



THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF KERN VALLEY, CA

Weekly Quail Newsletter

June 26th, 2025

Exchange Club of Kern Valley Meets Every Thursday at 12:15
Paradise Cove Lodge 10700 Hwy. 178 Lake Isabella, Calif.

The meeting was opened by President-Elect/VP Jami Ward at 12:15 PM

Invocation: **Tom McKinney**

Flag Salute: **Jim Wylly**

Fifteen members and two guests were present. Guests included Aaron Falk and Carter Beardsley

Announcements:

Elaine Roach: Football books are available! Contact Elaine to get your football book, and she said former exchangites Marsha Smith and Pat Clark purchased books and said to tell everyone at the club hello!

Latisha Pruitt: Reminded everyone next Thursday's club meeting will be dark due to 4th of July holiday.

John Blythe: Presented **Gary Zuber** with a plaque from the California/Nevada District in honor of a posthumous lifetime achievement award at the district level to **Jeanette Rogers Erickson**. Gary will present this to her son, Andy.

Jami Ward: Reminder that the next club board meeting will be this Tuesday July 1st at Paradise Cove at 11AM as we did not have a quorum at the last board meeting.

Program:

Kern Community Foundation: **Aaron Falk** of the Kern Community Foundation gave the club an overview of the Foundation's donor which is aimed to energize community members and organizations, matching their charitable interests with the community's needs. Aaron discussed that last year the KCF set up its disaster relief fund to help victims of the Borel Fire as well. Aaron also had an in depth conversation with the club and also answered feedback from the club's members regarding scholarships for graduating high school seniors at KVHS. Aaron shares that the foundation has earmarked scholarships specifically geared for communities throughout Kern

County, but said that some of KVHS' graduating seniors do not apply for the various scholarships made available as there is roughly \$8 million in endowment that the KCF manages. Several exchangites shared that there may be a disconnect with seniors getting the proper orientation to apply for some of these scholarships and Aaron mentioned that he will communicate with **Gavin Bell**, the new principal of KVHS, to try and help facilitate a better orientation and communication with students for next year.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTED AND WELCOME BACK REINSTATED MEMBER!



Today we inducted a new member, please welcome **Gavin Bell**, sponsored by **Alan Paradise**. Gavin will be taking over as the new principal of Kern Valley High School in the upcoming school year! And welcome back reinstated member, **Clay Ritchey** who recently rejoined. Clay was previously in the club from 2012-2016 and served as club VP in the 2013-2014 year. Welcome Gavin and welcome back Clay!

Fine Collector: **Gary Zuber**
Secret Greeter: **Clay Ritchey**

Fines:

John Blythe paid \$1 for tattling on **Dave Freeland** for talking and Dave stuck his tongue out at John!

Dave Freeland paid \$2 for talking after the bell rang.

Jami Ward wrong introduction paid 5 cents per member!

Pam Smith not seated when bell rang, and had to run an errand, so John paid \$1 for her.

Mike Ryan, wrong introduction, said he was hungry, paid \$2.

Mark Gordon, wrong introduction, paid a \$1.

Larry Bly, wrong introduction, made the east table pay, which was **Gary Zuber's** table!

Goodie Two Shoes Fine: **Fred Roach** paid a dollar in protest.

Newspaper Fines: N/A

Fine Free: **Latisha Pruitt**, not fined

Lotto Tickets Winner: **Gary Zuber**

50/50 Draw: **Fred Roach** for \$32.00

Capsule Drawing: **Debbie Hess** (absent 😞) for \$20.00. Next meeting will be worth \$25.00

Next Week's Meeting: DARK due to 4th of July holiday! Please have a Happy Independence Day celebrating the birth of our nation!



Upcoming Club Meeting: July 10th will be the KRV Library

Respectfully Submitted by, John Blythe,

June Birthdays



Dave Freeland: 6/6
Jackylyn Northam: 6/18

