Open
Youth Services	Open
Sponsored Leadership	Sheila Sellers
Pancake Breakfast 2011	John Carlos
Membership Development	Jim North
<i>The Slant</i>	Jim North
KIWIN'S Faculty Advisor	Janice Rogge

KWANIS INTERNATIONAL

President
 A Alan Penn (Medina, Ohio)
 President Designate

International Trustee (USA)
 Oscar E Knight III (San Diego)

California Nevada Hawaii District

Governor
 Richard G "Dick" Olmstead (Palmdale West)
 Governor Elect
 Trustee (12)
 Dick Brown (Clovis)

Division 46

Lieutenant Governor Al Smith (Groveland)

Distinguished Club 2006-2007



KIWANIS CLUB INFORMATION

DIVISION 46 WEEKLY MEETINGS

MONDAY

Greater Merced Elks Club 1910 M St Merced Noon

TUESDAY

Atwater-Winton Chamber of Commerce 1181 3rd St Atwater Noon

Greater Ceres The Waffle Shop 2500 Mitchell Rd Ceres Noon

Greater Modesto The Seasons 945 McHenry Ave Modesto Noon

Greater Sonora Pine Tree Restaurant 19601 Hwy 108 Sonora 07:00

Groveland (1st, 3rd, 4th) Foothills Community Church Groveland 19:00t
(No Meal)

Los Banos (2nd, 3rd, 4th) Country Waffle 845 W Pacheco Blvd Noon

Oakdale Ryderz Restaurant 875 E F St Oakdale Noon

Turlock Home Town Buffet 1665 Countryside Dr Turlock Noon

WEDNESDAY

Mariposa The Miners Inn Hwys 140 & 49 Mariposa Noon

Modesto The Seasons 945 McHenry Ave Modesto Noon

THURSDAY

Castle-Atwater The Casablanca Restaurant 1181 3rd St Atwater Noon

North Modesto The Seasons 945 McHenry Ave Modesto Noon

FRIDAY

Greater Turlock Latif's Restaurant 111 N Golden St Blvd Turlock 06:45

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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