

President: Scott Williamson
Editor: Marlene Chabala

Volume XXVII No. 24
www.oceansidepacific.org

Secretary: Blair Benjamin
March 18, 2009



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OCEANSIDE PACIFIC KIWANIS CLUB

2008-2009 Club Officers

President	Scott Williamson
Immediate Past Pres.	Camo Gleisberg
President Elect	Roy Miller
Vice-President	Jim Jones
Treasurer	Gail Malin
Asst. Treas.	Jereme Wilson
Secretary	Blair Benjamin
Asst. Secretary	Nancy Hammonds
Director	Bob Kremer
Director	Bob Williamson
Director	Dale Deden
Director	Marilyn Murray
Director	Richard Burton
Director	Marie Swan
Director	Jim Chabala

MEETINGS:

CLUB MEETING: EVERY WED AT 7:00 AM, HOMETOWN BUFFET (COLLEGE AND HWY 76) IN THE MISSION MARKETPLACE.

FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: FIRST TUES 5:15 PM, 4123 AVENIDA DE LA PLATA

OPK BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 1ST TUES OF MONTH, 7:00 AM @ GRANDMA'S HILLTOP CAFE.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

COMMUNITY/YOUTH SERVICES: 3RD TUES OF MONTH, 6:00 PM @ PAT ROGERS' OFFICE, 4123 AVENIDA DE LA PLATA

YOUNG CHILD. PRIONE: 4TH MON OF MONTH, 5:00 PM @ MIKE KLEIN'S OFFICE, 900 PIER VIEW WAY

SLP (SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM): LAST MON. OF MONTH, 4:00 PM CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 3701 KELTON DRIVE, IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

HUMAN & SPIRITUAL: LAST WED. OF MONTH, 5:00 PM @PAT ROGERS' OFFICE, 4123 AVENIDA DE LA PLATA

SENIOR SERVICES: 3RD THURS OF MONTH, 10:30 AM @ SENIOR CENTER, 455 COUNTRY CLUB LANE

FUNDRAISING: 2ND THURS OF MONTH, 6:00 PM @ BOB WILLIAMSON'S, 123 PARNASSUS CIRCLE

MEMBERSHIP: WED. BEFORE BOARD MEETING, IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR REGULAR MEETING

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: AT THE REQUEST OF COMMITTEE CHAIR, MARIA ROCHA

INTERCLUBS: AT THE REQUEST OF COMMITTEE CHAIR, BILL GLENN

TECHNOLOGY: AT THE REQUEST OF COMMITTEE CHAIR, ROY MILLER

Guests

Besides our speakers Don Davis from The Caring Council and Joni Halpern from SPIN (Supportive Parents Information Network), we had Rosalba Rocha, Margaret Huff, Kristopher Bravo, Aggie Sanchez, and J. Stryker Meyer, who is Veteran of the year for 2008, as well as a former columnist for the North County Times.



J. Stryker Meyer,
Veteran of the year
for 2008

Standing Date Events

Brother Benno's – 6:00 A.M. on the First Thursday and Fifth Monday of the month.

Senior Food Boxes – 9:00 A.M. on the Second Monday of the Month.

Program

Don Davis spoke about The Caring Council. The Caring Council is a voluntary organization dedicated to supporting a movement focused on changing the structures and systems that create and maintain poverty.

Among their goals is to ultimately reduce the greater number of people living in poverty.



Joni spoke to us about SPIN (Supportive Parents Information Network)

SPIN's mission is to help low-income families achieve self-sufficiency by removing the obstacles that stand between them and full participation in the social, economic and civic life of our community and our country

SPIN, which is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff, was founded in 1998 by 12 parents on public assistance. They were struggling to find a way to complete their educational training instead of being forced to take low-wage, temporary jobs to satisfy welfare reform demands.

In an atmosphere of respect and affection for parents and children of all backgrounds, we:

- Provide advocacy training for parents as they try to make the best use of their time on welfare to prepare for self-sufficiency
- Conduct activities that break the isolation of poverty, develop peer support, and build family communications
- Facilitate the inclusion of low-income people's voices in civic and community affairs
- Plan, develop and carry out projects designed to remove obstacles to self-sufficiency

A few of our accomplishments

We convinced the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to implement the Public Assistance Fraud Diversion Program, which has received a national award. SPIN conducted research with the help of sociologists from California State University San Marcos. We then partnered with the Caring Council to build the public support to which the District Attorney's Office responded.:

- We've helped hundreds of parents reach Date of self-sustaining employment.
- We've trained hundreds of parents, community organization staff, and volunteers in welfare laws and regulations to better advocate for choices that help parents reach self-sufficiency.
- Working with the Caring Council, we convinced local banks to provide basic banking services to low-income customers.
- In partnership with the Caring Council, we initiated Senate Bill 1264, which became law in 2002. As a result, children's scholarships and awards are no longer deducted from families' public assistance grants.

Don & Joni commented that only a fraction of the people who qualify for food stamps actually get them. Therefore they are currently pushing hard to get more of those who qualify onto the program to.

If you want any further information on SPIN, go to their web page: www.spinsandiego.org.

Upcoming Programs

March 25 – Oceanside Unified School District (OUSD) Special Education
April 1 – U.S. Border Patrol
April 8 – Business Meeting and Volunteer of the Month
April 15 – Boys Scouts of America
April 22 – Hospice Care

Volunteer of Month Committee Schedules

April 8 – SLP
May 6 – Youth Services
June 3 – Community Services
July 8 – Young Children Priority 1
Aug. 5 – Human & Spiritual Values
Sept. 2 – Senior Services

Beach Fun Day

Remember to mark Friday, May 8th on your calendar; this is the date of the second annual Beach Fun Day. The sign up sheet is going around. An event of this magnitude needs many hands – family members and friends are also invited to help with this event.

If you know of any vendors and/or entertainers who can help with this event, please relay the information to Richard Burton.

We currently expecting about 138 special needs students to attend this event.

This event should be even windier than last year, because a variety of kites will be available to fly. Also, each student will receive a pin to read in a that a to ne to take home.

The big push for Beach Fun Day will start on April 1st – no fooling.

Miscellaneous

Jim Jones mentioned that the fundraiser for the April 3-5 is the Key Club Convention in Anaheim. They need an advisor to accompany them.

Ivey Ranch K-Kids are involved in a recycling project. Nancy Green is willing to take the recyclable items to Ivey Ranch School. Please bring them to our meetings in bags so she can transport them to the school.

Regarding Relay for Life - Jewel Pereya from our Key Club is planning on making this a division project and is getting a team together for it. She needs tents, canopies, contributions, etc.

CNH sent OPK a thank you note for all the hard work done at the convention by OPKs “Wire Wigglers.”

Prez Scott presented Bee pins for participating in a multi-club event where OPK was not the host to Al Clements, Marilyn Murray, Camo Gleisberg, Blair Benjamin, Dale Scott, and Dwayne Banks.

Shortly afterwards another pin was presented to Jim Jones who somehow was left off the list. Someone reminded the president. We won't mention any names but the initials are J.J.



Most of the members who received the Bee Pin.

Special Guest Day

Special guest day is scheduled for the last Wednesday in April, which is the 29th. It was also mentioned that in addition to having them attend our meeting, we should invite them to participate in one of our projects. An example is our second annual Beach Fun Day, which is scheduled for Friday, May 8th

It's been mentioned that this would be a good event to bring a potential member to participate in to see how OPK is involved in the community.

The district convention is scheduled for August.

The Prez Sez (Written for Scott Williamson by Jim Stanner)

WIN-WIN- WIN! Some of you may have read in the most recent Kiwanis magazine (Feb. 2009) that KI and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America have entered into a partnership agreement to work together in the interest of providing even more and better service to the children of our communities. The agreement was signed in July 2008. As pointed out in the article many Kiwanis clubs have teamed up with a local Boys & Girls to provide volunteers, financial help, role models and encouragement to their youthful counterparts.

The article describes a couple of success stories such as a Kiwanis club in Tennessee whose Key club provides an after school program for about 180 kids ranging in age from 5 to 16 where the emphasis is on improving healthy living through better eating habits and a more active life. A Kiwanis club in Santa Barbara recruits local partners in fund raising for a "Helmets for Safety" program for young people who ride bikes, skateboards, scooters and roller blades.

OPK has for many years had an on-going informal relationship with the Campfire Girls and Boys club of Oceanside through the special relationship with our own Jona Newcomb who is the Director of the Campfire G&B Club of Oceanside. Maybe we were ahead of everybody else but it looks like these partnerships will be one of the waves of the future. Kiwanis clubs will partner with other service groups, both Kiwanis and Non-Kiwanis for improved services to Boys and Girls clubs and other similar youth organizations throughout the U.S. and probably throughout the world. For more information you can go to www.kiwanis.org/bgca if you are interested in partnership tips, success stories and details.

Raffle



Putting Mom to Work.

The deck was down to 11 cards



Raffle in a Single View



The pot was up to \$2,496.

The first prize of a miniature of three leprechauns representing “see no blarney,” “hear no blarney,” and speak no blarney,” went to Jim Bowen.

Camo won a picture frame.



Do I feel lucky

Dale Scott got the chance to draw for the joker. To everyone else’s joy, he drew the King of Diamonds.

Member(s) Birthday(s)

None

Spouse(s) Birthday(s)

None

Anniversary

March 25 – Jim Stanner

March 25 – Ray Seibold

March 26 – Pat Rogers

Functionaries for March 18th Meeting

Pledge – Jim Stanner

Invocation – TBD

Secret Greeter Clue

A WhINEr

MARCH SPONSOR(S)

MONA·VIE

Bill & Sue Glenn
Independent Distributor

5218 colonial way
Oceanside, CA 92057
760 529 9098

wlglenn@COX.NET
<http://www.mymonavie.com/wlglenn>

Workers' Compensation

James W. Stanner
Attorney At Law

900 Pier View Way, P.O. Box 299
Oceanside, CA 92049-0299

(760) 433-0319
Fax (760) 433-4698