



# Kiwanis Club of Glendora Kiwanianes

## February 2011 K-newsletter



# Happy Valentine's Day

Issue 5

### President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day



The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. However, we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured

Another legend tells that Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be celebrated around the seventeenth century. By the middle of the eighteenth century, it was common for friends and lovers in all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or hand-written notes. By the end of the century, printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings. Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began to sell the first mass-produced valentines in America. Known as the Mother of the Valentine, she made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons, and colorful pictures known as "scrap."

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines. In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

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This month we have an opportunity to show how much we care for our seniors as we host a special dinner at Glendora Gardens for the residents. Rita Scott is preparing gifts of love for each of those who attend and our Key Clubs will be providing the desert for our guests. Sarah Ludwick and Kathy Morey will be preparing a wonderful dinner and many of us will be serving our guests. Also, we will be caring for our children as we host the first "fingerprinting kindergartners" session at Cullen and Southerland schools. Many of us will be there to help and greet the parents who will bring their children.

What great ways to say "I care."

Kandy

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### BOARD MEETING ACTIONS 1-26-2010

Motions passed:

To have a Halloween Masquerade Ball.

To donate \$220 to Kiwanis Foundation as our annual gift. 44 members @ \$5 each.

To nominate Tricia & Chuck Gomer for Citizen of the Year.

To have a Trivia Challenge team.



## Leadership Academy Update

The Leadership Academy Committee (LAC) has begun planning the program for a week long session in June to help train fifth graders, transitioning to middle school, to become leaders. Kiwaniannes can volunteer to help teach the 20 minute curriculum units, help be a team leader to a small group of children, help purchase food for the snack time, or help with crafts. There is a lot to do to make the week a success and volunteers are needed. Please contact President Kandy or Pat Rasmussen if you'd like to help!

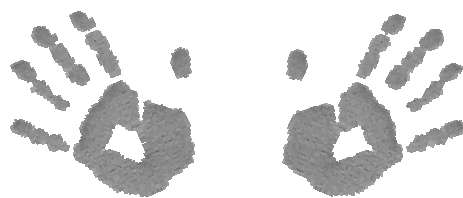


Christian Lindke, Program Director of the Arsalyn Program presenting President Kandy with a \$2500 check for the Kiwaniannes Leadership Academy to be held in June.

## Child Fingerprinting

### Birgitta Stocking, Fingerprinting Chair

A meeting is being held on 2/15 for those who have volunteered for the February 24<sup>th</sup> Open Houses at Cullen and Sutherland Schools. I would like to thank all of the people that have volunteered to help at the Open Houses scheduled for **February 24** at Cullen and Sutherland Schools. We will be working with the Glendora Police Auxiliary to help fingerprint the Kindergarten children. Please mark a SAVE THE DATE if you would like to volunteer on May 19<sup>th</sup> (La Fetra and Sellers) or May 26<sup>th</sup> (Stanton). Please call me at or email me if you have any questions about any of the Child Fingerprinting activities.



## All Hail Division 35 Lt. Governor Debbie!

by Pat Rasmussen

The Glendora Kiwaniannes welcomed Lt. Governor Debbie Deal to their January 19 meeting. Debbie has oversight of 12 clubs in Division 35 and we are proud to say she is a member of our club!



Governor Tom Milham's theme for this year according to Debbie is "Membership, Service, and Fun!"

Governor Tom wants us to grow our club by a net two members by the end of the year. "Kiwaniannes currently have 44 members," said Debbie. "There's a natural attrition rate of about 10 percent each year so we really need to bring in six new members this year," she said.

As our Lt. Governor, Debbie suggested ways we could expand membership by creating special Guest Days each month and include a potential new member in the fun. "In February, you can bring someone you love to a meeting and in March, why not celebrate St. Patrick's Day by bringing someone Irish to a meeting or someone you'd like to take to a pub," she said.

Expanding community service is one of Debbie's goals this year. She feels some of our outreach projects (Leadership Academy) will do just that. On Thursday, March 10, the entire Division 35 will participate in a service project to serve the needs of our service men.

"We are going to assemble 200 boxes to send to the Marines," she said.

"Each club will donate items for the boxes."

According to President Kandy, Kiwaniannes will donate small tissue packets, fruit snacks and gum supplied by the Key Clubs. If you want to help on March 10, come to Williams School at 6 p.m. Our Patriot Rona Lunde says a Marine from every major campaign will be present in uniform that night!



Lt. Governor Debbie's theme this year is "The Bear Necessities," and she hopes everyone will have a great year serving our community.

Pat Rasmussen, Lt. Gov. Debbie, Pres. Kandy

## Let's Talk Members

### A Message From The Sunshine Gal!

If any of you hear of a member who is ill or in need of words of encouragement, please contact me either by phone or email

**(large font PLEASE!)**

*Thanks! Connie Fisher*

Read more about Connie on pg. 4



ARE YOU STILL A MISSING MEMBER? WELL, WE STILL MISS YOU!! PLEASE COME TO THE NEXT MEETING AND GET REACQUAINTED WITH ALL OF YOUR KIWANIANNE FRIENDS! WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!



Pam receiving the Award from Pat Loukota.

### Pam Richards Receives Humanitarian Service Award

by Jo Cox

On January 10, 2011, Pam Richards was awarded the Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Humanitarian Service Award. This award focuses public attention on the outstanding humanitarian efforts and volunteer services of adults that would probably go unrecognized.



*Congratulations Pam!*

## Mark Your Calendars

Wed. February 2 ~ Regular Meeting, Glendora Continental Restaurant 5:30 p.m.  
**Program** ~ Get Ready for the Big One! Earthquake Preparedness, Betty Keley

Thurs. February 10 ~ DCM, Covina Bowl 5:30 p.m.

Wed. February 16 ~ Regular Meeting, Glendora Continental Restaurant 5:30 p.m.  
**Program** ~ Know Your Medicine, Pam Randawa

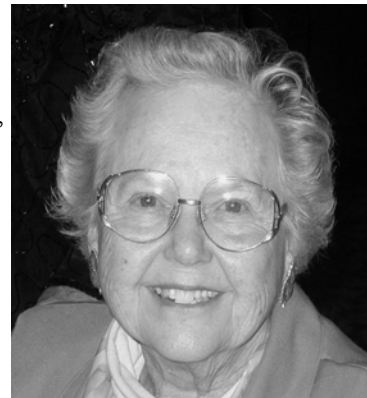
Saturday, February 19 ~ Mid-Year Convention, San Diego

Wed. February 23~ Glendora Gardens Senior Dinner



## **Dancer, mother, patriot, bookkeeper – a look at the life of Connie Fisher**

**By Pat Rasmussen**



On October 21, 1921, little Constance Rood was born in Toledo, Ohio. Connie Fisher, as Kiwaniannes know her, will be 90 years old next fall. She shared some of the highlights of her life at the January 5 meeting.

Connie had one sister and remembers fondly growing up in Toledo. “I never heard a cross word between my mother and father,” she said. To entertain themselves as children (before the invention of computers and television), the children would rally in the backyard and make up a circus where everyone performed.

The historic event that remains with Connie was the attack on Pearl Harbor. Her first husband was in the navy at that time and carried out rescue efforts on board the West Virginia.

When she was in her early teens, the world was plunged into the Great Depression. People waited in line to receive free soup and all the banks in Toledo except one were closed. “And you didn’t get your money back,” she said. Everyone in the family pitched in to work and save whatever they could. “My sister and I babysat. I think I got 50 cents for the whole evening,” she said. And because the banks were not operating, most of the money was put behind a book on the bookshelf for safe keeping.

Even though times were difficult and the family was forced to leave their home to live in one smaller, they still found the resources to welcome a member of the armed services into their home so they could receive a home cooked meal and play with the family dog.

“I admired Franklin Roosevelt, even though he’s a Democrat and I’m a Republican because he formed the WPA (Works Project Administration) which helped people get jobs and lots of things were built during that time period. But there were no hand outs. People were expected to work,” she said.

From the time she was three years old, Connie took dancing lessons. “I think my mother wanted to be a dancer,” she said. Then, when she was only 17 and graduated from high school, her uncle got her an audition in New York City with the world famous Rockettes. She passed the audition and for the summer spent time on stage dancing. “When we weren’t dancing, we were rehearsing. We never got out of the theater. I loved to toe dance and when I could, I would watch the toe dancers and practice in their theater hoping they might discover that I could dance ballet too,” she said.

When the summer job ended, she ran a dance studio teaching others to dance and during her lifetime, Connie ran three different dance studios. “But after a while, the parents really got to me,” she said. “They all thought their children were the next Shirley Temple!” she said. Later, she became a bookkeeper and eventually met her second husband, Ralph Fisher. “Boy did he court me,” she said. The two were married and honeymooned in Hawaii, on the island of Maui at the Hana Inn.

Ralph was involved with the Shriners and eventually Connie became involved with many patriotic organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution. “I traced the history of six of my ancestors going back to Mariner Rood who came from England to Connecticut to farm and others in Switzerland, France and Bavaria,” she said.

Connie is especially pleased that while she’s lived in Glendora, she began a woman’s grief support group twenty-one years ago that still meets today, after the passing of Ralph and her son. She feels the group has made a great impact for many women in the community from various churches. She’s a dedicated member of the United Methodist Church in Glendora and just completed over 50 years of service as a member of the choir.

Dancer, mother, bookkeeper, patriot, Brownie-Boy Scout-Girl Scout- Camp Fire Scout Leader, Connie Fisher has led a fascinating life. This story only covers about a tenth of her life’s activities and she is still busy volunteering for various organizations. The Glendora Kiwaniannes are proud to have her as a member of our club!



# SOWING SEEDS FOR LIFE FOOD BANK

By Marilee Goodwin

I am so excited to finally let all of you know what this Sowing Seeds for Life ‘thing’ is that I am usually talking about or leaving information pamphlets at our meetings. SSFL is a 501(c) (3) non-profit food pantry located in La Verne. It was founded by local Glendora, Vicki Brown.

The pantry ‘give away’ is set up in the parking lot of Vicki’s business, DPI Lab’s, every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month rain or shine! The 1<sup>st</sup> pantry day was in 2007. We were hoping that 30 people would come. Now, there have been around 650 people picking up food for their families on one food pantry day alone! Roughly 6,000 people receive food each month. Food is obtained from the L.A. Food Bank along with donations from local businesses. For instance, the La Verne Von’s has been supplying the pantry with bread every week. A volunteer picks up the bread, brings it back to DPI, and bags it up for distribution. Volunteers also take food to 3 retirement homes & one large mobile park in Glendora, San Dimas, and La Verne.

We also have a ‘Kidz Korner’, a place where children do crafts, learn about growing vegetables, etc, while their parent stands in line for the food ‘give away’. We have had special ‘guests’ who come and talk about taking care of their teeth, how to have ‘Happy Hearts’, CPR, and safety.

There are so many helping hands, that it is hard to give a quick ‘run down’ of the whole operation. But, Vicki & I will be your guest speakers at the March 2 meeting. We will be able to give you a better overview and answer any questions. For further information please visit SSFL at: [www.sowingseedsforlife.org](http://www.sowingseedsforlife.org) Also, we just had our ground breaking event for our first garden. Go to [www.lavernonline.com/](http://www.lavernonline.com/) for viewing a great article.

Thanks, Marilee

## CHILI’S® IS PROUD TO SUPPORT Sowing Seeds For Life

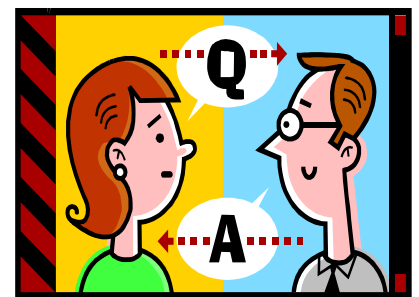
Monday, February 7.....11:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

With each flyer presented on Sowing Seeds For Life Night, Chili’s La Verne will donate 15% of the sales you bring in to your organization. Let us do the cooking and support Sowing Seeds For Life at the same time! Get your flyers from Marilee!

### *The Great Trivia Challenge*

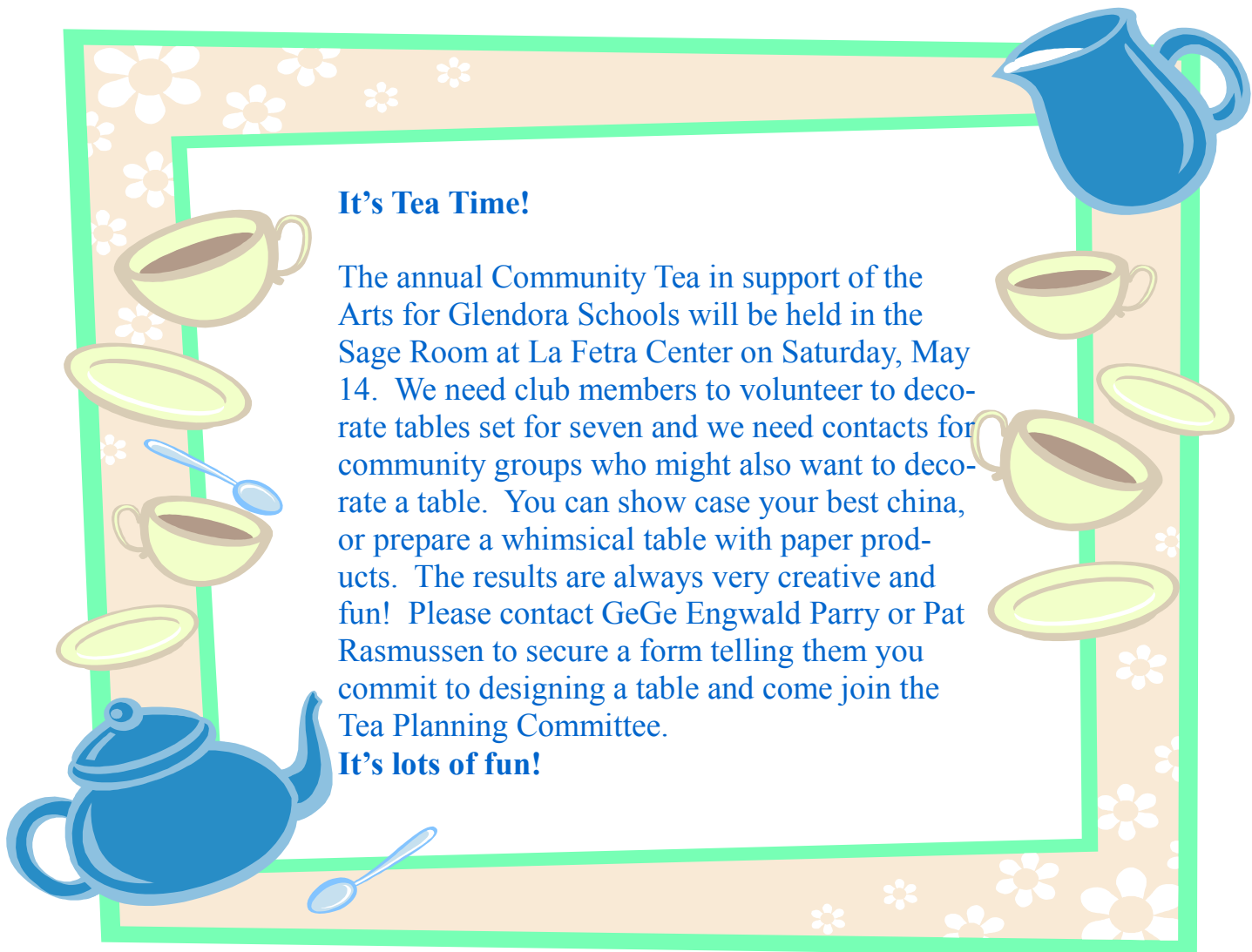
Date: April 2, 2011 6:30 PM  
Cost: \$12.00 per ticket  
Location: Felix Event Center - Azusa Pacific University  
701 East Foothill Blvd.  
Azusa, California 91702

**We are looking for three smart (you’re all smart!) Kiwaniannes to be on our team. Please let Kandy know if you would like to have fun and get a free T-shirt and dinner.**



### **AND SPEAKING OF TRIVIA.....CHECK IT OUT!**

This year we will experience 4 unusual dates.... 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/11 ..... So figure this out.... take the last 2 digits of the year you were born plus the age you will be this year and it WILL EQUAL .... 111.....interesting, huh?



**The Board recommends the following Standing Rules revisions:**

**Debbie Deal Parliamentarian**

**\*Strike all of 4e** – Gift for outgoing President, budgeted from the Administration Account, not to exceed \$100.00

**\*4e will now read** - Gift for the outgoing president will be purchased by the 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. with funds donated by the membership.

**\*Strike all of 10c** - The President shall appoint a Sunshine Chair who will send cards to those members who are ill or celebrating a birthday. When a member suffers a loss, the Board may choose to send a donation to the said member's favorite charity.

**\*Strike all of 10d** - A sunshine committee of 3 members appointed by the President will be established to send cards to those members who are ill or celebrating a birthday. When a member suffers a loss, the committee may choose to send a monetary gift of no more than \$25.00 to one of the Kiwanianes' children charity.

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**\*10 e – will now become 10 d**

**\*10 f – will now become 10 e**





SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

## DAY AT THE RACES

*Cathy Napoli*

Reserve Saturday March 12, 2011  
for our annual  
Kiwaniannes Day at The Races.

Ticket price is \$42 pp and includes clubhouse admission, racing program, buffet lunch, and valet parking. Buy your ticket/s NOW!!

## RELAY FOR LIFE

JUNE 4TH & 5TH 2011



The Glendora Kiwaniannes have once again registered a team for the American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE. This year the relay will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Louie Pompei Park. The theme for the relay is "A celebration of yesterday, today and tomorrow!" It commemorates the many advances in the fight against cancer over the past decades. I am excited to be the captain for our team this year and will be keeping you informed in the coming months about fund raising opportunities for our group as a whole and how you can participate as individuals in this event that celebrates those who have battled cancer, remembers loved ones lost, and raises money to fight back against cancer by helping people stay well, get well, and helps to fund research that is finding cures.

[www.relayforlife.org/glendoraca](http://www.relayforlife.org/glendoraca)

Janna Wells



### Help!! Has anyone seen my Mommy??!

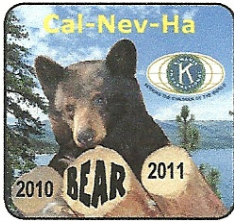
The last time I saw her, she had dragged me out to a Kiwanis breakfast meeting and then a few hours later to a Kiwanis lunch meeting. I don't know how it happened but that's where we became separated. After the lunch/meeting, I found myself sitting there all alone as the room emptied. I sat patiently waiting to be whisked back home or out to another meal/meeting! Could it be that she left without me, not remembering that I was there? I'm sure she must be missing me by now, right??

If anyone sees my Mommy, please tell her that I am fine. I am with my new friend who rescued me and am safe & sound. My new friend says that for a nominal fee, I

can be delivered to the next general meeting of Kiwaniannes on Wednesday, February 2nd. I sure hope my Mommy misses me as much as I miss her!

Hope to see you soon,

C. Bear



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DIVISION 35**



Gov. Tom Millham



LTG Debbie Deal

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011**

**\$40.00 PER PERSON  
THE GLENDORA COUNTRY CLUB  
310 SOUTH AMELIA AVENUE  
GLENDORA, CA 91741  
5:00 PM -- SOCIAL (NO-HOST BAR)  
6:00 PM -- DINNER & PROGRAM**

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