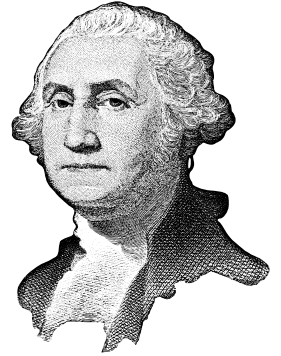


Kiwanis Community

Valentine's Day



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CLUB OF MARTINEZ



February 2025 Newsletter

Kiwanis is a global organization of men and women dedicated to improving the world one child and one *community* at a time

Centennial Capital Grants Program Underway

A policy of capital grants from Foundation funds, adopted by the members two years ago to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the club, is being implemented. A committee of members headed by **Steve Francis** and **David Gerson** met January 30 to plan ways of identifying suitable projects, and another meeting is set for February 27.

Grant proposals are being sought from the City of Martinez, the Martinez Unified School District, other community organizations and members themselves. Grants sought are capital projects of benefit to the Martinez community, especially its youth, and have promotional opportunities for the Kiwanis Club of Martinez.



Vacancy Brings Board Election

An election will be held at the February 6 meeting of the club to elect a Board member to replace Scott Parker, who resigned. **Perry Picchi** has agreed to run, and nominations from the floor are permitted. The new board member will serve the remainder of the vacated term through September 2025.

Foundation Reports Annual Results

The Martinez Kiwanis Foundation ended 2024 with invested assets of \$528,809.78, compared with \$292,853.76 at the beginning of the year. Much of that increase was due to the generous donation of \$175,000 from the estate of late Kiwanian **Bill Chase**, but the investments also increased \$55,788.20 in value. Investment income was \$9829.51 for the year.

Donations to the Foundation (unlike to the Club) are tax deductible as provided by law.

Does your name appear on page 4? Be there or get a substitute.

Program chairs are still needed for June through September; can you help?

Looking Ahead-The Calendar Page

Here is a summary of Kiwanis events coming in the near future. Mark your calendar!

Upcoming Club Events



The quarterly Friends of the Martinez Library book sale is Saturday, **February 8**. Kiwanians will again be helping the Friends set up on Friday, February 7 at 2:15 pm, and take down on the 8th at 3:00 pm. See **Donald Pallotta** if you can help.



Our annual Librarian's lunch is at the meeting on Thursday, February 20. We honor school and public librarians and award them funds to purchase books.



A memorial service honoring the late Kiwanian **Bill Chase** will be held Saturday, February 22 at 11:00 am at the First Congregational Church Martinez.



A Rummage Sale is set for Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. Start thinking of treasures you can contribute, but don't bring them to the clubhouse yet. **Bambi Barker** is in charge.

Events of Other Clubs

- Lt. Governor **Frank Gordon** of the Pittsburg club made his official visit to Martinez on January 23 and gave us the following dates of activities of other clubs in Division 26. Here is an opportunity to visit another club and learn of Kiwanis beyond our borders. Anyone interested in an interclub visit?

Dates to Remember Interclub Opportunities

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| January 31, 2025 | Concord Kiwanis – Police officer of the Year.
Old Spaghetti Factory – Downtown Concord - \$30
Contact: Rocci Barsotti (925) 285-2225 |
| February 8, 2025 | San Ramon Valley Kiwanis – Crab Feed
743 Diablo Rd, Danville, CA - \$85
Contact: Kent Screechfield (925) 570-1999 |
| February 22, 2025 | Kiwanis Mid-Year North Education Conf. – Modesto
Doubletree Hotel |
| March 29, 2025 | Delta/Antioch Kiwanis – Tri Tip and Chicken Dinner
Fundraiser – VFW Hall-Antioch \$40
Contact: Kay Power (925) 2023519 |
| April 6, 2025 | Governor Doug Frost Visit Divisions 2 and 26
Hosted by Division 26 – Back Forty Texas BBQ - \$60
Contact: Frank Gordon (925) 366-4931 |
| April 24-27, 2025 | Key Club DCON – Ontario Convention Center
Ontario, CA |
| June 25-28, 2025 | Kiwanis International Convention – Pittsburgh, PA
Cal-Nev-Ha District at Renaissance Hotel |
| August 7-9, 2025 | Kiwanis District Education Conv. – Las Vegas, NV
J W Marriot – Summerlin, NV |



We join the Lions Club in running the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Waterfront Park on Saturday, April 19. Arrive by 9:00 am or earlier to help; the hunt begins at 10am.

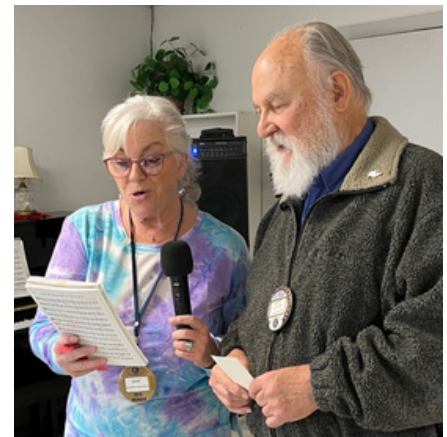
The January Theme: All About the Kiwanis Family



Carol Walsh and Steve Francis lead us in song



Lt. Governor **Frank Gordon** made his official visit with program chair **Monica Willemsz** and President **Igor**.



Assistant song leader **Jane Schumer** leads **Igor** in song



Derek Bituen and **Mathew Lara** are joined by **Monica** leading us in a game on a takeover day by DVC Circle K, our college program



Alhambra High School Key Clubbers take over with **Monica** and **Igor**. We sponsor two Key Clubs, including College Park HS.



AHS senior class president **Payton Radke** told us of the financial strain on seniors. We passed the hat and raised \$555 to support them.



Kiwanis Family House director **Paula Kelley** informed us of the services KFH provides to UC Davis Medical center patients and their families, including 14 from our area last year. She says she needs toilet paper!

Kiwanis Club of Martinez

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Officers 2024-2025

President **Igor Skaredoff**
President-Elect **Steve Francis**
Treasurer **Patty Winsor**
Secretary **Bob Braun**
Immediate Past President **Sally Sweetser**

Directors-Trustees 2024-2026

Migs Carter
Connie Chapman
Bob Barker
Marylee Taylor

Directors-Trustees 2023-2025

John Noon
Donald Pallotta
vacancy
Bill Patt

Committee Chairs

Bocce Capo **Les Johnson**
City Liasion **Donald Pallotta**
Chamber of Commerce Liasion **Denis Smith**
Community Grants **Donald Pallotta**
Dolly Parton Book Program **Frank Hall**
Safeway Food Bank Drive **Dave Gerson**
Leadership **Bob Braun**
Loaves & Fishes **Maureen Cowger**
Meals on Wheels **Bob Braun**
Membership **Denis Smith**
See's Candies fundraiser **Patty Winsor,**
Maureen Cowger, Connie Chapman
Service Leadership Programs (SLPs):
Alhambra High Key Club **Kristin Connelly**
College Park High Key Club **Denis Smith**
Diablo Valley College Circle K **Dawn Manley**
Scholarships and Library Books **Carol Walsh**
Newsletter Editor **Tom Watrous**
Staff Photographer **Denis Smith**

February 2025 Meetings

Program Chair: **Migs Carter and Connie Chapman**

February 6

Setup: Squad 5 **Barbara Smith, Denis Smith, Kris Koller, Linda Thurman**

Invocation: **Connie Chapman**

Program: Halle Anderson from Dolly Parton Imagination Library

February 13

Setup: Squad 6 **Frank Hall, John Surges, Paul Kraintz, Monica Willemsz**

Invocation: **Kristin Connelly**

Program: **David Gerson** continues "My Trip"

February 20

Setup: Squad 7 **Les Johnson, David Gerson, Dawn Manley, Gina Zagotta**

Invocation: **Maureen Cowger**

Program: Librarians visit

February 27

Setup: Squad 8 **John Noon, Carol Walsh, CarolAnn Quigley, Jay Howard**

Invocation: **Lara DeLaney**

Program: Karen Phillips "I Wrote Another Book"



Meals on Wheels

February 4 **Bob Braun**

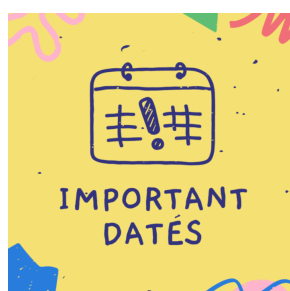
February 11 **Bill Patt**

February 18 **Laurie Pittman**

February 25 **Carol Walsh**

Birthdays

February 7 **Kristin Connelly**



IMPORTANT
DATES

Kiwanis Anniversaries

February 10 **Patty Winsor**

February 23 **John Noon**

Wedding Anniversaries

none