



Kern City Klarion

April
2026

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Apr 3 – Good Friday service, 12p, TH | Apr 10 – 2nd Friday Lunch, doors 11:30a |
| Apr 6 – Volunteer Hours due | Apr 14 – KC board mtg, 9:00a |
| Apr 7 – SCAM lunch, free, 11a, RSVP! | Apr 17 – Volunteer Lunch, RSVP only |
| Apr 7 – Social Club mtg, 1p | Apr 18 – Pancake Breakfast, |

President's message

When KERN CITY opened its doors in July 1961 with an open house, Del Webb made this point. "Concrete, steel, and lumber can make the buildings but people make the community."

Later Ronald Reagan said, "We can't help everyone but everyone can help someone." It can be said that the greatness of a community is best measured by the compassion and kindness demonstrated by its members.

Those attributes are no stranger to Kern City residents where it is practiced every day. Witness the Social Club with its activities and the 25 other groups formed to specifically address the interest of their participants. Add the many volunteers and our employees to this list that perform many kind acts. Often the act is anonymous to the receiver as kindness is often unannounced and goes unnoticed. It is short but creates a long-lasting benefit and memory. Kindness exemplifies the "Golden Rule" and the greater truth is that which is done for others is done unto GOD. This results in greater harmony and communication which results in fewer misunderstandings between members.

There are many role models living in Kern City and during my 23 years living here, I've seen outstanding examples. They've included kindness to strangers, the right words to someone, practicing one good turn deserves another, compassion and understanding, small things have made a big impact, and the joy of doing for others without expecting a return favor.

We should not underestimate the power of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which can turn a life around for the better. Being friendly and close to our neighbors gives an assurance you have someone looking out for you that may be the best support system for the "Neighborhood Watch."

Our neighbors are likely to be the first line of reliable help in case of any problem situation since many of our immediate families are some distance away. Finally, we have a specially designated day to remember. Easter will be the first Sunday in April and I trust everyone will remember our Savior's Gift to the world. To all, have a good month.

Joe Newton

FBI to speak on scams, RSVP now for April 7

Residents should make reservations now to hear an FBI agent speak on how to avoid and where to report scams. The event will be at a free light lunch on Tuesday, April 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. The event is free but reservations are necessary.

"This is an important meeting because scammers know to target seniors because

they are usually kind, often have more money and can believe what people tell them," said Joe Newton, president of the KCCA board. "Scammers take advantage of that."

Seating will be limited to 100 people so RSVP to (661) 831-2035 or stop by the office Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Shred Event is back June 5

Start putting aside unwanted documents now because that highly anticipated Shred Event will return Friday, June 5, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot.

"The board puts this on for residents each year," said Donna Tyner, director over Special Projects. "Documents can have staples on them but please remove paperclips and binder clips."

Tyner noted that the Shred Event is free but there will be a container available for those who wish to donate to Honor Flight for veterans. "We have had a few

of our Kern City veterans go on that flight and they have reported how very important that was for them," she said.

The Honor Flight takes a veteran free of charge to Washington D.C. where they can visit the war memorials. They stay in a hotel, have meals and see the sites. While their trip is covered, they must be accompanied by a guardian whose tour is not covered. Kern City donations help cover veterans and guardians on these trips.

LAST CHANCE: Make free tax appointment

For residents who would like to take advantage of the free tax preparation held here, appointments will be available 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).

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Manager's Report

Please help!

We have received some requests from members to remind residents about some important issues.

Thank You and No Thanks

Sometimes residents have extra oranges, other citrus or different foods and leave them on benches outside the Town Hall for others to help themselves. Thank you to those who bring fresh and good products! That's very nice, but it is NOT okay to clean out pantries and put expired items there. Kern City is not a dumping ground so please do not ever bring expired items here for any event or to give away.

Sidewalks

There are some blocked or partially blocked sidewalks in Kern City. This is a very important safety concern because falls are one of the most dangerous accidents that harm seniors. So many of our residents walk for exercise. Having to step down into the street because a sidewalk is blocked is one time when it is easy to fall. If someone falls and hits their head on the concrete or street, it can be fatal.

We have reached out to some residents about their vehicles blocking the sidewalk because they are not pulled entirely into their driveway. However, sometimes people think they'll run into their properties for just a minute. Please do not let this be you.

Stop Signs and speeding

We have recently witnessed vehicles at the corner of Sundale Avenue and Pebble Beach Drive totally ignore the stop signs there. One employee was almost hit twice by people who did not stop and just drove through. Another employee watched vehicles just blow through the stop signs on two occasions. We have also received some complaints from residents.

A few years ago, someone was killed at the corner of Cherry Hills and Stockdale Highway.

Please don't let this happen to you or others. So please look for and stop at every stop sign!

Of course, we still receive complaints about speeding. Residents, please obey the speed limit here which is 25 miles per hour.

Our Veterans and our Military

We love our veterans and those in the military. At our last board meeting, Director Carol Ann Toms revealed that three soldiers killed recently in the Iran War had each received a Christmas gift from us in 2019. That was the year Kern City sent boxes of gifts to some troops in the Army. We received Thank You notes from the soldiers and their group afterwards.

I'm so glad we could touch their lives in that way.

Please keep our military in your prayers!

Jill Foley

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:

***Joel Segrest, a former director
and KCCA board president***



Directors and
staff wish you
all a very
blessed Easter
and Passover!



DRAFT KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2026, 5:30 p.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 Newton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Donna Hansen McMillin, Darryl Slavin, Carol Ann Toms, and Donna Tyner, and Manager Jill Foley. Absent was Director Schechter. Roger Kirby led the flag salute.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Newton stated that while member's comments are welcome and contribute to the meeting, member's comments will be held to three minutes or less. This is in keeping with Roberts Rules of Order. He also reminded members that if an item is not on the agenda, it cannot be voted on during the meeting. If members are interested in putting something on the agenda they are asked to contact the office to make an appointment with a director or manager to discuss the item.

III. MINUTES: Director Hansen McMillin asked if there were any corrections to the Feb. 10, 2026 meeting minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Hansen McMillin reported that as of Feb. 28, 2026, the Checking Account had \$23,571.10. There is \$417,163.17 of the checking account money in a Money Market Account at Mechanics Bank. Therefore, the total in Mechanics Bank as of Feb. 28 was \$440,734.27.

At Valley Strong there is \$104,980.62 in the Money Market account. In the Edward Jones account, the total in the two CD's is \$367,909.38. The other CD, in the amount of \$61,906.81 was in a money market prior to being renewed as a CD. There is also

\$241,996.74 in a Money Market account.. The total in Edward Jones is \$671,812.93. Between the three banking institutions there is \$1,217,527.93.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Foley reported the deadline to turn in Letters to the Editor or classified ads is Friday, March 13th, by noon for the April *Klarion*. Manager Foley stated free tax appointments in Kern City are available through April 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She said people should make an appointment soon and the phone number is in the *Klarion*. She also said that some residents have dropped comments to the office and she asked that any comments need to include a name and phone number in case there are questions or for follow-up. The office has not heard of anyone passing away and encourages people to contact the office if they know of anyone who has passed away.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Pool - President Newton said residents will want to start swimming soon. The lights in the pool are on the agenda for a vote.

b. Inside Maintenance – Director Slavin stated a urinal in the men's bathroom was repaired. Currently the sound system in the Town Hall is being evaluated.

c. Outside Maintenance - Director Slavin thanked Jill Wolf, Debbie Brown, Valerie Hampton and Sharon Parks, who comprise the gardening crew which has kept up the flowerbeds. One of the posts holding up the flat roof outside the front of the Town Hall was reinforced by Director Slavin and President Newton. It should last a number of years before it needs to be fully replaced.

d. RV Storage -- Director Beebe reported a major water leak was repaired by Bakersfield Plumbing which also replaced the valve on the main water line coming into the RV Storage as

it was not working. They also raised the valve from two feet underground to above ground for easier access. He thanked President Newton, Roger Kirby and Daryl Wolf for their help with finding the leak and valve.

e. Special Projects – Director Tyner said the next Early Bird dinner at the Sundale Country Club will be on March 27th and will be a jumbo tostado. With reservations, the cost is \$15.95 and without it is \$17.95. The number can be found in the *Klarion*. The invitations for the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on April 17th have been sent out to those who turned in hours for 2025. If anyone has any questions they can contact Sharon Parks, the coordinator for the RSVP program in Kern City.

f. Library – Director Tyner stated the library can still use newer books. She is not going to put out videos or books on tape as they are not being checked out. She encouraged residents to come in and work on the puzzle or read the newspaper.

g. Compliance, CC&Rs– Director Toms stated when Director Schechter is available they will drive around Kern City. The manager has sent out letters to properties not in compliance and one property that has been a problem should soon go into probate. Director Toms stated she has met with President Newton regarding the CC&Rs, and they will continue to meet.

h. Community Relations – Director Tyner stated she has nothing new to report.

i. Local Associations – Director Hansen McMillin reported that Director Schechter has been updating information regarding local association dues and officers.

Library News

APRIL ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

M = Mystery LP = Large Print N = Novel
 ML = Military ** = Religious/Inspirational
 NF = Non-Fiction/Biography

M	Burke, James Lee	The New Iberia Blues
M	Cussler, Clive	The Cutthroat
M	Jean, Emiko	The Return of Ellie Black
M	Khan, Ausma Zehanat	Blackwater Falls
M	Meltzer, Brad	The Escape Artist
M	Woods, Stuart	Bombshell
N	Chan, Vanessa	The Storm We Made
N	Hankin, Laura	Happy and You Know It
N	Lauren, Christina	The Paradise Problem
N	Steel, Danielle	Turning Point
ML	Gailey, Harry A	"Howlin' Mad" vs The Army
LP	Cotton, Tom	Sacred Duty
NF	McShane, Larry	Little Vic and the Great Mafia War

I think Spring has sprung and Summer is on its heels. Come check out the Library for new books, magazines, etc. and save on your A/C. It's always comfortable in there.

One of our new books is entitled THE RETURN OF ELLIE BLACK, written by Emiko Jean. A missing girl returns. But that isn't the story – it's only the beginning. She won't say where she's been or who she's protecting.

Girls from immigrant communities have been disappearing for months in the Colorado town of Blackwater Falls but the local sheriff is slow to act and the fates of the missing girls are largely disregarded. Read more in BLACKWATER FALLS by Ausma Zehanat Khan.

*Happy Reading,
 Donna Tyner*



CARDS AND CALENDARS ARE HERE!

GREETING CARDS FOR BIRTHDAYS, HOLIDAYS, GET WELL, SYMPATHY AND MORE ARE IN THE LIBRARY FOR JUST 10 CENTS. SOME ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL AND WOULD COST SEVERAL DOLLARS ELSEWHERE, SO COME CHECK THEM OUT.

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

Earth Day is April 22

Sewer, garbage rates to go up Are you energy efficient?

With utilities and other costs continuing to climb, people need to see how to save money.

"Reducing energy usage is one way we can do that," said Joe Newton, KCCA board president, "Earth Day is April 22 and that reminds us to look for ways to help the environment by using less energy. That is one way to help people save some money."

Toward that end, people should look at energy-efficiency improvements, such as lighting, HVAC, solar, and irrigation.

"Recycling is one way to help," Newton said. "Also, changing to desert-style landscap-

ing. Our board will be looking at what more we can do, and we hope members will also do that."

Newton said the city has notified us of higher costs coming for sewer and garbage collection.
















The garbage costs per property will be increased from \$185.52 to \$191.31 for properties with 1-4 units and from \$148.42 to \$153.05 for five or more units. That increase will be collected with the county's property taxes.

Also starting July 1, proposed sewer rates

include an increase from \$247.13 to \$475 for the 2026-2027 year, and then by \$100 for the following four years. In the first year, the rate goes up by less than \$20 per month. It will also be collected through property taxes.

That will cover the operating costs for its sewer system and enough to start building reserves in order to borrow to pay for major capital upgrades at the city's wastewater treatment plants.

The upgrades will also require between \$100 million and \$150 million in bonding in year five.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed 1 Passover begins SR Exer 10a TH  Bible Study, 10a CM  Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, CM Line dance adv 2p, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM <u>Taxes, 9a-2p, SR</u> <u>RSVP @302-1875</u>	Thurs 2 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	Fri 3  Church Service 12-1p, TH	Sat 4 Sewing Class, RSVP to 364-3365 10a, SR 
5 Easter Communion Church 9:30- 10:30, TH 	6 Volunteer Hours due SR Exer 10-12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 1p, TH	7 Blue Cart PU  FBI SCAM lunch mtg, 11a, TH RSVP by 4/3 @ 831-2035 SOCIAL CLUB MTG 1p, TH Poker, 10a-2p, PR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM <u>Free tax prep, SR RSVP @302-1875</u>	8 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 RSVP @302-1875</u>	9 St Sweeper  SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers grp, 3p, CR Canasta 1-4:30pCM Chur board 5p CR	10 2 nd Friday Potluck Lunch Doors 11:30, Lunch 12 noon, TH Head & Foot card game, CM, 1p, RSVP: 809-1905.	11
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26 Church 9:30- 10:30, TH Lunch immediately follows	27 SR Exer 10-12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 1p, TH	28 Poker, 10a-2p, PR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	29 SR Exer 10a TH  Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, CM Line dance adv 2p, TH Pinochle 6-10p cm	30 SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p cm Writers grp, 3p, CR		<u>ABBREVIATIONS</u> CM Community 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

Take a look at where the
Rosewood residents go.



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Around Kern City

Boy, was that Potato Bake fun!?! And green! The Town Hall and tables looked beautiful, and a special guest – Mr. Potato Man – surprised residents. The tree on the stage was gorgeous decorated for St. Patrick’s Day, and the potatoes were delicious. Kudos to the Social Club for such a great event!



Here’s the team which put together the Potato Bake. It was chaired by member Patti Reed. Good job, folks!



Harry and Chris Mason posed with Mr. Potato Head! All diners were welcome to take a photo with that surprise visitor. So fun!

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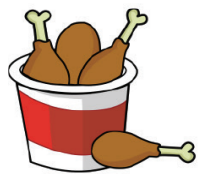
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2nd Friday POTLUCK

April 10

@ Noon



Bring a dish to share

Social Club Shenanigans

It was very green and lucky at our Potato Bake and Pancake breakfast in March. The Town Hall tree was dressed in shamrocks for luck. The Potluck was exchanged for a delicious potato bake. Lucky number mints were sold with a lucky number winner. Potato heads were everywhere. We were very surprised when a very large potato walked in.

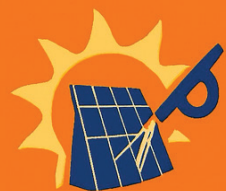
April showers/Spring flowers will bring a Pot Luck and Pancake Breakfast this month. At the end of May we will have a seasonal pool opening party, more details to come. We are developing some fabulous working teams for our events. If you would like to be part of one, come join us on April 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall for our next meeting.

Debbie Brown

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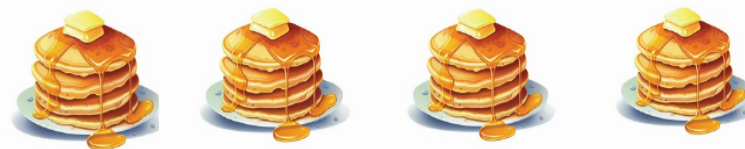
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SPCA

Dogs: Food, bowls, toys, leashes, collars, bandanas, shampoo, kiddie pool, puppy pads

Cats: Food, bowls, toys, collars, litter pans, Litter, scratch posts

General: Laundry baskets, towels, blankets,

Critters w/out Litters

OxiClean, Tide pods, distilled water, Clorox wipes, copy paper, chux absorbent underpads, canned cat food, baby wipes, 45 gal. trash bags, dog treats



Meet our residents

Editor's note: We would like to run an article periodically on our interesting residents. If you know someone who is 100 or older or who has accomplished much or is just outstanding in some way, please let the office know. Member Barbara Mullin is a member of the writing group that meets here on Thursdays in the Town Hall Del Webb Room at 3:00 p.m.

One hundred years of life

Hello! My name is Barbara. I happily reside in Kern City where I've been a resident for 26 years. I was born in Coalinga 100 years ago. I am a long-time Californian, back when Californians were known as prune pickers. That name has long gone away.

My father was known as a job-hopper. He didn't stay with a job long and we moved just about every year.

Sometimes we returned to a city we had lived in earlier. I attended five different schools and was not able to put down roots or make long-time friends.

I finally put those roots down in Long Beach. I graduated from high school and because we were in the middle of World War II, I went to work for the Navy at the Naval Drydocks where I met my husband to be and was married soon after. We both lost our jobs when several Naval facilities were shut down. This caused another move. We were on our way to Wasco. I became a police officer, but not to my liking. I went to work at the school district. Another move.

Bakersfield. I planted my roots deep this time. I retired from the school district, and my husband and I traveled for several years until God called him home. I moved once again into Kern City. One of these days I will make my last and final move.

Barbara Mullin



Barbara Mullin

Kern City Community Church

Check Your Attitude

One day, two monks were walking through the countryside. They were on their way to another village to help bring in the crops. As they walked, they spied an old woman sitting at the edge of a river. She was upset because there was no bridge, and she could not get across on her own. The first monk kindly offered, "We will carry you across if you would like." "Thank you," she said gratefully, accepting their help. So the two men joined hands, lifted her between them and carried her across the river. When they got to the other side, they set her down, and she went on her way.

After they had walked another mile or so, the second monk began to complain. "Look at my clothes," he said. "They are filthy from carrying that woman across the river. And my back still hurts from lifting her. I can feel it getting stiff." The first monk just smiled and nodded his head.

A few more miles up the road, the second monk griped again, "My back is hurting me so badly, and it is all because we had to carry that silly woman across the river! I cannot go any farther because of the pain." The first monk looked down at his partner, now lying on the ground, moaning. "Have you wondered why I am not complaining?" he asked. "Your back hurts because you are still carrying the woman. But I set

her down five miles ago."

That is what many of us are like in dealing with our families. We are that second monk who cannot let go. We hold the pain of the past over our loved ones' heads like a club, or we remind them every once in a while, when we want to get the upper hand, of the burden we still carry because of something they did years ago. (Dr. Anthony T. Evans, *Guiding Your Family in a Misguided World*)

After reading this story of the two monks, I thought about what the writer of Hebrews said in chapter 12:15 - "Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many" (NLT). Learning to lay our burdens down and not carrying them helps us avoid bitterness that can so easily creep into our hearts and minds that brings to breed jealousy, anger and dissension. Keeping watch over our emotions are so important that resentment doesn't grow and nurse grudges over past hurts.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall to worship with Kern City Community Church congregation.

Pastor Tim Zemanek

Church Schedule

April 3: 12 -1pm -- Special Good Friday service & Communion in the Town Hall,

April 5: 9:30am -- Easter Sunday service and Communion

April 12: 9:30am -- Worship & music

**April 19: 8:30am -- Donuts & Coffee
9:30am -- Worship & music**

April 26: 9:30am -- Gil & Channel Williams, missionaries to Austria, will bring an inspirational message. Our monthly lunch will follow.

**Wednesday Bible Study is in the Community Room at 10:00 am
EVERYONE is welcome!**

Opportunities

**Sundale Country Club,
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Jazz Night at Sundale: Every Tuesday night, The Phoenix at Sundale hosts an evening of lively jazz, delicious food and drinks. The schedule is: 6:30pm – Workshop; 7:30pm - Featured Performance; 8:30pm - Jam Session. This event is open to everyone with no admission charge. Great dinner specials. Text 661-330-4859 to reserve a table for dining.

Bakersfield Jazz Workshop: Featured Artist/ Ensemble Schedule from 7:30 to 8:30pm:

4/7-Roger Martin (vocals) and Friends 4/14-The CSUB Jazz Collective under the direction of Jim Scully

4/21-The Sherrna Armstrong (vocals) Band
4/28-The Shafter Big Band For more information, visit BakersfieldJazzWorkshop.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Easter Sunday Brunch Buffet on April 5. Upscale buffet, carving station, shrimp cocktail, salads, dessert station, and even a kid's station. Easter egg hunt with the Easter Bunny for the kids. Reserve at (661) 324-6561.

Early Bird Dinner: April 24th, 4 - 6PM at the 19th Hole Grill: Baby Back Ribs, Bens Famous Green Beans, and Baked Potato, \$15.95 for reservations made by April 23rd, and \$17.95 after.

April 30th 'Steppin On The Grass' 5:30-8:00pm, experience the high energy, nostalgic Bluegrass music that will get your feet stompin.' Includes a BBQ chicken dinner with corn

on the cob, potato salad and cornbread. The talented members of this amazing band are as much fun to watch as they are to listen to. Only \$20 includes the music, dinner and tax. Reserve at (661) 324-6561.

Plan ahead: May 2nd, join us for a guided tour of the wine and tapas of Spain. Enjoy Spanish wines with paired with classic Spanish tapas. a delicious journey, no luggage required. Reserve and info at (661) 324-6561.

The 19th Hole Grill: Breakfast and lunch available from 7:00am to 3:00pm. Specials are: Taco Tuesdays: From 10:00am to 2:00pm, enjoy three tacos and a margarita for only \$12; BBQ Thursdays: From 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please call ahead, as we sell out every week; Fish Fridays: Fish & Chips, Fish Tacos, or

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The Phoenix Dining Room is located upstairs and is open to everyone. Hours are Tuesday –Friday, 11:00am – 8:00pm; Saturday, 5:00 – 8:00pm.

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

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If this sounds fun for you, we can meet on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. at least twice a month. If interested, please call (661) 809-1905.

MINUTES

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VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Action on Replacing the Pool Lights

– President Newton reported that Rankin Electric bid has submitted a bid of \$6,100 to replace the lights in the swimming pool. They would replace the existing five lights with LED lights for a total cost of \$4,500 for the lights. Labor will be \$1,600 if there are no issues. Director Slavin made a motion to accept the Rankin bid of \$6,100 to replace the five lights in the swimming pool with new LED lights. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

b. Action on Trimming Pine Trees – Director Slavin stated eight pine trees by the patio need to be trimmed as they haven't been trimmed in over three years. H United Tree Service submitted a bid of \$4,150, which is \$518.75 per tree. Director Tyner made a motion to accept the bid from H United Tree Service to trim

the eight pine trees for \$4,150. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

IX. DIRECTORS FORUM – Director Hansen McMillin stated the Shred Event for Kern City residents will be on Friday, June 5th, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Shredding is free for all Kern City residents and donations for the Honor Flight will be accepted. More information will be in the *Klarion*. President Newton reported that the installation of No Trespassing signs and filing paperwork with the police department has resulted in the police being able to do more in regard to squatters and break-ins at the empty houses. Director Toms reminded members that Kern City has helped veterans and the military by donating to Honor Flight and Wreaths Across America, and had sent gift boxes to the military for Christmas several years ago. In fact, three of the soldiers in Kuwait who were killed recently in combat in the war with Iran had each received one of our gift boxes. Director Beebe thanked Roger Kirby for his help with the RV Storage.

X. AUDIENCE:

a. Social Club - Debbie Brown, President of

the Social Club, said there will be hot dogs during the summer months and she hopes to add an antique, unique car show to one of those days. The club's plans include a 'pool opening party' on May 29th, decorating the tree on the stage for the different seasons, and a St. Patrick's Day themed 'Potato Bake.'

b. Audience – A member stated she was familiarizing herself with HOA management and finances and feels that Kern City has done well. She thanked Director Toms for the presentation by KCAI regarding HOA election rules. Evelyn Jackson reported that KCAI will have its Vendor Expo on June 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Town Hall and courtyard.

XI. ADJOURNMENT -- President Newton adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The next meeting will be April 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hansen McMillin, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: 31 (includes 6 directors, manager and 24 members)

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YARD SALE

YARD SALE: Saturday, April 11, 7:00 am – noon. 5905 Desert Hills Ave.

WANTED

WANTED: Class B or C RV. Bed, Bath, Kitchen and Self-Contained are important to us. Looking for Low Miles and a Reasonable price. Debbie @ 340-0888.

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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.

FOR SALE

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.

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