

KIWANIS KNEWS

FEBRUARY 2006

DUCK RACE – Reminder – Important meeting at Elise’s Office Thursday, February 16 – 6 pm . Time to go over details of the Kick Off. Elise will have dinner for everyone. However, please let her know if you are attending so she can order enough food.

Kick Off “Quackers & Cheese” Party is Saturday, February 25th at 9:30 am. Members should be there by 9 am to get set up for our selling organizations. We should be through around 11 am. All Club Members are urged to come. Head Duck Elise can find work for you to do – and new members will really get an opportunity to learn the ropes through the orientation given to the selling organization.

Remember – it will be held at LOV’s MacGregor/Bridgepoint School location, 35753 Cedar Blvd. in the auditorium in the rear. Lots of parking in the rear next to the auditorium if you don’t want to walk from the front parking lots. From Thornton Ave at Baker’s Square – turn right on Cedar at the Shell Station and go to Lake Blvd. Turn left at the Lake signal and it takes you right into the school parking lot. If you get lost, you can call LOV’s MacGregor phone # 510-896-4447.

Everyone needs to participate in selling duck adoptions for the Club. Elise has succeeded in getting us selling dates at Dale Hardware. If you haven’t signed up – please do so. Getting those adoption papers into people’s hands is critical – even if you don’t sign them on the dotted line that day.

MID YEAR CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18 – at the Oakland Marriott. So far we have 7 members signed up. This is a great way to learn more about Kiwanis, to meet other members from the region and have a lot of fun. See Marsha to register – its not too late – and you don’t want to miss out.

FREMONT’S OWN OMAR KHAYYAM (our own Zia) will be launching his book of poems “Treasures Within” on February 8th. Everyone will want to have a copy. The beautiful poetry is superimposed on lovely computer generated art. There are over 100 colorful pages that will inspire you. Think of them also as gifts to special people in your life. Proceeds from the sale of

the books will go to Zia's dream of a recreation & information center for special needs kids. Zia has founded a non-profit organization to make this dream come true.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7** Regular Meeting – 7 am – Baker's Square, Newark
Program – "Meet Chris Bishop". Chris is one of our newest members and this will be a good opportunity for all of us to get to know him just a little bit better
- 9** Board Meeting – Zia's home – 6 pm – Dinner provided
If you are not a Board Member – you are welcome to come and make this a make up
- 13** DCM meeting 6 pm at Church of the Chimes, 1447 Bryan Ave., San Jose.
- 14** Regular Meeting – 7 am – Baker's Square, Newark
Program – Robin Michel from Kidango. Come find out more of what is currently going on at this child care agency
- 16** Duck Race meeting – 6 pm – Elise's Office – Dinner provided
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- 21** Regular meeting – 7 am – Baker's Square, Newark
Program – "Our Broken Prison System" presented by George Salinger, a Catholic Deacon who has been going into San Quentin for more than 10 years providing ministry to inmates, even those on Death Row.
- 25** Duck Race Kick Off – 9 am – MacGregor/Bridgepoint School Auditorium, 35753 Cedar Blvd., Newark
- 28** Regular Meeting – 7 am – Baker's Square, Newark
Program: "Famous People". This will be a fun, self-generated program from all the members. Come prepared to tell us about a famous person you have met, what the situation was, how it came about, a funny story about the meeting, or a lasting impression. Make it quick (3 min. each) so everyone can participate and we will vote At the end on who had the most interesting Famous Person Tale. (Chip – will there be a prize??)

Chip has arranged some great programs. Bring a guest - the Club will pay for their breakfast so that they can hear an exciting speaker – make new friends – and hopefully want to become at part of this great organization.

March Speaker Chair: Jim Pittman

S.O.A.P.S REPORT

Aktion Club is selling See's Candy as a fundraiser for Valentines Day. Their Christmas sales went very well. They raised \$295 for their adopt a family.

Washington High Key Club's Charter has been sent to International. Now we wait for final Charter papers. We will be planning a charter event in March to celebrate.

American High Key Club held a very successful Gala on January 13th. Thank you to Zia and Jim Whitmore for attending. A very special thanks to Wayne and DeVry University for providing the main course and table cloths. The Club raised over \$800 for the Measles Initiative.

Mission San Jose Key Club is helping out at the homeless shelter twice a month.

Key Club Conclave is February 11th at West Valley College. They will be electing their new Lt. Governors. To see first hand how the whole process works – let Julie know.

Looking ahead – Key Club District Convention is April 21-23 in San Jose. You are encouraged to attend either as an advisor/chaperone or to help out with SAA (Sargent-At-Arms). It's a great way to see what our Key Clubber's are up to. It will be a very high- energy weekend. Julie advises you may want to bring your ear plugs 😊. If you are interested – let her know.

ON-GOING COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Serve Dinner at Sunset Village Homeless Shelter – the 4th Friday of the month. This is a minimal commitment – from 5:15 – 6:30. You don't have to cook or clean up. The shelter is located on Brown Rd. in Fremont, off Warm Springs Blvd., north of Mission. To sign up see Chip.

Emergency Food - we are asking every member to bring a non-perishable food item to the Tuesday meetings. These will be given to LOV's emergency pantry that supplies food year-round for those in need.

Eyeglasses – Bring you old frames and eye glasses. Kiwanis has an outlet for them for those in need. We already have a few – and when we get enough – we'll box and send them off.

Empty soda cans & plastic bottles – Bring them in to the meetings and give them to Marsha who has taken over Rick's project of "Cans for Kids".

Used postage stamps- Bob Brahmst still wants them for the special church project.

Greeting cards – those unsolicited packs we get in the mail requesting a donation. Rather than just tossing them – give them to Tom Blalock who will turn them over to "Packed with Pride" where they will be sent to our service men and women overseas.

INTERCLUB NEWS

Tuesday, February 7 – Hayward/Castro Valley Club – 7 pm dinner at El Rancho Steak House, 24052 Mission Blvd, Hayward. Dinner is ordered & paid for individually. We will have the opportunity to promote the Duck Race. Let Marsha know if you will attend.

Another Possible Date – Wednesday, February 22 with Cambrian Park. They meet at the United Methodist Church, 1919 Gunston Way, San Jose at 12:10. This will be another opportunity to promote duck sales. More information to come from Marsha.

Happy Birthday :	Feb. 22	Vernon Lucas
	Feb. 22	Dean Marshall
	Feb. 23	Wayne Anthony
Happy Anniversary	Feb. 24	Debbie & Jeff Law
	Feb. 26	Vernon & Lea Lucas

Fear

This strange feeling
that forces man to obey
and takes away
the purity of life
that takes away
the capacity to see
the ultimate beauty
of living free
this strange word
Is the creator of slavery

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