



# Kern City Klarion

May  
2026

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 5 – Volunteer Hours due  
May 5 – Social Club mtg, 1p  
May 12 – KC Board Mtg, 9:00a  
May 16 – Pancake Breakfast, 8:00a  
May 18 – Afternoon Aquasize, 4:00p  
May 23 – Meet & Greet, 10a, TH  
May 29 – Pool Opening Party, 6p

Note: Office closed May 8 for cleanup, May 25 for Memorial Day

## President's message

The month of May is one of the most beautiful months of the year. The hot temperatures have not yet arrived and flowers, gardens, and grasses are starting to grow. It is the last full month of Spring and on the calendar, it brings a few well-known days to celebrate.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (May 7th) dates back to 1787 when Benjamin Franklin asked President George Washington to open each day with prayer. Later proclaimed by President Harry Truman in 1952 and encouraged Americans to turn to God in prayer.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation recognizing the second Sunday in May as MOTHER'S DAY. The day is dedicated to honoring and recognizing the sacrifices and accomplishments of mothers. It is a day to honor and respect mothers and show how important they are to us.

ARMED FORCES DAY is a day to recognize currently serving members of the Armed Forces. President Truman sought National support for all service members in a single day on the third Saturday in May and is another day to raise the flag.

MEMORIAL DAY is observed the last Monday of MAY and is a legal holiday to observe the memory of those who gave their life while serving the United States

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## Want to tell City how to budget?

District 6 Councilman Zack Bashirtash invites residents to give opinions on the upcoming Bakersfield City budget. The date will be Wednesday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Come listen to a short presentation on what areas and costs the City is prioritizing and then share your ideas.

### Call for Candidates

## Would you like to run for 2027-2028 director?

Attention Members (homeowners): The window is open for members to consider whether they would like to apply for a position on the Kern City Board of Directors for the 2027-2028 term. There are three seats open. Applications are available in the office, and the last day to turn one into the office will be Monday, Aug. 10, by noon.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for established members -- those who have lived here at least a year -- to participate more in our community,” said Board President Joe Newton.

“Our board really needs people who are willing to spend time working on

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## FBI: Verify, Pause To avoid scams

Agent Holly Peacock, a victim specialist with the FBI, visited Kern City last month and warned residents to watch out for scams.

According to Peacock, 20 billion dollars was lost in 2024 and there were over one million complaints. But the number of complaints was probably much higher because only one in 20 actual scams are reported.

She said there are many types of

scams, including romance, IRS, grandparent, loans, courier, techy, Publishers Clearing House, AARP and more. And seniors are highly targeted for scams for the following reasons: They are trusting because they were born in an age of innocence, and they were taught to respect authority and the law.

Unfortunately, many scammers are

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## Reminder: Free Shred Event

Bring your unwanted documents to the parking lot on Friday, June 5, between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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Kern City Klarion

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## Manager's Report

We love our veterans. We look for ways to salute them, and one of the ways we do that is when Director Buster Beebe holds meetings regarding the benefits veterans and their spouses are entitled to. Another one of those meetings is scheduled for Friday, June 19th, at 10:00 a.m. so veterans and spouses, please put that on your calendars now.

Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 25th, this year, and it pays tribute to those who gave their lives in military service.

I think it's a great idea to honor veterans throughout the year, and some ideas on how to do that include:

- See a veteran, thank a veteran for his/her service
- Treat a veteran to a meal
- Shop at veteran-owned businesses
- Visit lonely veterans
- Wear red on Fridays. RED or Remember Every-

one Deployed Fridays, brings awareness to our deployed active-duty military personnel. All you have to do is wear something red every Friday as an act of solidarity.

Mothers are also celebrated this month, and they deserve more than just a day in their honor. Sunday, May 10th, is Mother's Day, and the Kern City Community Church will honor mothers and give them flowers.

I hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating veterans and mothers!

*Jill Foley*



*Directors and staff celebrate all  
veterans and their spouses and wish all  
mothers a very happy Mother's Day!*

## President's Message

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in war. Graves are decorated with flowers. First observed in 1866 it is another day to raise the flag.

Other days are celebrated, too, however, these are some of the most notable.

In Kern City, there are always many activities each month with projects, social events, and activities. Staff also stays on top of regular maintenance and keeps busy with neighborhood questions and resident interactions. Plus there is the monthly *Klarion* newspaper, committees to function, and don't forget managing the property. There are many moving parts when it comes to managing an effective HOA. Everyone involved, including staff, management, and volunteers are always doing their part to keep things running smoothly. Many thanks are extended to those who make it happen. To all have a wonderful May, and we hope to see you at one or more of the activities.

*Joe Newton*

## 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:

*Jean Faucett*

## KIT FOXES

Someone is putting food out for the kit foxes inside the activities wing.

Therefore, at least one fox is regularly walking around the pool, exercise, sewing and community rooms.

This is illegal, and it's a health and safety issue. If the fox feels threatened, it might bite someone. Also, it defecates and that leaves an unsanitary condition that must keep being cleaned up.

Therefore, please stop feeding the kit foxes and other wild animals. That harms the animals because it weakens them and wild animals can possibly hurt someone.

Also, remember that putting food out can also attract skunks and other creatures.

Anyone found to be feeding the animals can lose their right to the use of our facilities.

# DRAFT KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 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:** President Newton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Donna Hansen McMillin, Darryl Slavin, Carol Ann Toms, Ilene Schechter, Donna Tyner, and Manager Jill Foley. Sharon Parks led the flag salute.

**b. Announcements:** President Newton stated that while the audience's comments are welcome and contribute to the meeting, their comments will be held to three minutes or less. He stated that what is on the agenda are action items to be voted on or discussed. If residents have questions on other issues, they are encouraged to talk to Manager Foley or President Newton. He stated the reserve study was started and Kern City is waiting for the results.

**III. MINUTES:** Director Hansen McMillin asked if there were any corrections to the March 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 March 31, 2026 the Checking Account had \$110,814.77. There was \$316,057.30 of the checking account money in a Money Market Account at Mechanics Bank. Therefore, the total in Mechanics Bank as of March 31, 2026 was \$426,872.07.

In the Edward Jones account at the end of March, the total in the three CD's was \$528,792.36. There was also \$238,331.53 in a Money Market account as well as \$10.24 wait-

ing to be deposited. The total in Edward Jones was \$767,134.13. Between the three banking institutions, there was \$1,194,006.20.

**V. MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Foley reported the deadline to turn in Letters to the Editor or classified ads is Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, by noon for the May *Klarion*. Manager Foley stated the free tax preparation at Kern City has ended but residents can call 211 to schedule an appointment at another location. She stated someone is feeding the kit foxes inside the activity wings. She reminded residents it is illegal to feed wild animals. Also, the animals leave a mess that Maritza has to clean up, and having the animals around the buildings is a health and safety issue. The office has learned of the passing of Jean Faucett and sends condolences to the family.

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**a. Pool -** President Newton reported the lights are now operational and will come on automatically at dusk. The pool pump motor was replaced and now the pumps are rotated weekly. The afternoon Aquasize classes are scheduled to start May 18.

**b. Inside Maintenance** – Director Slavin stated all is well for inside maintenance.

**c. Outside Maintenance** -- Director Slavin thanked the gardening crew of Debbie Brown, Valerie Hampton, Sharon Parks and Jill Wolf for their great work. The new Reserve Study, by Reserve Studies Inc., was started last week with Director Slavin and President Newton present during the walk-through. Kern City should get the results within a month. The palm trees by the pool were trimmed and Valley Lawn should fix the sprinklers (see New Business). The dead palm tree was removed.

**d. RV Storage** -- Director Beebe states everything looks good. He asked that people haul out their trash.

**e. Special Projects** – Director Tyner said the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on Friday is in the Sundale Country Club's Phoenix Room. She encouraged residents to turn in their hours in 2026 for the luncheon next year. The Shred Event is coming soon and Director Tyner encouraged residents to start collecting their unwanted documents. The next Early Bird dinner at the Sundale Country Club will be on April 24<sup>th</sup> and will be Baby Back Ribs, Ben's Famous Green Beans and a Baked Potato. With reservations, the cost is \$15.95 and \$17.95 without them. The phone number can be found in the *Klarion*.

**f. Library** – Director Tyner stated the library could use donations of newer books by different authors, and she thanked everyone for their donations.

**g. Compliance, CC&Rs** – Director Schechter stated Director Toms and Jill Wolf drove around Kern City and took pictures of compliance issues that the office used to make calls and send letters to homeowners. Director Toms and her husband Ron also drove around Kern City taking pictures of out-of-compliance issues.

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

**i. Local Associations** – Director Schechter reported she updates information regarding HOA dues and officers as she receives it.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS: None**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Action on Palm Trees by the Pool:** Director Slavin reported the palm trees by the pool needed immediate work done on them to save them. Manager Foley stated H United Tree Service took out one dead tree, trimmed up the other 15 trees and put fertilizer around the trees. She said the trees are either drown-

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# Library News

I'm hoping that you've had a chance to visit the Library. We're always moving things around a bit to keep you on your toes! The shelves in front of the Large Print section hold several varieties of books. Agatha Christie has quite a few books in a series, some religious and inspirational books, and a series of short stories from Readers Digest. We'll be moving those in and out to present other such series.

I'm going to start asking for donations again. We're getting low on new releases. Lots of Patterson, Baldacci and Woods, which I'm sure you're getting tired of. So if you have some that you're willing to part with we would welcome them. Thank you!

My first offering this month is from the Book of the Month Club entitled EVIL EYE. Etaf Rum, an acclaimed best-selling author, returns with a striking exploration of the world of a Palestinian American woman, the meaning of a fulfilling life, and the ways our unresolved past affects our present.

In the hands of eminent historian Laura F. Edwards, ONLY THE CLOTHES ON HER BACK, dresses, bed linens, shoes and kerchiefs tell us about the legal status of the least powerful members of American society. These textiles tell a revealing story of ordinary people and how they made use of their material goods, economic and legal value in the period between the Revolutionary and Civil War.

*Happy Reading,  
Donna Tyner*

## MAY ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

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

M	Castillo, Linda	Down a Dark Road
M	Cleeves, Ann	The Long Call
M	Cook, Robin	Genesis
M	Patterson, James	Paranoia
M	Robards, Karen	The Last Time I Saw Her
M	Silva, Daniel	Portrait of an Unknown Woman
N	Brown, Eleanor	Any Other Family
N	Evans, Nicholas	The Loop
N	Hilderbrand, Elin	Summer of '69
N	Rum, Etaf	Evil Eye
ML	Hutton, Robin	War Animals
NF	Edwards, Laura F.	Only the Clothes on Her Back
NF	Schwartz, Casey	Attention: A Love Story

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## Director

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projects. We keep costs down when directors help out so we really appreciate those who will do that. Also, directors need to be team players who consider all sides and work for solutions that benefit the community.”

Qualifications include:

- You must have owned your Kern City home for at least one year.
- You must be current in your assessment payments.
- Applicants cannot have a criminal record that can affect KCCA's fidelity bond coverage.

- Two members from the same residence cannot serve at the same time.

Ballots will be mailed out in September and the voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026.

There will also be a Candidates Night later so members can hear from those running for director. Watch the Klarion for the date.













Directors whose terms are expiring this year are Buster Bebee, Ilene Schechter, and Donna Tyner.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. except holidays.

**No applications will be accepted after 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10, 2026.**



**FBI AGENT HOLLY PEACOCK visited Kern City last month to educate residents about scams and how to avoid them.**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri 1	Sat 2
<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b> 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	Afternoon Aquasize exercises begin May 18, Mon thru Fridays 4-5p @ Pool					No Sewing Class
3 Communion Church 9:30-10:30, TH	4 SR Exer 10-12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 1p, TH	5 Cinco de Mayo  Blue Cart PU Volunteer Hours due SOCIAL CLUB MTG 1p, TH Poker, 10a-2p, PR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	6 S R Exer 10a TH  Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, CM Line dance adv 2p, TH Pinochle 6-10p CM ** TH Mtg w/ Councilman Bashirtash, 5:30p RE: city budget	7 SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers grp, 3p, CR Canasta 1-4:30pCM Chur board 5p CR Writers group, 3p, CR	8 Head & Foot card game, CM, 1p, RSVP: 809-1905. <b>Office closed</b>	9
10 Mothers Day Church 9:30-10:30, TH Ladies receive flowers 	11 SR Exer 10-12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 1p, TH	12 <u>KCCA BD mtg, 9am, TH</u> Poker, 10a-2p, PR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	13 SR Exer 10a TH  Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, CM Line dance adv 2p, TH Pinochle 6-10p CM	14 St Sweeper  SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p cm JEWELRY class, SR 6-8p, rsvp 472-9193	15	16 Painting class  SR 10-12noon, RSVP to 472-9193 PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Pancakes, breakfast burritos 8-9:30a, TH Tkts sold until 9:00a. Doors open 7:30a 
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24 Church 9:30-10:30, TH 31 Church 9:30a Lighthouse Boys gospel Lunch follows	25 Memorial Day CLOSED  <b>Memorial Day</b>	26 Poker, 10a-2p, PR Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	27 SR Exer 10a TH  Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, CM Line dance adv 2p, TH Pinochle 6-10p cm	28 SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p cm	29 Pool Opening Party 6-9 pm 	30

# A Life Worth Toasting: How David and June Found Fun, Friendship and Freedom at Rosewood

From beer flights and wine clubs to swimming laps, committee leadership and campus-wide friendships, David and June Braun aren't just living at Rosewood, they're helping shape what life there looks like for themselves and others.

"Thriving" is the word they return to again and again when describing their days. Since moving to Rosewood, the Brauns say they're healthier, busier and more socially connected than they ever imagined — and it's all by design.

## A Social Life That Took Off — Fast

It didn't take long for David and June to find their stride at Rosewood.

June quickly became a regular at the monthly wine club, where residents sample affordable wines and linger over easy conversation. "It's fun, it's relaxed and you're always meeting someone new," she says.

David, meanwhile, turned an idea into one of Rosewood's most popular resident-led traditions: *Beer Flight Night*.

What started with just eight residents now draws more than twenty each month.

Participants sample beers from around the world — Asian, Indian, Chinese, American, stouts, darks and craft selections — at Rosewood. And sometimes David will organize outings to Bakersfield's local breweries.

"The community team was incredibly supportive," David says. "I had an idea, and they encouraged me to make it happen."

That spirit — residents shaping their own experiences — is what the Brauns say truly sets Rosewood apart.

"There's a real openness here," June adds. "If you want to start something, you can with the support of the community."

Life at Rosewood also keeps the Brauns moving — physically, socially and creatively. June participates yoga classes and enjoys walking in the beautiful butterfly garden. She fills her week with creative outlets. She's active in *Craft & Chat*, art classes and has served on the Housekeeping, Dining and Friendship Committees.

Currently, she is acting as Corresponding Secretary for the Resident Council. Beyond activities, June has been involved in resident leadership, David swims in the Rosewood pool and plays golf four times a week at nearby Sundale Country Club, just half a mile away.

He's built friendships both on and off campus and values how easy it is to stay active.

But the biggest change, June says, is David's social life. "He's become so social," she laughs. "There are so many interesting people here," David agrees. "I love hearing their stories and really getting to know them."

## Independence Without Worry

For June, Rosewood's transportation services were a key factor in the move, as vision challenges made driving unsafe.

"It lets me stay independent without worrying about not going where I need to go," she says.

## Advice From Two Go-Getters

Before moving, the Brauns explored several over time, one thing became clear: Rosewood offered the consistency, stability and lifestyle

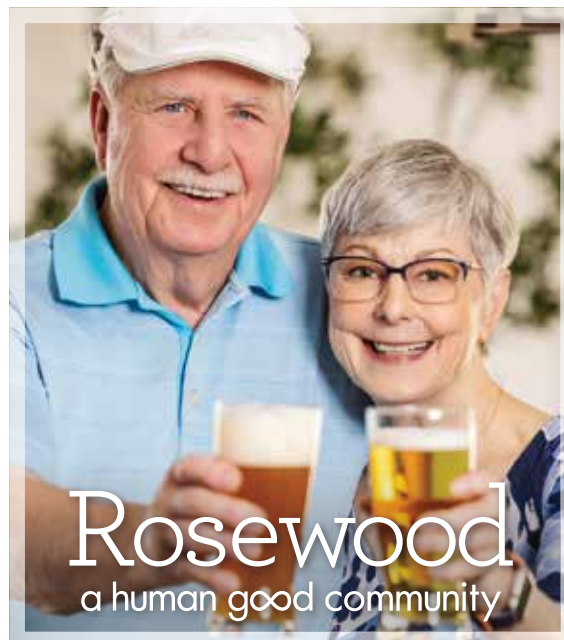
they wanted — without sacrificing independence.

"Don't wait," June says. "Move while you can still make the decision for yourself, build friendships and feel empowered to live your own life on your terms." David agrees. "Choose a place where you can thrive — socially, physically and financially. Rosewood gives us the freedom to live the way we want, with the support we need from Rosewood's incredible team members."

## The Non-profit Promise

Rosewood is part of the HumanGood family of nonprofit Life Plan Communities. As part of that nonprofit promise, HumanGood provides benevolent support to contracted residents who outlive their financial resources through no fault of their own. This dedicated support enables residents to continue living with enthusiasm, confidence and security. We invite you to schedule a tour of Rosewood today.

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# Around Kern City



Donations to ASPCA and Critters without Litters

Many photos were taken when the Kern City Board celebrated volunteers with a luncheon at the Sundale Country Club's Phoenix Room. We are so grateful for all our volunteers, and the Phoenix Room overlooking the golf course was beautiful. The country club also has an Early Bird Dinner on May 22 so be sure to RSVP by May 21 to receive the \$15.95 price.

We want to celebrate and thank the Pancake Breakfast crew, also. They work so hard and their food is delicious. In the group photo, from left front row are: Willie Flaherty, Tedi Smart, Debbie Brown, and Jill Wolf. Back row: Cary Brown, Dianne Hufnagel, Rose Tessandori, Mo Miller Jones, Melanie Goldsmith, Terry Seymour, Sharon Parks and Dan Imes.

Also, the fundraiser for the ASPCA and Critters Without Litters was a success. People donated many supplies for the animals and also collected donations. Thank You to all who gave!



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# POOL

The pool is open year-round but it is not heated. Below are the pool rules.

The Aquasize exercises will begin May 18 for the 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. class. Beginners are welcome. Everything is furnished except your bathing suit. For information, call: Annette Silvey at (661) 203-4279, Nancy McMasters at (661) 837-8986, or Scott Ford at (661) 831-7495.

The morning exercises will begin on the first Monday in June and will be from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. For more information, call Dianne Hufnagel at (661) 831-5562.

### ***POOL RULES POLICY***

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. There is a limit of four (4) guests per resident's property who can accompany the resident to the pool and pool area each time.**

- 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 pool key card in the office for a deposit.
- **EVERYONE MUST TAKE A SHOWER** before entering the Swimming Pool even if they showered before arriving

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

5. Absolutely **NO DIAPERS** (children's or adult's) are permitted in the 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. **No foods and beverages, except water in plastic bottles, are 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. RESIDENTS WHO REFUSE OR FAIL TO CONFORM TO THESE RULES MAY LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO USE THESE FACILITIES. A FIRST-TIME OFFENSE IS 30 DAYS AND LONGER THEREAFTER.

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.**

# SCAMS

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extremely professional at what they do, and they can present themselves as being in the government and they sound very authoritative. Their voices are powerful, reassuring and highly trained.

“The scammers can be many different types, sometimes even terrorists and druggies, including members of the Mexican cartels, and more,” she said. “But they learn how to present themselves in a way to take people into their trust.”

Some of the scammers’ tactics are fear, secrecy and immediacy. For example, a scammer will call and identify himself as a member of the government and say fraud was found on the person’s bank account and the government is trying to see if the person is innocent. To make sure that person is innocent, they require personal information, they say not to tell anyone including family because the call is classified, and they can be found guilty if they talk. Then the victim is frightened and when fear is involved, the victim may share too much personal information.

A courier scam is where someone says she or he is from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and money is becoming less safe so the people better put their money in gold bars. Then they say to give them a check for all their money and a courier will pick it up and take it to the FTC where it will be held safely

for them. Then a courier goes to the victim’s house and picks up the check. Later the victim learns all their money is gone.

There are also romance scams, and Agent Peacock said she has been surprised by the number of people who fall for these. It’s often lonely people who go online to look for love. Of the scammers, many are from other countries. They sound very empathetic and comforting and romantic. Then they start to ask for money for different things and even say they’ll meet the victim in person. Then they don’t show up.

She said one woman, a former professional who was lonely, lost \$600,000. Agent Peacock and her family tried to talk to her but she continued to send the person money.

After talking with romance victims, she tried to understand how people could be victimized. She realized that many victims are very intelligent so she was puzzled. “Finally, I realized that the answer was that ‘the heart wants what the heart wants’ so emotions won out over intelligence.”

To help seniors and others avoid scams, the agent said to do these things: Verify and Pause. To verify, people should call the actual business scammers say they’re from, for example, a bank or the business’s actual phone number. Do not call the number given by the caller.

Then do not act immediately. Pause and think the situation over and ask a friend or relative for advice. Especially if a caller says the person needs to hurry and decide.

Finally, if scammed, the victim should report the scam right away. The government has had some success stopping payments even overseas and sometimes it can intervene on some scams.

To report a scam, Agent Peacock provided the information below.

## Where to report a scam

- **Online: File a report at [IC3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov) That is the Internet Crime Complaint Center for the FBI.**
- **To the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov) or call 1-877-382-4357.**
- **To your bank if you sent money.**
- **To the local police. Online: [Bakersfieldcity.us](https://www.bakersfieldcity.us) Download and fill in a Financial Crimes Unit (FCU) form within 60 days of the reported incident, either in person or by mail. If you have any questions regarding this form or its contents, please contact the FCU at (661) 326-3536.**
- **To the 3 consumer credit agencies:  
Experian @ 1-888-397-3742  
TransUnion @ 1-800-916-8800  
Equifax @1-888-378-4329**

# We get letters . . .

Yuri Garcia, our dear mail delivery person, has been reassigned to a new route south of Sundale Avenue. She has already begun her new assignment but she wanted to be certain her former customers knew what was happening. She loved her route and we loved her. She made a big impression on all who knew her.

***Ricarda Swackhamer***

*Editor’s note: Yuri’s new route also includes part of River Oaks and streets west.*

The Social Club would like to thank all residents for their generous donations to Critters Without Litters and SPCA. We’re sure all of our “furry” friends will appreciate these donations, also. This truly is a giving community. Please remember that you can always drop off donations during the year to these organizations. They have a Wish List posted under their websites.

***The Social Club***

Kern City Community Church

# Veterans, Thank you!

Memorial Day (last Monday of May): A federal holiday dedicated to mourning and honoring those who died while serving in the U.S. military.

One of our Presidents stated: "Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." -- Harry S. Truman, 33rd U.S. President, 1945.

It's with great gratitude that we thank those men and women who served in the military for our country and those who gave their lives for our freedom. Thank you, thank you!

Thousands of Christians also give thanks to our Savior, Jesus Christ. He chose to leave

His home in heaven to be born a human because "everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood ..." (Romans 3:23-25, NLT).

We at Kern City Community Church say Thank You to our veterans and our Savior Jesus Christ for a life given. Join us for worship every Sunday in the Town Hall at 9:30 a.m.

I encourage you,

*Pastor Tim Zemanek*

## Church Schedule

All church services start at 9:30 a.m.

**5-3: Communion Sunday**

**5-10: Mother's Day recognition, all ladies get flowers**

**5-17: Social Hour at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

**5-24: Worship and music**

**5-31: Southern Gospel music with the Lighthouse Boys. Plus recognizing Pastor Tim and Pastor Keith for five years of service at KCCC. Monthly lunch follows.**

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

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# Opportunities

## May Events at the Sundale Country Club

6218 Sundale Ave., (661) 324-6561

**Jazz Night at Sundale:** Every Tuesday night, The Phoenix hosts an evening filled with lively jazz music, delicious food, and refreshing drinks. The schedule is as follows: 6:30pm – Workshop, 7:30pm -- Featured Performance, and 8:30pm -- Jam Session. This is open to everyone. No charge for admission. **Text 661-330-4859 to reserve a table for dining.**

**Bakersfield Jazz Workshop:** 5/5 -- Jim Munoz (percussion) and “Havana Vibes”; 5/12 -- NO CLASS!! OUTSIDE ON THE VERANDA! The 2026 BJW Scholarship/Awards Presentation and

The Bakersfield Jazz Orchestra -- 6:30 - 9:30pm: 5/19 --Tim Murray (vocals) and Friends featuring Kevin Keeshan (guitar) and Bill Woodward (sax) of THE NEWS BROTHERS; 5/26 --The Brendan Coyle (guitar) Group. For more information, please visit [BakersfieldJazzWorkshop.org](http://BakersfieldJazzWorkshop.org).

## Special Events

**5/2: Passport Spanish Wine Dinner** -- Join us for the second event in our passport series wine dinners.

We will explore the renowned wine regions of Spain while enjoying a perfectly paired dinner inspired by regional flavors. **For reservations or information, please call (661) 324-6561.**

**Early Bird Dinner: 5/22, 4 to 6pm** at the 19th Hole Grill. Tuscan Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans and Roll, \$15.95 for reservations made by May 21st, and \$17.95 after.

## The 19th Hole Grill

The grill offers a full breakfast and lunch menu and is open from 7am to 3pm.

**Taco Tuesdays:** 10am to 2pm, enjoy three tacos and a margarita for only \$12, now with even more choices.

**BBQ Thursdays:** Savor a delicious BBQ lunch from 11am to 2pm. Please call ahead, as we often sell out.

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

**Saturdays and Sundays,** Pizza & Beer Specials -- A large personal-size pizza with choice of toppings and a draft beer or fountain drink for only \$14.

## Phoenix Dining Room

The dining room is located upstairs, and is open to everyone. Hours are: Tuesday–Friday: 11am – 8pm and Saturday: 5 – 8pm.

## Weekly Wine Specials: Wine Wednesday:

Members receive a free first glass of select wine.

Non-members receive half off their first glass.

**Thirsty Thursday:** Members receive half off select bottles of wine. Non-members receive one-third off.

# MINUTES

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ing from broken sprinklers or are not getting enough water. The sprinklers need immediate repairs to maintain the life of the trees. Since H United Tree Service did the work already the board needs to approve payment. Director Tyner made a motion to approve the removal of the dead palm tree, trim up the trees and apply fertilizer for \$1,900. Vote: In favor: Directors Beebe, Hansen McMillin, Newton, Schechter, Slavin and Tyner. Abstaining: Director Toms. Passed.

**b. Action on Repairing Sprinklers by the Pool:** President Newton stated Valley Lawn Service repairs all of Kern City’s sprinklers and will come out to give an estimate to correct, update and repair the sprinklers around the palm trees. He stated this needs to be done

immediately for the health of the trees. Director Beebe made a motion to correct, update and repair the sprinklers for between \$700-\$800. President Newton amended the motion to the cost of no more than \$1,000 in case there are issues. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

**IX. DIRECTORS FORUM** – Director Schechter thanked everyone for their cards, flowers, support and well wishes during her recovery. President Newton thanked the board for their creative ways of dealing with issues.

## X. AUDIENCE:

**a. Social Club** - Debbie Brown, the Social Club president, stated the club is working on a possible donation to Kern City and the Social Club is looking for comments. May 29<sup>th</sup> will be a ‘pool opening’ party with a DJ, dancing and music. The pancake breakfast in May will be pancakes and breakfast burritos to honor Cinco de Mayo. There will be hot dogs in the

patio area on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month through the summer and on June 21<sup>st</sup> there will be an antique and unique car show during the hot dog sales. In September there will be an authentic Italian dinner. During the pancake breakfast on April 18<sup>th</sup>, residents can donate dog and cat items and/or monetary donations for the SPCA and Critters Without Litters.

**b. Audience** – Members commented.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** -- President Newton adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting will be on May 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hansen McMillin, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: 31 (includes 7 directors, manager and 23 members)

# CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Oak desk with a file cabinet. 48” W, 28” L, 30” H. Asking \$75. Call 381-7585.

FOR SALE: Couch, antique, long, has wood slats, \$40. Call 837-2069.

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.

FOR SALE: Journey Health and Lifestyle folding electric power wheelchair, never used, \$1,300. Call Jill at 431-8862.

## SERVICES

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.

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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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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.

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: There are several new products for skincare and makeup. To get a catalog or place an order, call or text Judy Harris @ 331-2229.

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

## 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.

WANTED: Kern City resident in need of a gently used pickup 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.

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## Social Club Shenanigans

April started out with a few showers that did not stop the fun in Kern City. At the potluck there was sharing of delicious food and visiting with friends as usual. Tables were adorned with pastels and flowers, as was the Town Hall tree. The pancake breakfast was more of the same. Lucky eggs filled with candy could be bought with hopes of winning \$25. Donations were taken for our local animal rescue and Critters Without Litters. Thank you all who donated.

We did a lot of discussing and planning at our April meeting. Thank you all who attended and brought ideas and support. I am amazed at the many who volunteer their time and effort. We do have a lot of fun! Our next meeting will be held on Cinco de Mayo, 1:00 pm.

### **New Upcoming Fun:**

The **May Mexican theme breakfast** will be pancakes and breakfast burritos.

### **No 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Potluck in May.**

**Pool Opening Party** will be Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00pm. **SAVE THE DATE** • DJ • dancing • ice-tea • water • Lucky Chex Mix bags available \$1

**Hot Dog Sunday** sales will begin again, and will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:00am, beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>. Exciting new choices will be available.

**A Father's Day Antique/Unique Car show** is in the planning stage for the Hot Dog Sunday on June 21st.

If you are or will be turning **100 years old** in 2026, please let the office or Debbie Brown know. We would like to acknowledge you in June.

A real **Italian spaghetti meal** is in the planning stages for September.

**Please see fliers for more details**

*Debbie Brown*



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