

# Kiwanis

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## THE HIDDEN VALLEY VOICE

**HIDDEN VALLEY KIWANIS CLUB of ESCONDIDO  
NEWSLETTER  
January 24, 2012**



### **ATTENDEES:**

President Dave Geary, Secretary Charlotte, Dirk, PikRick, Tim, Maurice, Dick, Ralph, Lyle, John, Evelyn, Kent, Doug, Nick, Dave S. and Kevin

### **GUESTS:**

# WELCOME

There were no guests today.

**2011-2012 OFFICERS AND BOARD:**

**President – Dave Geary; VP – Jim MacIsaac, President Elect – Cookie Comer Trudell, Secretary – Charlotte Goff -Romero, Treasurer – John Trudell, Directors -2 yrs: Lyle Davis, Dick Jungas, Dave Schmitt 1 yr.: Ralph Ceci, Rick Pearson, Nick Ponce, Fred Wollman**

**NEW INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM: Kiwanis is partnering with UNICEF to eliminate world-wide neo-natal and maternal tetanus.**

**THANK YOU: To Dirk for a very interesting speaker today.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** “Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.” – Helen Keller

**KIWANIS MOTTO:** “Serving the Children of the World”. See our division web site: [www.div37cnhki.org](http://www.div37cnhki.org)



**THINK INK:** Bring in those used ink cartridges.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER: see Dave S. to purchase your entertainment books.**

**KIWANIS DIVISION PROJECT: Please bring old sweaters (to be donated at the February DCM)**

**SEE OUR WEB SITE:** [HVKiwanis.org](http://HVKiwanis.org)

**SPECIAL GUEST DAY: FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.**

**FISHING DERBY: APRIL 28 & 29<sup>TH</sup>**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS / NEWS / COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

2/5: Super Bowl Party at President Dave's home 1:00  
2/7: Wounded Warrior / Special Guest Day  
2/7: Poway Padre kick-off luncheon (Double Tree in PQ)  
2/11: Mid-Year conference (Riverside)  
2/11: Valentine's Day dinner dance: postponed.  
4/28 & 29: Hidden Valley Kiwanis Fishing Derby.  
6/28 – 7/1: International Convention New Orleans

## **HAPPY / SAD DOLLARS:**

Kevin donated a dollar for the two game changers in last week's championship games.  
Kevin contributed a dollar celebrating the accents of America.  
Dirk tossed in a contribution: The desert Boy Scout 50 mile bike hike was a success.  
PikRick donated a proud to sit next to Tim Cunning dollar.  
Tim Cunning contributed a "Rick is special" dollar.  
Maurice mentioned he has missed two meetings with bank training. Maurice also donated in honor of dementia patients.  
PikRick donated a \$5er; sharing a football friend story.  
Dick contributed a happy anniversary dollar and a sad Super Bowl dollar.  
Evelyn donated three missed meeting dollars, her Kiwanis anniversary and happy to be here.  
Kent "retired" yesterday: purchased four new tires for the car.  
Doug donated a sad 49er dollar. Doug contributed happy Aztec and Buff dollars.  
Nick recognized Lyle for "doing something right – the article in The Paper."  
Charlotte contributed a happy to be here dollar.  
Lyle donated: missed meeting dollars and a compliment for Pres. Dave's haircut.  
John contributed: a happy dollar for Cookie's new car, a missed meeting dollar and a happy to be alive dollar.

## **WON THE 50/50 TODAY!**

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** President Dave Geary introduced our K.O.D Dirk Reschly. Dirk is a Hidden Valley Kiwanis Club Past President, a local CPA, long distance cyclist and an avid car enthusiast. Dirk introduced our speaker, a returning guest, Diana Lindsey. Diana is a writer and historian. She has been writing about Anza Borrego State Park (ABSP) for over forty years. She has written numerous books on Anza Borrego and won numerous photography awards with her photos of the Anza Borrego.

Diana was here to speak today about the Anza Borrego's "accidental artist". The accidental artist of Anza Borrego is Ricardo Breceda. His drive to succeed began with his parents, residents of Durango Mexico. His parents attended school through third grade, however they emphasized education to their children. Ricardo and his siblings are all college graduates: school teachers, doctors and attorneys. He first came to the U.S. and worked at a Mexican restaurant and then moved on to the construction field. After falling fifteen feet and breaking

his back in 2001 he began to search for his next vocation. He found it in the artistic creation of full size metal creations. Ricardo first made a life sized dinosaur as a gift for his seven year old daughter when she made it clear she would like a full size dinosaur.

Dennis Avery, an Anza Borrego community activist, first commissioned Ricardo to create over sixty sculptures to be placed strategically around the ABSP. The sculptures are based upon the book "Fossils of the Anza Borrego Desert". Mr. Avery later commissioned Ricardo to create other pieces to celebrate the history of the Anza Borrego desert. Many of these sculptures can be seen at no charge in one place: the Galleta Meadows Estate (south of the town center of Borrego). Galleta Meadows Estate also provides free camping sites.

The sculptures are made primarily from recycled sheet metal and other recycled metals.

The exhibits have been used by artist groups, families, professional photographers, science classes and for production of television commercials. Diana brought some stunning examples of her award winning night time photography of Ricardo's creations.

Diana closed the meeting by answering questions from our audience.

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>KOD</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
1/31/12	Dave Schmitt	
2/7/12	Wounded Warrior	
2/14/12	John Trudell	
2/21/12	Dick Jungas	
2/28/12	Fred Wollman	
3/6/12	Kent Knitter	
3/13/12	Doug Bowcock	
3/20/12	Kevin Camperell	
3/27/12	Ralph Ceci	

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