



Kern City Klarion

December
2021

KC has holiday spirit!

Fun contest, paid assessment

December offers a paid assessment to one lucky member, a Home Decorating Contest with prizes, a Christmas Dinner, and a community parade. There's also a free showing of the Christmas Vacation movie and a painting class plus all the regular activities.

"You can't say we aren't thinking about our members and residents," said Donna Tyner, board president. "We are going all out this month for you, and we hope you will all

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BAZAAR WAS HUGE SUCCESS -- There were tents and tables everywhere at the Christmas Bazaar this year. There were even food trucks for the first time. If you didn't find unique gifts, you didn't attend -- there was something for everyone.



Home decorating contest

Is your property a winner?

Have you started decorating the outside of your home for the holidays yet? If not, you have until Dec. 15 to put on your house or condo's holiday best if you'd like to be considered for a prize.

A committee of four, Donna Tyner, Donna Hansen McMillin, Debbie Brown and Jill Wolf, will drive around the community after Dec. 15 and choose the top three decorated properties to receive prizes. The top prize will be a \$50 gift certificate.



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"No one should feel pressured to decorate," said Donna Tyner, board presi-

dent, "this should be a fun experience, not a burden."

While the committee will drive around all the streets, if residents want to let the office know they'll be decorating their homes, they should call the office and leave their addresses. In that way, they can be certain their homes are viewed for the contest. The office phone is 831-2035.

URGENT: COVID growing, Christmas Dinner cancelled

Right at press time, directors learned of several new COVID cases in the community and were deciding what changes they should implement in the common area.

The Christmas Buffet Dinner has been cancelled. "Because some of our people have become ill, we feel it will be safer to cancel our annual dinner," said Terry Wiersum, president of the Social Club. "We hate to do that but our residents come first."

Donna Tyner, KCCA board president, said, "Directors are discussing how to handle what appears to be a new surge. We just learned that six residents who contracted COVID had been vaccinated. So we feel this is a highly contagious strain and we don't want anyone else to become ill."

Tyner asked residents to call the office or check posted flyers to see if their activities will be continuing for the time being.

President's message

Newton, Seymour, Toms, Wolf elected to 2022-2023 board

"We just completed another election last month, and I'd like to welcome members Brad Seymour and Jill Wolf to the 2022-23 board and give a big 'welcome back' to Directors Joe Newton and Carol Ann Toms," said board President Donna Tyner. The rest of the board next year will be Donna Hansen McMillin, Brian Holloway and Roger Kirby.

The election results are listed on page 3.

"I'd like to thank our Inspector of Elections Willie Flaherty and her team of ballot counters who were Mike and Tammy Plowman, Wyatt Ross, Annette Silvey, Lynn Dee Smith and Darlene Spoor," she said.

Leaving the board at the end of this year are Buster Beebe and Donna Tyner.

"I'm so grateful for our directors this year," said Tyner. "Buster, Roger and Joe performed real

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Residents: Please hide your garbage containers!

We've had complaints from residents that some people leave their garbage, recycle or green containers out for some time instead of putting them away after they've been emptied.

The containers should be behind fences, inside garages, or in backyards. The Declaration of Restrictions, reads: "1H, 14, A,(iv): Trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept only in sanitary containers and shall be regularly collected or shall be deposited in bins or other trash collection receptacles located throughout Kern City and intended for trash collection purposes. No Owner shall permit or cause any trash or refuse to be kept within any part of Kern City other than in customary receptacles. Except on the scheduled day for trash pickup, these receptacles shall be located only in places specifically designated for such purposes."



Are you a volunteer?

By Sharon Parks

I really appreciate all of you who give so selflessly of your time and energy to make Kern City great!

Your title is Volunteer. You are too often the unsung heroes and heroines of the community and we want to give you more recognition from now on. Also, in 2022 we want to celebrate you at a luncheon so watch the Klarion for information on that.

In the meantime, I want to remind you all that we track your hours and turn them into the county each month. That is part of the RSVP program and it receives a federal grant that helps seniors throughout Kern County. It helps sup-



port programs that directly benefit our residents such as Meals on Wheels and more.

Therefore, I am making a request that if you volunteer, that you complete a form from the office and track your volunteer hours.

I need everyone's form turned in on or before the fifth (5th) of each month. And thank you all again for your contributions!

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**Buster Beebe,
Donna Hansen McMillin,
Brian Holloway,
Roger Kirby,
Joe Newton,
Carol Ann Toms,
Donna Tyner**

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President's Message:

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physical labor around the common area and at the RV Park. And I'm grateful to all the board for their ensuring that some big ticket items were taken care of this year."

According to Tyner, some of those items were: Replacing some card key locks at and around the pool area, resurfacing the stage floor and steps, replacing an office door, replacing and adding some barbed wire in the area behind the woodshop, repairing and resealing the parking lot asphalt, and adding concrete around the waterfall.

Also last month, directors voted at the regular board meeting to approve the 2021 budget. "With

everything going on in the world, we did not want to add to people's problems so we kept spending low and we did not raise the annual assessment for next year," she noted.

"Therefore, as previously announced, the assessment will be \$425 again and if people cannot pay the whole amount before Jan. 16th when payments will be late, the office will work with them to make payment plans."

Finally, I just want to thank everyone in our community for all your support," Tyner added. "I have had such a wonderful time serving on the board. I have learned a lot and I really appreciate the kindness and hard work shown

by so many people in our community. I am going to remain active wherever I can, and one of those activities will be to continue helping in the Library. So I hope you all will stop by to say hello and take

advantage of all our books, puzzles, magazines, computers and more.

So this isn't goodbye, it's see you later!

Donna Tyner

ELECTION RESULTS

**KERN CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION FINAL BALLOT COUNT
FOR ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021
ELECTED DIRECTORS (for 2022-2023 term):**

Joe Newton, Brad Seymour, Carol Ann Toms and Jill Wolf

Directors	# Votes
Member	Number of Votes
Debbie Brown	207
Joe Newton	280
Brad Seymour	252
Carol Ann Toms	208
Jill Wolf	268

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**Total Ballots Received: 363
Rejected Ballots: 7
Total Counted: 356**

Manager's Report

It's hard to believe that we're still dealing with COVID, and reports are that it could get worse. Because we learned of a couple residents who recently contracted it, the board is asking that everyone who visits the common area wear a mask.

Vaccinated people are reporting getting COVID too, so we ask that people bear with us on this. Also, if you have been close to someone with the disease, please do not visit the common area for 10 days.

With your help, we hope to avoid spreading this. Also, CDC and other reports say that COVID could get much worse in January so please know that the board may have to change restrictions accordingly.

With all that said, I hope that your holidays are wonderful and illness free!

Jill Foley

**The board of directors
and staff wish
you all a very
Happy Hanukkah and
Merry Christmas!
Our wish is that you
stay well, safe and
stress free.**



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

In the Town Hall with COVID-19 restrictions

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Donna Tyner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Donna Hansen McMillin, Brian Holloway, Roger Kirby, Joe Newton, and Carol Ann Toms, and Manager Jill Foley. Director Tyner welcomed attendees and explained the meeting was a 'working dinner.' The dinner was provided by Rhonda Messersmith of 'The Supper Club' which prepares meals for residents in Kern City at a cost. This regular board meeting will be short so we can immediately start the annual meeting. That's when we learn the results of our recent election. We need to start that meeting as soon as possible because the Inspector of Elections cannot start counting the votes until the annual meeting starts. After all items are covered, there will be a break while the election ballot counters add up the votes, and meeting attendees will be able to visit tables set up around the room to learn about all the activities available in Kern City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There was an executive board meeting on Nov. 4 to discuss personnel and contract issues. There will be another Executive Board Meeting on personnel on Nov. 12.

Fred Hufnagel led the flag salute.

II. MINUTES: Director Hansen McMillin asked if there were any corrections to the Oct. 12, 2021 minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Hansen McMillin reported that as of Oct. 31, 2021, the Checking Account had \$121,143.34 and the Reserve Account had a balance of \$646,579.80. The CD money was moved into the Reserve Account last month to earn more interest. Therefore, the total in Mechanics Bank as of Oct. 31, 2021 was \$767,723.14.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT: Jill Foley reported the following: The deadline to turn in letters

to the Editor or classified ads for the Klarion is Monday, Nov. 15, by noon. Basham Funeral Home will be in the Town Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 19, to talk about end of life and funeral planning, veteran's funeral benefits, etc. Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to the office. The office will be closed on Veteran's Day, but veterans will be celebrated at the 2nd Friday potluck on Friday, Nov. 12, at noon.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS: No committee reports this month.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Action to Accept 2022 Budget -- Secretary/Treasurer Hansen McMillin reminded board members they had previously approved the draft budget for next year. It was sent to the members and publicized but there were no concerns or questions from the members. Hansen McMillin made a motion to approve the budget for next year. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

b. Action on New Inspector of Elections -- President Tyner stated the board had voted to accept Michael Plowman as the inspector of elections but he had to step down. Willie Flaherty was chosen to replace him and the board needs to vote on her. Director Roger Kirby made a motion to appoint Willie Flaherty as the inspector of elections. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Action to Renew Space for Free Tax Preparation -- Director Hansen McMillin reported AARP representatives would like to prepare taxes for free for residents again this year. If approved, Kern City will provide a room two days a week for four months. We provided the room for that purpose this year, and we were still able to accommodate all other requests to use rooms. Also, quite a few residents took advantage of the free tax service this year and really appreciate the program. Hansen McMillin made a motion to allow AARP to use a room two days a week during this tax season provide free tax preparation to Kern City residents. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

VIII. DIRECTORS FORUM: To be held during the Annual meeting.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM: To be held during the Annual meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT-- Director Tyner adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hansen McMillin, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: (includes 7 directors, manager and 45 members)

KCCA'S ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER: President Donna Tyner called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Donna Hansen McMillin, Brian Holloway, Roger Kirby, Joe Newton, and Carol Ann Toms, and Manager Jill Foley. Director Tyner welcomed attendees and said they had already saluted the flag. She asked the Inspector of Elections, Willie Flaherty, and her team to begin counting the ballots.

II. REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES, FINANCIAL CONDITION OF ASSOCIATION:

a. Financial -- Treasurer Hansen McMillin reported the association was doing well financially. The Reserve Study says there should be \$500,178 in Reserves this year, and we have exceeded that. Regarding the \$25 per property that has been set aside for the pool fund for the last 5 years, this is the last year is the last year. Currently \$128,000 has been collected, and interest will be added to that, and that amount will be earmarked for the pool. While the \$25 will no longer be put toward the pool fund, assessments will not be lowered because the money is needed to offset the rising costs that have been occurring yearly. The pool fund was in a CD and we moved that money into the Reserve Account last month to take advantage of a higher interest rate. The

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Kern City Community Church

Police Dole Out Gifts, Not Tickets

As I was reading this week, I came across an article that I thought you may enjoy during the holidays which reads:

“These Drivers Thought They Were Getting Tickets. Instead, Police Gave Them Christmas Gifts” by Kate Abbey-Lambertz, posted on HUFFINGTON POST, 12/12/14

“Getting pulled over by a police officer can make a good day bad and a bad day worse. Unless, of course, he helps you with your Christmas shopping instead of writing you a ticket,” reports the HUFFINGTON POST:

In a video released Tuesday, the police department in Lowell, Michigan, did just that. * Over two days in November, Officer Scot VanSolkema stopped unsuspecting drivers for minor infractions, like illegally tinted windows, that the department might normally let slide, according to Today.

After he pulled them over, VanSolkema made small talk and sneakily asked drivers what they or their kids wanted for Christmas. Meanwhile, a group of helpers were standing by at a nearby store. As soon as they heard a driver’s Christmas wish, they’d race to

find, buy, wrap and deliver it to VanSolkema.

Instead of tickets, the officer handed over gifts, like a new TV and an electric scooter. Drivers had reactions that turned from irritation into confusion before melting into joy, and, in some cases, hugs. Application:

Isn’t it sad that those who have been tasked with the job of “keeping the peace” usually evoke such a sense of fear and dread within us? There’s no doubt that those Lowell, Michigan, citizens were convinced that the officer approaching their car was there to drop the hammer and nail them on one infraction or another.

Some of that stems from our own sense of guilt and shame. We’re just sure that we must have done something wrong! And some of it stems from an expectation that those who are charged with keeping the law take some sort of perverted delight in catching us when we break it.

But on this day, all expectations were shattered. It’s important to note that the officer pulled over the drivers for legitimate reasons (illegal tinting or a burned out turn signal). Yet he chose to look right

past the driver’s guilt to the driver’s need for those yet unfulfilled gifts on their Christmas lists.

This is exactly the way our gracious God chooses to deal with us each and every day!

While many of us see Him as the great “law keeper” in the sky, just waiting to nail us on one thing or another, the reality is exactly the opposite. He’s the great keeper of the peace Who has Himself already satisfied all the requirements of the Law, so that He can look right past our guilt to our need. And the best part is HE is our gift!

It shatters our expectations. It’s confusing. But let the reality sink in, then just melt into the joy!

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

We at Kern City Community Church wish you a very happy and merry Christmas! We also would like to invite you to attend our Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday at 1003 Pebble Beach Dr. in the Community Hall.

Pastor Tim Zimanek

KC Church Schedule

The Holidays always bring special challenges for everyone. Your Kern City Community Church invite you worship and study with us to help you deal with all the extra stress. Everyone is welcome at any of the Sunday services and Wednesday Bible study.

Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m.
in the Town Hall

Special Christmas theme messages
are planned this month.

Wednesday Bible study is at 10:00 a.m.
in the Community room.

SPIRIT:

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participate where you can.

“First, our Social Club will be paying one homeowner’s assessment -- that’s \$425 -- for next year, and the winner’s name will be drawn at our December board meeting,” she said. “You don’t have to be present to win but you might want to come to this meeting. It will be on Dec. 14 at 9:00 a.m.

“We are also expecting to have a lot of fun with a property decorating contest, and we will award prizes to three owners. Check this paper for details. No one needs to feel pressured to participate but we hope that people who can will decorate,” she added.

Tyner also noted that the very popular new painting class (for every level of painter) will be on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10:00 a.m. to noon and reservations must be made by Friday, Dec. 3. There will also be a community holiday parade on Dec. 11 at 2:00 p.m. starting in the parking lot and on the same day, the free Christmas Vacation movie will be in the Town Hall with doors opening at 3:00 p.m.

“Come out and show your holiday spirit,” she urged.

Library News

I can't believe it's December already! Where has the year gone? Hopefully, you've been spending some of it in the library. We're keeping busy making it a place you would like to be. Newspapers and magazines are current and waiting for you to enjoy. If you happen to get new books for Christmas be sure to think of us for those you've read and need to get rid of. There's nothing I like better than to be able to put out new releases every month. Thank you as always for your donations.

My first offering this month is by Sean Hannity. It's entitled **LIVE FREE OR DIE**. America's top-rated cable news host and #1 New York Times bestselling author offers his first book in ten years, a look at America's fight against those who would reverse our traditions of freedom – a fight we can't afford to lose.

An author who is impossible to keep up with, James Patterson, has a 2021 release entitled **THE NOISE**. Two sisters have always stood together. Now they're the only ones left. In the shadow of Mt. Hood, 16-year-old Tennant is checking rabbit traps with her 8-year-old sister, Sophie, when the girls are overcome by a strange vibration rising out of the forest. The sound only continues to get worse...

Don't forget to come by and get Christmas cards at 10 cents each and calendars for 25 cents. We also have a few gift bags and note pads.

*Happy Reading,
Donna Tyner*

DECEMBER ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

DVDs

Broken Bridges
A Madea Family Funeral
Rampart

Toby Keith/Kelly Preston
Tyler Perry
Woody Harrelson/Ned Beatty

AUDIO – BOOKS ON CD

Christie, Agatha
Kyle, Chris
L'Amour, Louis

Poirot (3 CDs)
American Sniper (9 CDs)
To Tame A Land (5CDs)

BOOKS: M = Mystery LP = Large Print ** = Christian/Inspirational Novels NF = Non-Fiction N = Novel ML = Military

N	Abbott, Megan	You Will Know Me
N	Clark, Mary Higgins	Kiss The Girls And Make Them Cry
N	Cleeves, Ann	Cold Earth
N	Sparks, Nicholas	The Wedding
M	Cussler, Clive	The Emperor's Revenge
M	Indridason, Arnaldur	Reykjavik Nights
M	Patterson, James	The Noise
M	Sanford, John	Extreme Prey
M	White, Randy Wayne	Seduced
**	Evans, Richard Paul	The Road Home
**	Goyer, Tricia	Beyond Hope's Valley
NF	Hannity, Sean	Live Free Or Die
NF	Weiner, Tim	Enemies
ML	Maas, Peter	The Terrible Hours



Christmas/holiday cards are here plus 2022 calendars!

Before you spend \$6 on a card or a calendar, check out the Library's assortment. Cards are 10 cents each and calendars 25 cents! You can't beat that.

And there are other cards, including thank you's, get well, happy birthday and more!

Thanks to those who donate new and beautiful cards -- some are very expensive ones but you get the bargain. The money goes to the Social Club to help put on activities for residents.





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Dish Soap and Disinfectant Wipes
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Razors & Shaving Cream
Quality Two-ply Toilet Paper
Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Lotions
Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Men's and Ladies Deodorant
Large Print Word Find/Puzzle Books
White Socks & Calendars
Hand Sanitizer, Dish Towels, Wash Clothes, Dish Clothes
\$10 Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Drug Stores, Dollar Tree, etc.)

Help brighten a low-income, isolated, homebound Senior's
or Veterans Christmas by collecting sundries and toiletries with
a group of friends, Your business, school or church group.

**BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE KERN CITY OFFICE
BETWEEN 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday by December 15!**

**For more information:
Call 662-6990
13129 Rosedale Hwy**

Around Kern City

November was a very busy month with activities and events for just about every taste. We held the largest Christmas Bazaar ever, celebrated veterans at the 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch, held the Annual Meeting and elected four new directors for 2022-2023, and in late October dressed up and decorated bikes and carts for the Halloween community ride and showed free movies. Be sure to read this issue to see what activities are available this month -- as long as COVID restrictions don't increase.



LOVE THOSE PIES -- Solstice Senior Living outdid itself this year. Besides bringing 100 pies to residents, Jane Patel and Chris Jones brought a huge gift basket that a lucky resident won.



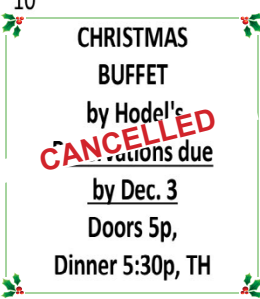
HOLIDAY COMMUNITY RIDE

There will be a community ride on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Feel free to decorate your bike, scooter, or golf cart and join us. Questions? Call me at 320-260-7230.

Carol Ann Toms



DECEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

Sun CR = Del Webb Conf. Room in TH CM = Community Room L = Library P = Pool PR = Pool Room (Dog House) SR = Sewing Rm TH = Town Hall WS = Woodshop	Mon	Tues	1 Wed Quilters, 9-12, SR SR Exer. 10-12 TH Bible Study 10 CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line Dancing, Adv - 2:15p, TH	2 Thurs SR Bridge,9:30- 2:30, SR TOPS 9-11 CM SR Exer. 10-12 TH Poker, 10-3:30, PR Canasta, 12-5, CM Writers group, 3:30 - 4:30p, SR	3 Fri 2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP In office Christmas Buffet on 12-10 RSVP deadline for Paint Class on Dec. 4.. Call Kat at 472-9193 	4 Sat Painting class 10a-noon <u>Reserve by Dec. 3 at 2p</u> <u>Kat at 472-9193.</u> <u>Lafalot Dance, 7-10p, TH</u> <u>Bring finger food. Info?</u> <u>Call Debbe at 747-0328.</u>
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Opportunities

PINOCHLE NEWS--We would like to invite all Kern City residents and their guests to join us on Tuesday evenings for a friendly game of Single Deck Pinochle. We are located in the Community Room next to the pool. Play starts at 6:00 p.m., doors open at 5:30. There is a fee of \$1 for residents, \$3 for guests.

Double pinochle winners for October and November were Richard Thiel, Norman Rilling, Jeff Thiel, Jill Wolf, Marjorie Bethke and Caroline Thiel. The highest pinochle score for the period of 9/21/21 to 10/12/21 was Norman Rilling at 503. Are you a bit rusty, want to learn how to

play, or just have a question for us? Please call Marjorie Bethke at 1-850-293-4710 or Jill Wolf at 496-1810.



QUILTERS UNITE! -- We know there are some wonderful quilters out there and many who would love to learn to quilt. Therefore, the quilting group is inviting you to join them on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Sewing Room. If you'd just like to visit and see what they do, that's alright, too. The group is considering doing other kinds of sewing and crafts, also. The room has two very large tables for cutting and laying out projects and plenty of room for setting up your sewing machines. Questions, please call Marian at 835-8214 or Joan at 332-2729.



Residents, you are invited to

FREE JAZZ PERFORMANCES at the Sundale Country Club

There is no cover charge, but should you wish to help support them, donations are accepted for the jazz scholarship programs. Events are live on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and food and drink are available for purchase. They'll offer special drinks including watermelon margaritas and lime mojitos.

Dec. 7: Tevis Jr High Jazz Band

Dec. 14: James Robert Thomas, guitar, featuring the works of Wes Montgomery

Dec. 21: Singer's Holiday Showcase! 12 local great artists rendering classics

Dec. 28: Izzy Foster, trombonist, currently studying at Berklee College of Music

Safe ways for seniors to volunteer

Charitable organizations rely on the efforts of volunteers to meet their missions every day. People of all ages can volunteer, and a great number of volunteers are seniors.

A 2016 survey from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that nearly one-quarter of American volunteers are age 65 and over. That was never more apparent than during the COVID-19 pandemic, when many nonprofit organizations were suddenly forced to confront a volunteer shortage due to the adoption of social distancing guidelines that were designed to keep vulnerable populations, such as seniors, as safe as possible. One study from Fidelity Charitable found that two out of three volunteers decreased or stopped contributing time during the pandemic.

The rollout of various COVID-19 vaccines has allowed vaccinated individuals to return to a certain degree of pre-pandemic nor-

malcy. However, the threat posed by strains of the virus like the Delta variant has made some seniors apprehensive about returning to volunteering. Though each individual should consider various factors before returning to volunteering during the pandemic, the following are some options seniors can consider as they aim to safely pitch in once again.

- **Look for contactless opportunities.** Interactions with the people they help and work alongside is what drives many volunteers to lend a helping hand. That's especially so for seniors whose children have grown up and moved out. In person interactions may be too risky during the pandemic, but seniors can still volunteer via contactless opportunities. For example, in lieu of delivering meals by hand, seniors who work with organizations such as Meals on Wheels can deliver prepackaged meals outside recipients' residences.

- **Pitch in with fundraising.** A report from Giving USA released in 2021 revealed that Americans gave more to charity in 2020 than in 2019. That increase came in spite of an economic downturn that saw millions of people lose their jobs or take pay cuts as companies scrambled to deal with lost revenue related to the pandemic. Though giving might have increased in 2020, many nonprofit organizations, including local community theaters, likely suffered due to cancellations and audience restrictions. As a result, many local nonprofit organizations are in need of financial support. Seniors who want to pitch in but stay safe can volunteer to help local organizations raise funds. Seniors can participate in fundraising efforts from the comforts of their own homes.



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONT.

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Reserve Account earns 0.15% while the CD was 0.03%.

b. Condition of the Community – President Tyner reported the community continues to look good. There are a few properties that still are being dealt with but as a whole the neighborhoods are very attractive and clean. She thanked homeowners for taking such good care of their properties and abiding by the rules. In the common areas the usual maintenance and light repairs were done, outside walls were cleaned and painted, and several rose bushes and plants that were dying were removed. Landscaping for those areas will be decided on next year. Big ticket items taken care of this year were: Resurfacing the stage floor and steps, replacing an office door, replacing and adding some barbed wire in the area behind the woodshop, repairing and resealing the parking lot asphalt, and adding concrete around the waterfall. President Tyner thanked Directors Newton, Kirby, and Beebe for their hard physical labor moving dirt around the complex and Directors Kirby and Beebe for maintaining the RV Storage Park. She also thanked Director Holloway for work on inside maintenance and setting up ‘techie’ items such as the video camera, projector and lighting. She also thanked the entire board for its help with decision making.

III. DIRECTORS FORUM:

a. President Tyner reminded residents about the Christmas Home Decorating Contest. Residents can decorate the outside of their homes but there is no pressure on anyone to do so. A committee will drive around to pick the top three winners and prizes will be awarded. To be considered for a prize, a property must be decorated by Dec. 15.

b. President Tyner reported the Social Club has offered to pay one homeowner’s assessment for 2022. The office will print out the name of every owner and the winning name will be drawn at the December board meeting.

c. Director Newton recognized people have security concerns. He suggested people be careful to keep doors locked. If residents see people on the golf course who shouldn’t be

there they should not be afraid to call the Bakersfield Police Department. Director Holloway encouraged residents to be involved in the Neighborhood Watch program. Information about the Neighborhood Watch program will be in the Klarion.

d. Director Toms said she has gotten some emails and calls complaining about how the flower beds with the rock look especially after the removal of rose bushes from the area. Directors Holloway and Newton stated the bushes were dead or dying and there was an issue with water hitting the walls. The walls have since been painted. President Tyner said the board will decide next year what to plant in those flower beds. This is not the time to plant.

e. Director Hansen McMillin reported that there had been a meeting with the representatives of the 17 Local Associations within Kern City. The goal is to work with the Local Associations and their property management companies with issues they may be having and to see where the board or office might be able to help.

IV. OPEN FORUM:

a. Terry Wiersum, President of the Social Club, thanked those who help the Social Club. She reported the bazaar was excellent and raised \$3,168 for the Social Club. She thanked Jill and Daryl Wolf, Joe Newton, Buster Beebe and Roger Kirby for all their help. She also thanked Donna Tyner for her support and help during this last year.

b. A resident asked those who walk around Kern City, especially in the early morning or the evenings, to wear clothing or something on their clothes that will make it easy to see them. She said it is hard to see people when it is dark and she is concerned for their safety.

c. A member asked about bug abatement at the condos. President Tyner said she needed to call the property management company for her local association.

d. According to a member the door to the ladies’ restroom by the exercise room is hard to open for someone with a disability. Directors Beebe and Holloway said they would look into it.

e. Another member said it was the best bazaar she had been to in Kern City. She also won-

dered if the Board normally stays in contact with the condo associations or if this was something unusual. Director Hansen McMillin stated that the Board tries to maintain a good relationship with the condo associations to ensure they are in compliance with the laws and to see if they need help.

f. President Tyner said she will be off the board next year and thanked the Directors for their support and hard work. She appreciates what everyone does from the staff, the directors, and the volunteers.

g. Volunteer coordinator Sharon Parks requested that volunteers turn in their hours to her by the fifth of the month so she can turn them in on time to the Volunteer Center of Bakersfield.

Meeting break while waiting for the ballot counting to be finished from 6:02 to 6:45 p.m.

V. ELECTION RESULTS:

President Tyner read the election results and stated the four directors who received the most number of votes (in no particular order) are:

Jill Wolf	268
Joe Newton	280
Brad Seymour	252
Carol Ann Toms	208

Debbie Brown received 207 votes.

President Tyner thanked those who ran this year and said the results would be posted and publicized. She also thanked those who voted. There was a total of 363 ballots counted and 7 ballots were rejected due to irregularities. She thanked Ms. Flaherty for her work ensuring the accuracy of the ballots and her team for their work counting them.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Director Tyner adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hansen McMillin, Secretary-Treasurer
Attendance: (includes 7 directors, manager and 47 members)

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