



These Are The Past Presidents We Will Honor On Tuesday

- 1921 W. H. Fraser
- 1922 C. E. Rinehart
- 1923 George L. Mayne
- 1924 John J. Frazer
- 1925 Arthur J. Morse
- 1926 Edgar McMath
- 1927 Glen O. Perkins
Eugene Zeiss
- 1928 Robert L. Mueller
- 1929 Sam R. Frazee
- 1930 A. G. Peterson
- 1931 T. O. Scripps
- 1932 P. H. Davenport
- 1933 Donald E. Hanson
- 1934 Dr. C. E. Sisson
- 1935 Dr. E. G. Colby
- 1936 Arthur M. Shoven
- 1937 Emery D. Sherwin
- 1938 Thomas F. Bomar
- 1939 Dr. Frank M. Lowe
- 1940 E. G. Merrill Jr.
- 1941 Harry G. Malm
- 1942 John Aseltine
- 1943 Russell S. Stowell
- 1944 Berma W. Bonham
- 1945 Edward P. Scott
- 1946 J. Anderson Borthwick
- 1947 Orien W. Todd Jr.
- 1948 A. Monroe Sanders
- 1949 Richard A. Nelson
- 1950 Dwight E. Keider
- 1951 S. Robert Frazee
- 1952 Howard Carroll
- 1953 Leo B. Calland
- 1954 Herbert C. Peiffer Jr.

Note To All Past Presidents Please Sit At Special Table Provided For You.

Program

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1955

Celebrating the

**40th ANNIVERSARY
YEAR OF KIWANIS
INTERNATIONAL**

**Honoring the San Diego
Club's Past Presidents**

Ladies' Day



Chairman of the Day

HERB PEIFFER

Invocation by Harry Fraser



EDITORIAL

MILESTONE REACHED

It's an important milestone when a man reaches his 40th birthday. He's mature—but not old. He's through with adolescence and the struggle for recognition. He's established himself on a career and cleared away much of the mortgage on his home. He has time to lift his head from his work occasionally . . . and see the stars. He's a mature citizen and (assuming he's a Kiwanian) he's a credit to his city and his nation. His Birthday is worth celebrating.

We're celebrating Kiwanis' 40th birthday, also. The beginning years are behind us—and Kiwanians are established both nationally and internationally as builders for good in their communities and nations. This, too, is an anniversary worth celebrating!

Our Club will observe its 40th Anniversary at this Tuesday's meeting. President Les Gehres asks ALL Kiwanians—100%—to be on hand for this meeting. You'll never have another chance to help celebrate this important milestone . . . so BE there!

Since the age of three, however, we've had short patience with any birthday lacking a cake. And that department will be taken care of at the 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance February 12th at Balboa Park Club. Kiwanians from El Centro, Borrego, Oceanside—all points north and east in Divisions 11 and 12—will gather with us.

The time is 6:30—dress is semi-formal. Just put a note on your calendar NOW to tell your Kiwani-Anne. SHE'LL take it from there and we'll see you at the dinner dance—February 12th . . . Balboa Park Club.

HISTORY OF KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

The Kiwanis Club of San Diego received its charter from Kiwanis International on December 20, 1920.

Since that date more than a score of Clubs have grown from this, the parent club in San Diego County.

The Charter Night Dinner of the San Diego Kiwanis Club was held at Hotel Del Coronado when San Diego became the sixth Club in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District, now numbering more than 17,000 members in more than 300 clubs.

At the first regular club election, San Diego Kiwanians elected W. H. Harry Fraser its first president. Other officers were Gilman Gist and C. E. Reinhart, vice presidents; Homer C. Miller, treasurer; and Luther Ward, secretary. Directors were Claude Woolman, C. H. English, John B. Osborn, H. L. Sullivan, George H. Webb, G. L. Luce, and L. D. Jennings; District trustee was N. I. McDowell (a kind of forerunner to today's office of Lieut. Governor).

The Kiwanis Club of San Diego had 56 charter members. Today there are 219 members.

Membership grew to 86 by June, 1921 and up to 119 by 1929. The Great Depression also hit the Club and membership dropped to 98, and dropped steadily through 1936 when it reached a low of 73. Since that date it has shown a steady, gradual increase to the present level.

Veteran members recall fondly a meeting on July 26, 1921 at the Sanford Hotel when Harry Fraser and others connived to have the ladies stage the program as a complete surprise to all members.

San Diego Kiwanis was first represented at an International Convention in June, 1922 when President Rinehart attended the meeting at Toronto, Canada.

Today's million-dollar Children's Hospital out on Kearny Mesa, where it is operated by the San Diego County Crippled Children's Society, owes much of its existence to work done by Kiwanians away back in 1924.

On January 15th of that year, all members pledged \$100 each toward the San Diego Helping Hand Home for children. By February 26th \$65,000 was raised, and the members with District Governor Heber Winder attended the corner-stone laying of the institution.

Eventually it became the San Diego Children's Home, and then the "Home" became "Hospital."

Through the years, the Convalescent Hospital treated thousands of children and has been of incalculable value to the community in the

treatment of post-polio patients.

In 1952 the Board of the Children's Convalescent Hospital, composed principally of members of this club, merged with the San Diego County Crippled Children's Society to bring about the realization of today's Children's Hospital, one of the most modern of its type in the world, and replacing the now outmoded but beloved Children's Convalescent Hospital.

An old Roster of Membership reveals that First President W. H. "Harry" Fraser and the Club leaped vigorously into community activities putting over the Community Chest Drive with great success. At that time, Kiwanis was meeting at the San Diego Hotel and music was furnished by an All-Kiwanis orchestra of 10 pieces! Membership increased by 33% during that first year.

The following year (1923) was a noteworthy (and newsworthy) one for San Diego Kiwanians when they were designated the official hosts for Lieutenants McCready and Kelly who landed their plane at San Diego after a takeoff from New York for the first transcontinental flight in aviation history.

San Diego Kiwanis got into District Convention hosting early. Eugene E. Zeiss was General Chairman of the 5th annual District Convention held here that year. He was Club President in 1927.

Among the many outstanding San Diego Kiwanians of the past was Charles E. Rinehart, a charter member of this Club; President in 1922; Lieut. Governor in 1925 and DISTRICT GOVERNOR in 1926 and INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE in 1928-29. An old clipping reveals that the lion's share of credit for raising \$50,000 to rehabilitate Boy Scout Headquarters at the old Indian Village in Balboa Park belonged to the late Mr. Rinehart. He was President of the San Diego Area Council of the Boy Scouts in 1927.

Another Charter Member with a notable record was Claude Woolman who was President of the Board of Education; Director of two banks, leader of the Elks band and a member of the first Tent City Band at Coronado, and active in many other organizations.

One of the early Perfect Attendance champions was John A. Watson, a Charter Member, who missed only 13 meetings at the HOME CLUB in 12 years, all of which he made up at other Clubs.

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HISTORY OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

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Some of the early fine leadership in San Diego Kiwanis came from Los Angeles Kiwanis in the person of the late Sam R. Frazee. He was a Los Angeles Charter Member in 1916 and came to San Diego Kiwanis in 1922. He was President in 1929 and twice served as District Trustee. He was extremely active in the community and was president of a combined group composed of the Merchants' Association and Merchants' Credit Association.

Now an Honorary Member of the San Diego Kiwanis Club is John J. "Jack" Fraser who was Charter Secretary of the Club as well as being a Charter Member. Jack was a leader in the fund-raising for the original Helping Hand Home. In 1954 he made a sizeable contribution toward the erection of a San Diego Kiwanis plaque at the new Children's Hospital. As Secretary for many years, Jack contributed tremendously to the successful growth of the Club.

Another notable early (and still is) member was R. L. "Bob" Mueller, President in 1928 and later Lieutenant Governor. After that Bob served the Club for many years as Secretary and was known throughout the District for his outstanding work for Kiwanis in that field. Bob (now a Privileged Member) has also contributed a great deal to the development of Chula Vista and has been a member of the Board of Education there for over a quarter-century.

Coming down to more recent years, our now firmly established Southern California Kiwanis High School Basketball Tournament was started by President O. W. Todd Jr. in 1947.

In 1948 under President A. M. "Monk" Sanders, the Children's Convalescent Hospital received more than \$8,000 for capital improvements and Kiwanians worked in the Hospital yard mowing grass, cutting hedges and general cleanup.

In 1949 President Richard "Dick" Nelson made this a "singing club" with great development of the Kiwanis Chorus. It was also a strong year in Public Affairs with members distributing over 17,000 "It's Fun to Live in America" pamphlets a month. 1949 also saw the initial National "Kids Day."

In 1950 under President Dwight E. Keider the Club financial structure was reorganized to give the

club a sound financial program for the future, the wisdom of which has been proved by the ensuing years. Top program of the year was honoring nine of our members with the Kiwanis Legion of Honor upon their attaining 25 years of membership. "Kids Day" reached new high proportions with more than 30,000 youngsters participating.

In 1951 under President S. Robert "Bob" Frazee the Club assumed sponsorship for a Kiwanis Little League Baseball Team, and indeed participated actively in pioneering the second Little League formed in this area. The Children's Convalescent Hospital, "Kids Day" and other regular projects received added impetus under Bob's leadership.

In 1952 under the leadership of Howard Carroll the Club set out to be the best Kiwanis Club in the United States and Canada. It was. The Club first won the California-Nevada-Hawaii District Achievement award and then finally the supreme Kiwanis award, the Kiwanis International Gold Division Achievement award.

In 1953 under genial President Leo B. Calland, the Club greatly increased the scope of its activities in a variety of fields, particularly in public affairs and boys and girls work. The preliminary steps for forming the San Diego Kiwanis Foundation came at the behest of President Leo who also contributed to further strengthening of the Club's financial position.

The cultured voice of Dr. Herbert C. Peiffer Jr., Dean of Students at San Diego State College, added a great dignity to the weekly meetings during his 1954 Presidency. He reemphasized a return of the Kiwanis Chorus to our luncheon programs and streamlined Board of Director meeting Procedures to a new level of efficiency. With 29 new members brought in, he increased the size and strength of the Club, meanwhile continuing the development of regular club activities. He sought for and obtained the 1955 District Convention for San Diego.

The Convention will be under the able General Chairmanship of Russell S. Stowell, President of the Club in 1943 and later Lieut. Governor. He has twice before been General Chairman of the District Convention at San Diego. It will be the Club's major event for 1955 along with the celebration events for the 40th Anniversary Year of Kiwanis International.

Things I Probably Won't Have Time To Say



Forty years — forty years of service to the community, the nation and the future. Forty years of giving time, thought, and energy. Thousands of men giving themselves to

build a better America, to make it fun to live in America, to safeguard and preserve that Freedom which is our Sacred Trust. It's a proud tradition. It's typically American in its shirt-sleeved approach to "doing something about it." It's KIWANIS. And it's fun and it's serious and it's inspiring.

It's inspiring to look at the record of our own club's twenty-four years local participation in this international fellowship of ordinary men accomplishing extraordinary things by voluntary joint effort. KIWANIS has built, but the building is not finished. Our motto always reads in the present and future tenses, never in the past.

This Tuesday our own past will be visible to us in the persons of all our Past Presidents who are still with us. We will stand and applaud them but if we let it go at that we would do them no honor. The real honor we can offer them is to continue building on the foundations they raised for us.

The manner in which our working committees are getting underway gives me confidence that when this 40th Anniversary Year goes hull down we'll be able to turn with pride to the men we honor Tuesday and present to them another sound course in the building. **Clyde Cunningham** and his Membership Building Committee are bringing in the real material with which we build—good men. **Floyd Snyder's** Public and Business Affairs Committee has gotten organized to bring the influence of those good men to bear in this vital area of activity.

When we close our Anniversary Meeting Tuesday I am going to ask you to stand and all together, in one voice rededicate ourselves as KIWANIANs to service to our community, to our Republic,—to our KIWANIS objectives and ideals. Thus we will embark upon the fifth decade of going "FORWARD IN KIWANIS."



San Diego Kiwanis Tidings



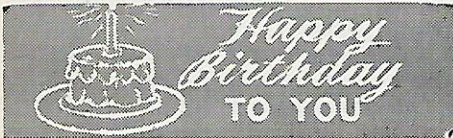
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Oviatt Nominated For Board Member



Lynn Oviatt has been nominated by the Board of Directors to serve out the term of Fred B. Mitchell, who has resigned from the board.

Further nominations may be made from the floor at a general meeting. Election will be held January 25, 1955.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS CONGRATULATIONS

- 3.....Don Perkins
- 3.....Watt Wattenbarger
- 3.....Ross Carter
- 4.....Walter Stark
- 9.....George Obert
- 10.....Phil Davenport
- 10.....Ed Johnson
- 15.....Monk Sanders
- 20.....Larry Manly
- 22.....Fred Train
- 23.....Griff Hayes
- 24.....Ed Griswold
- 28.....Doug Paterson
- 31.....Bob Mueller
- 31.....Ernie Sturm

Ocean Beach Has New Meeting Place

This is to advise the new meeting place for the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club is the "Youth Activities Building," 4689 Santa Monica Ave. (corner Santa Monica and Ebers St.), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.

G. E. FABER,
Sec'y. Ocean Beach
Kiwanis Club.

Prayer will improve the quality and the results of everything that you do.

From the Mail Box

The San Diego Children's Hospital
January 18, 1955

Kiwanis Club of San Diego
1177 18th Street
San Diego 2, California

Dear Friends:

The boys and girls at our house feel that they owe your group a great deal, and we only wish there was an adequate way in which to express their thanks. They truly had a wonderful Christmas because of your kindness and help in planning and preparing for the "big day." Every dream came true under the Christmas tree and their "ohs" and "ahs" expressed the happiness they felt.

The tractors, cars, games, targets, pistols and many other toys which we received found their place in our home and have made some little boy or girl very happy, you may be sure. These things delighted our Children at Christmas and will continue to give them hours of pleasure throughout the year.

Although the holiday season is now behind us, many joyous and happy memories linger. Because of your thoughtfulness and consideration the children will remember this Christmas with pleasure.

It is with real meaning that we again thank you and wish each of you a very grand and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Karl A. Marshall
Asst. Director

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The above was made possible by the contribution of one of our members who preferred to remain anonymous)

Mr. Andrew Chamberlain, Chairman
Youth Service Committee
Kiwanis Club of San Diego

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

G_____ F_____ 's family has found that they can contribute \$6.00 for G_____ 's week at camp and we accepted this payment.

We are enclosing a check for \$6.00



Kiwanis-Annes To Install New Officers

Mary Berry, New President

On Wednesday, January 12th, Rhoda Gehres, the outgoing Kiwanis-Anne president, and Mary Berry, the incoming president, were hostesses to the outgoing and incoming board members, at a very unique Hawaiian type luncheon at the new Mission Valley Country Club Garden Room.

A regular board meeting was held after luncheon, and it was decided that the first 1955 luncheon and meeting of the Kiwanis-Annes, would be on Monday, January 24th at the Marlin Inn, 2930 Fenelon. At that time new officers will be installed.

Following the installation of officers, Dr. Ira Wilson will give a talk on "The Afflictions of Famous People."

Overeating is the destiny that ends our shapes.

Know Our New Members

JONES, JOHN H.
TRUCK LINES

"Johnny"

Western Truck Lines, Ltd.
3645 Rosecrans AC 3-7173
Joined 1955 Roster No. 272
1316 Fifth Ave., Chula Vista
GA 2-1257

Birthday: May 5
Wife: Lorreta

since we used only half of the Kiwanis Club assistance.

We are very grateful for the Club's interest in this program and in our youngsters.

Sincerely yours,
Frances J. Clare
Principal
Torrey Pines School
La Jolla, California