



Kiwaniis[®] CLUB OF FONTANA



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Greetings Division 36 Fontana Kiwanians!



First, a personal thanks to each and every one of you who participated in the Fontana Club DCM in February. From preparation to final clean-up, all members contributed wonderfully, and I am extremely proud of you. Although our monthly activities, including meetings, may sometimes seem routine, it is important to remain attentive to the details of each event. This is especially crucial for our newest members, non-members, community members, and community leaders who observe and follow our leadership.

Vernall Townsend, VP Fontana Kiwanis Club

Upcoming Activities and Participation

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

THANK YOU TO THE INCREDIBLE WOMEN of Kiwanis of Fontana

Your leadership, compassion, and dedication make a lasting difference in our community. Through your service, kindness, and commitment to helping others, you inspire positive change and embody the true spirit of Kiwanis.

This Women's History Month, we celebrate and thank you for the strength, courage, and heart you bring to everything you do.

With gratitude,
Kiwanis Club of Fontana



Important Dates:

• Club Meetings

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month | 12:00 p.m. |
Sundowners Family Restaurant
8983 Sierra Ave, Fontana, CA
*Birthdays are celebrated the
2nd meeting of the month*
PM Meeting: 3/25/26

• **3/3/2026:** NAMI Kick Off Event
Jessie Turner Health &
Fitness Center | 6pm-8pm

• **3/10/2026:** Fontana City
Council Meeting – 2pm

• **3/17/26:** Saint Patrick's Day
Police/Fire Appreciation
Luncheon at the Fontana
Police Department

• **3/21/26:** Barstow Division
Council Meeting – **Barstow**
701 Montara Road, Barstow
CA, 92311 | 2pm | Bring a raffle
prize | \$30 Per Members

• **3/28/26:** Sip & Paint - Rialto
Fontana NAACP Branch Unit
1057 | Art Depot Gallery |
16822 Spring Street, Fontana
12:30-3:30pm | \$20 PP
RSVP w/ Ellen Turner 909—
909-4004

• Looking Ahead:

• **4/11/26:** Bunco Fundraiser |
11:30am – 4pm | \$25

• **TBD:** Beach Elementary
Community Fundraiser

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Commitment to Community Engagement

As we move into March, our club will become increasingly active within the Fontana community. I urge everyone to maintain momentum and continue forward with confidence, conviction, and commitment. We will need all hands-on deck as we grow our club and participate in community events. While not everyone can attend every meeting or event, all members are encouraged to participate in both local meetings and community events. We will be seeking volunteers for upcoming local projects.

Local Kiwanis election time is approaching, and we are planning an evening meeting on March 25th at 6 PM at Sundowners in Fontana. Additionally, our annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon with the local Police and Fire Department will take place on March 17th.

The evening meeting on March 25th will focus on membership. This is an excellent opportunity to invite potential members and reconnect with those we have not seen recently. If you cannot attend, please share the names, numbers, and email addresses of anyone interested in joining or learning more about Kiwanis. Consider reaching out to former members and encouraging those who have not been able to attend. Let's shift our perspective from being a twice-a-month service club to making Kiwanis a lifestyle, always seeking opportunities to serve in Fontana. Increasing membership will allow us to undertake more projects and serve the community better.



Thank Students from Summit High School and Jurupa Hills High School gathered at the Fontana Buddhist Monastery on Saturday, February 7, to celebrate the ribbon-cutting of the monastery's newly completed building. Wearing traditional Thai and Cambodian attire, students met with a Buddhist monk who previously participated in the Walk for Peace from Texas to Washington, D.C. During their visit, they learned mindfulness and peaceful-thinking meditation practices while taking part in the ceremony—an inspiring example of youth engagement, cultural appreciation, and community connection. Events like this reflect the Kiwanis spirit of building stronger communities through youth engagement, cultural understanding, and service.

Thank you, Renee, for sharing these beautiful pictures!

Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter.



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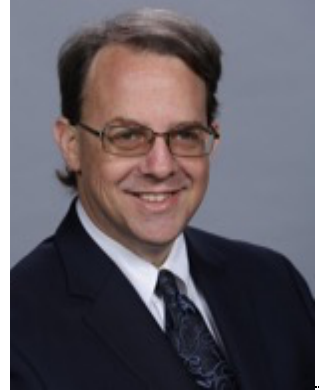
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This month we are launching a new feature in the newsletter called "Getting to Know Our Members." Each month we'll spotlight one of the amazing individuals who help make our Kiwanis club such a special community. We're excited to kick things off with our very own President, Jason Zara!



What are three words that best describe you?
Sarcastic, dedicated, honest.

What is your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Working in the yard with the garden, chickens, and koi.

Are you a morning person or a night owl?
I firmly believe that 5 o'clock only happens once a day... so I'm a night owl.

What is a hobby you enjoy in your free time?
Gaming — board games, role-playing games, and computer games.

What is your go-to comfort food or beverage?
Steak and potatoes when I'm feeling well.
Mac 'n cheese with ginger ale when I'm sick.

If you could be an animal, what would you be and why? I'm already a bit of a dog. 😊

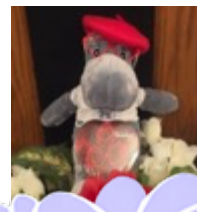
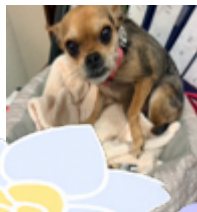
What is a value that is important to you?
Honesty and integrity.

What is a challenge you have learned from?
When I thought I was dying of leukemia, I really adjusted my mindset. I try to value every day and every person I meet and help where I can.

What do you like most about yourself?
I like to think I'm a good husband and father.

What is one goal or change you want to focus on this year?
I'm spending 2026 trying to make up for all the things I couldn't do while recovering in 2025.

When do you feel most alive or fulfilled?
When immersed in nature. I love the ocean, the mountains, the desert, and the forest.



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Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.

