

## President's Message

"A Chat with Pat"

Hello Kiwanians,

The new year is here and resolutions are being made everywhere. It always seems like a fresh start and resolutions help us get going. The January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was a THEME meeting and each member was asked to have a resolution for "making a difference" in Kiwanis this year. It might be joining a committee, attending your first interclub or conference, getting involved with our sponsored youth or attending a Board Meeting. As a matter of interest we will be having our quarterly review of the budget and our projects in February. Come to KidZKount at 5:30PM on the first Tuesday of February and support our Board.

The entire club was caught "Making a Difference" in December with our See's Candy Store. A lip balm with a very small calendar was handed out in thanks for a wonderful job by all our members. You can make your lips soft as you continue to "Get the Word Out" about Kiwanis. Thanks for a great 2009 and looking forward to a joyful 2010!

*Pat Thomas, President, Kiwanis Club of Auburn*



## Upcoming Meeting Programs:

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> - Aktion Club

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - Loreley Hodkin - Auburn Historian

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> -

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - Club Valentine's Day Party

## Kiwanis Travel Mugs



Do you have a Kiwanis Travel Mug?

Get this great 16 ounce travel mug for only \$7.00 (\$1.39 goes into our Admin coffers).

It's a great way to go to Starbucks, have a cup of coffee, latte, etc, and "Get the Word Out".

## Carvalho Family Wine Auction

When Roni Stroud visited our club 2 weeks ago to promote the Kiwanis Family House Red & White Ball Fundraiser, she donated a bottle of Carvalho Family Wine to our club to be auctioned off to raise funds for our Admin account. Please bid generously.

30 (3) 10, California ~Wine Club Exclusive~  
This red blend is an elegant example of red fruit, black cherry, cranberry & cracked white pepper. Lovely notes of cocoa, spice & vanilla linger through the finish.

*"Serving the Children of the World"*

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## Kiwanis Club of Auburn

### Leadership Team

Pat Thomas  
*President*

Renee Breedlove  
*President-Elect*

Mary Paolini Fischer  
*Vice President*

Lori Heitz  
*Treasurer*

Carrie Achilles  
*Secretary*

Laird Smith  
*Immediate Past Pres.*

### Board Members:

Bob Achilles  
Chris Bunnell  
Gil Hemmer  
Pam Irwin  
Ted Nishimoto  
Pat Ryan  
Carol Zobel



## January 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Michelle Schuetz, Superintendent of the Auburn Union School District was our speaker on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Auburn Union School District which includes Auburn Elementary, EV Cain, Rock Creek and Skyridge schools currently has an enrollment of 2,133 students and 3 of the 4 schools have API scores above 800. Rock Creek with 53% ESL (English as a second language) students has an API of 766. Of the 300 English-Learners in the district there are 19 different languages as their primary language. 47% of the students in the district qualify for the "Free & Reduced Lunch" program. In addition to these challenges, due to reduced funding from the government, the district still needs to cut \$1.5 million from their budget before next year. Michelle has a difficult job ahead of her, but we're fortunate to have had such an experienced leader at the helm of our local school district.

## Aktion Club to run January 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### What is Aktion Club?

Aktion Club is the newest member of the Sponsored Organizations and Programs at Kiwanis International.

Aktion Club is a community-service group for adult citizens who live with a disability. The mission of Aktion Club is:

- To provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills.
- To serve their community.
- To be integrated into society.
- To demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities.

Aktion Club members strive to return to their communities the benefits, help, and caring they have received, as well as develop important skills in the process.

### The Benefits

An Aktion Club can benefit its members in many ways through service and recreational events. These activities enable the members to:

- Participate in the active life of the community.
- Provide an opportunity to contribute to the community.
- Develop mechanical, creative, and intellectual abilities.
- Social interaction awareness.
- Improve self-esteem.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Achieve personal and service goals



### Club Meetings:

Every Wednesday  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Sizzler Restaurant  
13570 Lincoln Way

### Board Meetings:

First Tuesdays  
5:30pm  
KidZKount

### Division Council

#### Meetings:

Second Mondays  
5:30pm  
Oak Avenue Free  
Methodist Church  
8790 Oak Ave.,  
Orangevale

### January 13<sup>th</sup> Raffle Winners:

Fine Free – Dee Rein  
50/50 for \$16 – Mark Tomasi  
Progressive for \$219 – Cliff  
Heitz drew a white chip  
(only 5 chips remain)

### Dates to Remember

Cal Nev Ha Mid-Year North – 3/6/10 in San Jose  
Cal Nev Ha Convention – 8/19/10 in Reno

*Please submit newsletter information to*  
Carol Zobel - 885-4258 or czobel@earthlink.net

## Interclubs

Placerville – February 17<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

Remember each member should attend at least one interclub a year!

Ivor Thomas, Interclub Chair

## Name Badge Case

Thank you to Matthew Zobel for the repair job on our club badge case.

## Kiwanis Family House

The Red and White Ball will be held on February 13, 2010 at the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg in partnership with the Carvalho Family Winery. Cost of the event will be \$47.50 per person. This annual event should be one to remember and is just in time for Valentine's Day so mark your calendars and buy your tickets.

## Club Roster

An updated club roster is included with this newsletter. Please double check your information and let me know if any corrections need to be made. My contact information is in the roster.

*Carol Zobel*

## Club Administrative Account

Once upon a time our club had a great fundraiser for our administrative account. Now it was a lot of work over a three day period in November and every other election (and the couple of weeks prior for planning) and required a lot of heavy lifting. It was Voter Booths. As a club, we made the decision to raise our bid to the county in hopes that they would not pick us. It worked and we no longer are required to set up and pick up all of the voter booths every election.

Due to this plentiful influx of funds into our admin account over several years, we have been able to keep our club function without having to raise dues. The club pays International and District dues for each member that total more than we collect from the members. None of the dues collected go to help paying for the functioning costs of our club

(speaker gifts, newsletters, sunshine cards, postage, club parties, etc.). We have the cheapest club dues of any Kiwanis club around.

Now we do have a great fundraiser in our See's Candies Store, but since that money is raised from the community, it all must go back to the community through our foundation account. The only monies currently going into our admin account are happy/sad bucks, fines, birthday money (when not designated elsewhere) and 1/3 of the weekly club raffle.

The Club Finance Committee has been given the task to look at our dues and to try to come up with fundraisers for the admin account. Here's where you can help. Let's try to come up with some new ideas for admin account fundraisers and share them with the committee or any board member. A couple ideas that have already been brought up – a wine raffle or baked goods raffle at a club meeting or a "dime-a-dip" meal at a club party.

Just remember that the funds cannot come from the community. They must be directly from members (such as the current happy/sad and fines) or in return for the efforts of members (such as working the voter booths). Here are the actual guidelines from Kiwanis International:

"The administrative account is for all administrative expenses of the club. The majority of these funds come from annual club dues, meeting meals (if applicable) and membership fees from new members. Generally, money from any activity in which only members participate is deposited into the administrative account. On occasion, there may be an assessment of the membership made under the provisions of Article XVIII, Section 2, of the club bylaws. Such income may be used for any purpose the club desires. The cost of liability insurance (assessed at 25 cents per member of the club) is to be paid with funds from the administrative account. The balance of monies owed to cover the cost of the liability insurance can be paid from either the administrative account or the service account."

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## January 2010

17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20 <b>Builders Club</b> General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	28 Key Club Meeting	29 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	30 Key Club Wakeathon Fundraiser & Social

## February 2010



	1	2 Groundhog Day Board Meeting 5:30pm at KidZKount	3 <b>Builders Club</b> General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	4	5	6
7	8 Siena Birthday Party 2:30pm DCM 5:30pm Oak Ave Free Methodist Church	9	10 Valentine's Day Party at Sizzler 6:30pm	11 Key Club Meeting	12	13 Kiwanis Family House Red and White Ball at the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg
14 Valentine's Day 	15 President's Day	16 ARCO Arena Kings vs. Celtics	17 <b>Builders Club</b> Interclub General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm Ash Wednesday	18	19 Aktion Club Meeting 3:45-5pm	20
21	22	23	24 General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	25 Key Club Meeting	26 Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner	27

## March 2010



28	1	2 Board Meeting 5:30pm at KidZKount	3 <b>Builders Club</b> General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	4	5	6
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**Kiwanis**  
International

95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention - June 24-27, 2010 in Las Vegas.  
Register by 1/31/10 and save \$55.

Convention 2010  
Las Vegas