

President's Message

The Christmas Season is upon us and we have much to be thankful for:

- In most cases, our health
- That we have loving family and friends around us
- We have food on the table...we usually know where the next meal will come from
- We have shelter above our heads
- We have the ability to give without seeking return

Yes, much to be thankful for as most in this world are without the above...

Most of all, we should be thankful for a caring group of volunteers who give of their time and money to support a worthy cause that "gives" all year long...thank you to the 30 + See's Corps of Kiwanis giving selflessly all season long.

On the membership front, we expect to have four new members in the month of December...we are growing...Kiwanis of Auburn...and with the new members will bring new energy and creativity.

I want to mention the Christmas Party coming up December 17. The party will be held at the Sizzler Restaurant with a different menu slated. It's a great time to share holiday times together and we look forward to seeing you there!

Let's have a great holiday season...

Laird Smith, President, Kiwanis Club of Auburn



Upcoming Meeting Programs:

- Dec. 10th - Richard Yue, Old Chinese Community Heritage
- Dec. 17th - Club Christmas Party
- Dec. 24th - No club meeting
- Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve Party
- Jan. 7th - Renee Breedlove – Motivation to start the New Year right
- Jan. 14th - Tom Rae, Rock Creek Mileage Club



See's Candy Sale Fundraiser

The See's candy sale is going great thanks to all the wonderful volunteers. This sale truly takes all members working together to make it a success.

Be sure to sign up to work in the store over the next several weeks. If you missed the sign-up sheet, call Joanne at 530-878-2773 or call the See's store at 530-885-1507 to sign up for several shifts.

We are again collecting donations for our "See's for Soldiers" project. Over the last three years we have sent over \$17,000 of See's candy to our soldiers serving overseas.

Also, don't forget to stop by to purchase See's candy for your family and friends. A pound a week is all we ask.



"Serving the Children of the World"

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

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

Club Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 17th 6:00 – 8:00pm at Sizzler.

Guests are welcome to attend. Meals are \$17.50 per person and include full salad bar. The choices are:

- 8 oz. Steak
- Malibu Chicken
- 2 Shrimp Skewers
- Hibachi Chicken
- Lemon Chicken

Be sure to RSVP your attendance to Carrie Achilles.



We will be having the usual cut throat gift exchange, so if you want to participate bring a wrapped gift under \$10. We will draw numbers to decide the order to choose gifts. When it's your turn, you may choose a gift from the table or "steal" one from someone else. Once a gift has been "stolen" for the second time – that person keeps it. It's always a lot of fun.



New Year's Eve Party

Since New Year's Eve falls on a meeting night, the board decided to have a potluck dinner at 6:30pm at the Zobel's instead of a regular meeting. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a dish at the meeting or call Carol Zobel at 530-885-4258. Also bring along your beverage of choice. It's a fun way to end the year.



Riding High Equestrian Center



Elizabeth Farmer was the guest speaker at the December 3rd club meeting. Elizabeth's daughter is mentally ill and has been helped tremendously by this equine therapy program. The program began in 1984 in the Bay Area and moved to Auburn in 1998. According to Elizabeth, "the horses mirror your mood" and the children learn quickly to adjust their moods accordingly. In addition to their current therapy sessions, they hope to start a prevention program for at-risk kids. They also have a leadership group for kids on Saturday morning where they work with local convalescent homes and teach appropriate social skills.

December 3rd Raffle Winners:

Fine Free – Lori Heitz
50/50 for \$11 – Janet Duncan
Progressive for \$31 – Carrie Achilles drew a white chip

Dates to Remember

Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference – February 21

District Convention – August 13-15

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

Interclubs

Thursday, December 11th 12:00pm
Kiwanis Club of Roseville
Pacific Street Café, 301 Lincoln at Pacific
Meet at Starbucks Elm Street Shopping Center
11:20am

Questions? Call Ivor Thomas at 530-888-0784

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thank you to the following club members who rang bells for the Salvation Army at the Mandarin Festival:

- Pat Ryan
- Ted Nishimoto
- Carlene Tutton
- Carol Zobel
- Jeff Rupp
- Laird Smith
- JoAnn Wojcik
- Ed Wojcik
- Jim Holmes
- Ken Tokutomi
- Bob Solly



Auburn Salvation Army Online Red Kettle

To support the Auburn Salvation Army Online Red Kettle, go to www.auburnsalarmy.org.



Children's Christmas Faire

20th Annual Children's Christmas Faire - Thursday, December 11th at the Placer Building in the Gold Country Fairgrounds. Our booth is the Reindeer Ring Toss. Work Shifts are 9:00-10:30 (Special Education Children), 1:30-3:30 and 3:30-5:30pm. Contact Chris Bunnell to sign up. This event is a collaboration of many service clubs in town. All activities, including photos with Santa, clowns and Wild Things demonstrations are free. Bring your children or grandchildren.



Meet the Members



Pat Ryan has been a member of our club for eight months. She does a lot of volunteer work - she's worked in the schools for years with children. "Kiwanis is about making the world a better place, through

our children," said Pat. She enjoys the weekly meetings, spending time together socializing and getting to meet new people from our community which gives us a great insight to the needs in our area. Pat's Kiwanis moment is the day she took her "Helping Hands" bags to the Kiwanis Family House and one of the helpers said, with tears in her eyes, "Do you have any idea what this will mean to a sick child. Pat thinks Kiwanis is a great organization and we're so glad she joined our club. If you don't see her around for a while it's because she's off to Hawaii to visit family. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

Builder's Club

Congratulations to our EV Cain Builder's Club Officers for 2008-09.

President – Santina Barone
Vice President – Mac Sanders
Secretary – Clare Jolley
Treasurer – Megan Tribur
6th Grade Rep – Ashton Willick
7th Grade Rep – Brooke Santos



The club has one more meeting on December 17th at 10:54am before they break for the holidays.

Key Club

The Placer High School Key Club is growing thanks to Faculty Advisor Mike Sabins and Kiwanis Advisor Cliff Heitz. Their final meeting before the holiday break will be Tuesday, December 9th at 12:30pm in room 112 (be sure to check in at the school office).

KEY CLUB®

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December 2008



7	8 DCM 5:30pm Oak Ave Free Methodist Church	9 Key Club Mtg 12:30pm	10 General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	11 Interclub – Roseville Children's Christmas Faire Old Town Christmas	12	13 Downtown Country Christmas
14	15	16	17 Builders Club Mtg 10:54am Club Christmas Party at Sizzler	18 Old Town Christmas	19 Aktion Club Meeting 3:45-5pm	20
21 Hanukkah starts Winter Begins	22 Siena Birthday Party 2:30pm	23	24 Christmas Eve No Meeting	25 CHRISTMAS 	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Potluck at the Zobel's 			



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4	5 DCM 5:30pm Oak Ave Free Methodist Church	6 Board Meeting 5:30pm at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital	7 Builders Club Mtg 10:54am General Meeting at Sizzler 6:30pm	8	9	10
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Kiwanians respond to the needs of their communities by working together to achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone.

- Every Kiwanis club assesses local needs; designs service projects to address those needs, then raises the funds and provides the volunteers needed to conduct those projects.
- Any community need can become a Kiwanis service project—our focus is to strengthen communities and make a better world for children through service and leadership.