



Kern City Klarion

November
2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 4 – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!
 Nov. 5 – Set Clocks back 1 hour
 Nov. 6 – Volunteer Hours due
 Nov. 7 -- Social Club Mtg, 2p, TH
 Nov. 10 – 2nd Friday Potluck, 12 TH
 Nov. 14 – ANNUAL Mtg, 5:30p TH
 Nov. 15 – Neighborhood Watch, 1p
 Nov. 18 -- Pancake Breakfast, free pie

Note: Closed Nov. 23 & 24 and at noon Nov. 11.

Residents, these are specially for you!

SHOP THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR –

Your favorite shopping event is back on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. People can shop for very unique and beautiful items and delicious food. Visit the Town Hall, its patio and the front lawn for fabulous vendors and home-made goodies. A taco truck and hot dog truck will be on-site. Items are perfect for Christmas, Hanukkah, birthdays and other occasions.

HOLIDAY HOME DECORATION

CONTEST – HGTV will be jealous if residents decorate their homes again this holiday! A \$50 gift card will be awarded for the best decorated house and for the best decorated condo. But to be considered for a prize, the decorations must be completed by Dec. 10.

FREE PIE AT PANCAKE BREAK-FAST

– On Saturday, Nov. 18, the Social Club is back with the best deal in town (\$7 per person) which will be available from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., and Solstice Senior Living will give a pumpkin pie away free to each property as long as the pies last. Breakfast will include: Those delicious pancakes, sausage, egg bites, potatoes, grits and a fruit and yogurt parfait. Beverages include coffee, orange

juice, and cucumber water.

RSVP -- FREE CINNAMON ROLLS

– The Kern City Board will again give away two free **cinnamon rolls** to each property that RSVPs, and residents can also purchase more rolls if they like. This giveaway is dependent upon the county's Volunteer Center being able to hold its fundraiser again this year.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & PAID

ASSESSMENT – The Social Club

has done it again! It has planned a great Christmas dinner during which it will have a drawing to pay the 2024 assessment for one lucky property owner. The dinner will be Dec. 15th but reservations are due no later than Dec. 8 because it will be catered by Mossman's. The \$25 tickets go on sale on Nov. 6 in the office. The Social Hour (5:00 to 5:45 p.m.) menu includes stuffed mushrooms and bruschetta, and the Buffet Dinner (starting at 5:45 p.m.) includes salad, Tuscan chicken, rice with peas and carrots, green beans almondine, rolls and butter and cobbler. This will be a fun event with a Music Makers singalong and with a prize given in an ugly sweater contest plus drawings for three gifts with a \$100 value each.

President's message

Ensuring safe, joyful holiday season

Dear Esteemed Residents,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits as we approach the festive holiday season. As we all eagerly anticipate the joyous celebrations, it is paramount that we prioritize safety, particularly for our cherished senior members. It seems that either the weather or the season brings unwanted and unsavory characters looking to steal packages and even find shelter in vacant homes.

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Help make season brighter for Kern City seniors

Donations will be accepted this year for Christmas for Seniors, and the donations will be shared with some seniors in Kern City.

"Last year, the Bakersfield Police Department did not have its annual

Christmas for Seniors program so we did not ask our seniors to donate," said Director Donna Hansen McMillin.

"The surprising thing was that many seniors brought donations to the office

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Time to vote!

If residents haven't voted yet, the deadline for ballots to be received in the post office is Monday, Nov. 13, 2023. There are four open positions on the 2024-2025 Board of Directors, and five members are running to serve on the board. See the candidates on page 6.

"We will announce the results of the election at our Annual Meeting which

will be held at night on Tuesday, Nov. 14," said Brad Seymour, board president. "We'll have our regular board meeting first at 5:30 p.m. and it will be very short so that we can begin our Annual Meeting immediately afterwards."

Seymour reminded people to mail in their ballots because they cannot be taken to the office. He also said that if

anyone hasn't received a ballot yet to call the office immediately at (661) 831-2035. If a mistake is made on a ballot, the member should take it to the office to receive a new ballot.

The votes will be counted during the Annual Meeting and the results will be read at the end of the meeting.



"As we gather with loved ones this week, we join in expressing gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy in our community and nation—freedom, faith, and family.

From my home to yours, I hope you have a safe and *happy Thanksgiving.*"



Assemblyman **VINCE FONG**

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Lorene's Coffee Shop • Ming Ave, Bakersfield, CA

Business Hours: Monday-Saturday 6am to 9pm, Sunday 7am to 4pm

**Happy Thanksgiving to
our friends in Kern City.**



Lorene's November Coupon

Receive 20% Off the total of your bill.
Cannot be accompanied with other offer.
May use for breakfast, lunch or dinner.
Please present to server before ordering.

Coupon good for 2 people from 11-1-2023 to 11-30-2023
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**KERN CITY****OFFICE HOURS:**

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Kelley Lee

Joe Newton

Brad Seymour

Carol Ann Toms

Jill Wolf

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Neighborhood Watch

NOTE: There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Debbie Brown, 301 Bermuda St. For more information, contact Debbie at 209-535-4029,

We received several reports last month about incidents, and of course, the main one was about some squatters and a homeless man, who allegedly was the person sneaking onto people's properties. Some things were stolen and one fence was damaged. The outcome was that one squatter allegedly shot the homeless person who was suspected of going into people's yards, and one or more squatters were arrested. The man who was shot was taken to the hospital.

Background: The moment someone went into the vacant house where the squatters were, a resident notified Brad Seymour, KCCA board president. At that point, he and the office were on the phone with police, HUD, a reverse mortgage bank, the city councilwoman and more.

It's very unfortunate, but HOAs do not have the authority to evict people. Also, California law is very lenient with squatters so the police cannot evict them unless certain circumstances are present which were not in this case.

To be clear, Kern City is still safer than most areas. However, things are getting worse everywhere, and that means no place will be free of crime. Regarding the current vacant house, President Seymour is still pressuring the bank that has authority to evict any leftover squatters and to do so as soon as possible.

We are also talking to police to set up another event where they visit the Town Hall and discuss how to make homes safer. In the meantime, they suggest if residents see anything suspicious/unusual to call the police right away. They said to lock windows, doors and garages and install outside lights and security cameras.

For more tips on how to be safe, see the President's message starting on Page 1.

Last month we also learned that the mail vandals were at it again when they hit the condo mailboxes on Bermuda Street. They discarded mail they didn't want all over the ground. A resident recommended that people check their mail every day!

There were also two reports of stolen vehicles, one of which was later returned!

Kern City was holding Neighborhood Watch meetings to try to encourage more residents to participate in the program but the meeting's attendance dwindled away. President Seymour is still requesting that neighbors step up to set up meetings on their blocks. Please notify the office at 831-2035 if anyone is willing to have a Neighborhood Watch on your block and/or be the block captain.



CANDIDATES AND OKTOBERFEST – Candidates for director spoke and the Social Club celebrated Oktoberfest at last month's potluck. There was a huge turnout and some residents really dressed for the occasion. Join the club's events if you want to have fun!

Manager's Report

Is your pet safe?

A resident with a small dog was walking on the patio behind the Town Hall and a very large owl swooped down several times getting closer and closer to the dog. The last swoop was the owl's attempt to grab the dog but the owner pulled his leash in just in time.

We see owls every now and then and some are very big. A large turkey vulture was also spotted at the golf course.

This information is just to warn people to watch out for their dogs and cats when they are outside. There are raccoons, possums, and skunks roaming around, too, and some could be sick. We don't hear that wild animals are sick very often, but it does happen.

It is very important that you do the following:

- If you put food outside for your pets to eat, try to place it where other animals cannot get to it.
- The Sundale Country Club has asked that people do not walk on the golf by themselves or with their pets.
- Keep your dogs on a leash when outside your yards.

We appreciate all of you who are careful and considerate pet owners!

Jill Foley

Condolences

The Board of Directors and staff of the Kern City Civic Association offer their thoughts and prayers to the families and loved ones of the residents here who passed away recently:

Lainie Foster, Fred Hallmark, Patty McCall Davis, Darrell Vanhorn, Rosellyn Witer

DRAFT KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023 9:00 a.m.

The meeting will be videotaped and recorded. The tape recording will be erased after the minutes are done.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

a. Welcome: President Brad Seymour called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Donna Hansen McMillin, Joe Newton, Carol Ann Toms, and Jill Wolf and Manager Jill Foley. Director Kelley Lee was absent. President Seymour welcomed attendees and Roger Kirby led the flag salute.

b. Announcements: President Seymour reminded everyone the Annual meeting will be next month immediately following the regular board meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14. He recommended everyone attend the 2nd Friday potluck lunch this Friday for a chance to hear and see the candidates running for office. The candidates are: Ilene Schechter, Margie Schwartz and Darryl Slavin and Jill Wolf and Brad Seymour who are running for a second term. The term will be over at the end of this year for Joe Newton, Brad Seymour, Carol Ann Toms and Jill Wolf. President Seymour reminded members if they come to the potluck to hear the candidates and plan to eat to please bring a dish to share.

II. MINUTES: Director Hansen McMillin asked if there were any corrections to the Sept. 12, 2023 minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Hansen McMillin reported that as of Sept. 30, 2023, the Checking Account had \$45,202.35. There is \$41,770.58 of the checking account money in an interest-earning Money Market Account which earns 2% interest. There is \$361,456.65 of our Reserve Account in a nine-month CD which earns 4% at Mechanics Bank. Therefore, the total in Mechanics Bank as of

Sept. 30, 2023 was \$448,429.58.

At Valley Strong there is \$132,719.81 of the swimming pool money in a nine-month CD earning 4.150 % interest. In Alta One, the 10-month

CD earning 4.84% interest, has \$245,813.61. Between the three banking institutions, there is \$826,963.00.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Foley reported the following: The deadline to turn in Letters to the Editor or classified ads for the *Klarion* is Friday, Oct. 13th by noon. Ballots have been mailed out and if you have not received yours, please call the office. If you make a mistake on your ballot, bring it into the office and you will be given a new one. **Do Not** bring your completed ballot into the office, it must be mailed to the address printed on the envelope provided in the ballot package and you must put a stamp on it. We were sad to hear of the passing of Lainie Foster, Fred Hallmark, Patty McCall Davis, Darrell Vanhorn and Rosellyn Witer. Please contact the office if you know of a resident who has passed away.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Pool -- Speaking for Director Kelley Lee, President Seymour said the pool looks good and is about 76 degrees. The morning Aquasize class is no longer meeting, and the afternoon class will be ending soon. Currently, the pool heater issue is not being looked at as there are other problems that need to be addressed first, especially the grout.

b. Inside Maintenance -- Director Wolf reported all the air conditioning units will have their fall maintenance done this month. The equipment in the exercise room was inspected and the cracked hand grips on the Body Solid and Schwinn air bike are being replaced today. In the room between the Sewing Room and Community Room there are about 10 cases of Depends adult diapers if someone can use them. The office also has walkers, wheelchairs and shower chairs to loan out for members as needed. Please contact the office.

c. Outside Maintenance -- President Seymour said he would address this under Old Business.

d. RV Storage -- Director Beebe reported everything was looking good and the weeds are being taken care of. There are still some trailers parked there that are not RV's and Jennifer in the office is contacting those owners. He suggested when people come into the office to rent a space, they are asked specifically what type of trailer they want to

park in there. If there are any issues or break-ins at the RV Storage, please give the office a call. He also asked people to be considerate about their trash and if they 'bring it in they take it out.'

e. Special Projects -- Director Toms said the last Nostalgia Night for this year is this Friday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Petroleum Club. If reservations are made by Oct. 12th the cost is \$12.95, after that the cost is \$16.95. The Jazz Workshop is held every Tuesday evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Petroleum Club and is a great place to hear good music at no charge. Food and drink are available for purchase.

f. Library -- Director Hansen McMillin stated the Bakersfield puzzle is out in the library and encouraged people to help put it together. When it is finished it will be framed and hung in the Library. Now is a good time to buy your greeting, birthday and holiday cards for 10 cents each and 2024 calendars for 25 cents each. She encouraged everyone to visit the Library.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Action on Replacing Gardener -- President Seymour stated that it was time to review the gardening service. BARC increased its fees this year and it has struggled to have a regular crew come out every week. At times the crew has needed to be called back to complete it. He said he has gotten two bids in addition to the one submitted by BARC. Arreolas Gardening & Landscaping came in at \$1,850, Valley Lawn Service, which is a commercial lawn service, came in at \$1,950, and BARC's bid was \$2,125. All the bids covered the same work, including the repair of any sprinklers they break and weeding at the RV Storage. Director Beebe said he lives by Rosewood and is impressed at how Valley Lawn has taken care of the outside landscape. Director Newton made a motion to hire Valley Lawn Service as the new gardening service. Vote: Passed, unanimous. The contract will start on Jan. 1, 2024.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Action on Committee for Feral Animals -- President Seymour said he would like to appoint a committee to look at this issue. The committee will

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Library News

Happy Fall! Time to stock up on some good reading material and puzzles for the upcoming long evenings. There is plenty to choose from and we also have Christmas cards out for sale as well as 2024 Calendars. Hopefully, by the time you read this I will have a new printer installed. Modern technology sometimes gets the best of me. Thank you for your patience.

From Nicholas Sparks comes a novel about

the enduring legacy of first love and the decisions that haunt us forever. THE WISH tells us how, in 1996, everything changed for Maggie Dawes. She was sent away at 16 to live with an aunt she barely knew, and she could only think about the friends and family she left behind. And then she met Bryce Trickett.

Written by Michael Punke, the author of The Revenant, RIDGELINE tackles another huge legend of the West and sets it right. It is

the story of the Fetterman Massacre, one of the final and most significant Native American victories over the US Army. A highly compelling page-turner you won't be able to put down.

*Happy Reading,
Donna Tyner*

OCTOBER ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

DVDs

Accidental Tourist	William Hurt/Kathleen Turner
Ice Castles	Robby Benson/Colleen Dewhurst
Miss Congeniality 1 & 2	Sandra Bullock (2 discs)

AUDIO – BOOKS ON CD

Brown, Sandra	Low Pressure (12 CDs)
Hoag, Tami	Deeper Than the Dead (5 CDs)

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

N Gabaldon, Diana	Go Tell the Bees that I Am Gone
N Punke, Michael	Ridgeline
N Rieger, Susan	The Heirs
N Sparks, Nicholas	The Wish
LP McKeveatt, G.A.	Wicked Craving
LP Michaels, Fern	Betrayal
M Baldaccci, David	A Gambling Man
M Box, C.J.	Dark Sky
M Deaver, Jeffery	The Burial Hour
M Winspear, Jacqueline	Leaving Everything Most Loved
M Woods, Stuart	Shakeup
** LeHaye, Tim	The Remnant
** Meyer, Joyce	Unshakeable Trust
NF Levin, Mark R.	American Marxism
NF Trump, Donald Jr.	Liberal Privilege

Helping Seniors

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anyway, and Director Joe Newton was able to take the donations to a church that was giving the items to seniors in the city.

“Because our seniors are so generous, this year our board voted to collect donations for our own seniors who may appreciate some extras,” she said.

“Therefore, we are asking our residents two things: First, if you know of a resident who might appreciate some supplies, please give the office that person’s name and address by Nov. 30, and a Christmas bag will be delivered to them in December.”

“Second, if you would like to donate items, they should be brought to the office by Dec. 15. The office is open Monday through Friday, except holidays, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.” she added.

Items should be non-perishable and new and can be paper towels, tissues, paperback books in large type, shampoo, cleaning supplies, unexpired canned food, and more.

According to Hansen McMillin, member Ilene Schechter also sells gift cards to grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, Home Depot and Visa cards (without the \$5 fee). “These cards can be purchased from Ilene and donated to Christmas for Seniors or just bought as gift cards for others. Buying them from Ilene benefits a childcare program for underprivileged children in the city. Ilene can be reached at (661) 332-1212.”

Questions about Christmas for Seniors can be directed to the office at (661) 831-2035.

Christmas cards, '24 calendars



Do you need Christmas cards? Or 2024 calendars? The Library has those and an assortment of greeting cards, including Birthday, Thank You’s, Get Well, Sympathy, and more. If you’re looking for a specific type of card and don’t see that category, look under Miscellaneous.

Member Pat Kirby categorizes the cards -- that’s a job -- and thank you to all of you who donate them. Some cards are very expensive ones but residents get the bargain! The money goes to the Library.

Here are the candidates for director

Below are the members who are seeking a position on the Kern City Board of Directors. To be counted, only four candidates can be voted for. Also, please mail your ballot in so it is received in the post office no later than Monday, Nov. 13, 2023.

Candidate Bios

Ilene Schechter

My name is Ilene Schechter, and I am interested in being a Director for Kern City.

I moved to Kern City in November of 2017. Thereafter I purchased my home at 917 River Oaks in June of 2019.

I am involved in the Social Club and assist at many of the events in Kern City. I also deliver the Klarion newspaper.

I'm retired from Superior Court after working there for 26 years. The last 18 years as a Legal Assistant in the Family Law Facilitator's office. I also worked with a CD staff attorney researching complaints from incarcerated criminals. I'm currently a member of the local union office for Retired Court Employees.

I am a Trustee of my Temple and Chair of Membership having previously served as President and Past President/Parliamentarian. I am also the secretary of our Religious Practices Committee, the treasurer for our Jewish Child Center, on the Caring Committee, as well as being involved in several fundraisers throughout the fiscal year.

I volunteer as a preparer doing taxes for CAPIC here in Kern City.

I am also a volunteer for AYSO Soccer for over 36 years in several administrative positions.

I enjoy volunteering, which enriches my life, and believe I would be an asset as a Director for Kern City.



Margie Schwartz

Hello, my name is Margie Schwartz, and I'm excited to announce my candidacy for a position on Kern City's Board of Directors. I'm looking forward to working harmoniously with everyone in an effort to continuously make Kern City a wonderful place to live.

For those who do not know me, I've lived in Kern City several times over the years and bought my current home 2-1/2 years ago. Also, I'm a Bakersfield native and attended West High School, Bakersfield College, and Cal State.

I retired in 2022, after working 50 years in the banking industry. My last position was as the SVP of Compliance. As the bank's Compliance Manager, it was my responsibility to ensure the bank adhered to banking laws and regulations. During my tenure in banking, I developed an extensive number of skills in organization, communication, problem solving, leadership, training, and project management.

I have a volunteer spirit. I served as the president of Kern County's chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, a non-profit organization, and was the facilitator of Woman to Woman, a cancer support group, at Comprehensive Blood & Cancer Center. Currently, I'm the president of the Thunderbird Apartments Homeowners Association and I facilitate the Pinochle Club.

I'm very enthusiastic and give my all to every project. I think it is important to be involved in my community and believe my diverse background would be an asset to the Kern City Board.

Thank you for your consideration.
Together, we make a community!



Brad Seymour

I have been a resident of Kern City for 11 years. I have been active in the Kern City community from meeting many residents through walks with my wife to serving on the KCCA board of directors. My first year on the board I was charged with outside maintenance and helped to oversee many upgrades to our



facilities. From mapping utilities to working with the pool equipment along with roofing and HVAC projects. I am currently in my second year of my first term on the board and I am serving as your president. My vision for Kern City and its residents is to continue to build a place for all of our residents that provides resources and recreational things for all to participate and stay as active and involved as possible.

I am running for a second term for one simple reason, you the residents! We have seen an approximately 20% increase in participation from our residents while attending the many functions that are planned throughout the year. I would like to continue to help build this community for all residents to have a safe and fun place to live. I still work full time but my greatest joy is being involved in Kern City and volunteering for our community. My skills come from owning an international business and learning about other people and cultures. From board rooms to just getting my hands dirty I have gained a lot of knowledge that helps me and ultimately Kern City by serving on the board. Thank you for your consideration.

Darryl Slavin

I am very interested in serving on the Kern City Board of Directors.

My background is:

- 20+ years Public Safety/Service with Simi Valley, CA Police Department.
 - 13+ years Alarm/Security System Installer/business owner - CSLB licensed
 - 30+ years competent experience in basic construction, trades and home repairs
 - 5 years KCCA homeowner/resident
 - 2023 – Vice President of my local HOA
 - 2+ years Volunteer service with various animal rescues, Santa Clarita, CA
 - Arizona Trade School graduate
 - Member - Kern City Community Church
- I would greatly appreciate your vote.



Candidate Bios

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Jill Wolf

My name is Jill Wolf and I am currently serving my first term on the board of directors. I have absolutely loved it, and I would greatly appreciate being able to continue seeing some projects through by serving a second term.



My husband Daryl and I have lived in Kern City for six years along with some of Daryl's family. It's so awesome to have family here along with all the wonderful friends we've made.

While on the board I've overseen many inside maintenance projects including installation of new lights in all four activity rooms, adding a new poker table, installing an exhaust fan in the woodshop, painting the sewing room and updating a storage room.

My husband and I have also planted flowers along the Pebble Beach side of the buildings, and I enjoy caring for them.

I also volunteer in the office and look for other ways I can help around the facilities. I never realized just how much work is involved in keeping up the common area and helping our residents, and it's extremely fulfilling when improvements can be completed.

I enjoy playing bunco and being involved with the Social Club. I also work with member Patti Reed to hold quarterly Meet and Greet meetings for residents and help with Neighborhood Watch on my block.

I would greatly appreciate your vote so I can complete more projects for the community! Thank you so much!

President's Message

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If you know of a vacant home near you, please discuss it with your neighbors to be aware of unknown vehicles or persons lingering around the property. And let the KCCA office know immediately. We have been building a great rapport with the Bakersfield Police Department and they are contacting me and the office day and night.

Report suspicions/crimes, please! If not to BPD, then to me. They take my calls and we are getting great responses from them.

With that in mind, I'd like to share some important tips and reminders to ensure that this holiday season is not only filled with merriment but also marked by a steadfast commitment to your well-being.

1. Home Safety Matters: Keep your doors and windows locked at all times. Keep your garage door closed as soon as you finish your task in the garage. Daytime theft is very common. Never open your door to a stranger. Talk to your package delivery person to define a place for packages, preferably out of sight. Hardware stores have Tupperware style chests that could look like nice furniture on the porch but help to conceal your packages. Close your blinds or curtains at sunset, especially if you have gifts near your Christmas tree. Keep your side gates locked at all times. My favorite is to keep your car key FOB accessible day and night. This way you can activate your vehicle's alarm to notify your neighbors and scare away thieves and intruders. Please inform your

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Kern City Community Church

Oh No! The holidays are coming!

I just shared this prayer with the Kern City Community Church and thought you might enjoy it as they did:

A suggested daily prayer: "Lord, so far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, cursed or eaten any chocolate. However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes and I will need a lot more help after that."

We chuckled at it, but I know there are days I have felt the same way as the person who prayed this prayer. The holidays are approaching and I'm hoping my attitude will be one of gratitude, thankfulness and joy, even when things around me are not perfect.

The Bible encourages us in times of stress or frustration to ask GOD for help. The New Living Translation, in Philippians 4:6 & 7 says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. (7) Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

When frustrations come during the holiday season, I suggest we read these verses slowly, one sentence at a time and allow the meaning to sink deep into our hearts thanking God for all He has done for us. Then let's wait and trust God to send His peace that exceeds everything beyond our imagination. As we trust in Jesus Christ, He will guard our hearts (emotions) and our minds (intellect). I encourage all of us to trust Him

Pastor Tom

Church Schedule

11-5: Communion Sunday 9:30 a.m.

11-12: Inspirational message & music at 9:30 a.m.

11-19: Social Hour @ 8:30 a.m. donuts & coffee followed by service at 9:30 a.m.

11-26. Inspirational message & music at 9:30 a.m. followed by church luncheon.

Bible Study every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room



MEET KACEY THE DOLPHIN
-- Director Kelley Lee received many suggestions for the name of the dolphin. Because four residents recommended the name Kacey, there was a drawing to award the \$25 gift card, and Jeff Thiel won.

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Christmas Dinner

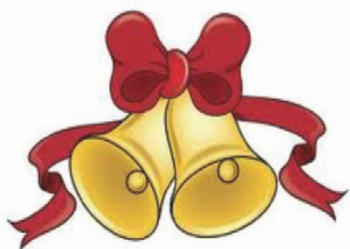
Friday, Dec. 15

Buffet catered by Mossman's

~ Menu ~

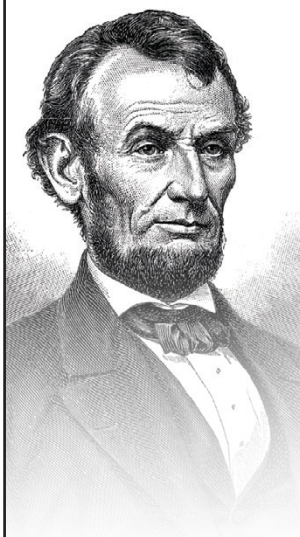
Social Hour – Stuffed mushrooms and bruschetta,
Dinner -- Salad, Tuscan chicken, rice with peas and
carrots, green bean almondine, rolls and butter, cobbler

Holiday singalong with KC's Music Makers



Price: \$25 Social Hour: 5:00p Dinner 5:45p

Tickets available in the office, M-F, 9am–2pm
Purchase tickets no later than 2p on Dec. 8.



“We mark the 160th year since President Abraham Lincoln set aside a day for ‘**National thanksgiving, praise, and prayer,**’ while our nation was in the midst of its greatest struggle.

As we once again gather around the table with family and friends, let us remember that there is more that unites us than divides us and let us give thanks for our nation's blessing as we mark this special American holiday.

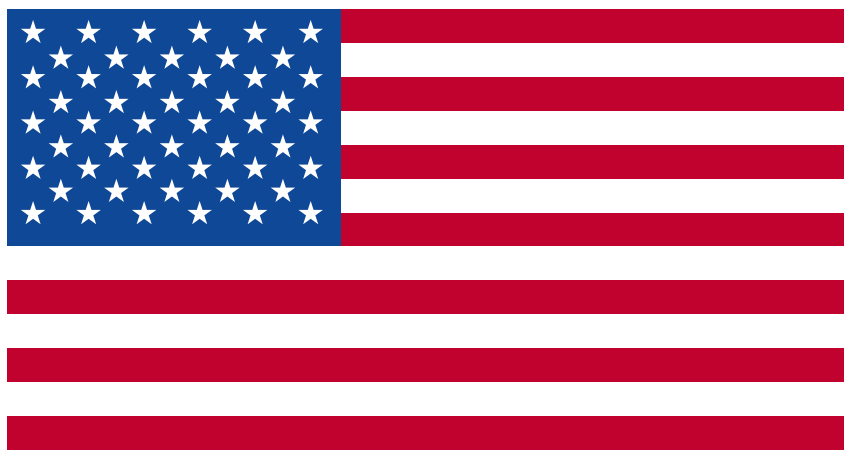
**Happy Thanksgiving from
my family to yours.”**

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Thank you.



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Sun CM: Comm Room CR: Del Webb Conference Room in Town Hall ER: Exercise Room P: Pool PR: Pool Room SR: Sewing Room TH: Town Hall WS: Wood Shop	Mon	Tues	1 Wed SR Exer. 10-12 TH Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM	2 Thurs SR Bridge, 9:30-2:30, SR TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR SR Exer. 10-12 TH Canasta 1-5p, CM Writing group, 3-5, Info: call 487-9875	3 Fri	4 Sat <u>CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!</u> <u>Your chance to buy beautiful and unique gifts.</u> <u>9a-2p</u> 
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President's Message

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neighbors before doing this. Keep your vehicle empty and locked at all times.

2. Illuminate the Season: Adequate lighting is key. Make sure all areas of your home are well-lit, especially corridors, entrances, and stairwells. This simple measure can significantly reduce the risk of accidents and deter would-be thieves. Even outdoor holiday decorations help.

3. Fire Safety Vigilance: If you plan to use decorative lights, please inspect them for any signs of wear and tear. Opt for LED lights which emit less heat. Additionally, if you have a fireplace, be sure to utilize a screen to contain any potential sparks. Think about an economical fire blanket sold in the hardware stores because a majority of fires start in the kitchen.

4. Embrace Social Connections: The holiday season is a wonderful time to connect with loved ones. Reach out, join in, and celebrate together. If you're feeling isolated, please don't hesitate to let someone know. Think about getting involved with neighbors and Kern City activities. Learn what's happening in your community.

5. Emergency Preparedness: Keep a readily accessible list of emergency contacts. Keep batteries for flashlights and lanterns for light if there is a power outage. Keep water and canned goods to help you last a couple days. Also prepare a small first aid kit just in case. Make sure you have a plan with family because most likely your phones will not work.

6. Guard Against Scams: Stay informed about common scams near the holidays and know how to recognize and avoid them. If something seems suspicious, don't hesitate to seek advice from trusted sources. You can al-

ways ask for a number then have someone else help you confirm if the call is legitimate.

7. Prepare for Weather Conditions: As the temperatures drop, remember to dress warmly and wear appropriate footwear to prevent slips on icy surfaces. Keep your walkways clear and watch for frost. No open fuel fires or BBQ's in the home for heat.

Your safety and comfort are of utmost importance to us, and we encourage you to reach out if you require any assistance or have specific concerns. We're here to support you and ensure that this holiday season is a time of joy, warmth, and cherished memories. Be aware!!! Bakersfield is experiencing more crime and we see some, too, but together we can win.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and wonderful holiday season!

*Warm regards,
Brad Seymour, KCCA President*



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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be comprised of two directors, Kelley Lee and Brad Seymour, and residents Janice Ashmore, Danette Wolf and Darryl Slavin. Vicky Thrasher, the director of Critters Without Litters, has also agreed to be on the committee. President Seymour is trying to get a veterinarian to attend a meeting also but at this time has not been able to find one. The committee will meet once a month with the time to be determined. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

b. Action on Trimming Trees –

President Seymour stated it was time to trim the pear trees. This is done every year because this type of tree becomes very heavy on top and if they are not trimmed, the trunk will split and the tree will die, which has happened in the past. H United Tree Service has been trimming them each year and the trees are healthy and look good. We do not need to get other bids as they know our trees and they are our preferred provider for tree trimming. The bid by H United Tree Service is the same as last year: \$400 per tree for 10 trees for a cost of \$4,000. Director Newton made a motion to have H United Tree Service trim the pear trees for a total cost of \$4,000. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

c. Action on Cinnamon Roll Event –

Director Hansen McMillin said there was a great deal of excitement over the cinnamon roll giveaway last year so she would like to see it continue this year if the RSVP Volunteer Center has its annual cinnamon roll fundraiser. The board gave away two cinnamon rolls per property for residents who signed up for them and it cost Kern City about \$200 to do this. Residents can sign up to buy more if they would like. Director Wolf said they had a really good system for handing them out last year and residents were

excited to get them. Director Hansen McMillin made a motion to do the cinnamon roll giveaway again this year **if** the RSVP Volunteer Center is having its annual cinnamon roll fundraiser. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

d. Action on Christmas for Seniors –

Director Hansen McMillin reported that the police department stopped having its annual drive over a year ago, but residents brought in supplies for seniors anyway. Those supplies were given to a church that was donating Christmas baskets to seniors, but the church isn't doing it this year. She suggested that the Kern City Board sponsor Christmas for Seniors with a notice put in the *Klarion* for non-perishable donations and/or names of residents who could use a basket. Director Hansen McMillin made a motion for Kern City to have Christmas for Seniors for Kern City residents only. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

VIII. DIRECTORS FORUM:

a. Director Hansen McMillin reminded everyone that nominations for the Key to Kern City are due in the office by October 13th.

b. President Seymour acknowledged there are 'squatters' living in a house in Kern City. The office is working on the issue with HUD and the BPD. The people living in the house are becoming confrontational, so he asked everyone to be alert and careful. He also reminded people to lock their houses and cars, to keep garage doors closed, and not keep anything in cars if parked outside. Director Newton encouraged people to take steps to prevent their homes from becoming vacant. A member suggested not putting names in the paper when someone passed away. Manager Foley pointed out the Kern

City paper goes only to residents. But that's something people should think about before putting notices in the city/county-wide newspapers.

IX. AUDIENCE:

Social Club: Social Club President Terry Wiersum reminded everyone about the 2nd Friday potluck lunch on Oct. 13th where everyone can meet the candidates, celebrate Oktoberfest and listen to Richard Noel play his accordion. Donations will be accepted for Kasey's Kids, a fundraiser put on by the Lions Club. Oct. 21st is the Halloween party and everyone is encouraged to wear a costume. Winner of the costume contest will win a \$50 gift card. There will also be a movie shown. Nov. 4th is the Christmas Bazaar and member Debbie Brown will be helping Social Club President Wiersum in assigning numbers to vendors' spaces which will be inside the Town Hall, on the patio, and along the front lawn. There will also be a taco truck and a hot dog truck. The 2nd Friday potluck lunch on Nov. 10th will honor veterans, who will not need to bring a dish to share. Donations will be accepted for the Honor Flight. On Nov. 18th there will be a pancake breakfast, and on Dec. 15th there will be the annual Christmas dinner. It will be a buffet catered by Mossman's Catering with reservations due by Dec. 8.

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Members: A member said there will be a 'Stand Down' event which offers amenities and giveaways for veterans tomorrow at Stramler Park as well as other events for veterans coming up around Bakersfield. Another member said there are children living in the house with 'squatters.' She also said the Petroleum Club would like to remind people there is a dress code and asks that people dress appropriately when attending the Jazz Night and also that no outside food or drink is permitted. She also noticed a white powdery substance on some streets this morning when she was walking and is concerned it may be toxic to people and pets. President Seymour said he would take a sample to a lab he knows for testing. Another member suggested Kern City plant pyracantha bushes in the RV Storage along the fence. The thorns are very long and are painful which might deter people from climbing over.

X. ADJOURNMENT -- President Seymour adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hansen McMillin,
Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: 27 (includes 6 directors, manager and 20 members)



RICHARD NOEL AND MUSIC MAKERS – The 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch not only celebrated Oktoberfest, accordionist Richard Noel and the Music Makers provided wonderful entertainment.

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Note: All telephone numbers in ads are in area code 661 unless otherwise listed.

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WANTED: Due to an over-abundance of animals in the shelters, there is a huge need for supplies. No matter how ragged, full of holes, or stained, the shelter can use blankets, sheets, towels, anything needed for the care of animals, except knits and/or pillows. There is also a need for laundry soap, dog and cat food. Thank you for your continued support. For pickup, call or text Judy Harris @ 331-2229. Thank you for your support.

WANTED: Any sterling silver items, including coins, any military items, all sporting goods, including old and new golf clubs, all fishing items old and new, old hunting and pocket knives, and antiques. I live in Kern City. 397-0234.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: I have a 7.5 ft Cashmere Mixed Pine pre-lit Christmas tree for sale. Am asking \$100. Call 340-0914.

FOR SALE: COLLECTIBLES: Dickens Village - Dept 56, I have several pieces and prices from \$5 - \$80. Most are retired and no longer available in stores, I've had them for 35-40 years. Call Maxine at 809-2144 for more info.

FOR SALE: NEW IN BOX: Premium Digital Glass BATH SCALE. \$10 each or 2 for \$15. Have 30 boxes. Also NEW IN BOX: Premium elastic low impact workout bands (hands, wrist, ankle straps) complete in nylon tote, \$10 each or two for \$15. Have 70 boxes. Call Tim at 345-1071.

FOR SALE: Looking for Christmas gifts? Relative passed and left lots of collectibles, many still in boxes. There are figurines, toys, Barbie dolls, ceramic dolls, Hot Wheels, Wiltons bakery products, record albums and 45s, LeMax houses, collectible spoons and spoon racks, and a lot of never used Tupperware still wrapped up. There is no yard sale, please call or text me if interested at 800-6145 (this is a new number from last month).

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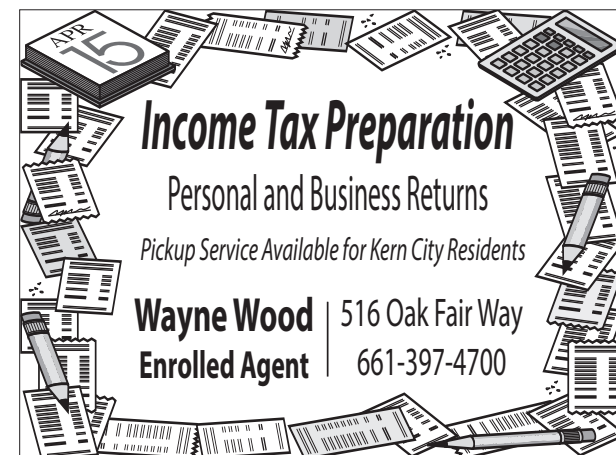
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