



Kiwanis Club of South Pasadena

January 2024



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

After the blessed holiday season, we are starting a new year. Wishing all of you a very happy New Year. We are starting the year by delivering books to the High School Wellness Center, and we are getting the invoices and schedule for the book carts going the three Elementary Schools. 2024 is starting out as a great year. On March 16, 2024 we will be celebrating Kiwanis' 100 years in South Pasadena. We are planning a great program from the South Pasadena Library Historian. It will be a slide show of the clubs' activities over the past 100 years. This is a can't miss program. We will have a great dinner at Communal Restaurant on El Centro. Invitations are going out to all of living past members, and friends. This is an event that you will be proud to invite a friend and potential member.

Right after the 100th anniversary celebration we will be getting into Scholarships, middle school, and elementary school awards. We are planning a Chamber Mixes as part of the membership drive. It will also be time to start planning the July 4th pancake breakfast.

We are going to have an active and fun next six months. More to follow. I look forward to seeing you all as we grow and move forward.

Ernie Arnold

2023-2024 President

Kiwanis Club of South Pasadena

KIWANIS JOIN IN “SPARK OF LOVE” CAMPAIGN



Our December 6th meeting included a visit by several members of the South Pasadena Fire Department. The 2023 Spark of Love campaign, organized annually through the County of Los Angeles Fire Department has officially concluded its 31st year of giving!

This year, over 30,000 unwrapped new toys and sports equipment were generously donated and distributed to children and teens throughout and surrounding Los Angeles County. Over the past 31 years, nearly eleven million donations have been provided in Southern California thanks to this holiday campaign. South Pasadena Kiwanis participates every year. Thanks to our members for all their support.



KIWANIS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS

We celebrated with each other at Christmastime at the home of Phil and Suzi Hoge for our Kiwanis Christmas party. It is always fun to meet with each other and visit with both members and spouses.



Just before New Year, Kiwanis was a “Silver Sponsor” for the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses “Crunch Party. The city float was a winner.

Kiwanis is also represented in the Rose Parade with its own float. For years our own Ernie Arnold has been the catalyst of the Rose Float Club. Much to his surprise, this year he was honored by giving him a spot on the float as it traveled the 5 ½ miles down Colorado Boulevard.



SOUTH PASADENA KIWANIS 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



Mark your calendar for March 16, 2024!

It is time for everyone who has played a part in the South Pasadena Kiwanis Club to join together for a dinner celebrating the past 100 years.

The dinner will be held at COMMUNAL restaurant, located at 1009 El Centro in South Pasadena.

Our celebration will include a look back at the past 100 years, and a look forward to all of our new projects and adventures.

Invitations will be in the mail soon.

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

-Henry Ford-

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 3. Lunch and Socialize 12:00, General Meeting 12:30.
- January 17, Lunch and Socialize 12:00, General Meeting 12:30.
- January 25, 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting at Shakers

CLUB LEADERS

Kiwanis Board 2023 – 2024		
Ernie Arnold	-	President
Tom Carson	-	President Elect
Erich Ehrlich	-	Vice President
Henry Wong	-	Secretary/ Treasurer
Gerry Poulin	-	Asst. Treasurer, Immediate Past President (2021, 2022)
Phil Hoge	-	Board Member
Alan Weinberger	-	Board Member