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CLUB OF FONTANA

P.O. Box 1027, Fontana, CA 92334

February 1, 2025



Message from your Vice President

Greetings My Fellow Kiwanians!

As we enter the month of February 2025, I hope and pray that You and your families are doing well.

I first would like to thank our President Jason as well as our members, for giving me the opportunity to help lead our Fontana Kiwanis Club into 2025! President Jason felt that his health and upcoming surgery will keep him unable to complete his presidential duties at this time, so as Vice President of the Fontana Kiwanis Club, it is my duty and privilege to step in and “Hold Up the Arms of Jason” as he continues to heal.



As we ended the year 2024, we accomplished a variety of community service projects for local neighbors and the youth in our area. This continued in January as we remained active including our K-Clubbers who came out in Full Force at the Sunrise Church in Rialto as volunteers for the Quarterly Senior Dinner. I was So Proud of them as they served in such a humble fashion, cordial to those they were serving and respectful to other volunteers they were working with. There were so many positive comments regarding our K-Clubbers, and I was like a proud grandpa as our County Supervisor and Rialto City Mayor commented on their behavior. Thanks again Summer for spearheading our K-Clubbers coming and serving our Seniors.

Finally, my friends, I want to encourage each of you to actively participate in inviting individuals and Business to our meetings and always remember **The Mission – The Vision – The Motto:**

The Kiwanis mission

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

The Kiwanis vision

Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide — so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

The Kiwanis motto

Serving the children of the world.

And as our 2024-25 Kiwanis International President Lee Yong stated, “let us re-dedicate ourselves to strengthening our global organization through the Build, Nurture, Retain Initiative. By doing so, we ensure that we remain true to our motto of serving the children of the world!”

Now Let’s Get to Work!

Vernall Townsend, 2024-2025 VP
Fontana Kiwanis

2 Thoughts for Valentines Day

“The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard but must be felt with the heart.” –

Helen Keller.

Love is universal, and today we celebrate it in all its forms.

Happy Valentine’s!

BIRTHDAYS

Tamara Sams 2/7
Dolly Pack 2/13
Sid Lehman 2/14

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Saying goodbye to two Kiwanis Legends

On January 25, 2025 we said goodbye to Robert “Bob” and Jean Erikson with a “Celebration of Life Well Lived” at Desert Lawn Mortuary.

There were approximately 100 people in attendance to pay tribute to these two beloved Kiwanians...Robert W. Erikson 1938-2024 & Jean Erikson 1939 - 2024.

Bob was Cal-Nev-Ha Governor 95-96
Theme: Pink Panther in search of Excellence

Jean was Division 36 Lt. Governor 03-04
Theme: Team Kiwanis, Every Club a Winner

Bob and Jean’s legacy is to remind us that it’s okay to laugh and have fun, It’s a sign of love.



Donations given by Division 36 clubs

Does everyone remember bringing baby donations to Fontana’s DCM last year at the Ayres Hotel? Well, they finally made it to the Fontana Unified School District for unexpected teen moms. Besides a boy and girl baskets there were extra bags of new items to go with them.

To the left is club member Michael Garcia the FUSD Senior Director of Family & Community Engagement who will distribute them to two students.



Jason Zara
2024-25
Club President



K Love

Kiwanis love goes out to each and everyone of you this season of love.

Vernall, thank you for stepping up to the plate in my absence. I hear you are doing a great job!

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Jason



Another interclub at Barstow’s DCM.

Sid, Pat and Richard were at the DCM. What great food and fun. All clubs but one were in attendance.



Fontana Happenings

Upcoming Kiwanis Events & Meetings

February 4	Club Meeting	12-1pm/Bring change all month
February 18	Club Meeting	12-1pm
February 18	Board Meeting	1-2pm
February 19	Division Council Meeting	
February 22	Black History Parade & Expo	
February 25	Kiwanis Day of Giving	
March 4	Club Meeting	12-1pm
March 17	PD & Fire Appreciation Lunch	
March 19	Division Council Meeting	
March 25	Changed Club Meeting	12-1pm
March 25	Changed Board Meeting	1-2pm
March 29	CNH Mid-year	South/San Diego

JAZZ FEST
A Black History Month Celebration

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22
3PM TO 7PM

MILLER AMPHITHEATER
17004 ARROW BLVD.
909-349-6952
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FONTANA PARK

15556 Summit Ave.
Fontana, CA 92336

Sundays, 10am –3pm

SOUTHRIDGE PARK

14501 Live Oak Ave.
Fontana, CA 92337

Thursday, 10am –7pm

Cancellation Dates

The Farmers' Markets may cancel or close early due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

San Bernardino County 57th Black History Parade and Expo

Celebrating
Unsung Heroes
"OUR VETERANS"

Gabriel Cannon
Celebrity Grand
Marshal

BLACK HISTORY

Month
Parade and Expo
Feb. 22, 2025
10a.m.-3p.m.

CAR SHOW
VENDORS
LIVE LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

for more info
Expo at Home Depot
www.blackawarenessparades.com
909-333-9950

Citrus and Sierra Lakes Parkway
North of 210 in Fontana

FONTANA CALIFORNIA

Division 36 Division Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

HOSTED BY

The Kiwanis Club of San Bernardino



Elks Lodge

2055 Elks Drive

San Bernardino, CA

\$35 per person

Presidents' Meeting—5:30 PM

Social—6:00 PM

Meeting/Dinner—6:30 PM



~ SERVICE PROJECT ~



The San Bernardino Club is holding a sock drive for children at Lincoln Elementary School in San Bernardino. We are requesting that Kiwanians participate by bringing socks suitable for children ages 5-9. Your participation will be appreciated and the children will thank you!



**Please respond with names by
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 to
Carole Coley at c.coley11@verizon.net
or text to 909-583-3597**



(A reservation made is a reservation paid)