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CLUB OF FONTANA

P.O. Box 1027, Fontana, CA 92334

September 1, 2025



Message from your Vice President

Greetings, Fellow Fontana Kiwanians!



Viva Las Vegas!

While “Viva Las Vegas” literally means “Live Las Vegas” in Spanish, it is widely understood to mean “Long Live Las Vegas.”

From Thursday, August 7th to Saturday, August 9th, 2025, the Kiwanis CAL-NEV-HA District Education Convention was held at the J.W. Marriott Las Vegas The Resort at Summerlin. It was wonderful to see our Fontana Kiwanis Club members present, along with fellow Kiwanians from nearby cities.

The convention was truly packed with valuable information. I began with the Presidents Meeting, led by Governor Doug Frost. In this session, Governor Frost encouraged all Presidents and Vice Presidents to closely evaluate our clubs—discussing what works, what doesn’t, what should be improved, and what should be discontinued. We were advised to assess our current projects to ensure they still address the needs of our community and to conduct a community survey to identify new needs. The ultimate goal is to create the best possible experience for our Kiwanis club members.

I also attended two excellent sessions: “Engage: The New KI Membership Platform for Secretaries” and “Tips for the Kiwanis Treasurer.” These workshops deepened my appreciation for the vital roles of our Secretary and Treasurer—positions that are sometimes underappreciated. The Secretary ensures efficient club operations and handles many critical details, while the Treasurer is responsible for preparing monthly reports for the board, managing all incoming funds, depositing them promptly, preparing and sending invoices, and paying expenses in a timely manner.

Of course, the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer extend far beyond what I can list here. I mention these responsibilities to highlight the tireless work of our officers and board members, and to encourage everyone to thank them for their dedication. If you have the interest and talent to become an officer at Fontana Kiwanis, I urge you to seriously consider taking on this important role. Reflect on your skills and commitment—perhaps it’s time to take the next step by becoming or training to become an officer with our club. Our experienced members are always willing to help each of us grow as members, board members, and officers at every level, including state and international positions.

Let’s work together to make Fontana Kiwanis an even better club tomorrow than it was yesterday!

CAL-NEV-HA 2025-2026: “Hungry for Service”
Let’s get to work!



Vernall Townsend,

2024 - 2026 VP



BIRTHDAYS

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CLUB HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Kiwanis Events & Meetings

September	<i>Please pay your 25-26 Dues. Dues are due by Sept. 22nd</i>
Sept. 1	Labor Day
Sept. 2	Club Meeting 12-1pm
Sept. 6	Fontana's DCM & Awards Lunch
Sept. 13	Chill-N-Grillin
Sept. 16	Club Meeting/Installation 12-1pm Board Meeting 1-2pm
Sept. 24	Open House - 5:30pm/Sundowner
Oct. 1	New Kiwanis Year Begins!
Oct. 7	Club Meeting 12-1pm
Oct. 18	Mental Health Outreach
Oct. 21	Club Meeting 12-1pm Board Meeting 1-2pm
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 4	Club Meeting 12-1pm



Congratulations to our member President Jason Zara for becoming our newest Distinguished Lt. Governor for 2023-24 Kiwanis year. We always knew you were distinguished but this just proved it!

Get well soon so we can get you back among us. We miss you.

By the way, Pat found the "H" in the trunk of her car.



CNH Kiwanis District Education Convention had something for everyone

On Saturday night both the outgoing officers were promoted to past Lt. Governor's, as of Sept. 30th and promoted the incoming Lt. Governors as of Oct. 1st. Sid is pictured in the above photo with the arrow and just left of the hair.



Nummy Deserts

August Division Council Meeting

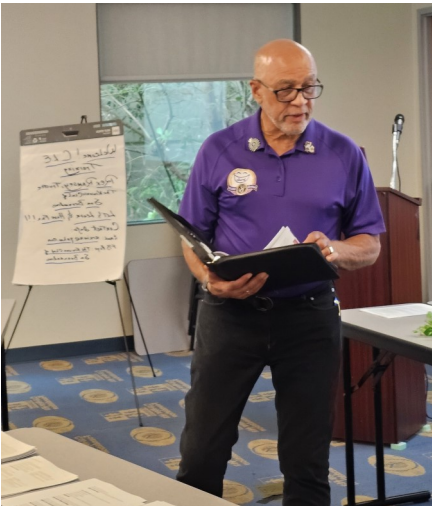
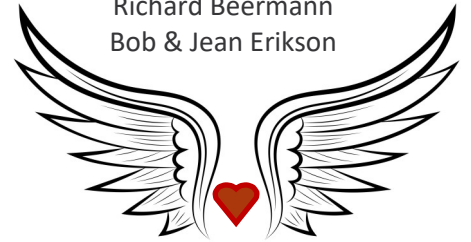


At the August Division Council Meeting several of our members participated including Sid and Pat, Vernall, Carol Sams, Richard, and Nubia. We also, had several Key Clubbers in the mix including LT. Governor West - Leia Abanes from Summit High School. Carole & Pat received their club newsletter awards.



Memoriam

Richard Beermann
Bob & Jean Erikson



SPIRIT ANIMALS

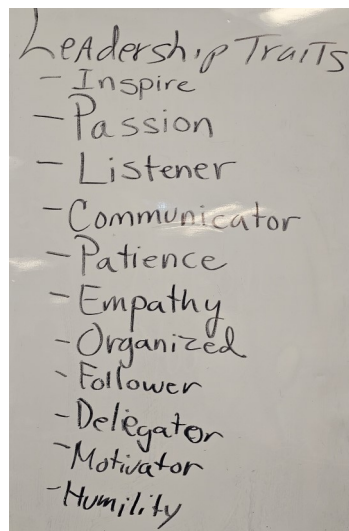
The toucan as a spirit animal symbolizes clear communication, expression, and authenticity, encouraging one to step into the spotlight and share their true self. It represents a deep connection with the spiritual and natural worlds, embodying harmony with nature and wisdom. In the Mayan cosmovision, the toucan is linked to the spiritual connection and healing, acting as a messenger and guide to help individuals make decisions and find balance.



The hippopotamus spirit animal symbolizes power, protection, confidence, adaptability, and strong communication skills, but also represents the need to balance inner and outer strength, as hippos are both gentle and fiercely dangerous. This spirit guide encourages you to be self-reliant, express yourself honestly, and find wisdom and healing while navigating challenging situations.



CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION





Fontana Kiwanis Division Council Meeting Installations & Awards Luncheon



This is the last DCM of the 24 - 25 Kiwanis year. Both our current Governor Doug Frost and incoming Governor Steve Geraci will be in attendance to help celebrate our Presidents and Award Winners.

**Saturday
September 6, 2025**

**SB Elk's Lodge, 2055 Elk's Drive
San Bernardino, CA 92404**

Presidents Meeting: 11:30 a.m.

Social: 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:30 p.m.

\$25 per person/Key Clubbers \$15

A Reservation made is a reservation paid.

**RSVP to Pat Lehman @ lehman-
mousehouse@yahoo.com by
Tuesday - August 26, 2025. We
need at least 60 in attendance.
Thank you!**

As is the practice when a club hosts more than one DCM all clubs are asked to bring a drawing gift. Thank you in advance for participating.

Background art provided by FREEPIK.

CHILL N GRILLIN

Sept 13 BBQ 11 AM

Unity IN Community Day
Competition

sample BBQ
from all
competitors
with entry fee

For more info
951 544-5545



\$10 per person over 5 years old

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