



Kiwanis Club of Loma Linda Valley

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Meeting Notes:

Invocation: Amos Isaac

Flag Salute: Evan Winter

Song: Tom Crowley: "America"

Guests: Jim Powell and Friend

InterClub: None

Secretary: complete volunteer activity for October; Dues invoices in the mail.

Treasurer: Transfer of accounts custody from George to Tom and Ken completed. Totals in accounts given.

Announcements:

- **New Members:** Don't forget to sign aprons of Ann and Carin. Only two week remaining, or face the finemaster.
- **Victoria School:** Halloween party photos passed out by John Turner. The children dressed in costumes and received "treats" of writing materials.
- **KEY CLUB:** The club elected to sponsor 8 baskets for donation to families for Thanksgiving. In addition to canned goods, Turkeys and pies can be stored in the school freezer. They also voted to participate in the Thanksgiving food line at the Salvation Army.
- **Amos Isaac:** Need tutors for the Victoria School from 3-6 PM. Details are being worked out with the Principal, and will be announced later.
- **Kurt Meyer Award:** This new award was announced an a plaque with spaces for the names of 12
- **Happy Dollars:** For the speaker, a beautiful day, just to be alive and a Kiwanian, our guests.

Weekly Speaker: Evan Winter: Katrina Relief



Evan Winter recently returned from a volunteer effort in the New Orleans area to help the victims of the devastating Hurricane Katrina. As part of a group from the local Trinity Church, led by Jim Powell, Evan donated his time and energy gutting houses that had flooded. This is hard work, but important for the preservation of houses that are now suffering from dangerous mold. All of the contents of a house, as well as the drywall, are removed. The wood frame is treated to kill any remaining mold. This will hopefully save these houses so that later they may be rehabilitated and reoccupied. This is a slow process that may take up to several months. Many houses will have to be destroyed.

Evan presented a slide presentation featuring some of the aftermath of the storm.

There were boats in front yards, bare foundations, rubble where houses once stood, and in one slide a Cessna aircraft had settled between two houses. In some houses the mud was so thick that it pulled your shoes off. The mud had a foul stench like sewage and forced everyone to wear masks and take frequent breaks. Evan was impressed with the frontline support rendered by the Red Cross and the Salvation Army that had established centers for distribution of clothing, food, and meals. He was also impressed by the willingness of the remaining hurricane victims to pitch in and help rebuild the neighborhoods. According to Evan, much more work needs to be done in terms of cleanup and restoration. He looks forward to another volunteer mission to the area. He invites his fellow Kiwanians and others who want to help to contact him as to the details of attending a future trip to the area. There is much more work that needs to be done. It will take years to get New Orleans and the other devastated areas back to some semblance of normalcy. The club members present were spellbound and saddened by the ravages of the floods as depicted on the slides. Thanks for a job well done, Evan.

What is Kiwanis?

The defining statement of Kiwanis:
"A global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

When asked what Kiwanis is, the response should be the statement above. It should be memorized by all club members and shared with others.

November birthdays Congratulations!

- Evan Winter
- Cindy Williams
- Gay Shenton

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Ken Daly

President-Elect: Tom Crowley
2nd President-Elect: Evan Winter
Past Presidents: Dr. Leonard Sigdestad; Manny Aranda

Secretary: Pat Ralston -
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Board of Directors:

Walter Byrns
Stephanie Byrns
Richard Elshof
Ron Griffin
Cindy Williams
Amos Issac
Jack Katzman
Kurt Meyer
Karen Pogue

Interclub Schedule:

Nov 15: Redlands Noon

Visit Other Clubs in the Area

Monday:
Colton--Women's Club--6:15 PM
Tuesday:
Greater S.B.--Mitla's--7 AM
Big Bear--Blue Whale--Noon
Fontana--Big Apple--Noon
Redlands--Masonic Temple--Noon
Rialto--Sizzler--6:45 PM
Wednesday:
Yucaipa Valley--Hickory Ranch--6:45 AM
Redlands Morning--Redlands Academy--6:50 AM
E. Rialto--El Rancho Verde--7 AM
Inland Center--Denny's--7 AM
San Bernardino--Raddison--Noon
Thursday:
Highland--Maria's--7 AM
Redlands Eve.--Elks Club--6:30 PM
Friday:
Cooley Ranch--Bluff's--7 AM

Key Club Halloween

Thanks to the efforts of Walt and Stephanie Byrns, the Key Club members had a wonderful time helping little children celebrate at a local pumpkin patch. The little children had a good time too!



Date: Wednesday, November 02, 2005

Title: Kiwanians helping Kiwanians

Kiwanis International President Steve Siemens recently toured the United States Gulf Coast to witness the damage hurricanes Katrina and Rita wreaked on human lives and their property. He also talked to Kiwanians about the effects the disasters have had on their clubs. Following is President's Steve's letter to Kiwanis leaders, in which he reports on conditions in the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District.

Dear Kiwanis Member,
I just returned from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where I met with the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District—and then as many Kiwanians as we could gather.

I listened as Kiwanians told their stories: A lieutenant governor has no clubs. Every club in his division is gone. There are no officers to install, no visits to make, nothing. Can you imagine?

Another lieutenant governor lost his home, his office, and

even the church building in which his family worshiped. These places so dear to his daily life no longer exist.

There are about 200 Kiwanians who lost everything they own, and at least 1,000 Kiwanians have been displaced. Their needs are immediate, and they are long term.

One by one, people shared their stories of nothing to go home to, no work, and no stability. And as they questioned changes in insurance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and their very futures, my thought was, "This is our family, and we need to help them." We need Kiwanians helping Kiwanians.

To begin, we need to assist our Kiwanis family with funds for their immediate needs. These fund requests can be handled by the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District office and the Kiwanis relief coordinator who is working through the district office.

Will you join me in helping meet the needs of some hurting Kiwanians? Will you help us, together as Kiwanis, reach out to Kiwanians who need to know their organization cares about them?

* We will not send dues statements until the clubs are running or active.

* We will send additional staff to assist in rebuilding clubs, poll clubs to assess their needs, and even help build new clubs.

* We will provide a toll-free number for Kiwanians to use when they need assistance.

Please share this great need with your club. Please share the need with your division. And respond as soon as possible. Donations can be made using the online donation form or by contacting the Kiwanis International Foundation at extension 254 (317-875-8755 worldwide).