



Kern City Klarion

September
2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 2 - Social Club Mtg, 1p
Sept. 5 - Volunteer Hours due
Sept. 9 - NITE Board Mtg, 5:30p
Sept. 12 - 2nd Friday Potluck, 12 noon
Sept. 13 – Meet & Greet, 10:30a
Sept. 20 – Pancake Breakfast
Sept. 21 – Hot dog lunch, 12:30-2:30

Residents are invited to September events

Back this month are two of the most popular Social Club events: The 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch

and the Pancake Breakfast. Its Hot Dogs lunch for \$5 will be on Sunday, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The club's monthly meeting is also back, and that will be on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 1:00 p.m. in the Del Webb

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President's message

Fun Facts About Seniors

Hello KCCA friends and neighbors,

A little fun in this month's letter. When most people think about seniors, they imagine wisdom, experience, and family traditions. But what's often overlooked is just how fun, active, and surprising older adults can be. Seniors continue to break stereotypes, lead vibrant lives, and contribute to society in countless ways. Here are some fun and inspiring facts about seniors that might make you smile.

1. Seniors Are Living Longer Than Ever – Thanks to modern medicine and healthier lifestyles, people over 65 are living longer. Many seniors today are reaching their 80s, 90s, and even 100s with energy and enthusiasm, but Kern City is attracting a lot of 55 to 65-year olds.

2. Centenarians Are On The Rise – There are now more than half a million people worldwide who are 100 years old or older. Many of them still enjoy aerobics, gardening, driving, swimming. I don't know about you, but I have no plans of going anywhere soon!!!

3. Love Doesn't Retire – Seniors often find romance later in life. Dating, companionship, and even marriage is common in retirement years, proving that love has no age limit.

4. Seniors Stay Active – From workout programs, walking and biking to swimming and exercise, many seniors remain physically active. Some even run marathons well into their 70s and 80s. Do we have any marathoners here in Kern City?

5. Volunteering Powerhouses – Seniors donate more volunteer hours than any other age group. They give their time to schools, hospitals, libraries, and charities, making a huge difference in their communities. And, KCCA could use more volunteers!

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CONGRATULATIONS! to Gary and Nonie King whose names were drawn for the \$100 Sweepstakes award in July! The generous Social Club had another sweepstakes drawing at the end of August and that winner will be announced in next month's Klarion.

Candidate window closed

The window to apply to run for the 2026-2027 board of directors closed at the end of August. Members will receive ballots later this month and must complete and mail them to the post office address so they arrive no later than

Nov. 10, 2025.

The voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a short regular board meeting first followed by the Annual Meeting during which the

ballots will be opened and counted.

There will also be an event in October where candidates will discuss what they hope to achieve if elected. Watch the Klarion for the date.



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Kern City Klarion

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Manager's Report

It's still summer even though fall will arrive on the 22nd. I just want to remind people to take care in the high heat and also watch out for mosquitoes.

Regarding mosquitoes: If you see standing water at a neighbor's, please ask them to adjust their sprinklers. If you see it elsewhere in Kern City, please report it to the office. Mosquitoes are a problem and they can carry West Nile Virus. So protect yourself against mosquitoes! If you see a dead animal, especially a bird, report it to 1-877-WNV-BIRD. Don't touch it with your bare hands. If it's a dead dog or cat, call animal control at 326-3436.

I sometimes report on concerns from residents, and lately we've received more complaints about neighbors' trees and about unregistered vehicles in driveways and on streets. Therefore, I'm running our rules about those below.

I hope our autumn with its cooler days arrives quickly and that you enjoy it!

Jill Foley

KCCA Declaration of Restrictions

Trees: Sec. 1H, 14, "Every Owner shall be responsible for the following maintenance and repair: Each Owner shall maintain all improvements on such Owner's lot in a neat, clean, attractive and safe condition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Owner shall (1) keep Owner's lot free from litter and noxious weeds; **(2) maintain, cultivate and keep in good condition and repair all lawns, plants and other landscaping; (3) and trim all trees, shrubs or planting of any kind.** Such maintenance shall comply with applicable City and County ordinances."

Unregistered Vehicles: Sec. 1H, 14.A: Property Maintenance. The number of operable vehicles permitted for each Owner to allow to be on his or her lot at any one time is three (3). Inoperative vehicles and vehicles not currently licensed must be removed within thirty (30) days.

President's Message

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6. Lifelong Learners – Many seniors go back to school, take college classes, or join book clubs. Staying curious and mentally active keeps them sharp and engaged. Use our library for these things.

7. Tech-Savvy Grandparents – Believe it or not, seniors are the fastest-growing group of social media users. Many use Facebook, FaceTime, and even Instagram to stay connected with loved ones. We can teach an old dog new tricks!

8. Creative Spirits – Retirement gives seniors more time to explore hobbies like painting, writing, music, and crafting. Some even launch new careers as artists or authors in their later years. And Kern City has a lot of this.

9. Super Athletes – There are Senior Olympics held around the world, where older adults compete in sports like basketball, track and field, and swimming. Some participants are in their 90s! Currently not here in Kern City but, PICKLE BALL hopefully by October.

10. Memory Makers – Seniors often take up traveling after retirement, visiting dream destinations they didn't have time to explore while working. They create memories that last a lifetime with friends and family.

11. Strong Role Models – Seniors often serve as mentors to younger generations, passing along life lessons, family history, and traditions that help preserve cultural heritage.

12. Healthier Than Ever – Today's seniors are healthier, more independent, and more engaged than past generations thanks to better diets, fitness habits, and medical care.

13. Senior Entrepreneurs – Many seniors start their own businesses after retirement. With decades of knowledge and creativity, they turn passions into profit.

14. Always Learning New Tech – From online shopping to video games, many seniors embrace technology and enjoy learning new gadgets with the help of grandkids.

15. Ageless Joy – Above all, seniors prove that joy, laughter, and fun don't fade with age. Whether it's dancing, storytelling, or simply enjoying time with family, they remind us that every stage of life is worth celebrating.

In conclusion, seniors are far from boring—they're adventurous, curious, caring, and full of life. They continue to challenge expectations, inspire younger generations, and show that growing older can be exciting. These fun facts remind us that age isn't just a number; it's an opportunity to live fully and joyfully.

You can trust me on this: Kern City is not a boring place. Get involved and you will be amazed at all of things happening in our community.

Brad Seymour

DRAFT KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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August 12, 2025, 8:30 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 Seymour called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Kelley Lee, Ilene Schechter, Darryl Slavin, Donna Tyner and Jill Wolf and Manager Jill Foley. President Seymour welcomed attendees, and Sharon Parks led the flag salute.

b. Announcements: President Seymour welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded members that the Call for Candidates was delivered to homes in July and August and that this is the last month to turn in an application to run for the board. Applications can be picked up in the office and must be returned to the office no later than noon on August 29th. To qualify, the candidate must have been a homeowner for at least one year, have paid assessments, and cannot have a felony conviction that prevents KCCA from getting a fidelity bond. President Seymour said there would be an executive board meeting on Friday for a property not in compliance with the rules.

II. MINUTES: Director Tyner asked if there were any corrections to the July 8, 2025 minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Tyner reported that as of July 31, 2025, the Checking Account had \$13,867.69. There is \$266,710.16 of the checking account money in a Money Market Account and \$136,897.18 of our Reserves in a CD at Mechanics Bank. Therefore, the total in Mechanics Bank as of July 31, 2025 was \$417,475.03.

At Valley Strong there is \$103,243.28 in a Money Market account. In the Edward Jones account, there is \$229,928.70 in a CD, \$59,932.20 in another CD and \$231,591.74 in a Money Market account. The total managed by Edward Jones is \$521,452.64. Between the three banking institutions, there is \$1,042,170.95.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Foley reported the deadline to turn in Letters to the Editor or classified ads is Friday, Aug. 15 by noon, for the September *Klarion*. She told residents that if they see standing water to turn their sprinklers down, talk to the neighbors if it is the neighbor's sprinkler or call the office. Standing water breeds mosquitoes and they carry West Nile Virus. Also, do not touch or go near dead birds, call 877-WNV-BIRD. The office has learned of the passing of Margaret Lynch and Barbara McLeod.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Pool – Director Lee said the pool temperature is 80 degrees. She thanked Larry Dunn for his donation of a radio/CD player. Director Lee said President Seymour and resident Daryl Wolf installed the water leveler in the pool and it is keeping the water from becoming too high or low.

b. Inside Maintenance -- Director Wolf said the Community Room and the bottom half of the flag pool were painted by Morales Painting. The electrical boxes still need to be painted, and she will get a bid from Morales. She thanked Debbie Brown, Sharon Parks and Valerie Hampton of the gardening committee for keeping the flower beds looking good while she was on vacation.

c. Compliance – Director Wolf reminded homeowners to keep bushes and tree branches from hanging over or onto sidewalks. Most of the previous out-of-compliance homes have been brought into compliance.

d. Outside Maintenance – Director Slavin said he painted the gray benches in front of the Town Hall. Sundale Country Club was contacted about water from the sprinklers running into the gutter.

e. RV Storage -- Director Beebe thanked Roger Kirby for answering his questions about the water line. He also thanked President Seymour for getting the weeds sprayed earlier this year as the yard is almost weed free. Director Beebe stated he had trouble trimming a big branch hanging over the fence but member Joe Newton came to the rescue. They had the gardening service trim and haul branches away, and the RV Storage yard looks better. Director Beebe stated the walk-through gate lock had been broken and someone kicked the gate and bent it. Director Beebe along with Daryl Wolf straightened the gate and replaced the locks.

f. Special Projects – Director Tyner said the Ice Cream Social was well attended with 85 people served. There will be live music by the pool on Aug. 30, with hors d'oeuvres provided by the Social Club. The event is free but please RSVP to the office. The 'Early Bird Dinner' at the 19th Hole is Aug. 22 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and will be a Hawaiian dinner with teriyaki chicken, rice and more for \$15.95 with reservations by Aug. 21 or \$17.95 if RSVPing on Aug. 22.

g. Library -- Director Tyner said the Library needs newer books (10 years old or newer) although all donations are appreciated. She encouraged everyone to come in to work a puzzle and stay cool.

h. Local Associations – Director Schechter reported she and President Seymour and Director Wolf have been attending local association meetings. KCAI is holding a vendor fair on Aug. 23rd, and residents of Kern City can attend and find businesses that offer services needed for residents.

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Library News

With the two drawings that were held by the Social Club in July and August we saw a lot of new faces in here. Hopefully, you found something of interest to bring you back. I'm also happy to see a couple more people working on the puzzle. We would love to have a new one completed monthly so we could post the picture here.

If you look around you'll find some groupings of paperbacks all by the same author that follow a story line. Be sure to check them out. Also, remember the paperbacks on the round rack that are mostly new releases. No need to check out. Just read and return with month slip intact.

Nicholas Sparks gives us COUNTRY MIRACLES. Tanner Hughes was raised by grandpar-

ents, and he, like his grandfather, became an Army Ranger. He took joy in all his travels with no desire to settle down. Before his grandmother passed away, she told him "find where you belong." With that, she also told him the name of his father he never knew and where to find him.

The newest thrilling Beaumont suspense novel from author J. A. Jance is entitled NOTHING TO LOSE. Beaumont is approached by a visitor from the past and finds himself drawn into a missing person case where danger is lurking and family secrets are exposed.

*Happy Reading,
Donna Tyner*

SEPTEMBER ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

DVD MOVIES - None

AUDIO - BOOKS ON CD - None

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

N	Macomber, Debbie	A Walk Along the Beach
N	Scottoline, Lisa	Exposed
N	Sparks, Nicholas	Counting Miracles
N	Steel, Danielle	Never Say Never
LP	Brown, Rita May	Cat's Eyewitness
LP	Hull, Jonathan	The Distance from Normandy
M	Coben, Harlan	I Will Find You
M	Dobbs, Lou	Border War
M	Jance, J. A.	Nothing to Lose
M	Kellerman, Jonathan	Mystery
M	Patterson, James	Alex Cross Must Die
ML	Bishop, Patrick	Fighter Boys
NF	Reid, Harold	The Statler Brothers
NF	Ripa, Kelly	Live Wire
NF	Reynolds, David	Mirrors of Greatness
**	Bell, Rob	What Is the Bible

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:

Margaret Lynch, Barbara McLeod

In memory of Ray Morrison, 1945-2025

Friends and neighbors of Ray Morrison will be gathering in the Kern City Sewing Room at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, to share memories and honor the life and military service of Ray Morrison. Sept. 10 would have been his 80th birthday. If you would like to join us, please RSVP via email to nanalene12@gmail.com.

GREETING CARDS CALENDARS

The Library has Greeting Cards and Calendars, and they may be the best bargain in town. Greeting cards are 10 cents and calendars are 25 cents! We have some beautiful and expensive cards that sell for quite a bit more in card shops. Come see what's available!



Sun ABBREVIATIONS 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: Woodshop	1 Mon Labor Day Closed	2 Tues Rosh Hashanah Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers group, SR, 1-2:30p SOCIAL CLUB MTG, 1:00P, CR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	3 Wed SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM	4 Thurs SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p CM	5 Fri Volunteer Hours due	6 Sat Beginning Sewing 10a-12 noon, SR RSVP: (661) 364-3365 
7 Grandparents Day Church 9:30- 10:30, TH Communion	8 SR Exer. 10-12 TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH	9 Blue Cart PU  KCCA BOARD MTG 5:30 pm, TH Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers group, SR, 1-2:30p Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	10 SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM	11 St Sweeper  Patriot Day (9/11) SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p CM Chur board 5p CR Jewelry class, 6p, SR, RSVP by 9-9 To (661) 472-9193	12 2 nd Friday Potluck Lunch, 12noon Pls bring dish to share. Around the Clock will be present to answer questions about its services.	13 MEET & GREET 10:30a, TH All are welcome. Learn about Kern City, take tour if desired. Lite refreshments. Free
14 Church 9:30- 10:30, TH	15 SR Exer. 10- 12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Bunco 6:00, TH	16 Poker, 10a-2p, PR Scrabble, 1p, CM Writers group, SR, 1-2:30p Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	17 KC Fair opens SR Exer. 10-12 TH Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle6-10p CM	18 SR Exer. 10-12 TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p cm	19 Senior Day at Kern County Fair Let's Color, 1-2p, CM Call 209-535-4029	20  Painting class,10a SR. RSVP to (661) 472-9193 by 9-18. PANCAKE BREAKFAST, \$8, 8-9:30a, TH
21 Church 9:30- 10:30, TH Coffee & donuts, 8:30a TH Hot dogs on the Patio 12:30-2:30p	22 Autumn Arrives! SR Exer 10-12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH	23 Blue Cart PU  Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers Group, 1-2:30, SR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	24 SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM	25 SR Exer 10-12 TH TOPS 9-11 CM Canasta 1-4:30p CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR	26 EARLY BIRD DINNER, 19 th Hole Grill, 4-6P, \$15.95 RSVP @324-6561 by 9-25, \$17.95 on 9-26.	27
28 KC Fair closes Church Svc 9:30-10:30a	29 SR Exer. 10- 12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 4p, TH	30 Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers group, SR, 1-2:30p Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	September			AQUASIZE: AM: M,W,F 9a, P PM: M-F, 4p, P



The ice cream was really frozen as you can see from member Paul Strand's struggle to dip it.

Kern City Social Club

"LET'S COLOR"

*Do you remember getting together with your friends
and coloring in your coloring book?*



Friday, Sept. 19

1:00-2:00 pm

In the Community Room

Bring your coloring book & crayons,
or we have some to share.

Call Debbie for more details.

209-535-4029

Around Kern City

The Ice Cream Social was a blast, and directors, who served residents, dressed like they worked in an ice cream shop!

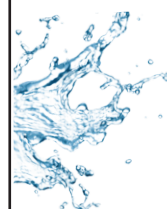
This month will be the Social Club's 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch on Sept. 12, Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 20, and Hot Dog Lunch on Sept. 17.



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2nd Friday POTLUCK



September 12th

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POOL RULES

Pool area is NON-smoking

1. The Kern City Swimming Pool, Locker Rooms and entire pool area are for the use of Kern City members/residents and their Guests only. Members/residents must accompany their Guests.

2. **ALL PERSONS USING THE POOL AND OTHER FACILITIES DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

LIFEGUARD SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

3. An Association resident or member must accompany his or her Guest(s) and must have a pool key card.

- All residents entering the Pool area must enter with their pool key card. **Do not open the gate for someone or allow someone to enter behind you. They must use their own key.**
- Residents in good standing may pick up a card in the office for a deposit.

EVERYONE MUST TAKE A SHOWER before entering the Swimming Pool even if they showered before arriving

HOURS

Swimming Pool hours for Members and Adult Guests over 18:

- Monday through Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **Note:** Early morning exercisers are permitted except during pool cleaning from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Monday/Wednesday/Friday (or on Tuesday after a three-day holiday weekend) or during Aquasize classes.

Hours for all Guests between the ages of 3-18 (who must be with a resident) are:

- Sundays through Fridays: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and
- Saturdays: from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

4. **No child under 3 years of age will be permitted in the Pool.**

5. Absolutely **NO DIAPERS** (children's or adult's) in pool.

6. Rafts, balls and toys are not permitted in the Pool Area. Fins, Snorkels and Safety Aids are permitted.

7. Games, Stunts, Running, Diving, jumping in and all types of horseplay are prohibited in the Pool and Pool area.

8. **Foods and Beverages of any kind are not allowed in the pool area. No glass or breakable plastic is allowed in the pool area.** Ice chests and other containers with food are NOT allowed in the pool area.

9. Oils and lotions are not permitted in the Pool area or Pool.

10. **Waterproof sunscreen is allowed but must be dry on the skin before getting into the pool.**

11. Pets are not permitted in the Pool area at any time.

12. Nudity and partial nudity are not allowed in the pool or pool area, and only swimming attire — no street clothes (except for sun protection) — are allowed in the pool. Also, please don't wear jewelry into the pool.

13. **MEMBERS WHO REFUSE, OR FAIL TO CONFORM TO, THESE RULES MAY LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO THE USE OF THESE FACILITIES WITH A FIRST TIME OFFENSE OF 30 DAYS.**

14. These rules are for your protection and to ensure your safe enjoyment of our Kern City aquatic recreation area. Your Cooperation is always appreciated.

The pool and surrounding areas are video monitored.
8/2024

POOL EXERCISE

The Aquasize exercises are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 9:00 a.m. at the pool. The afternoon exercises are Monday through Friday at 4:00 p.m. There is no charge.

Kern City Community Church

Please Come Home

Longing to leave her poor Brazilian neighborhood, Christina wanted to see the world. Discontent with a home having only a pallet on the floor, a washbasin, and a wood-burning stove, she dreamed of a better life in the city.

One morning she slipped away, breaking her mother’s heart. Knowing what life on the streets would be like for her young, attractive daughter, Maria hurriedly packed to go find her. On her way to the bus stop she entered a drugstore to get one last thing. Pictures. She sat in the photograph booth, closed the curtain, and spent all she could on photos of herself. With her purse full of small black-and-white photos, she boarded the next bus to Rio de Janeiro. Maria knew Christina had no way of earning money. She also knew that her daughter was too stubborn to give up.

When pride meets hunger, a human will do things that were before unthinkable. Knowing this, Maria began her search. Bars, hotels, nightclubs, any place with the reputation for street walkers or prostitutes. She went to them all. And at each place she left her picture -- taped on a bathroom mirror, tacked to a hotel bulletin board, fastened to a corner phone booth. And on the back of each photo she wrote a note. It wasn’t too long before both the money and the photos ran out, and Maria had to go home. The weary mother wept as the bus began its long journey back to her small village.

It was a few weeks later that young Christina descended the hotel stairs. Her young face was

tired. Her brown eyes no longer danced with youth but spoke of pain and fear. Her laughter was broken. Her dream had become a nightmare. A thousand times over she had longed to trade these countless beds for her secure pallet. Yet the little village was, in too many ways, too far away. As she reached the bottom of the stairs, her eyes noticed a familiar face. She looked again, and there on the lobby mirror was a small picture of her mother. Christina’s eyes burned and her throat tightened as she walked across the room and removed the small photo. Written on the back was this compelling invitation. “Whatever you have done, whatever you have become, it doesn’t matter. Please come home.” She did. (Max Lucado, No Wonder They Call Him the Savior, Multnomah Press, 1986, pp. 158-9.)

Reading this made me think of how much our Lord Jesus loves and cares for us. There is nothing that we have ever done that would keep God from loving us. 1 John1:9 tells us, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” He says, “Whatever you have done, whatever you have become, it doesn’t matter. Just come home!” He loves us!

Also, if you don’t have a church, come to Kern City Community Church every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall.

Pastor Tim Zemanek

Church Schedule

9-7 Communion Sunday, message & music

9-14 Sunday services, music & the Word

9-21 Social Hour at 8:30 a.m. w/coffee, donuts and fellowship, 9:30 a.m. music & the Word

9-28 Worship in music & the Word at 9:30 a.m., wonderful lunch after service for fellowship

Bible Study every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. All are welcome.

EVENTS

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Room.

The 2nd Friday Potluck will be Friday, Sept. 12, at 12 noon in the Town Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Donations are welcome. Around the Clock will be available during the lunch to answer questions and give out pamphlets about all the services it has for seniors. This is a great time to chat with friends and neighbors and enjoy all the good food.

The Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, Sept. 20, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall. This has been called “The best breakfast in town.” No reservations, just show up!

The Kern City Board will have its regular board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. The board meeting is held at night once every quarter and in the morning on the second Tuesday of other months.

The Sundale Country Club’s delicious Early Bird Dinner will be Friday, Sept. 26, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. It will serve pork loin, potatoes, gravy and more. It’s \$15.95 for reservations made by Sept. 25 and \$17.95 on Sept. 25.

Opportunities

**Ladies,
would you
like to play
pool?**

One of our residents is looking for other women to play billiards. If you are interested, please call the office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at (661) 831-2035.

Sundale Country Club Events - Be Our Guest!
6218 Sundale Ave. Bakersfield 93309 (661) 324-6561

Jazz Night at Sundale -- Every Tuesday night we feature an evening of fun music, great food, and drinks.

6:30PM-Workshop, 7:30PM Featured performance and 8:30PM- Jam Session. Open to everyone, no charge. Great dinner specials!

The Petroleum Club at Sundale -- BakersfieldJazzWorkshop.org

9/2-Havana Vibes-Latin Jazz Band under the direction of Jim Munoz

9/9-Studio "O"-- Jazz & Blues

9/16-The Tim Murray(vocal)

Band--American Songbook, Rock and Soul Classics.

9/23-The BJW 19th year anniversary featuring The Bakersfield Jazz Orchestra

9/30-The David Bloemhof(keys)

Group--Straight Ahead and contemporary Jazz.

The 19th Hole Grill

Early Bird Dinner: Sept. 26, 4PM to 6PM at the 19th Hole Grill. Featuring a boneless pork loin dinner with a Garlic Rosemary Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter

Roll. \$15.95 for reservations made by Sept. 25, and \$17.95 after.

Full breakfast and lunch menu. Open 7AM-3PM.

Taco Tuesdays now have more choices. 10AM -2PM enjoy 3 tacos and a Margarita for \$12.

Thursdays, BBQ and delicious lunch from 11AM-2PM. Call ahead, we sell

out every week!

Friday is fish Friday with Fish & Chips, Fish Taco, or Fish Sandwich Specials and the very best Clam Chowder.

Saturday and Sunday get your Pizza & Beer special. A personal size pizza with a choice of toppings and a draft beer or fountain drink for only \$14.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

OKTOBERFEST: Sunday, Oct. 5, 1PM to 4PM, On the Veranda. Authentic Oktoberfest German Band, Traditional Food, German Beer and Fun & Games. **BLUE ZONE PROJECT:** We are excited! Please join us on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 5:00PM because we are having a celebration for being selected as a

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Opportunities Continued

restaurant partner. There will be a presentation, and we will be sampling some of the Blue Zones Project-inspired menu items. “Blue Zones Project” is a community-led wellness initiative to help make healthier choices, easier. To learn more, visit bluezonesproject.com

Phoenix Dining Room (upstairs)
The Phoenix is open to everyone from 11AM-8PM Tuesday- Friday, 5PM-8PM Saturday.

Wine Wednesday: Free first glass of select wine for members,* half price for non-members*
Thirsty Thursday: 1/2 off select bottles of wine for members,* 1/3 off for non-members*

American Legion helps veterans, can you help it?
The American Legion, Post 26, helps veterans in many ways, including donating money to Honor Flight and the building of the new Veterans Administrative building. Unfortunately, the post was hit by theft that has harmed its finances. People can help the organization by supporting its Sunday brunches, its weeknight dinners or through donations. Reservations must be made for all meals at (661) 324-9453. The post’s address is 2020 H St.
Kern City member Steve Smalley said the food is great, and people can also sign up for swing dance lessons. For more information, the website is americanlegionpost26bakersfield.com.

Do you have a flag that should be retired?
The American Legion also will properly retire flags that have lived their lives and must be destroyed properly. If anyone has such a flag, please drop it off at the Kern City office at 1003 Pebble Beach Dr. between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
KERN COUNTY FAIR is Sept. 17-28. Senior Day will be Friday, Sept. 19, starting at 10:30 a.m. Seniors age 62+ will receive free parking and admission until 4:00 p.m. On other days, admission is \$15 per adult but \$10 for seniors.

MINUTES

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VI. OLD BUSINESS: None
VII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Action on Liening a Property – President Seymour stated the Board needed to vote on liening Parcel #194-130-03-5 for non-payment of assessment. Director Beebe made a motion to lien that property for non-payment of assessments. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

b. Action on Hiring New Reserve Study Company – President Seymour stated the current Reserve Study company is very slow to communicate and has taken months to do the study and there are errors in it. It is difficult to do a budget meeting without a current review of where KCCA stands with its current reserves

and what items may need to be replaced. Manager Foley contacted three different companies that do reserve studies for bids and two responded. California Builder Services bid \$5,000 and RSI (Reserve Studies Inc.) bid \$5,820. RSI is recommended by members of the HOA organization Kern City belongs to and has a reasonable turn-around time. A resident asked how often a Reserve Study is done, and President Seymour stated a physical inspection is done every three years and is updated each year in-between. Director Tyner made a motion to accept RSI (Reserve Studies Inc.) as the new Reserve Study company. Vote: In favor: Directors Seymour, Beebe, Schechter, Tyner and Wolf. Abstaining: Directors Lee and Slavin. Passed.

VIII. DIRECTORS FORUM:
Director Beebe thanked Roger Kirby and Ray Hallmark for all

their work clearing out the garden area years ago to make room for more RV parking at the RV Storage.

IX. AUDIENCE:
Social Club: Speaking for Terry Wiersum, Director Tyner reminded residents to sign up in the Library for the \$100 Sweepstakes drawing this month. The drawing will be held at the Music by the Pool event on Aug. 30. RSVP in the office for the event. There were 103 entries in the July drawing, and the winner was member Nonie King.

Audience Members: A member was concerned about the new monetary penalty policy the State of California adopted. President Seymour stated Kern City was watching this closely. Another member reminded everyone of the KCAI Vendor Expo on August 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon that is open to all residents.

There will be 30 various vendors in attendance. A resident asked if the pool would get a heater to extend the use of the pool during the winter. President Seymour stated it was not likely going to happen as the cost to install a system and the monthly cost of running the system was just too expensive. The resident also asked when the pickleball court would be in place. President Seymour stated it was too hot to patch the concrete now and when it cools off they will start on it.

X. ADJOURNMENT: President Seymour adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m. The next meeting will be on Sept. 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Tyner, Secretary-Treasurer
Attendance: 28 (includes 7 directors, manager and 20 members)

Neighborhood Watch

We learned that a house off Desert Hills was broken into when the resident went on vacation for a week. The member had left a gate unlocked for the gardener, and a thief or thieves got into the backyard and broke a back window. They stole several items. The police told the resident that another property not far away had experienced the same thing.

Yet another scam: A resident warned us that she got a message "Thank you for contacting

Amazon customer Service to report suspicious communications" including a link. Do not open the link! It is a scam to get your financial information.

There are also scams on texts or emails or phone messages saying they're from banks, like Valley Strong. There are some scams saying someone tried to charge a lot of money on your credit card or saying you ordered something you didn't. Watch out for these, and report them if possible.

CHILI COOK OFF – ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Residents, the last Sunday Hot Dog BBQ will be Oct. 5, and the Social Club would like to end the season with a Chili Cook Off.

If this sounds fun to you or if you would like to enter your chili in the Cook Off, please text Terry Wiersum at (661) 340-0689.

The Social Club will expand the menu for this event to include Brats and Sauerkraut and Chili Cheese Dogs along with chips and a drink. The cost will be \$8.

And a big Thank You to all who have attended the Sunday afternoon hot dog BBQs!



CLASSIFIEDS

Advertisers, please note.

1 - If you want your ad to run more than one month, you must notify the office by the 15th of the month prior to each month you want it to run.

2 - Please provide us with your ad in writing with your name, address and phone number. You can bring it to the office M-F between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., email it to kerncity1003@gmail.com, drop it through the mail slot on the street side of the office or mail it to KCCA, 1003 Pebble Beach Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309. -- Editor

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

WANTED

WANTED: The need is greater than ever for blankets, food, toys, anything except knits and/or pillows for the animals in the shelters. There is also a need for laundry

soap, dog and cat food. Torn items, ragged, stained are all needed. Don't throw away, call Judy Harris at 331-2229 for pick up. Thank you for all of your support of the animals.

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. 805-828-5089.

HOUSE FOR SALE

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 409 Bermuda St. 3 bd. 2 ba, 1,485 sq. ft., gas fireplace, some upgrades to kitchen, solar, fenced backyard. Sits on 4th green/5th tee box. 2-car garage, storage shed, with add. parking pad. \$369,000 as is. Call 205-2686 and ask for Brenda

YARD SALE

YARD SALE: 1304 Yorba Linda St., Saturday, Sept. 13, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. miscellaneous items (household). \$5 to \$10 per item.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Lite Rider motorized scooter, like new, only used 2 months, 2 baskets, 300-pound capacity, adjustable speed setting, long life batter, comfortable leather seat with handle bars. \$1,000. Call 303-6368.

FOR SALE: Two guitars: LyxPro Telee, and a German-made Strat, both with hard shell cases, and a 20-watt amp. \$200 for all. Call 301-1852.

FOR SALE: \$5 medium sized shredder; \$30 desktop copier; Call 491-3539.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Adjustable bed base, remote + premium mattress, \$1,000. Selling my brand-new adjustable bed base with remote control plus a high quality mattress. Paid \$1,700, asking \$1,000. (310) 634-6424.

FOR SALE: One white screen door with glass sliders, 80"x36", like new, very attractive \$125 OBO. Call 809-3699.

FOR SALE: Special order high-end kitchen appliances. Frigidaire Gallery 24" stainless steel convection wall oven, with air fry, steam bake, steam clean, used less than 2 years; Frigidaire Gallery 30" black

glass cooktop, used 3 years; \$1,300 OBO for the set, or willing to sell separately. Call Earl at 951-204-0375 or Kathy at (661) 637-9167.

SERVICES

APPLIANCE REPAIR: I am a Kern City resident with 40 years' experience (31 years at Sears Roebuck) in Appliance Repair. Call me for repair service on washers, dryers, refrigerators, ranges and ovens. Larry Wong @ 364-2640.

LOCKSMITH SERVICE: Locks repaired, locks rekeyed. Buster Beebe, 833-1600.

NAILS: Retired manicurist with 30 years' experience. I do gel-like nails, manicures, pedicures, or simply cut toenails. I can come to you. I'm a Kern City resident. Call me at 904-9396.

HOUSE CLEANING: Resident of Kern City has much cleaning experience and reasonable prices. Call Emma at 304-9388.

AVON: Lots of new products for beauty, health, household and clothing. To buy, sell or get a catalog, call or text Judy Harris at 331-2229.

PROFESSIONAL FURNITURE REFINISHING: With 40+ years' experience in refinishing, I offer services including stripping, sanding, repair, staining and sprayed-on finishes. I paint furniture and refinish outdoor wood furniture. Kern City resident Shanna O'Brien, 831-234-5202.

POWER WASHING: Reasonable prices. I'm a Kern City resident. Call Steve at 428-6600.

RIDES/OTHER HELP: Resident will give you a ride to the store, doctor appointment, bank, etc. For references and prices, please call Lori at 805-216-9832.

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