

Student, Students, Students ...

Three weeks of meetings at Newport Rib Company, three weeks of focus on students. Two exceptional meetings with one more to come.

Australian Exchange Students



Kiwanians welcome the Aussies

Standing: Jeff Dimsdale, Amy Penaluna, Amy Parke, Melissa Biggs, Jacki Day, Andrew Cordell, Jonathan Dilley, Kent Mueller

Sitting: Stacey Kelleher, Tara Doonan, Gemma Fewsdale, Sarah Mangan

presentation. Their presentation was both interesting and enlightening. It was enjoyed by all.

In addition to our Australian friends, we also made Athlete-of-the-Month awards. As always, Ken did a great job with that favorite Kiwanis program.

The Athletes of the Month are selected by Boys' and Girls' coaches at both Estancia and Costa Mesa High Schools for their academic performance, campus leadership, and athletic prowess. Their coaches present the students. Congratulations to all.



On January 21, seven exchange students from sister city Wyndham, Victoria, Australia and their two advisors came to Kiwanis. Their mission — to educate us about life in Victoria and their school experience with an extensive, well organized and designed PowerPoint

FOR MORE ABOUT STUDENTS. SEE PAGES 5 AND 6.



*Jose Faboreno
Costa Mesa Soccer*



*Ervin Bahena
Estancia Soccer*



*Allyson Wallace
Estancia Soccer*



*Danielle Young
Costa Mesa Soccer*



From the President's Desk



We have all been moved by the images from the Earthquake in Haiti. Haiti is the poorest country in our Hampshire and the one country least equipped to handle an Earthquake of any magnitude let alone a 7.0! How can we help the victims of the Earthquake in Haiti?

The letter shown on page 3 was received by our Kiwanis Governor Roy Talley from Gary Levine, the Governor of the Eastern Canadian & Caribbean Region of Kiwanis, which includes Haiti.

Kiwanians: Please read the following letter and contribute what you can.

Thank you, sincerely,

Eagle Pride – February 4

The first meeting of February **NOT** will be a dinner! Instead, we will have lunch at Fran's Newport Rib Company.

The program, one of our favorites, will be the second Eagle Pride of the year. As always, we look forward to Phil's gentle humor as he honors 12 kids who have done an exceptional job in their classrooms and throughout their campuses. Be sure to come and support the kids.

Office Depot Helps our Schools

Did you know that you can support our schools at no cost to you? Office Depot has a program that sends the school of your choice a cash grant of 5% of your purchase.

How does it work? When you make a purchase, just tell the cashier that you want to credit the purchase to the school of your choice. He or she will ask for the school name and city and look up a code in the O.D. School List and enter it into your transaction. That's all there is to it. To save you some time, here are the codes for our member's schools.

- Estancia High School (Phil D'Agostino): 7000 7134
- TeWinkel Middle School (Kirk Bauermeister): 7000 7120

Of course, you can select any other public school if you prefer.

Upcoming Programs

Date	Kiwanian of the Day	Program
February 2		Membership Committee meeting
February 4		Meeting program to be announced <i>Watch for an e-mail message from President Kent about the location for this meeting!</i>
February 8		Board of Directors meeting
February 11	Phil D'Agostino	Eagle Pride
February 18	Steve Grant	White Elephant
February 25	Buzz Kostlan	tba

Upcoming Kiwanians of the Day

March 4	Ken Dilley	March 18	Jim Bonar
March 11	Michael Bare	March 25	Bruce Coye

White Elephant Scheduled!

Don't forget the White Elephant Auction. This event that will take place at the meeting of February 8. It is an important fund raiser for the club.



Start the elephant hunt now. Find the ugliest item you can – regifting is okay. Be sure it has some value. Wrap it, bring it to the meeting and see which sucker gets to take it home.

Watch for it next year! It may be back. By the way, you get to bid for something, too. If you have a limit to what you can afford to contribute, let Steve Grant know in advance. He will see that you are not asked to spend more than you can comfortably do.

Be there, elephant gun in hand, for the fun ... a support your Kiwanis club in one of its major fund raisers of the year.

Boys & Girls Club Special Programs of the Month

Kiwanis, CKI, Key Club Help Needed

The Boys & Girls Club (BGC) announced a series of monthly special activities for which help is needed. Kiwanians, Circle Kers, and Key Club members are welcome. Watch the newsletter for details. Here is a tentative schedule.

- February 5: CookieGrams
- April 27: 80s Dance Party
- May 5: Nacho Party



Dear Governor Roy,

With great sadness we have learned of the terrible tragedy that has befallen Haiti. The loss of human life is staggering. The suffering that will continue is beyond comprehension.

Haiti is a member of our Kiwanis family with an active Kiwanis club (the Kiwanis Club of Jeremie) under the leadership of President David Latour. They need our help.

You can help.

Our Kiwanis Foundation of Canada and our Kiwanis International Foundation have each committed \$10,000 to be used to match money donated by our clubs and our members. We are petitioning the Government of Canada to match our combined money and the indication is that they will. That means that a \$100 individual donation will yield \$400 in Haitian aid.

In order to make sure that our donations go to where they are most needed, we have partnered with UNICEF Canada. UNICEF already has field workers in Haiti providing much needed aid.

Roy, we have set up a special Kiwanis web page, with UNICEF, that will allow them to track our Kiwanis donations and provide the necessary reports to our Foundations and to the Government of Canada. By going to our Kiwanis ECC website (www.kiwanisec.org) and clicking on this link you will be directed to our special UNICEF donation site. Please pass this information on to your Kiwanis clubs and fellow members.

Kiwanians live to serve the children of the world. Our children are crying out for our help. Please go to our District web site (www.kiwanisec.org) and click on our special donation link to pledge your support.

Sincerely,

Gary Levine
Governor

Eastern Canada and Caribbean District Kiwanis International

K.I. Foundation & Haiti

The KI and KIF trustees are very concerned about Haiti. KIF has made a \$25,000 grant for Haiti relief through UNICEF; \$10,000 of that was matched by the Canadian government. Additionally, KIF trustees approved the distribution of \$5,000 from its Jamaican fund to the Kiwanis Club of Jeremie, Haiti. With the Canadian match, this totals \$40,000.

KI President Paul Palazzolo and Foundation President Elmer Austermann will issue a joint letter inviting gifts to the KIF Disaster Relief Fund to support Haiti relief. Kiwanians may give online to the KIF Disaster Relief Fund using this link:

http://community.kiwanisone.org/blogs/kiwanis_dashboard_news/archive/2010/01/15/join-kiwanis-haiti-relief-effort.aspx.

InterAction and the Earthquake in Haiti

President Kent thought you would like to see this information from the InterAction web site.

A regularly updated list of agencies responding to the crisis and accepting donations is available below.



On January 12th, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck 10 miles outside the capital city of Haiti. The capital city has been devastated with collapsed buildings and people trapped beneath the rubble. Full reports of casualties, damage and needs are not yet available.

A number of InterAction members are responding to the needs of the affected population, many with years of experience working in the country.

InterAction has also developed guidelines on the most appropriate ways to help those affected by overseas disasters.

For more information about disaster relief volunteering offers, visit the Center for International Disaster Information at <http://www.cidi.org>.

Note: A new tax law permits 2009 write-offs for Haiti donations through February.

New Member Profile



Corine Doughty

Sponsored by Jeff Dimsdale

Corine is Director, Career Services - Career & Vocational Education at Orange Coast College. She comes to the Kiwanis Club of Costa Mesa as our first Commercial Member. As such, when she is unable to attend a meeting, Corine may choose to send another person from the college to represent her. Her father was a Kiwanian.

Corine has a long history in education.

Before coming to Orange Coast, she held a similar position at Rio Honda College in Whittier, with responsibility for community services and contract education. Contract education is training specifically designed for and provided to an organization that pays the costs of the program.

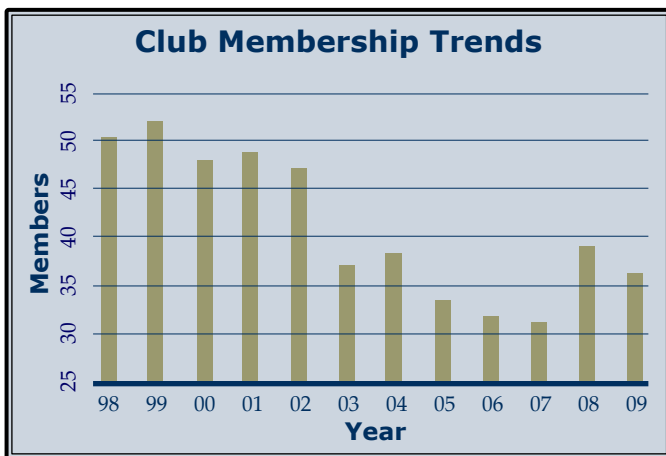
She also has been a director of training for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a director of a workplace learning resource center at the North Orange County Community College District.

She is active locally and on a national level in a variety of professional associations.

Corine holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Chapman University and a Master of Arts degree in Counseling Psychology from Pepperdine University.

Corine is a resident of Newport Beach.

Welcome to Kiwanis, Corine!



How Can We Grow?

Got a great club-growth idea? Share it with a member of the Membership Committee: Tina, Kent, Ken, Jonathan, or Jeff.

Spread the word...and **GROW!**

One of the simplest, most effective ways to build a club's membership is by word of mouth. Here's why:

- **Enthusiasm.** Personal conversations can be more passionate than fliers, brochures and e-mails.
- **The full story.** Face to face, you're able to delve deeply into your favorite topic: your Kiwanis club.
- **Sincerity.** When you're chatting informally, there's no need to oversell. Your passion for your club will help seal the deal.
- **Personal touch.** When you take the time to talk to prospective members, they feel important, wanted.

So, encourage your fellow members to find opportunities to spread the word about your club and Kiwanis, whether they are at home, work or play. And tell them that Kiwanis International's "Elevator Speech" can help them craft their very own Kiwanis story.

Kiwanis International "elevator speech": This is an overview of the organization, its service and work. The name reflects the fact that someone can deliver an elevator speech in the time span of an elevator ride (for example, 30 seconds or 100-150 words).

"Kiwanis International is an international organization of member-volunteers who give more than 6 million hours and more than US\$100 million each year to help change the world one child and one community at a time. Any community need can become a Kiwanis service project, especially if the need involves children, who should have the help and the right to lead healthy, successful lives. We believe that helping a child helps the world."

How Your District Trustees Work for You

In addition to serving as a member of the District Board of Trustees, District Trustees serve on Task Force Committees. This is the first in a series of articles featuring the latest updates from our Task Forces.

Alternative Revenue Source Task Force Update

The Alternative Revenue Source Task Force (ARS) is committed to finding non-dues revenue to lower the cost of conventions and conferences and to support the operations of the District. The first initiative of the

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task force was launched last year with the introduction of our new “Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha” shirts. These shirts proved to be extremely popular and will be followed this year by new offerings designed to promote Kiwanis, offer value to our members, and provide an alternative revenue stream to our District.

Developing Leaders at all Levels: The Purpose of the Leadership-Development Task Force

The *Leadership-Development Task Force* was created for a dual purpose. First, your Board wants to insure that Kiwanis leaders have the knowledge, skill, and ability to serve their clubs well. Second, we want to provide added value to Kiwanians. Many venues and opportunities already exist for this.

Some are specific to roles within Kiwanis. We hope to have a webinar for club treasurers available soon and we have already introduced webinars for club secretaries. Look for other opportunities for club officers and committee chairs in the future.

Some are more general value to any club, business, or community leader. For example, what are effective ways to organize a project? We will introduce these items later, after a primary focus on providing tools specifically of value to Kiwanis clubs.

All Task Force Reports Online

To see any of the task force reports, enter www.cnhkiwanis.org/MemberResources.html into your browser. Then click Bylaws and Governance. A drop-down list will appear. Click *Trustee Task Force Reports* and another drop-down list will appear. Click the report in which you are interested. That’s all there is to it.

Circle K Great Take-Over

Well, it finally came. Circle K took over the Kiwanis Meeting on Thursday, February 28. It was a great start to second semester at OCC, which started just two days later. Yes, the semester started on a Saturday.

Led by Circle K Kiwanis-Family Chairman, Luis Muñoz, and joined by many OCC Circle K’ers, the students focused their presentations on help for Haiti.

- Running the meeting just like a Kiwanis president, Luis offered the opportunity for everyone to give happy dollars. President Kent was the first to give and



Cat taught Joe how to fold an Origami heart.

he announced that happy dollars would go to the students.

- Next, Cat Tran taught the Kiwanians to fold a dollar bill (or maybe a \$20) into a rose. Members who chose to do so were invited to donate their bills for help in Haiti.

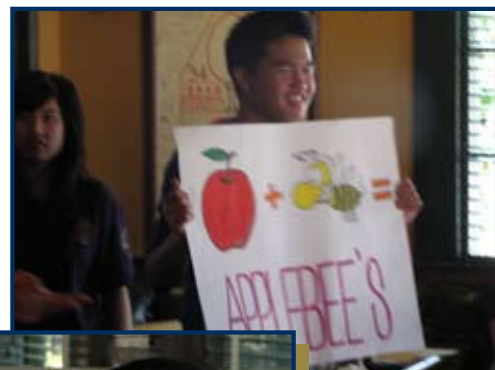


Luis Muñoz chaired the meeting.

- Then the students auctioned themselves to members to do PG-rated chores. Examples included setting up a Facebook page, caddying for a golf match, cleaning the house or doing yardwork. Brigide, Brigide, and Jeff won the auctions.
- The students also demonstrated their club website.

All told, it was a great meeting and the students will donate the \$168 they collected to the UNICEF Six Cents Initiative for Haiti.

Thanks to all for a wonderful Thursday.



▲ Vincent advertizes an upcoming fund raiser.

◀ Jennifer was one of 14 students in attendance.

▼ We were happy to welcome Dee Pritchard back to the club.



Service Leadership Programs

Our SLP Clubs are back. In January and early February, the Key Clubs and Circle K hold elections for officers to assume club leadership at the beginning of April.

Students are planning to attend their district conventions (DCON). Circle K's will be in Torrance on March 26-28 while the Key Club DCON will be in Sacramento on April 9-11. Kiwanis supports student attendance at these leadership development opportunities by providing funds for school advisors to attend.

Following are brief updates of activities at the clubs.

OCC Circle K

OCC does not begin classes until February 1 (January 30 for weekend classes). So, the club has not been meeting as a whole. However, Circle K has set up a number of committees that are working hard to prepare for DCON and the remainder of their year.

- **Scrapbook:** Last year's treasure chest was a wonderful scrapbook. This year, the students, led by chairwoman Jennifer Nguyen, are planning to build a paddy wagon to hold the many books that document their year.
- **K-Family:** Led by chairman Luis Muñoz, the K-Fam Committee planned the Circle K take-over of this week's Kiwanis meeting. In addition, they are planning projects to build relationships with our Key Clubs, other Circle K Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs.
- **Fund Raising:** This committee, chaired by Christine Nguyen, is working on a number of fundraisers such as a breakfast at Appleby's in Fountain Valley and a car wash. Their purpose is to support the rebuilding effort in Haiti, supporting other charities, and defray the cost of attending DCON.

The OCC Circle K Club meets on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. with a board meeting immediately following in the Faculty House. Please visit for part or all of a meeting, starting on February 2.

Costa Mesa Key Club

On January 29, the Key Club held elections for officers for 2010-2011. The following students were elected to terms beginning right after Spring Break.

President — Justine Alonzo; Vice President — Ellen Im, Secretary — Claudine Le; Treasurer — Anna Alvarado; Publicity Director — Quan Nguyen

Congratulations to all. We look forward to working with you and the other CMHS Key Club leaders in the upcoming year.

Key Club is also selling great-looking t-shirts. Look for one next time you are at a Kiwanis-family event. You, too, can be a stylingdude or dudette. Let Jeff or Jim know your size and bring \$15.

The Costa Mesa Key Club meets on Fridays at 1:15 p.m. for 30 minutes in room 112. Please visit a meeting. Their school advisor is Ms. Hooker.

Estancia Key Club

On January 20, the Key Club held elections for officers for 2010-2011. The following students were elected to terms beginning right after Spring Break.

President — Gurjot Kaur; Vice President — Kelly Peterson, Secretary — Jenniger Kumar; Treasurer — Kylie Carpenter; Historians — Laurel Hinson & Jessica Lyons; Publicity Director — Erin O'Neil

Congratulations to all. We look forward to working with you and the other EHS Key Club leaders in the upcoming year.

The Estancia Key Club meets on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. for 30 minutes in the room 729. Please visit a meeting. Their school advisor is Ms. Riley.

Torch-Builders Club

Builders is busy-busy-busy! Their January project has been to build art-activity adventure kits for the kids at CHOC. The project starts with its own art projects.

Each Builder designs and creates a picture that we use to decorate shopping bags provided by Trader Joe's Market. Then the children make get well-cards that the whole club signs.

Next the boys and girls team up to prepare the art materials. For example, one team had to weigh popsicle sticks so that each bag had the same number. Another team had to make packets of colored pens. Every task required the children to learn something.

Finally, the kids take all the materials and put them into the bags. Later this year, we will add coloring books prepared by our Key Clubs and Circle K and present the kits to hospital staff.

The Builders Club meets on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts Room at the Boys and Girls Club. Please visit a meeting. Their BGC advisor is Gia Deloach.



Kiwaniis Int'l Convention in Las Vegas Registration Deadline Looms



It is a rare opportunity. The Kiwanis International Convention will be held very close to us this year. The convention, in Las Vegas will run from June 24 through 27 and great plans are in place. For example, the opening general session will include an address by former Secretary of State Colin Powell. What an interesting time to have Secretary Powell share his thoughts with us.

In another session, Jay Leno will perform. Given the news of recent days, all you Leno fans may want to take this opportunity to see him live.

Kent, Jim B., Ken, and Jeff are already planning to attend. According to Kent, "[The Kiwanis International Convention] is a really great experience. Last year in Nashville, I met a lot of wonderful people

who are willing to share ideas to make Kiwanis better and the sessions were really worthwhile. I'm looking forward to going to the Las Vegas convention this year.

Registration can be as little as \$100 if you hurry. California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanians who are willing to spend a few hours helping the convention committee and who register by January 31 get this reduced rate. If you prefer not to help, you can register for \$195 through January 31 and \$250 afterwards. To register, go to kiwanisone.org, click the convention logo, and the registration tab.

Let's all plan to have a dinner or go to a show one night.

Are You Ready for the Next Storm?

Recent storms remind us that the weather is both unpredictable and potentially dangerous. Here are some preparation tips in case of a repeat of the January rains.

At Home:

1. Clean debris from drains, downspouts, rain gutters. The majority of flooding is caused by drain grates that are obstructed.
2. Relocate obstructions that may block water from flowing to the storm drain. For example, outdoor trash cans can form a barrier that restricts water from flowing off of your property. Walk around your house and give consideration as to how and where water will flow and move potential obstacles as appropriate.
3. Construct barriers (i.e. sandbags) as appropriate to prevent water from entering your home.

In Your Car:

1. Check the windshield wipers on your car to ensure good visibility when driving. If a wiper blade is cracked, split, or brittle it should be replaced. The best

indication is to test them out and make sure that they wipe cleanly and consistently.

2. Avoid driving in flooded road conditions. It is important to remember that:
 - Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.
 - A foot of water will float many vehicles.
 - Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles (SUV's) and pick-ups.

When it is cold/rainy outside most people tend to stay indoors, which increases the likelihood of spreading germs. Be sure to emphasize good hygiene practices (i.e. covering your mouth to cough, washing your hands frequently, avoiding people who are sick) and observe good health habits (i.e. taking vitamins, drinking lots of water, and eating a balanced diet) to avoid getting sick during this cold and flu season.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit www.readyoc.org.

What do you get when you add ...



7,000 volunteers,
8,000 gallons of glue,
56,000 service hours and 10,000 bottles of water?

The 2010 Kiwanis Rose Float!



Kiwanis Club of Costa Mesa 2009-2010 Updated Planning Calendar



The following information is accurate as of press time. It is subject to change. Watch this column each month for additions and changes, which will be highlighted.

February

- 2 **Membership Committee**
- 4 **Lunch meeting instead of twilight**
- 8 Board Meeting
- 11 **Eagle Pride**
- 12 Boys & Girls Club Valentines Day Dance

March

- 2 **Membership Committee**
- 4 Kiwanis Dinner tonight
- 6 Little League Pancake Breakfast
- 8 Board Meeting
- 20 Regional Conference — Trustee Election
- 26-28 Circle K District Convention

April

- 1 Kiwanis Dinner tonight
- 6 **Membership Committee**
- 8-10 Key Club District Convention
- 13 Board Meeting
- 14 Special Olympics at OCC

- 24 CHOC Carnival and Governor's Visit
- tbd All-Star Basketball Games
- 17 OCC Children's Center Project

May

- 2 United K Leadership Training
- 4 **Membership Committee**
- 6 Kiwanis Dinner tonight
- 10 Board Meeting
- 17 Golf Tournament
- 20 **Eagle Pride**
- tbd Anderson School Science Fair
- tbd United K Awards Dinner

June

- 1 **Membership Committee**
- 3 Kiwanis Dinner tonight
- 14 Board Meeting
- 24-27 Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas
- tbd B.U.G. at Victoria School

B.U.G. Awards Given

Kent and Jeff attend a B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) at Victoria School on Wednesday, January 27. Forty-six children in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades were recognized for improvement in reading. The 30-minute assembly is a highlight for the school. We will be back in Spring to recognize children who improve in math.

We are looking for Kiwanians who can spend one hour twice a year to replicate the program at other elementary schools in Costa Mesa. See Kent for details.

Thanks to Principal Linda Tenno and her teachers for making B.U.G. a reality.



With regret, this will be the last issue of the Kiwaniscope that I will be publishing. I am sorry about the need for this decision, which I have made because of the inordinate amount of time required to prepare it each month.

Jeff Dimsdale