

Celebrating 25 years of Sterling Service



On Wednesday, April 15, 2009, the Glendora Kiwanianne's celebrated a wonderful night of 25 Years of Sterling Service! There was much to be celebrated. The event was held at Champions, the newly renovated Citrus Theatre for the Performing Arts.

As each member arrived, they were greeted by a marquee that welcomed us and congratulated us for 25 Years of Sterling Service. We were greeted inside by our members, where everyone just caught up on what was going on in their lives. Delicious appetizers, as well as

some adult beverages were available to get the evening off to a good start.

As we sat down at our tables, we were treated to a wonderful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, led by Pat Rasmussen (*photo below*). The dinner was, as usual, wonderful and the desserts were plentiful and delicious.



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Recognition was given to all the past Kiwanianne presidents (*photo below*). In addition, nine of our active members were presented with a very special award that evening, *The Legion of Honor* Recognition Certificate from Kiwanis International for 25 years of sterling service.



Those special nine active members (*photo above*) are Joan Hallidy, Rita Scott, Jan White, Marian Reich, Lois Doe, Helen Otto, (not shown in photo are:) Ida Fracasse, Cathy Napoli, and Penny Gongwer. Congratulations ladies! Thank you all for 25 years of sterling friendships!



Among the guests was Dan Derby, seen here talking to Rose Wentz & Kandy Nunn. In 1984, Pete McCormick, Lt. Gov. of Div. 35 and a member of Glendora Kiwanis, urged the local men's group to sponsor the women's group, a new creation by International. With the assistance of Dan Derby, Glendora Kiwanis President at the time, an organizational meeting was held in Feb. of 1984. Less than two months later on April 18, 1984, Glendora Kiwanianne had their names on the official charter.



Sue Fishman and Laurie Cooley presenting the Time Capsule

The Time-Capsule

After the recognitions and awards, we were treated to a surprise. In the year 1999, with the Millennium approaching, the Kiwanianne put together a time-capsule and filled it with all sorts of things...notes, photos, etc.

Ex-Glendora Kiwanianne and soon to be Lt. Governor Sue Fishman, along with her partner in crime, Laurie Cooley (another ex-Kiwanianne) brought the time-capsule to the meeting. There were so many memories packed into the capsule by our members such as letters, photos, key chains and a cute "animal". The contents of the capsule were read to us and then placed on display for everyone to look and examine and re-charge their memories. It was great!



(Top left) President Tricia Gomer mingling. (Top right) Sarah Ludwick enjoying the festivities. (Bottom left) Connie Fisher, Marian Reich and guest smiling for the camera.

