

President's Message

Fellow Kiwanians:

Embracing change...It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new...there is no real security in what is no longer meaningful...there is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power...

Kiwanis members across the country are trying to create a social epidemic.

Members are working to make Kiwanis so contagious it spreads like a virus around the globe...members are looking at trends and analyzing "Best Practices" to determine what will make Kiwanis spread even faster...

So why do we do what we do? There is only one reason...WE DO IT FOR THE KIDS...

In the midst of our winter season, we have excellent programs ahead of us...

The 2009 Mid-Year Conference North at the Doubletree in Sacramento is an example...I challenge you to bring back great ideas...about fundraising, about social activities, about leadership and recruiting...Many of you will be greeters at the event-what a great opportunity to showcase our warm hospitality of the Auburn Kiwanis!

Finally, let's not forget our next meeting is at Chevy's...it's a special Valentine Day's get together. Time for some fun and camaraderie.

Laird Smith, President, Kiwanis Club of Auburn



Upcoming Meeting Programs:

- Feb. 11th - Valentine's Day Party at Chevy's 
- Feb. 18th - Lois Fitzhugh of Placer Women's Club, "Kids Don't Float"
- Feb. 25th - Teri Munger, PEACE For Families
- Mar. 4th - Toys for Tots Singers, Stacy Giliban Youth Group
- Mar. 11th - Bruce Cosgrove, Auburn Chamber of Commerce
- Mar. 18th - Ron Ravo, Auburn Performing Arts Center
- Mar. 25th - Tom Grayson, Daddy Read to Me

Mid-Year Conference



Thank you to all of our members that have volunteered to be greeters at the upcoming mid-year conference. The Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento (across from Arden Mall) is very spread out and our job is to assist people in finding their way to the next function.

Please wear dark pants and a white shirt. We will also be wearing a grey vest (provided on-site). This uniform look with help attendees recognize that we're the people to ask for directions. Check-in at the Volunteer Assembly Area behind Registration when your shift begins.

"Serving the Children of the World"

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Kiwanis Club of Auburn

Leadership Team

Laird Smith
President

Pat Thomas
President-Elect

Renee Breedlove
Vice President

Lori Heitz
Treasurer

Carrie Achilles
Secretary

Carol Zobel
Immediate Past Pres.

Board Members:

Bob Achilles
Chris Bunnell
Wendy Edwards
Cliff Heitz
Gil Hemmer
Ted Nishimoto
Bob Tutton



Club Meetings:

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

Board Meetings:

First Tuesdays
5:30pm
Sutter Auburn Faith
Hospital Board Room 1

Division Council

Meetings:

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



Lt. Governor James Chambers III

We had the pleasure of having Division 44 Lt. Governor James Chambers III as our guest speaker at our February 4th meeting. His message was that of membership. He praised our club for our three new members this year and encouraged us to continue to grow, for with growth comes the opportunity for increased service to our community.

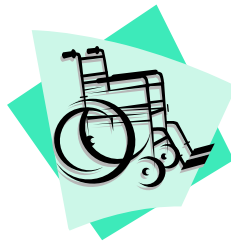
Universally Accessible Playgrounds

Former club member Nancy Velasco was our January 28th speaker. Many of the parks around the area have playgrounds on them with bark and sand around the equipment. These types of landscaping make it nearly impossible for any disabled child or adult to get around it. When disabled children can reach the structures, there are only a couple of pieces of equipment they play on. This again limits them to what they can do on the playground.

A solution that would make every playground and park accessible to everyone is to replace the bark and sand with an all weather surface and to make the equipment ADA approved. This includes making ramps in and out of the area and making the equipment wider so everyone can go on it. Having this all weather terrain around the structures will make it easier for parents with disabilities to monitor and even participate with their children.

ARD is planning on updating and upgrading the equipment in two years or more. Nancy doesn't feel its fair that the children have to wait this long. Her goal is first

public awareness of the problem and then to get support and funding from the community to make our local playgrounds universally accessible for both disabled children as well as disabled family members.



February 4th Raffle Winners:

Fine Free – Gil Hemmer

50/50 for \$12 – Renee
Breedlove

Progressive for \$96 – Carol
Zobel drew a white chip



Dates to Remember

Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference – February 21st

Kiwanis One Day – April 4th

Placer Foster Kids BBQ – May 16th

District Convention – August 13-15 in San Diego

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

Interclubs

Thursday, February 19th – Folsom
12:15pm at Ernies Restaurant
Meet at Starbucks Elm Shopping Center at 11:15am

Wednesday, March 28th – Placerville
Noon at Cold Springs Country Club
Meet at Starbucks Elm Shopping Center at 11:00am

Random Acts of Kindness

This program began on a trial basis last year and was so rewarding that the board voted to expand it for this year. The goal is for every member to complete a Random Act of Kindness. Pat Thomas gets referrals from local non-profits of children that could use a little bit of kindness. She brings the information to the club meetings. Club members then volunteer to purchase the desired item (limit of \$25 – which is reimbursed to the member by the club). Since October 1st, 25% of our members have already completed their random act of kindness.

In the month of January we completed five Random Acts of Kindness of which two were donated. Kiwanis touched the life of a 12 year old who was separated from his siblings and placed into Foster Care. He has now after 90 days found a new permanent location and a \$30.00 gift certificate will help make his new home a comfortable transition.

Our next RAK was for the cub scouts. A single mom was struggling to pay for her son's uniform. A \$25.00 gift certificate from Campus Outfitters will help greatly.

Three RAK's for the emergency shelter were completed for teenagers, 2 boys and a girl. They included a backpack and sundry items, gift certificates etc. in each. These must remain generic to protect the kids' identity.

It only takes a small amount of time (and you get to go shopping) and it makes such a big difference to a child. Is February your month to help?



Member Updates

Mark Tomasi is currently on a medical leave of absence from the club while undergoing chemotherapy. Our wishes are with him for a speedy recovery and return to club meetings.

Walt Dimmick, who has also been on a medical leave of absence, is doing well and looking forward to returning to club meetings soon.

We miss you both.

Pat Ryan is having a wonderful time visiting her family in Hawaii. While we also miss her, we realize that we can't compete with Hawaii and family.

Our Division 44 Immediate Past Lt. Governor Jim Legler is recovering well from 7-way heart bypass surgery. We expect to see him at the mid-year conference.

Club Greeters



We're having a club member designated as the greeter (not the secret greeter) for each meeting. Their role is to make members and guests feel welcome upon arrival. The current greeter will choose the following week's greeter.

Free E-Waste Collection

Saturday, March 21st 9 am – 2 pm

at EV Cain parking lot, 150 Palm Avenue

Fundraiser to benefit EV Cain Middle School

They can accept: monitors, televisions, desktop & notebook PCs, VCRs, stereos, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDAs, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, call phones, printers, copiers, laser & multifunction scanners & fax machines, small kitchen appliances like blenders, mixers & toasters.

They cannot accept: Household appliances (refrigerators, washers/dryers), furniture, hazardous household waster including batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, paint, pesticides, used oil, cleaning supplies, tires.

Questions: Call Emilia Lawson at 530-888-1438.

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8	9 DCM 5:30pm Oak Ave Free Methodist Church	10 Key Club Mtg 12:30pm	11 Valentine's Day Party at Chevy's at 6:30pm 	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 
15	16 President's Day	17	18 Builders Club Mtg 11:42am General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	19 Interclub - Folsom	20 Aktion Club Meeting 3:45-5pm	21 Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference Doubletree Hotel - Sacramento
22 Washington's Birthday	23 Siena Birthday Party 2:30pm	24 Mardi Gras Key Club Mtg 12:30pm Boy Scout Court of Honor 7pm	25 Ash Wednesday General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	26	27 Cub Scout Pack 269 Blue & Gold Dinner	28



March 2009



1	2	3 Board Meeting 5:30pm at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital	4 Builders Club Mtg 10:54am General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	5	6	7
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Aktion Clubs

In October 2000, Kiwanis extended service opportunities to adult citizens living with developmental disabilities through the formation of Aktion Clubs. These clubs provide members with opportunities to develop initiative and leadership, to serve their communities, to be integrated into society, and to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with developmental disabilities. To date, there are more than 6,790 members in more than 260 clubs.