



## We're Part of a Worldwide Kiwanis Service Project

Every year in April Kiwanians from around the world take ONE DAY and find a service project in their own communities. **Suzy Ramsey** has guided us

through a spectacular One Day project this year. A local non profit called "A Home to Share" is fixing up their new building and getting ready to open by the first of May. The home will provide a permanent living space for developmentally challenged individuals to share.



Suzy explains her OneDay/Home to Share plans at our meeting before the big day.

## The "A Home to Share" Story



As is the case with many of our Kiwanis members, volunteer work and service extends into to many other causes and projects in the community.

In this case, our fellow Kiwanian **Tom Kopec** serves as a member of the Board of Directors of "A Home to Share". When a recent expansion project came up, Tom thought that it would be a great chance for our Club to do some hands-on volunteer service and help them get everything ready for opening by May 1st. So we asked the "A Home to Share" director, **Sandy Afonso** (right) to make a wish list of painting, staining, gardening, cleaning, building and more. **Suzy and Tom** got it all programmed so it could be the Sisters Kiwanis One Day project and coincide with the Worldwide Kiwanis One Day, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Awesome!



**Results:** 22 Kiwanians, 6 Key Clubbers, family, friends and community folks pitched in nearly ONE HUNDRED HOURS work on ONE DAY. Nice work!

# From the President



Fellow Kiwanians,

I just read in the “Kiwanis” magazine that April is Membership Month; it suggests that we spend some extra time to “talk up your club’s impact” on the community. Kiwanis International offers numerous tips on increasing membership but one that stands out to me is the idea to invite a prospective member to a service project before inviting them to a regular meeting. While that cannot apply to us (because our regular meetings are so stimulating!), we have a great opportunity coming up on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Give some serious thought about inviting a neighbor, friend or business associate to help out **Shauna Rocha** and her crew clean up Hwy 20.

And speaking of messages, did you see Kiwanis President **John Button**’s message in the April Kiwanis magazine? He says that Kiwanis is in the second year of THE FORMULA “a year during which we engage, mobilize and motivate our members to invite prospects to our meeting”. **Button** also notes that keeping members (rather than obtaining new members) is “our problem”. A key to keeping our members is to make sure that the Sisters club meets member expectations. Are your expectations being met? If you have an idea or thought you think would help the club increase its value and relevance, please let one of the Board members know.

In case you missed the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting I reported on numerous Board activities. Last month the Board did not take any formal votes, but numerous items were discussed which will likely lead to future action. We were pleased to learn that the food bank fund is now over \$100,000 after it received two substantial donations. The Board discussed how it would store financial and secretarial records and decided that a fire proof safe is not necessary. Records will be stored in a file cabinet in the K house. Possible action on Youth Protection polices were reviewed, but a final proposal will wait until more information is gathered at the upcoming Region 6 Kiwanis meeting. Of course, most of you are aware that we purchased a new public address system and that **Shirley Lalli** will continue to provide coffee for the Thursday meeting. **Marcea DeGregorio** reported preliminary findings about using on-line sign up tools to improve the way we sign up for service and fund raising events. And I reported about our progress in completing a Community Survey; you will hear more about these last two items.

*President Dave*

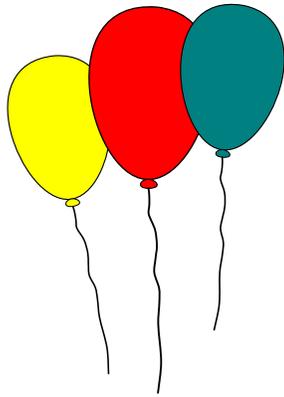
# Members



## MILESTONES for APRIL

### Birthdays

- 3rd – Bob Grooney
- 3rd – Jean O’Hara
- 5th – Susan Windell
- 8th – Doug Wills
- 11th – Ron Mohler
- 15th – Jan Failing
- 16th – Cindy Rainey



### Wedding Anniversaries

- 4th – Matt & Lauren Kirchoff, 6 yrs
- 6th – Carl & Carol Milchen, 9 yrs
- 8th – Earl & Carol Schroeder, 54 yrs
- 11th – Dave & Linda Cox, 49 yrs
- 15th – Dave & Sandy Marlow, 43 yrs
- 17th – Bob & Claudia Grooney, 43 yrs
- 21st – Jerry & Rosalie Hanford, 3 yrs

### Club Anniversaries

- 1st – Tom Worcester, 24 yrs
- 1st – Bill Spezza, 1 yr
- 11th – Susan Windell, 10 yrs
- 11th – Suzy Ramsey, 13 yrs
- 20th – Mike Robillard, 15 yrs

## More New Members Advance to Permanent Badges

**Tom Worcester**, membership chair, congratulates **Carl Milchen** on his rapid completion of his new member checklist. As most of you know, each new member is expected to complete a



series of tasks as part of their assimilation into the club. **Carl** came close to setting a club record finishing everything on the checklist in just under 30 days. Congratulations and thanks to **Carl’s** sponsor **Pat Woollard** who seemed to get **Carl** to go to all of her interclubs. If you have sponsored or are planning on proposing a new member, please be sure to give them all the support you can. Help them quickly learn about how things work, meet all the other members, get up to speed and become the engaged members we want them to be.

# Meetings



## Program Speakers Schedule

### April

- 2 - President's Meeting
- 9 - "Youth Protection Services"
- 16 - Jack McDonnell – "Habitat Build in Kyrgyzstan and Nepal"
- 23 - Rachel Pearce – Acupuncture
- 30 - Metabolic Maintenance - Marilyn Cornelius or colleague

### May

- 7 - President's Meeting
- 14 - TR McCrystal – Culinary Arts Program at SHS
- 21 - Dr. Oliver Wisco – Skin cancer
- 28 - TBD

(If you have program suggestions or ideas please contact **May Fan**, and thank her for all that she has scheduled for us.)

the City's recent proposals for developments, they formed a group of individuals to outline and prioritize a group of community asset projects and circulate them among the community for comment and feedback. Our own Liam Hughes bravely took on the challenge whilst still running all of his many SPRD recreation programs. Up for consideration: A Field House Project, A Winter Sports Park, An Art/Science/History Center, A Convention Center, and a Combination of All. More information is available online.

## Quilt Show Raffle Quilt

**Jeanette Pilak**, the Executive Director of the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, joined us to show the spectacular quilt that will be



## Community Assets Project

**Liam Hughes** and many of his associates shared a two meeting program with us on the Community Assets Task Force. In response to a lot of "what were you thinking?" feedback to



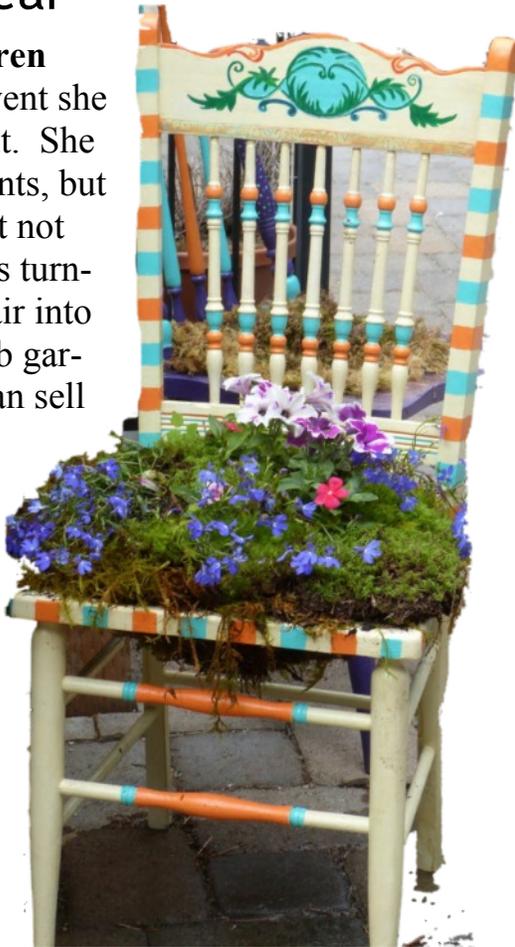
offered for this years raffle. As you may remember, the club helps sell Quilt Raffle tickets (under the able guidance of **Shauna Rocha**). Some of the raffle sales proceeds are shared with the club for our scholarships and other projects.

# Projects



## Karen Keady is back again this year “chairing” the Antique Show and Sale for a Fourth Year

But when **Karen** “chairs” an event she really means it. She has many talents, but one you might not know about, is turning an old chair into an artistic herb garden that we can sell for \$50. They have sold out rapidly in past years and probably will again. **Karen** has made nine so far and will make more if you can get her some chair frames.



Donations of all kinds are also needed. In the past we have done very well with furniture, textiles, glass and toys. One donation that did not go well last year, was a huge music organ. So Karen’s new rule this year, “Don’t try to be an organ donor” (Come to think of it that’s a pretty good rule, year ‘round!)

## FOOD BANK RESULTS

March 2015

Families Served-108

Adults- 217 Children-104

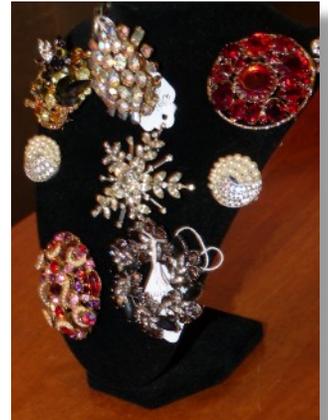
Food boxes valuing \$15,972

14 Kiwanis volunteers  
serving 121 hours.

12 Community volunteers  
serving 88 hours.

Don’t forget that this year’s sale is adding Jewelry. **Karen** calls it the bling factor.

So, **BRING IN YOUR BLING** to boost the Sale to a best ever event. And finally, here’s a look at some of last year’s treasures.



Photos - Jeff Omodt

# Projects Coming up



## Highway Cleanup

Twice a year for many years now we have dispatched 16 or more Kiwanians to clean a 4 mile stretch of highway from Sisters to the Rodeo Grounds. This year the project has a new leader, **Shauna Rocha**. She has set the date for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Since this is her first time, let's give her our extra effort to get the job done. Contact **Shauna** for more details



## Buckaroo Breakfast

**Chief Roger Johnson** will soon be asking all of us to sign up for the big fun, and fundraiser, the Buckaroo Breakfast. A club tradition for over 20 years we serve a hearty Pancake Breakfast to over a 1000 hungry



## Rodeo Parade



Our head Chef and parade leader **Vern Renner** is stepping down to let someone new be the Pancake Chef and organize the rodeo parade float this year. Help promote our Buckaroo

Breakfast and have fun on the way. Talk to **Vern** or President **Dave** to get in on this great opportunity. Saturday, June 12.

cowboys cowgirls and, of course, hundreds of little buckaroos too.

This year the event will be on Sunday, June 13. Be sure to save the date.

# Kiwanis One Day



More than 30 volunteers  
from Kiwanis, Key Club  
and the community

**Kiwanis**  
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**DAY**

Nearly 100 hours of  
Service in One Day





# Join Us

Thursdays at Aspen Lakes Lodge -7:00 Coffee

## **Sisters Kiwanis We Celebrate Service!**

**We invite you to join us for coffee!**

**Thursdays at 7:00 AM**

**Meetings start at 7:30 AM      Aspen Lakes, Brand 33**

### **Our Sisters Kiwanis Purpose and Mission:**

The 76 members of the Sisters club take pride in a very real impact on our local community. Our club runs the food bank and has a massive food share event during the Christmas holidays. It supports fellow Sisters residents when emergency needs arise. It offers scholarships to many graduating seniors, and awards grants to dozens of organizations that have significant impact on the well-being of children and families.

The club also gives "opportunity grants" to many deserving adults in the community to help them better their position in life. Other service projects include: cleaning Sisters' highways, reading to children, improving our city's parks, sponsoring our scout troops, staffing Red Cross blood drives, collecting eye glasses and cell phones, arranging community presentations, maintaining an entrance sign to our city, teaching kids poison awareness and helping screen children for health problems.

**Discover more at:  
[www.SistersKiwanis.org](http://www.SistersKiwanis.org)**

**You can find membership forms and info at:  
<http://sisterskiwanis.org/join-us/>**

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