



# Riding the Road of Service



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*The Race to Serve*

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## The Lt. Governor's Corner

### *Drive Like An Eagle*



As we glide through the holiday season, Thanksgiving through New Years, we have thoughts and memories (good and bad) of the past. Most of us tend to be reminded of the more memorable and happy times, either as children ourselves or as adults seeing it again through the eyes of our children.

The turkey that Mom or Grandma fixed for us at Thanksgiving was always so huge, until we grew up and had the same number for dinner and worried, "Will there be enough?"

The Christmas tree always looked 10 feet tall and was so much fun to decorate. Now most of us do what our parents did, rearrange the ornaments clustered on the lower branches in a somewhat more symmetrical manner after the kids are in bed.

As children we had so many presents, one each from Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, brothers and sisters, Aunts and Uncles, cousins, etc, but mostly from Santa. As parents and grandparents, we can now sit and watch the children, wide-eyed and full of anticipation, like our parents and grandparents did with us. We, of course, have a few gifts to open ourselves, such as a hand-made (painted or color crayon) pictures that we can treasure, school pictures, profiles, hand prints and other wonderful mementos brought home for us to enjoy.

When we get misty eyed looking at and receiving these tokens of pure love, we can see the same faces of our parents and grand parents when we were young and so proud of our accomplishments.

My hope for all is that at some time during this two month holiday period, you are surrounded by those you love, be it family or friends, those from far away or next door, and that the New Year is a prosperous, healthy and happy one.

May the Child in All of Us  
Be Granted Our Every Wish!

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### CLUB & DIVISION EVENTS

#### PLANNING AN INTERCLUB?

**ALWAYS** contact the President or other officer of the Club you're planning to visit. First, they may have a special event, or be going "dark" for a meeting, or need to have sufficient food/space available. Try to let them know at least 2 days in advance. (Contact Div. Secretary Paul White for contact information – see p. 2 for club meetings.)

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Glendora High School Girls Basketball Team Competes in Annual Christmas Tournament:

**The Kiwanis Club of Glendora Kiwaniannes** and the Glendora High School Lady Tartan Girls Basketball Boosters will hold the 14th Annual Glendora High School Girls Basketball Christmas Tournament on December 27,28,29, and 30. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Girls Basketball Program at Glendora High.

The four-day tournament will feature varsity, junior varsity, and freshman team competitions. The games will be held at the Glendora high School Gym, 1600 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, from 9 AM to 7:30 PM the starting time of the last game. The public is invited. Tickets at the door will be \$4 for adults \$2 for students with ASB cards, \$12 for an adult four-day tournament pass, and children age 12 and under will be free. For more information, call the Glendora High School Athletic office at 626/963-5731

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## Did You Know?

Future Kiwanis International Conventions:

2007: San Antonio, Texas July 4-8

2008: Orlando, Florida June 25-28

2009: Nashville, Tennessee June 24-27

2010: Las Vegas, Nevada June 23-26

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The **Kiwanis Club of Monrovia** served the community at the Foothill Unity Center Christmas Give-away, helping distribute food and toys to the needy. Distribution to large families (3+) was executed on Sun., 12/17 from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Smaller families' distribution was effected on Tues., 12/19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition, the Club hosted the Citrus Singers, who entertained and enthralled the Club for the 38<sup>th</sup> consecutive year with their holiday music.



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## International President's Interclub Luncheon

Please spread the word and join the **Kiwanis Club of Pasadena, Kiwanis Rose Float Club of Pasadena and Kiwanis International President Nelson Tucker** at our annual interclub luncheon on Saturday, December 30th.

**Saturday, December 30, 2006, 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.** at the **University Club of Pasadena, 175 N. Oakland, Pasadena, CA**

**Luncheon Price: \$35.00 per person, Sponsored Youth \$20.00 per person. Please respond by December 27, 2006:**

**Seating is limited and tables reserved on a first paid basis.**

**Please send payment (payable to Kiwanis Club of Pasadena, P.O. Box 50484, Pasadena, CA 91115) and RSVP to: Craig Wallace, Treasurer, at 626-449-3466, ext 241; Fax to 626-577-9361 or e-mail [cWallace@m-k-m.com](mailto:cWallace@m-k-m.com)**

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WHEN YOU GO ON AN INTERCLUB, ALWAYS BE SURE CONTACT THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB BEFOREHAND

CLUB	PRESIDENT	MEETING LOCATION	DAY & TIME
ARCADIA	SOPHIE WANG	Chang's Garden Restaurant, 627 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia	1st/3rd Fri., 12:30 p.m.
AZUSA	JERRY SEARCY	Azusa Pacific University, 901 E. Route 66, Azusa	Tuesday, 7 a.m.
DUARTE	SILVIA HURTADO	Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo, Duarte	Tuesday, 12:10 p.m.
EL MONTE	PAUL BUNNELL	Edwards Steak House, 9600 Flair Drive, El Monte	Thursday, 12:05 p.m.
GLENDORA	CHUCK GOMER	Glendora Country Club, 310 S. Amelia Avenue, Glen.	Thursday, 7 a.m.
GLENDORA KIWANIANNE	TINA NOVODOCZKY	Continental Rest., 316 W. Alostia Avenue, Glendora	1st/3rd Weds., 6 p.m.
HACIENDA HEIGHTS	MAUREEN SINCLAIR	Marie Callender's, 1560 Albatross Road, Industry	Weds., 7:00 a.m.
LA PUENTE INDUSTRY	VERN MOYER	Marie Callender's, 1560 Albatross Road, Industry	Tuesday, 12:10 p.m.
MONROVIA	SCOTT OCHOA	Monrovia Rest., 534 S. Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia	Thursday, 12:0 p.m.
SIERRA MADRE	HANK LANDSBERG	Masonic Temple, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., S. M.	Tuesday, 12:101 p.m.
SOUTH EL MONTE	JARED JOHNSON	Edwards Steak House, 9600 Flair Drive, El Monte	Tuesday, 12:00 noon
SOUTH HILLS/COVINA	JOEL BEEZY	Covina Bowl, 1060 W. San Bernardino Road, Covina	Thursday, 12:00 noon
WALNUT VALLEY	TRUDY BRANDT	Holiday Inn Select, 21725 E. Gateway Center Drive, Diamond Bar	Friday, 7:00 a.m.
WEST COVINA	GARY LAWSON	Danny's Kosher Pickle, 326 Azusa Avenue, Covina	Monday, 12:10 p.m.



The **Glendora Kiwanianes** recently held their Annual Appraisal Fair & Social Tea, successfully raising \$4,500.

**South Hills Covina Kiwanis** Events as reported by Club President Joel Beezy:

The Club is having a fabulous holiday season. The annual assistance to Ernie Altvater and Santa Claus, Inc. had members assembling 50 red wagons to be distributed to poor families in the San Gabriel Valley (see photo, bottom right). Approximately 250 children annually benefit from this project, which brings joy into their homes. The Club had a large turnout for this event.

On Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, President Joel Beezy and Cookie Ford represented Kiwanis in the annual Christmas parade in downtown Covina, being driven in a 1956 Ford Thunderbird. Cookie Ford's husband, Don, was nice enough to drive the car, with Joel's wife, Janet, joining them. The parade had a huge turnout and Kiwanis was mentioned three times during the course of the route.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> the Club sponsored holiday parties at two Covina Unified School District High Schools benefiting underprivileged youth and providing gifts for toddlers. At these parties the children dined on pizza and had dessert.



Pres. Joel Beezy & Donald Sterling

In the holiday spirit, the Donald Sterling Foundation has donated tickets to 100 of the Club's Key Club students to attend a Los Angeles Clippers basketball game on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation gave each Key Clubber a Clipper T shirt.

In addition, L.A. Clippers Basketball will honor Kiwanis Clubs and their Members on Tuesday night, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. (tip-off) at Staples Center. Tickets are offered to Kiwanis Clubs ONLY for 50% of face value **[Need a Fundraiser? Want to Host a Social Event? Have a Sponsored Youth Night?]** Tickets are either \$17.50 (for \$35 seats) or \$12.50 (for \$25 seats). Order by mail from L.A. Clippers/Attn: Benny Garcia, or call him at (213) 763-4659, or email to: [bgarcia@laclippers.com](mailto:bgarcia@laclippers.com).



**Kiwanis International**  
"Serving the Children of the World"

### The El Monte Kiwanis Club

On Thursday, December 14, 2006, reports President Paul Bunnell, the El Monte Club played host to the Byron Thompson Bell School Choir. This is a tradition in our club which started over 20 years ago when Tom Hall (a past Kiwanian) was the Principal at Durfee School, a school with special needs and handicapped students. Twenty-one severely disabled students (one quadriplegic) played their hearts and souls out by ringing the different bells and musical instruments. We provided their special transportation, catered their lunch, served them, and gave each student a Christmas gift bag full of toys, dolls and gift certificates. This bell choir of disabled students play Christmas carols on hand bells and is one of the most amazing things you will ever witness and the most attended meeting of the year. The students played several songs to a standing room only crowd.

The **Glendora Kiwanianes** report that on Saturday, December 9, they sold donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate during the Glendora Christmas Parade.



On Wednesday, November 22, 2006 the **Kiwanis Club of El Monte** continued its annual tradition of delivering over 40 Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families in the City of El Monte.

Over 15 club members and 10 Arroyo High School Kiwanis Key Club members showed up at 7:00 in the morning to assemble food baskets containing turkeys and all the trimmings into cardboard boxes to be delivered. After pairing everybody up the members delivered the baskets throughout El Monte.

In addition, **President Paul Bunnell** reports: In Oct. we did another Casino Night (last one was 3 or 4 yrs ago). This was an outstanding fund raiser and raised \$8,000 and change(?). Close enough. The Thanksgiving Baskets (above) were filled with all the goodies to 40 needy families along with another 40 turkey given to the El Monte Police Dept (EMPD) to distribute to needy families. We were in a crunch, scrounging for 40 turkeys when Club Secretary Espie got 40 more. So we improvised and came out smelling like a rose, helping the EMPD look good again.

On 12-22, we will be assisting EMPD putting together and delivering about 800 Christmas Baskets & toys for our community. As a Priority One Project we have bought about 60 hand made blankets and Disney reading & song books that will accompany the baskets we personally deliver that day.

We sponsored a El Monte/South El Monte Beauty Pageant Queen, she didn't make queen but she's still beautiful. We worked with the Arroyo HS Key Clubbers to do community service at a run in Santa Monica(?) Ventura Co.?

That's all folks.....Have a wonderful holiday and a Merry Christmas!! – Paul Bunnell

## What's Your Club Planning to do to Increase Membership???

The more members the more your Club can do to help your Community and those in need.

# Merry Christmas And Happy New Year!



# Happy Kwanzaa! Happy Hanukkah!



## Did You Know?

Kiwanis helped kick off the college football bowl season Tuesday, December 19, as a sponsor of the San Diego Credit Union **Poinsettia Bowl** in California.

While the Horned Toads of Texas Christian University battled with the Northern Illinois University Huskies, four 30-second television advertisement spots told viewers about Kiwanis.

"The ads are designed to tell the Kiwanis story, but more importantly, they are a major cog in our worldwide membership-development campaign," says Oscar E. Knight of the **La Mesa Kiwanis club** and governor-elect of the **California-Nevada-Hawaii District**. "The tag line on each of the four spots is: 'Join with your local Kiwanis club and discover how you can help make a difference in your community.'"

### *The Kiwanis Club of Walnut Valley reports:*

We just completed an **incredible** day at the City of Diamond Bar Winter Fest, where they made snow to play in for about 3,500 people (mostly kids). President Trudy Brandt says we were *Cooking for Fun!* She gives special thanks to everyone who participated, members, spouses, former members, friends and Walnut & Diamond Bar H.S. Key Club members. Despite the fact we were competing with 8 other food vendors, we ran out of food three times & had long lines.

**On December 15<sup>th</sup>**, the Club donated about \$1250 to help in-need children and families through Isaiah's Rock & LeRoy Haynes Children's Center.

**On Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will be delivering about 100 food baskets to needy families with the assistance of Walnut & Diamond Bar H.S. Key Clubs. We usually have a truck load of canned goods left over to deliver to Isaiah's Rock.

### **DIVISION 35 OFFICERS**

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