



Kern City Klarion

February
2026

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 3 -- Social Club mtg, 1p
 - Feb. 5 -- Volunteer Hours due
 - Feb. 13 -- 2nd Friday Potluck, doors 11:30
 - Feb. 10 -- KC board mtg, 9a
 - Feb. 10 -- Free tax prep begins-make appt
 - Feb. 17 -- KCAI workshop, 2p
 - Feb. 21 -- Pancake Breakfast, 8-9:30a
 - Feb. 27 -- Early Dinner, Sundale CC, 4p
- Note: We will be closed Feb. 16 for Presidents Day.*

You can help send guardian on Honor Flight to D.C.

For its next trip, Honor Flight Kern County has again chosen a Kern City resident to join veterans to travel to Washington D.C. to see its sites honoring veterans.

According to Director Buster Beebe, who oversees the KC Veterans Group, "We are so grateful to our residents who have donated to this organization because it has taken a few of our people on this trip, and it is such a wonderful experience that veterans never forget.

"Now we have a chance to help again because when people are chosen to go on the Honor Flight, they are paid for but they have to pay for a guardian to go with

them," Beebe said.

"The cost for a guardian is \$1,500 so some friends are contributing for a guardian to accompany our latest resident, and we'll give others the opportunity to give as well."

Beebe said the Social Club will have a donation bucket available at its 2nd Friday Potlucks and Pancake Breakfasts.

"Even a dollar or two will help," he said. "People can also donate in the Kern City office which is open Monday through Friday except holidays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We are so appreciative to those who support our veterans."

Congratulations, Volunteers!

The Kern City Board of Directors and all residents applaud Kern City volunteers! In 2025, you logged in a total of 9,077 hours! The time spent volunteering for various activities contributes to the rich quality of life in our community.

Each spring, the board holds a lun-

cheon to thank volunteers. Invitations are extended to those volunteers who turn in to the Office their monthly worksheets that log their hours.

Your time counts for even more! For more than 20 years, the Kern City Board

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REMINDER: Make free tax appointment

For residents who would like to take advantage of the free tax preparation held here, appointments will be available from Feb. 10 through April 15 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Sewing Room.

Mike Bradley and his team will again be working with the Citizens Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). For an appointment, call 211 or (661) 302-1875.

President's message

Our community is as successful as we make it. By getting involved with our Kern City Civic Association, we can make a real difference in the community we all share together.

Whether you are up for a big commitment, such as serving on the board of directors, or something less time-consuming as being on a Meet and Greet or new members committee, or volunteering to handle small tasks, such as stuffing envelopes, it will all be a great help. The Social Club is a great place to start.

I want to welcome the latest members to be elected to serve on the Kern City Board. They are Donna Hansen McMillin, Carol Ann Toms, returning director Darryl Slavin, and me.

All of the directors have had previous director experience.

Directors do the following: 1) Help protect property values by contributing to a stronger association; 2) Give back to the community their expertise; 3) Work more closely with all members; 4) Share interests and responsibilities with a team; 5) Identify problems and attempt to solve them; 6) Gain a better understanding of the law and regulations related to community associations; 7) Have fun experiences; 8) Help build a harmonious relationship between members and the association; 9) Meet many new people; 10) Get an opportunity to work with a great staff. All of this and more can be stated, however, you get the idea.

Whatever you choose, continue to make suggestions that will improve the community and be certain to vote when it is time, attend monthly meetings, pay attention to the annual policy statement and budget, read the minutes published in the Klarion, and who knows, you may want to offer your time to volunteer.

To all, I hope you have a blessed New Year.

Joe Newton



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Kern City Klarion

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Darryl Slavin
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Donna Tyner

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Managers Report

Can you help?

The office staff receives questions regarding our request for an emergency contact on members' Occupancy Form. This form needs to be completed every two years or sooner if there are any changes in phone numbers, people living in the home or emergency contacts. The frequently asked question is "why do I need to put down an emergency contact?" Residents will say they don't have anyone or want to put anyone down. Or they will want to use their spouse, partner or other person living in the home.

The answer to that question is, what if the office staff cannot reach anyone who lives in the home and there is an emergency. The office has had to contact people to let them know their garage door was left open, there is water running out of the house or garage, or no one has seen anyone at the house for days. All of those emergencies have happened and the office has had to call the emergency contact person to help resolve the issue.

So please, put an emergency contact person and phone number on the form and send us new information if that ever changes. It is for your own protection.

We have also had a few questions about the age requirement for a senior HOA. The answer is that state law requires senior HOAs to have the main occupant age 55 or older and the others can be age 45 or older.

Gardeners

Every now and then, residents also ask us to remind neighbors about their gardeners. Their requests include the following:

- Please do not start their work before 7:00 a.m. and preferably after 8:00 a.m.
- Do not blow excess greenery onto neighbors' yards or into the street.
- Instead, create leaf piles that the gardeners then cart away.

We are grateful for those who are considerate of everyone.

February is the month of love, and the Bible says "Love your neighbor as yourself." We wish that for all of you.

Jill Foley

Neighborhood Watch

A member reported that a very large television was delivered to a resident's home on Cypress Point Dr. but was stolen before it could be brought indoors.

If no one is home to receive packages, it may be good to have them delivered elsewhere, such as an Amazon pickup point. Also, sometimes deliverers just put packages outside the front door and do not ring the bell, so if you are home, it's a good idea to check your porch regularly.

A resident also reported that there is a man on a bike who rides around Kern City, and has been seen carrying packages. If you see such a person or any suspicious people, please call the police at (661) 327-7111. The more reports the police receive, the more often they patrol the area.

Condolences

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

Tammy Mundschau

HOA ELECTIONS

Kern City Apartments Inc. (KCAI) cordially invites all Kern City subdivisions, KCCA residents, and Property Management companies to an informative workshop. This event will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. in the Kern City Town Hall.

We are pleased to announce our guest speaker will be an experienced and knowledgeable director from Rio Bravo HOA. She is generously volunteering her time and expertise to help enhance our community's understanding of the HOA election process in accordance with the latest election laws.

The KCAI Board of Directors looks forward to sharing this educational opportunity with you.

Carol Ann Toms
2026 KCAI President



DRAFT KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2026, 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: Buster Beebe, 2025 board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Other directors present: Donna Hansen McMillin, Joe Newton, Ilene Schechter, Darryl Slavin, Carol Ann Toms, Donna Tyner, and Manager Jill Foley. Sharon Parks led the flag salute.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Beebe stated the first order of business is to elect our new officers. He stated Directors had slips of papers to vote on in their folders. Director Beebe asked for nominations for president. Director Tyner nominated Director Joe Newton for president. Director Newton was unanimously elected as president for 2026. Director Donna Hansen McMillin nominated Director Tyner for vice president and Director Schechter nominated Director Beebe for vice president. Director Beebe declined, and Director Tyner was unanimously elected to that position. Director Beebe nominated Director Donna Hansen McMillin for secretary-treasurer, and she was unanimously elected. Vote: Passed, unanimously.

President Joe Newton thanked the outgoing board members and thanked the returning directors for all they have done for Kern City.

III. MINUTES: Director Hansen McMcmillin asked if there were any corrections to the Dec. 9, 2025 meeting minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Hansen McMillin reported that as of Dec. 31, 2025, the Checking Account had \$66,750.32. There is \$171,380.55 of the checking account money in a Money Market Account at Me-

chanics Bank. Therefore, the total in Mechanics Bank as of Dec. 31, 2025 is \$238,130.87.

At Valley Strong there is \$104,590.70 in the Money Market account. In the Edward Jones account, the total in all three CD's is \$428,161.72. There is also \$240,521.54 in a Money Market account and \$10.32 waiting to be deposited in an account. The total in Edward Jones is \$668,693.58. Between the three banking institutions there is \$1,011,415.15.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Foley reported the deadline to turn in Letters to the Editor or classified ads is Thursday, Jan. 15th, by noon for the February *Klarion*. Manager Foley stated the tax preparation people would be at Kern City from Feb. to April 15th. She said people can start making appointments now and the phone number is in the *Klarion*. If a resident has not received an invoice for the 2026 assessment to please contact the office as they were mailed out at the end of November. The office will be closed on Jan. 19th for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The office was saddened to hear of the passing of Tammy Mundschau.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Pool - President Newton reported the pool is doing fine. Kern City will continue with the same pool service for 2026. He stated An upcoming project will be to repair the pool lights before the weather gets warmer.

b. and c. Inside Maintenance and Outside Maintenance – Director Slavin said there were some repairs that needed to be completed from last year, and directors will get together to walk the buildings to review other repairs needed.

d. RV Storage -- Director Beebe stated the RV Storage Park is in good shape. The space numbers need some repairs, and most spaces are rented out. He noted the water line by the dump station does not have a shut-off valve

and he is concerned about what would happen if someone hits it. He said he would look into it further. The current cost to rent a space is \$300 for residents and \$550 for non-residents.

e. Special Projects – Director Tyner said the next Early Bird Dinners at the Sundale Country Club will be on Jan. 23rd and Feb. 27th. She encouraged people to make reservations, and the number can be found in the *Klarion*. The volunteer luncheon will be April 17th for those who turn in their volunteer hours. More information will be shared in the next few months.

f. Library – Director Tyner reported there is no eating or drinking in the computer area. No food is allowed in the Library although drinks may be brought into the library in closed containers. Director Tyner also stated newer books are always welcome.

g. Compliance – Director Schechter reported that she and Jill Wolf drove around Kern City in December and made a final compliance report. She stated in 2025 the category of homes for rent or sale was added to a list for the office to keep track of and have available for people who are interested in renting or buying. She said she and Director Toms will continue monthly compliance reviews.

h. Local Associations – Director Schechter said she will contact the local associations for updated lists of HOA dues and officers.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Action on RV Park Calls – Director Beebe stated the RV park is open 24 hours a day, but he gets calls late at night because sometimes people can't open the gate since they changed their battery and that moved a number inside. He stated these are not emergency calls and is asking that non-emergency calls be limited to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Emergency calls would be

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Library News

ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

FEBRUARY ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

DVDs -- None AUDIO – BOOKS ON CD -- None

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

N	Hildebrand, Elin	Endless Summer
N	Roberts, Nora	Identity
N	South, Wilbur	War Cry
N	Steel, Danielle	Never Too Late
LP	Binchy, Maeve	The Glass Lake
M	Baldacci, David	To Die For
M	Fluke, Joanne	Triple Chocolate Cheese Cake Murder
M	Hillerman, Anne	The Way of the Bear
M	James, P. D.	The Murder Room
M	Sanford, John	Lethal Prey
ML	Atkinson, Rick	The Day of Battle
ML	Steidl, Franz	Lost Battalions
**	Lewis, Beverly	The Proving
NF	Gaines, Chip	Capital Gaines
NF	O'Reilly, Bill	Killing the Legends

hosted, their home was broken into, cash and jewelry went missing, and Nina lies dead on the floor. Who is the culprit and how did that person know them? She'll soon find out. Read *IDENTITY*, written by the ever-popular Nora Roberts.

From New York Times best-selling author, David Baldacci, we have *TO DIE FOR*. The 6:20 Man returns, this time sent to the Pacific Northwest to aid the FBI in a case that gets more complicated the more questions Devine asks. And he's about to come face-to-face with his nemesis, the girl on the train.

*Happy Reading,
Donna Tyner*

2026 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

THE 2026 CALENDARS ARE ONLY 25 CENTS, AND SOME ARE GREAT PLANNERS. ALSO, GREETING CARDS ARE ONLY 10 CENTS. WHAT A DEAL!



JOIN US FOR CANASTA: Come join us on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room for a fun time. Don't worry if you haven't played for years or never played. We are a patient group to help you learn, and we have fun. In the photo, we celebrated the Christmas holiday at La Cabana Restaurant. For more information, contact Carol Ann Toms at 320-260-7230.

Social Club Shenanigans

Here we are in 2026. The Social Club will carry on as usual. We have a new president, secretary, and treasurer to begin this year. We are excited to continue all the usual activities, and hope to bring in some new activities. We are a group of Kern City residents who enjoy getting together and creating activities and fun for all.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Del Webb Room (in the Town Hall), at 1:00 p.m. If this sounds like something you might enjoy, come join us. We can always use a helping hand. The next meeting will be on Feb. 3rd. We will be loosely planning for the year with more details for the next couple of months.

In January we had a Polar Bear Plunge at the pool. The potluck was winter themed, and participants created snowflakes for the tree in the social hall. The New Year's breakfast was fabulous, complete with Lucky Fortune Cookies! The February Potluck and the Pancake breakfast will be Valentine themed. Hope to see you there.

Jill Wolf
Secretary

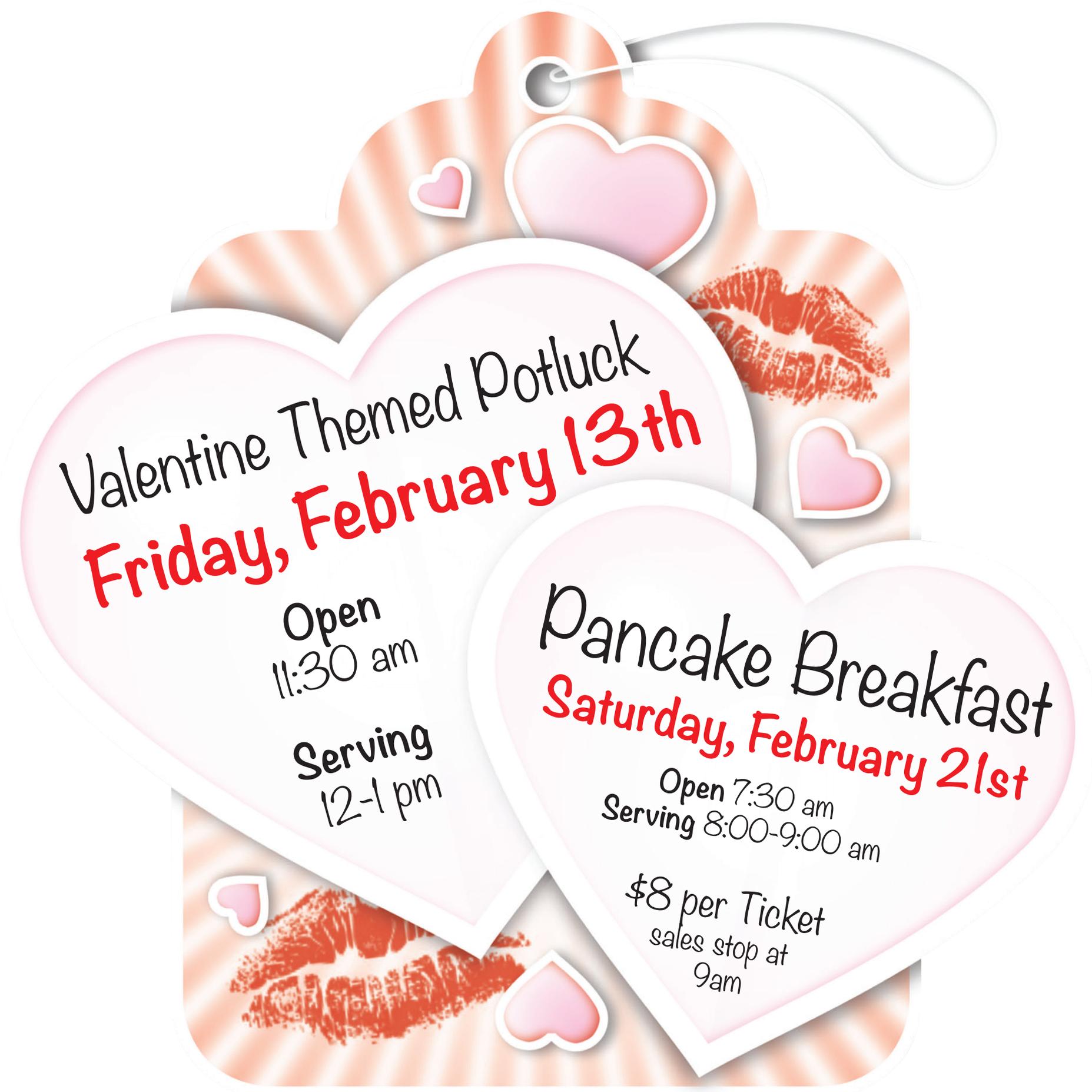
Patti Reed
Treasurer

Debbie Brown
President

February 2026 calendar

All phone numbers are in area code 661 unless otherwise listed.

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tues 3	Wed 4	Thurs 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
Church 9:30-10:30, TH Communion	SR Exer 10-12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 3p, SR	SOCIAL CLUB MTG, 1:00P, CR Poker, 10a-2p, PR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	 SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dance adv 2p, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM	Volunteer Hours due SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR LET'S COLOR, 1P CR Writers grp, 3p, CR Canasta 1-4:30pCM		Sewing Class, RSVP to 364-3365 10a, SR
8 Church 9:30-10:30, TH Special music program	9 SR Exer 10-12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 3p, SR	10 Blue Cart PU  <u>KCCA BD mtg,</u> <u>9a, TH</u> Poker, 10a-2p, PR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM <u>Free tax prep, SR</u> <u>RSVP @302-1875</u>	11  SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, CM Line dance adv 2p, TH Pinochle 6-10p CM <u>Free tax prep, SR</u> <u>RSVP @302-1875</u>	12 St Sweeper  SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers grp, 3p, CR Canasta 1-4:30pCM Chur board 5pCM Jewelry, 6p SR, make appt @ 472-9193 by 2-11	13 2ND Friday Potluck Lunch served at 12p, TH Doors open 11:30a 	14 Valentines Day
15 Church 9:30-10:30, TH Coffee Hour 8:30a	16 Presidents' Day CLOSED	17 Poker, 10a-2p, PR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM Scrabble, 1p, CM <u>Free tax prep, SR</u> <u>RSVP @302-1875</u> KCAI Workshop on elections, 2p, TH	18  SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, CM Line dance adv 2p, TH <u>Free tax prep, SR</u> <u>RSVP @302-1875</u> Pinochle 6-10p cm	19 SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p cm Writers grp, 3p, CR	20	21 PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 8-9:30a, TH Buy tkts by 9:00a. Doors open 7:30a Painting class, 10a-12, RSVP to 472-9193 by 2-19 
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The graphic features two overlapping heart-shaped callouts on a background of soft, radiating light rays. The top heart is light pink with a white outline and contains the event title. The bottom heart is also light pink with a white outline and contains the event details. The background is decorated with several smaller hearts and red lipstick smudges. A white ribbon-like shape is at the top right.

Valentine Themed Potluck
Friday, February 13th

Open
11:30 am

Serving
12-1 pm

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, February 21st

Open 7:30 am
Serving 8:00-9:00 am

\$8 per Ticket
sales stop at
9am

Around Kern City

2026 Polar Bear Plunge

We had another beautiful sunny day for the Kern City 2026 Polar Bear Plunge. Eight people did the cold walk through the pool. "Santa" Valerie was the winner of the costume contest. Matt brought the lucky fortune cookies. There were many watchers who enjoyed the sunshine and cheered on the plungers. It was a nice way to bring in the New Year with friends. Hope to see you in 2027.

~ Debbie Brown




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Working out after age 50

Exercise is an important component of healthy living at any age. Physical activity helps to maintain a healthy body weight and offers mental benefits like reduced stress and the potential to reduce risk for cognitive decline. But it's important to point out that appropriate exercise for a person at age 20 may look quite different from the right exercise regimen for someone who is 50 or older.

WebMD says exercise is important for quality of life as one ages and is a key to independence. It is important to think of exercise as a tool, and as with all tools, the right ones should be used with a goal to avoid injury. Fitness after 50 should prioritize some practices and avoid others.

- Focus on resistance training. Cardiovascular exercise is important for heart health and general health, but strength training also is essential to counter some of the normal effects of aging. Continuum Care, a private duty home care service, says aging results in a decline in bone density and muscle mass. Resistance exercise performed several times each week can help combat muscle loss and bone density decline.
- Opt for low-impact activities. Low-impact exercises that involve less jumping and pound-

ing will be easier on the joints. A doctor, physical therapist or athletic trainer can help to customize or adapt activities based on a person's limitations or medical conditions.

- Warm up before working out. Older adults are advised to warm up muscles before exercising to avoid injury, particularly if it has been some time since you last exercised. Harvard Medical School recommends five minutes of brisk walking or time on an elliptical machine to get blood flowing to muscles and make them pliable. After working out, it's advisable to stretch afterwards.
- Switch to interval training. Interval training, which alternates between intense exercises and less demanding "rest" periods, offers greater benefits compared to a consistent exercise pace. Interval training helps burn extra calories and maximizes oxygen consumption. Interval training may allow for shorter workouts as well.
- Increase the number of rest days. Focusing on recovery after age 50 is important. Tissue takes more time to recover as the body ages,



and that may require longer rest periods between workouts.

- Pay attention to what your body is saying. Scripps Health says that even with a doctor or professional trainer guiding workouts, an individual is the best judge if physical activity is too much or too little. Everyone should pay attention to signs of overexertion, such as dizziness, excessive fatigue or chest pain. Other signs of discomfort, such as joint pain, may mean the intensity needs to be dialed down or other exercises chosen.

An exercise regimen may need a reboot after a person turns 50. Modified activities and a slowing of pace can promote a healthy, injury-free lifestyle.

Making friends in your golden years



Aging and change go hand in hand. Physical changes associated with aging, such as graying hair or reduced muscle mass, may garner the most attention. But personal relationships also can change as people age.

As a person ages, interests could change and home base may not be what it once was. People move after retirement, and friends you might once have seen with frequency may no longer be as close by. Children are older, and the friends you made from these early parenthood relationships may change as well.

It is important to have a solid group of friends. Psychology Today reports that a strong social network reduces the risk of early death by around 45 percent. Recent data even indicates that loneliness is as great a health risk as smoking half a pack of cigarettes per day. Starting fresh and making friends at 50 or older might seem challenging. Although making new friends after 50 may take more effort than it did when you were younger, it is certainly not impos-

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Kern City Community Church

When We Feel Hopeless

How many times has someone said to you when you may be feeling hopeless, “Just have faith, friend, just have faith?”

It can be very frustrating to listen to that advice. The Bible states that you need hope to have faith. According to Hebrews 11:1, it states, “Now faith is the confidence in what you hope for ...” (NIV). So, faith and hope must go together. It sure seems that way to me.

I read that during the Thirty Year War in the 17th century, German pastor Paul Gerhardt and his family were forced to flee from their home. One night as they stayed in a small village inn, homeless and afraid, his wife broke down and cried openly in despair. To comfort her, Gerhardt reminded her of Scripture promises about God’s provision and keeping hope. Then, going out to the garden to be alone, he too broke down and wept. He felt he had come to his darkest hour.

Soon afterward, Gerhardt felt the burden lifted and sensed anew the Lord’s presence. Taking his pen, he wrote a hymn that has brought comfort to many.

“Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed;

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms, He gently clears the way.

Wait thou His time, so shall the night soon end in joyous day.”

It is often in our darkest times that God makes His presence known most clearly. He uses our sufferings and troubles to show us that He is our only source of strength. When we see this truth, like Pastor Gerhardt, we receive new hope.

Are you facing a great trial? Take heart. Put yourself in God’s hands. Wait for His timing. He will give you a “song in the night.” (Our Daily Bread, May 7, 1992).

The ladies of Kern City Community Church are inviting women who live in the Kern City community to a Ladies Gathering on March 7th in the Town Hall, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There is no cost to attend. Hodels will cater the food and there will be inspirational speakers plus some laughs. Please sign up in the Town Hall foyer as there is LIMITED SEATING. You will find the sign-up sheet outside the Office in the foyer.

Both men and women are welcome to join the Kern City Community Church every Sunday morning for the worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall because “*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” (Rom.10:17, NKJV).

We look forward to meeting you.

Pastor Tim

Church Schedule

Feb 1.

Communion Sunday. A very special service

Feb 8.

Wonderful music program by Vicki Harrel. “Love Songs to Jesus “

Feb 15.

Our monthly Social Hour complete with Jack’s famous coffee and Valentine-themed pastries followed by Pastor Tim with worship and hymns.

Feb 22.

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FRIENDS

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sible. Here are some tips for making friends after 50.

- Join a networking group. Networking isn’t just for advancing your career. Networking groups that focus on friendships can help individuals meet one another. Perhaps there is a neighborhood group in which people from a particular housing development or several

streets in town get together? Shared interests can include the place where you live.

- Organize a get-together. Sometimes making friends involves effort on your part. You might need to step out of your comfort zone and initiate first contact with others. Maybe there is a person at a store you run into frequently, or someone whose path you cross regularly that can be asked out to a get-together?

- Get involved with activities. A church group or a volunteer activity can be a great place to

meet new people. In fact, volunteers often get involved for the express purpose of getting to know others and to be integral members of the community.

- Consider other generations. Friends need not be the same age and from the same generation. Keep an open mind that friends can come in all ages and from all walks of life.

Making friends after 50 requires some effort, but a sizable social network can benefit individual well-being into one’s golden years.

Opportunities

Sundale Country Club

6218 Sundale Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93309,
(661) 324-6561 for reservations.

Jazz Night at Sundale: Every Tuesday night, The Phoenix at Sundale hosts lively jazz music, delicious food, and refreshing drinks. The schedule follows: 6:30pm - Workshop;

7:30pm - Featured Performance; 8:30pm - Jam Session. Open to all, no admission charge and great dinner specials. **Text 661-330-4859 to reserve a table for dining.**

Bakersfield Jazz Workshop Schedule. All featured performances are Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm: Feb. 3 - The Darren Gholston (sax) Band (smooth jazz); Feb. 10 -The Kris Tiner (trumpet) Quartet; Feb. 17 - Shanna O'Brien and Friends (her 80th b-day celebration concert); Feb. 24 - The Bakersfield College Chamber Singers directed by Dr. Jennifer Garrett.

For more information, please visit BakersfieldJazzWorkshop.org.

Special Events

Save the Date for Feb. 6th: Wolff Vineyards Wine Dinner. A fun and educational evening with Jean-Pierre Wolff, the winemaker at Wolff Vineyards. Enjoy a delicious

dinner perfectly paired by Chef Mike Kelly. Reservations please.

Valentines Day – Feb. 14: Celebrate Valentine's Day and indulge in our chef-curated Valentine's Day dinner specials. Reservations please.

Feb. 27 – Early Bird Dinner: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread and Caesar salad. It's \$15.95 if reserved by Feb. 26 or \$17.95 thereafter.

The 19th Hole Grill

The 19th Hole Grill offers a full breakfast and lunch menu and is open from 7am to 3pm.

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Opportunities

8pm, Saturday: 5pm – 8pm.

Weekly Wine Specials: Wednesday: Members receive a free first glass of select wine. Non-members receive half off their first glass of wine. **Thursday:** Members receive half off select bottles of wine. Non-members receive one-third off select bottles of wine.

Music Makers

1. Anyone interested in singing is encouraged to meet with the Music Makers at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays in the Sewing Room.
2. Music Makers is in need of a piano or electric keyboard. If you have one to donate, contact Mike Lackey, (661) 345-1673.

3. We are looking for a piano player who enjoys fun music and performing at some KC events. Join us on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in the Sewing Room.

VOLUNTEERS

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of Directors has partnered with the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) through the Volunteer Center of Kern County. The hours volunteers complete are tied to federal monies which benefit senior citizens throughout Kern County. One of its programs is Meals on Wheels. In addition, several hundred blankets, warm clothing and food items have been distributed to Veterans, and over 16,250 fans to seniors, all in Kern County.

When you volunteer, you not only help Kern City, but also Kern County! Make your hours count!

Sharon Parks

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Taco Tuesdays: From 10am to 2pm, enjoy three tacos and a margarita for only \$12.

BBQ Thursdays: BBQ lunch from 11am to 2pm. Please call ahead, as we sell out every week!

Fish Friday: Choose from Fish & Chips, Fish Tacos, or Fish Sandwich Specials, along with the very best clam chowder.

Pizza & Beer Specials: On Saturdays and Sundays, get a large personal-size pizza with your choice of toppings and a draft beer/fountain drink for only \$14.

Phoenix Dining Room

The upstairs Phoenix Dining Room is open to everyone and operates during the following hours: Tuesday–Friday: 11am –

MINUTES

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items like the gate is not closing or there is a vehicle fire, etc. Director Schechter made a motion to limit the hours for non-emergency issues to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Vote: Passed, unanimous. Manager Foley stated the office will mail a notice about this change to everyone who has an RV in the park.

b. Action on Lien – President Newton reported there was property that has not paid the 2025 association dues and Kern City would like to lien Parcel #194-130-03-5. Director Beebe made a motion to lien that property. Vote: Passed, unanimously.

IX. DIRECTORS FORUM: Director Schech-

ter welcomed the board members. President Newton noted the current board members all have experience serving on the board. He also stated the five employees of Kern City have a combined 44 years of working here. Director Beebe thanked Daryl and Jill Wolf, Roger Kirby and Joe Newton for all their help with the RV storage.

X. AUDIENCE:

Social Club: Debbie Brown, the newly elected Social Club president, introduced the club's new board officers: Jill Wolf, secretary and Patti Reed, treasurer. She said she looks forward to continuing the activities of the Social Club and adding new ones. She thanked all those who help do the hard work. She said the first breakfast of this year will be Saturday, Jan. 17th. The Social Club meets on the first

Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. and all are welcome. President Newton thanked Terry Wiersum for her four and one-half years as president of the Social Club.

Sharon Parks, in charge of Kern City volunteer hours for the RSVP program, reported Kern City volunteers turned in 9,077 hours for 2025.

XI. ADJOURNMENT -- President Newton adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting will be on Feb. 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hansen McMillin, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: 29 (includes 7 directors, manager and 21 members)

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: Kern City resident in need of a gently used pick-up truck. Looks are secondary to reliability. Yosi Fischer, (818) 731-6433.

WANTED: Thank you to the residents for the generosity of donating items for the animal shelters. There is a big need due to so many dumped and/or abandoned animals. They are so grateful for every item donated, big and small. Instead of throwing away old towels, sheets, etc., stained, torn, ragged, does not matter, call or text Judy Harris @331-2229 for items to be picked up. The shelters also need newspapers. Call Judy when you get a stack.

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: 3 BD, 2 BA, 1,769 sq ft, lg kitchen, living room, dining room, den. On golf course w/ view of fairway. 2-car garage. Great deal at \$310,000.
917 Cherry Hills. Call Chris @ 204-3407.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 2 golf carts – 2016 Club Car Precedent, navy blue, new batteries, upgraded. Enclosures – wheels, tires, lights, and turn signals. \$6,500 OBO.

2007 Club Car Precedent, ground up restoration, new batteries, top, Enclosures -body, tires, wheels, lights. \$4,500 OBO. Call 979-5964.

FOR SALE: Adult tricycle, \$100. Like new, 24” wheels, purchased in 2023. Call Jim at 208-550-0402. See at 1435 Thunderbird St. in Kern City.

FOR SALE: 42” X 30” two-piece orange dresser, \$50; 2 Lifetime 6’ tables, \$30 each; 22” X 22” square brown leather ottoman. Call 331-5194 (leave message if no answer).

FOR SALE: Samsung washing machine, top load, good condition, \$300; girl’s bike, used once, \$100; women’s “Play girl” pink golf clubs, complete set, all accessories, \$350. Call 703-3141.

SERVICES

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: The holidays are coming and you may need a last-minute gift. Avon also has Christmas decorations, as well as clothing, and jewelry for Christmas. There are several new products for skincare, and makeup. To get a catalog or place an order, call or text Judy Harris @ 331-2229. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

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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.

NEED HELP WITH grocery shopping, trips to the doctor, cooked meals? Then I'm your girl. Very experienced. Kern City resident, 904-9396.

HANDYMAN: Veteran Pro Services, fully insured Kern City resident does painting, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, furniture assembly, light moving, fencing, gates, appliance installation. Contact Frank Contreras for quote at 714-905-2591 or by email at ctrising01@gmail.com.

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.

PAINTER: 35 years' experience. I do external, internal, garage doors, wrought iron gates. Jobs guaranteed, great rate. Kern City resident. Call Rick at 477-7676.

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

CAREGIVER, PERSONAL ASSISTANT: I am a highly experienced personal caregiver with many references. I'm seeking new clients who'd like help with shopping, banking, appointments, and just about anything you need including cooking. I am a Christian woman who lives and works in Kern City and I'd like to remain in this community. Let's meet and discuss your needs. Drema at 204-9935.



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