



Kiwaniis
PALO ALTO

| 100 Years
of Service

August/September 2024 Newsletter



**SUMMER
FUN**



The summer picnic--a time for socialization and great food!

SUMMER SERVICE--Palo Alto Festival of the Arts

What would the PA Festival of the Arts be without the wine and beer booths?



...and a great sponsor for beautiful street chalk art?

...and club members to hang the banner over the Embarcadero overpass?

2024 KCPA Legion of Honor



Our annual tribute to those members with 25 years or more of service to our club and our community

(top row) Hank Heubach (26 yrs), Hal Lovell (29 yrs), Jerry Nightingale (30 yrs), Bernard Coley (35 yrs), Mark Greenstein (34 yrs), Jim Stinger (27 yrs), Rick Stern (40 yrs)
(front row) Laura Bajuk, Lanie Wheeler (29 yrs, Mike Irvin (55 yrs!!)

Lynne Johnson (not pictured, 35 yrs)

FROM THE KCPA ARCHIVES— *Celebrating 100 Years of service to the Palo Alto community*

Peninsula Times Tribune, Dec. 12, 1985

“Renovation stirs memories of elegant Cardinal Hotel

The Cardinal opened Dec. 13, 1924, marking the event with a banquet for about 250 guests, most of whom had their names published in the Palo Alto Times beforehand. The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs soon made it their base, and athletic teams visiting to compete against Stanford were quartered there.”

Peninsula Times Tribune, Feb. 1, 1986

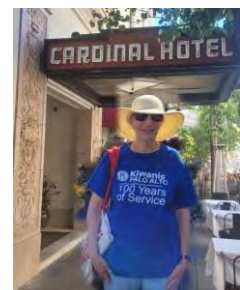
“Living in retirement

In Palo Alto there’s an unusual service club, the Kiwanis club at the Senior Center. None other than Frederic O. Glover, retired secretary of Stanford University, organized it several years ago. The club meets Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. Gregory H. Davis of Atherton, 80, a former San Francisco bank executive, and one of the few members not previously a Kiwanian, is currently president.



The Cardinal Hotel, 1929

Home to Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto



Kiwanians today still visit the Cardinal Hotel



August 2024 Cal/Neva/Ha District 34 Convention Kailua-Kona, HI

--Brian Dahlquist

First and foremost, the 2024 DCON in Hawaii was a great opportunity to meet up with fellow Kiwanians from the great CalNevHa District. It was also an educational conference with many learning opportunities given in two days of seminars. I gave a seminar on youth protection, and other topics included service, membership, insurance, leadership, resources for dealing with mental health issues, Key Clubs, and more. Attendees even helped with a couple of service projects.



In addition to education, DCON was a chance to celebrate successes. During the business session, Doug Frost was elected as District Governor and Steve Geraci elected as Governor Elect for the 2024-2025 Kiwanis year.

JULY 2024 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Denver, CO



- Kiwanis clubs raise US\$390 million.
- The average Kiwanian impacts the lives of 106 children

Kiwanis has 14,147 adult and youth clubs 7,158 adult clubs 6,989 youth clubs;

- Each year, the Kiwanis family of clubs devote more than 7.7 million hours to service.
- Kiwanis clubs sponsor adult and youth leadership programs, and conduct more than 1.3 million projects.



MEET ERIKA BUCK-- THE NEW KCPA PRESIDENT 2024-2025

Where I am from/field of study:

I'm from Cincinnati, Ohio; I have a B.A. in Psychology from Miami University (considered one of the public Ivy League schools and known as the Harvard of the Midwest, describe by the poet Robert Frost as "The most beautiful campus that ever there was.")

What brought me to California:

My now ex-husband got a job out here in 1999...

What drew me to nonprofit organization work:

Growing up in Ohio, I spent much of my childhood participating in YMCA programs, which not only shaped my early experiences but also provided me with my first job as a summer camp counselor and preschool swim instructor. If you can believe it, at 17, I was even the lead counselor for riflery camp—an opportunity that would be unthinkable today! These formative experiences ignited my passion for helping others, and it became clear that nonprofit work was the perfect path to channel that passion into making a meaningful impact in people's lives.

Why I wanted to become president of the club--my goals; what I would like to accomplish during my tenure

I chose to become the President of Kiwanis because of my deep love for the club and the incredible people I've come to know as friends. This is more than just a group—it's a true community, my community. When I faced the challenge of undergoing major surgery for the first time, the club members rallied around me with unwavering support. As President, my primary goal is to ensure effective leadership transitions within our club. While the overarching objective of Kiwanis is to attract new members, we also have many dedicated members who have served in various board and committee roles for years and are ready to pass the torch. My focus this year will be on maintaining continuity and strengthening our committees so that our club continues to lead in service in Palo Alto.

SEPTEMBER 24 - 5:00-8:00 PM

SHERATON HOTEL

**INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT
AND BOARDS**

International Committee Project-- “Save A Girl”

--Barb Mackraz, CEO and Founder, Oliveseed Foundation

The rural Maasai Mara has the highest school drop-out rate in Kenya, and the numbers are especially high for girls. When these girls drop out, it can mean not only an end to her education and opportunities, but also often early forced marriage and FGM. The mission of Oliveseed Foundation is for all children to attend school — and to flourish once there. In the Maasai Mara we address the challenge holistically through scholarships, mentorship, and clean water so students can learn, and by boosting the poorest schools with resources like high-quality libraries and science labs.

And yet, girls need more than that to stay in school.

There is a spike in drop-outs among girls in the junior high and early high school years in the Mara, and it coincides with getting their period. In fact, fewer than 10% of girls there are enrolling in high school, and even fewer make it through. With no materials to manage their monthly cycle, they stay home 4 or 5 days a month, fall behind, and end up quitting school, even if they are highly motivated as students.



Girls need sanitary supplies and health knowledge to go with them. At our Women's Work Center, we're making high-quality reusable sanitary kits to distribute free to girls in school. We are a registered Affiliate of the Save a Girl™ program and use their tried-and-true patterns for kits that have proven to help girls stay in school in many other rural communities. Contact club member Barb Mackraz for more information on how to help.

And Before We Go...

A big “THANK YOU” to all the volunteers (club members & families, friends) who spent the weekend of August 24th & 25th helping out with the beer & wine booths at the annual Palo Alto Festival of the Arts. It’s a fun event that helps support our fundraising efforts for the KCPA Charitable Foundation. And, as always, special thanks to Lanie Wheeler for rounding up all these volunteers every year; the booth captains; and the people who shlepped the wine and beer around to all the booths.



KIWANIANS ARE HERE, THERE AND ...

EVERYWHERE



Club member Marie Ridley visits Kiwanis Club of Lewiston, Maine. She is a wonderful ambassador for our club, talking about our 100 years of outstanding service to the Palo Alto community.



When Joy Rewick isn't busy volunteering for a Kiwanis service project like Special Games, she visits the Monterey Bay Aquarium!



Club members toured SLAC, (Stanford Linear Accelerator Laboratory) in August as a special “Buy It Now” event. In a nutshell, SLAC explores how the universe works at the biggest, smallest and fastest scales and invents powerful tools used by scientists around the world.

BIN events are fundraisers for the club's charitable foundation.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Sept 28--11:30 AM. Mitchell Park Division 34 Installation of our new Division 34 Lt. Gov. Kathy Tran.

Dec. 11—Angel Award

Stay tuned for details of this major club fundraiser!