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KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN MARCOS, CA

GENERAL MEETINGS

Fridays 7:15 am
(except the last week of the month)

Pat & Oscar's
137 S. Las Posas, #153

EVENING MEETINGS

6:00 pm on the last Thursday of the month

Old Spaghetti Factory
111 N. Twin Oaks Valley Road

DIVISION 37- MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN ROMANIA!



Our Scheduled Guest Speaker, **Joe Heard**, was ill so **Division 37 Romania Co-Chair, Dave Imper** ably filled in and brought us a slide show about the Division's contributions to the orphanages and trade schools in Romania.

Dave explained that the project began when **Heart to Heart Ministries** asked the **Kiwanis Club of Ramona** to help them build an orphanage in 2002. Although they were eager to help, they also realized the scope of the project was beyond their small club's abilities and so brought it to Division 37 for consideration. And from there, the results have been amazing!

Kiwanians from Division 37 can be justifiably proud of the Division's dedication to the orphans of Romania. In just 7 short years, the originally requested orphanage for boys was completed, followed by another one for girls. These were

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HIGH TECH HIGH KEY CLUB

President Troy gave a report on the **Board of Directors'** decision to recommend we sponsor our **very first Key Club** at the new **High Tech High** in San Marcos. This is a long term time and financial commitment for our club, so **Prez Troy** called for a vote of members present and the vote was all aye. Since the required majority of our members were present for the vote, we have ourselves our a new **Sponsored Leadership Program!**

Prez Troy will announce our SLP Advisor for the Key Club soon and will be meeting with HTH representatives after the holidays to get the ball moving. They already have 7 (yep, seven!) advisors at the school ready to lead the way and are considering making the Key Club an elective class at the school. More news soon...



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followed by the construction of a trade school for boys and another for girls. The orphanages and trade schools are critical to the children's day-to-day survival but also to their hopes for the future.

Dave explained that in the United States, aid is available from many sources - federal, state, local, private donors - but that is just not true in Romania. Infants are often abandoned, young children left to fend for themselves on the streets and the government offers little or no help. Even the **Kiwanis Clubs in Romania** aren't able to help the children. Dave gave a brief history of the government since the revolution and explained that the Romania clubs have not yet attained the focus of community service. Because of the country's history, Kiwanians in Romania are still focused on building relationships within their clubs and have not looked out into their communities yet. Guidance is on the way, but in the meantime, the efforts of **Division 37** and **Heart to Heart Ministries** truly are the saving grace for these children.

Another trip to Romania is planned for March 2010 and all are invited to join the entourage! \$2500 per person covers all expenses and, in addition to some local sightseeing, members will visit the trade schools and orphanages and, depending on the final schedule, may get to interclub with one or two Romania Kiwanis Clubs. **Contact Dave Imper or Joe Heard for details.**



Romania is about the size of Oregon. Bucharest is the capital.

UPCOMING DATES	
Dec 25	Merry Christmas
Jan 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan 6	AKTION CLUB MEETING 5:30 PM Mountain Shadows 2067 W El Norte Pkwy, Escondido
Jan 8	GUEST SPEAKER Walt Schuette, Past Lt. Gov. Division 37 and Director of the Summit Foundation for Children Worldwide
Jan 9	DCM at the Escondido Senior Center 9 - 10:30 am
Jan 15	MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING No Guest Speaker
Jan 21	Kiwanis International Celebrates 95th anniversary!
Jan 22	GUEST SPEAKER: Patrick Wade, Commander US Navy and VP of W-D 40 Company will talk on Cultural Leadership
Jan 28	GUEST SPEAKER: Chris Rutgers with Outdoor Outreach

DECEMBER 18TH MEETING...



Aktion Club Advisor Dorothy Shubin took a moment to brag... Club members adopted a Special Needs class at San Marcos Elementary and, after a very successful food drive, provided every child's family with a complete Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. And, after raising \$250 and having it matched by a

generous donor, they purchased shoes and coats for every child in the class! **Kiwanis Kudos to all Aktion Club members!!**

Fine Master Steve Kildoo was kind today nabbing only a few... **Steve Hall** for a "because \$", **Anna Fleming** for her "Betty Boop" face, **Kevin McCormick** for "being here", **Wes Rhine** for a "bah humbug \$", **George Mickle** - "nice to see you, put in a \$", **Neill Kovrig** for attending, **Darrell**

Gentry for talking, and **Lucy Rowe** for looking so great at **Catherine Paris's** party.



George was sad because he didn't know **Wes** could be so cheerful... **Troy** was happy because we had a great speaker AND because **Kara** came back...**Neill** was happy cause he completed his website, the semester is done and he'll be teaching next semester & **Wes** paid his weekly "whatever" \$





Kevin McCormick doesn't show up often but he came today and won the \$10 pot today but missed the joker.

Jack Collar from Sunrise Vista (right) and his guest **George Mozes** joined us today specifically to hear about Romania.



Our own **Mr. Bah Humbug** couldn't subdue the Christmas spirit enjoyed by members at this week's meeting!



NEW YEAR'S TRADITIONS



Celebrating the arrival of the new year is perhaps the **oldest holiday** in recorded history. It started with the ancient Babylonians more than **4,000 years ago**, and continued with the Egyptians, Romans, Celts and so on. Here are some other quick facts about new year's traditions and their origins:

January 1. January 1st officially became the first day of a new year in 46 B.C. when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar.

New year's resolutions. The ancient Babylonians began the idea of New Year's resolutions as a way to start the year off with a clean slate by returning borrowed items.

Baby new year. Using a baby to represent the birth of the new year started in ancient Greece in 600 B.C.

Black-eyed peas & cabbage. Some say the black-eyed pea's lucky streak dates back to the pharaohs. Others say it started in Vicksburg, Virginia, during the Civil War when the town ran out of food while under siege and the inhabitants were lucky enough to discover cow peas (a.k.a., black-eyed peas). Meanwhile, cabbage leaves (a symbol of prosperity) are thought to bring prosperity to those who eat them on New Year's Day.

Tournament of Roses Parade. The first parade was staged in 1890 by the Pasadena, California, Valley Hunt Club as a celebration of the town's mild winter weather. In 1895, the Tournament of Roses Association took charge of the festival when the parade had grown too large for the hunt club to continue hosting. Today, the elaborate floats can take as long as a year to design and build.

Auld Lang Syne. Inspired by old Scottish tunes, the lyrics to the song Auld Lang Syne were written by the poet Robert Burns and published after his death in 1796.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Interested in assisting on a committee? Have an idea to share? Contact the following Kiwanians:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Kiwanian</u>
Community Service	Darrell Gentry
Membership Growth	Kate Kovrig
InterClub	Clarke Vollbrecht
Human and Spiritual Values	Luci Rowe
Children's Hospital - MMQ	Anna Fleming
Club Photographer	Wes Rhine
Publicity/Public Relations	Carrie Clevers
Young Children Priority One	Carrie Clevers
Sponsored Youth	Dorothy Shubin
Early Literacy	Glen Winn
Seniors Priority Two	Neill Kovrig



THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

- TO GIVE** primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than material values of life
- TO ENCOURAGE** the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- TO PROMOTE** the adoption and the application of social, business and professional standards
- TO DEVELOP** by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship
- TO PROVIDE**, through KIWANIS Clubs a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- TO COOPERATE** in creating and maintaining sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase in righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL UPDATES KI MAGAZINE

Go to the **Kiwanis International** website and you'll see the photo of the latest issue of KI Magazine... in the past, when you clicked on it, you were taken to another page where you could read latest and greatest from KI.

Not any more! Kiwanis International has done a major revamping of the magazine and the December issue is a **GIANT 48 pages** and now opens as a pdf file rather than a web page. Although quite a few of the new pages are ads (gotta pay the bills), you will see an expansion of the news and articles and inspirational stories from Kiwanis clubs around the world.



The December issue's feature articles include: "In Santa's Boots", "Warm Up to the Web", "The Vegas Scene", "One Day, One Goal", "In the Zone", and "Insert-Builders Club". Regular Department features include: Presidents Message, Newsroom, On the Web, Showcase, Clubhouse, and Leadership Matters.

The Kiwanis Magazine is posted on the home page of our club website so check it out when you have a few moments...it's a big change!

DATES TO CELEBRATE



December 30 Darrell Gentry
 January 14 John Smylie
 January 15 Holly Flow McCormick
 January 16 Elva Vollbrecht

January 30 Rick & Clarice Barthel



January 13, 2009 Luci Rowe
 January 18, 1979 George Mickle

KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN MARCOS ROSTER

OFFICERS 2009-2010

Troy Shields, President
 Leo Melena, 1st Vice President & President Elect
 Dorothy Shubin, 2nd Vice President
 Kate Kovrig, Immediate Past President
 Lynn Murphy, Club Treasurer
 Felipe Garcia, Foundation Treasurer
 Betty Parker, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

Linda Allen
 Rick Barthel
 Carrie Clevers
 Jim Desmond
 Steve Kildoo
 Ling Koong
 Neill Kovrig
 Mary Limoges
 Kevin McCormick
 George Mickle
 Henry Orenca
 Olga Ramirez
 Roberto Ramirez
 Wes Rhine
 Luci Rowe

John Smylie
 Clarke Vollbrecht
 Terri Williams
 Glen Winn

FRIENDS OF KIWANIS

Clarice Barthel
 Lynnette Bordeaux
 Kathy Kildoo
 Kathy Rhine



DIRECTORS

Anna Fleming
 Darrell Gentry
 Steve Hall
 Catherine Paris

DIVISION 37 CLUBS MEET

MONDAY

RANCHO PENASQUITOS
 1st & 3rd Monday 7:00 pm,
 Mount Carmel Church of
 the Nazarene 10060 Carmel
 Mountain Road San Diego

TUESDAY

CARLSBAD
 Tuesday 7:15 am,
 The Crossings
 5800 The Crossings Drive
 Carlsbad

HIDDEN VALLEY
 Tuesday 7 am,
 Cocina Del Charro,
 525 N. Quince Street
 Escondido

LAKE SAN MARCOS
 Tuesday 11:30 am
 LSM Recreation Hall
 1023 La Bonita Drive
 Lake San Marcos

OCEANSIDE
 Tuesday 12:10 pm
 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 pm
 Jolly Roger's Restaurant
 1900 Harbor Drive North
 Oceanside

VISTA GOLDEN K

Tuesday 8:30 am
 Picket Fence Restaurant
 945 South Santa Fe Ave
 Vista EXCEPT
 1st Tuesday at 9 am, All
 Saints Church in Vista

WEDNESDAY

FALLBROOK
 1st & 3rd Wednesday 5 pm
 Hukilau Restaurant
 Fallbrook Country Club
 2757 Gird Road, Fallbrook

GREATER ENCINITAS
 Wednesday 7:15 am
 Co Co's Restaurant
 407 Encinitas Blvd.
 Encinitas

OCEANSIDE PACIFIC
 Wednesday 7 am
 Home Town Buffet
 491 College Blvd., Ocean-
 side

RANCHO BERNARDO
 Wednesday 7 am,
 RB Country Club
 12280 Greens East Road
 Rancho Bernardo

SUNRISE VISTA

Wednesday 7 am
 Gloria McClellan Senior
 Center
 1400 Vale Terrace Drive,
 Vista

THURSDAY

DEL MAR
 Thursday 12 noon
 Red Tracton's Restaurant
 550 Via de la Valle, Solana
 Beach

ESCONDIDO
 Thursday 12:00 noon
 Escondido County Club
 1800 Country Club Lane
 Escondido

POWAY
 Thursday 7 am
 The Hamburger Factory
 14122 Midland Road, Poway

VISTA
 Thursday 12 noon
 Coyote Café
 1450 N. Santa Fe Avenue,
 Vista

FRIDAY

VALLEY CENTER
 Friday 7 am
 Country Junction Deli
 29115 Valley Center Road
 Valley Center

SATURDAY

RAMONA
 Saturday 7 am
 Sizzler Restaurant
 344 Main Street, Ramona



North County Aktion Club
 2067 W. El Norte Pkwy.
 Escondido, Ca. 92026

Division 100 MMQ Club
 2nd Wednesday of the month at
 4:30PM