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PALO ALTO

THE OLD KIWANIS YEAR COMES TO AN END...

FUN AND GAMES AT ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

KCPA held its annual summer picnic at Greenmeadow Park on July 30th. Nearly 60 Kiwanians, family members and guests enjoyed a spectacular potluck and an afternoon filled with laughter, games and camaraderie.



PALO ALTO ART & WINE FESTIVAL

As in past years, our club offered up 60+ volunteers (members and friends) to operate the beer & wine booths at the annual Palo Alto Art & Wine Festival, held the last weekend in August. Club members volunteered a total of 432 hours, with non-members contributing 150 hours--a grand total of 582 hours for the 3-day weekend event. Charlie Weidanz, CEO of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, presented a check for \$12,401 to the club at the September 28th meeting. Adding to that the cash we collected from the tip jars, we raised

around \$14,000 for the weekend to support our Foundation projects.



JUDY'S "BUY IT NOW' --EXOTIC WILDLIFE, FASCINATING ADVENTURES

On Sunday, 9/10/23, Judy Kramer presented a wonderful photo talk recounting her visit to Costa Rica earlier this year. The presentation included Judy relating stories about many of the birds, animals, reptiles, and amphibians she encountered as well as an extensive slide show that depicted the wide variety of wildlife she was able to photograph. The photographs were beautiful, the stories fascinating, and the dozen Club members in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon presentation. This event was one of a series of “Buy It Now” events that provide other ways for club members to interact while raising money for our Foundation. Judy also had a display of her photo cards and all sales went to the Foundation as well. Many thanks to Judy and Rob Ruskin for hosting!



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES PROJECT

In support of Youth Community Service, our club volunteered to build several Little Free Libraries for various low-income apartment complexes in East Palo Alto. The two that were built and assembled by club members were very labor-intensive; if we continue to support this effort the club would consider buying and installing pre-made libraries. We started the project in July and after four separate work sessions, completed the assembly on 9/16. The plan is to install them in November.



RICH MAY MEMORIAL SOCCER FIELD PROJECT

The club was part of a large community event devoted to improving areas surrounding the Rich May Memorial Soccer Field in East Palo Alto. Our task was to repair and refurbish five picnic tables that had been damaged during the winter storms. In addition, the nonprofit organization Canopy led an effort to plant six new trees and do 'tree care' on many of the existing trees. The event attracted over 50 volunteers from the community, in addition to our group of stalwarts. On Saturday, September 23 we finished our part of the project--thanks to the efforts of Brian Dahlquist, Marty Deggeller, Tom Dubois, Rob Ruskin,

Rick Stern, Tom Sanders, Robert Freeman and Kimo Hempstead.



YAXE WATER PROJECT

Earlier this year our club made a donation through Neighbors Abroad to support the installation of rain capture systems in Yaxe, Mexico, a poor village near Oaxaca. These systems are installed in individual homes and include capturing rainwater in a large holding tank and filtering the water prior to use. They have been extremely well received by the residents and have saved the residents the enormous effort required previously to haul water from some distance away. In July, there was a celebration of the new systems in Yaxe attended by representatives of Neighbors Abroad. Our club, along with other donors, was honored with plaques unveiled during the celebration.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Our club welcomed four new members into our ranks this year: Steve Beitler, Donald Barr, AnaLisse Johansson, and Joy Rewick! All of them have jumped right in and gotten involved on committees and in service projects. We would love to have 100 new members by the end of 2025 as part of our club's 100th anniversary celebration. if you know

someone who would enjoy the fellowship and service that is central to our club, please invite him/her to a lunch or dinner meeting.

...AND A NEW KIWANIS YEAR BEGINS!

KIWANIS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS/BOARD FOR 2023/2024

KCPA held its annual installation of officers, trustees and board members at the Sheraton Hotel on Thursday, September 21. A lovely buffet dinner was enjoyed by members, spouses, and guests. Our outgoing president, Paula Collins, has happily agreed to stay on for another year and share co-president duties with none other than her predecessor, Bonnie Packer (Paula & Bonnie, the dynamic duo, bottom left photo). Erika Buck, pictured with the traditional vest and tie that holds commemorative pins from international conventions, was installed as President elect for 2024/2025. (More photos on [Portalbuzz](#))



CALLING ALL MEMBERS--OUR COMMITTEES NEED YOU!

As we go into our new Kiwanis year (starting October 1), we would like to remind everyone (and particularly new members) of our set of committees and how joining a committee (or more) is an important way for members to plan and participate in club activities. The committees and their chairs are listed on [Portalbuzz](#) and we encourage people to contact the chairs for more info about how they operate and when they meet.

***CAROL THOMSEN, FOUNDER
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
ALL FIVE, TO BE HONORED AS***

THE 2023 KIWANIS ANGEL AWARD RECIPIENT

All Five is an early childhood education (ECE) school located in the Belle Haven area of Menlo Park and serves families of socioeconomically and ethnoracially diverse backgrounds for 10 hours/day and 50 weeks each year. 75% of the families served earn at or near the poverty line and either live in the East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park community and/or are experiencing housing insecurity. Carol founded All Five in response to her decades of early childhood teaching in both low- and high-income communities. The Angel Award Ceremony will be held on November 9, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 P.M. at the Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel, 625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$75. To buy tickets, please use this link: [Kiwanis Angel Award](#)



WE STILL HAVE 3 "BUY IT NOW" EVENTS COMING UP!



ELIZABETH SANTANA AND PALO ALTO PLAYERS

Club member Elizabeth Santana and Palo Alto Players cast members have graciously offered to perform another small concert on **Sunday, 10/15/23**, from **4 - 5:30 pm**. Rick and Nancy Stern will host the event at their home. A donation of \$40 to our Foundation will be your entree to this extraordinary performance. Sign up at lunch or use this link to [Portalbuzz](#).

THE BEST STICKY BUNS--EVER!

Jon Klein is back and ready to bake! He is offering pans of these beautiful sticky buns for \$20 each! People buying the sticky buns can pick them up at Jon's house (562 Military Way, Palo Alto) by arrangement around 9 am. (They

will be warm from the oven!) He can also only do two pans/weekend and the offer is good for ten pans. Sign up through [this link](#). Each pan is available for a \$20 donation to our Foundation.



ANOTHER JIM STINGER ART EXPERIENCE

Club member Jim Stinger will be presenting another fabulous art workshop on **12/3/23** from **2 - 4 pm** at the Mitchell Park Community Center. This year his subject is *Gelli printing*. {See photo below for an example of this beautiful technique}. A donation of \$100 to the Foundation will reserve a space for you. [Sign up here](#) to reserve your space (limited to 10 people)

BEFORE WE GO...

Our club has a very exciting new year ahead of us as we begin planning for the 100th anniversary of the chartering of the Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto. On February 13, 2025 our club will be 100 years old. Our [100 Year Birthday Committee](#), chaired by Jim Stinger, is already hard at work planning for this celebration of 100 years of service to our community. If you're interested in being part of this history-making event for our club and our community, please contact Jim Stinger.



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