



THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF KERN VALLEY, CA

Weekly Quail Newsletter

July 31st, 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 Wyly**

Eighteen members and one guest were present. Guests included Karen Zuber

Announcements:

VP President Jami: Sell your Rubber Duck tickets! We will be working on developing the monthly calendar again to send out to membership. Jim Wyly will bring cake next Thursday for August birthdays. Regrets to inform today's membership that State Assemblyman Stan Ellis who was scheduled to speak at today's club meeting had to cancel at the last minute due to an illness, so Karen Zuber from the KRV Bridge Connection was kind enough to fill in at the last minute as today's speaker. Assemblyman Ellis will be re-scheduled at a Thursday in September. Last week's speaker Joshua Tree Reptile Haven has expressed interest in joining the club as well.

Program:

Karen Zuber, KRV Bridge Connection Update: Karen Zuber was kind enough to fill in last minute since Assemblyman Ellis had to cancel due to becoming ill. Karen provided the club an update with some of the developments at the KRV

Bridge Connection addressing the homelessness and behavioral health initiatives recently. At the same time as today's Exchange Club meeting, United Way and CAPK were handing out lunches at the KRV Bridge Connection building in Lake Isabella. CitiServe and Flood Ministries and Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance are some of the other organizations that now have a presence in the KRV Bridge Connection building. Karen also shared some success stories such as a recent person that had been homeless for many years and now has a part-time job and is enrolled at Cerro Coso College. Karen also shared future collaboration efforts with the Family Resource Center and with fellow exchangeite **Melissa Vittoria** on helping underserved families and children as well. On a sad note, Karen shared that the son and the only child of one of the employees at the KRV Bridge Connection recently passed away and anyone that wanted to help with costs for funeral arrangements would be appreciated.



Fine Collector: **John Blythe**
Secret Greeter: **Mike Ryan**

Fines:

Gary Zuber made **John Blythe**, the collector pay \$1 for informing the membership at last minute that Assemblyman Ellis cancelled.

Jami Ward hit 10 cents per member for her introduction and forgetting to break for lunch before the speaker.

Candice Connolly wrong introduction, you and a friend pay, so **Gary Zuber** was her friend.

Larry Bly, introduced himself as Kwanian, not Exchangite , made the collector **John Blythe** pay.

Clay Ritchey, wanted to win the Rubber Duck race, made the person to his right pay, which was **Tish Pruitt**.

Mike Ryan, introduced himself as a bad word, (that's inappropriate Mike! LOL) and had to pay \$1.

Kellen Boyce, introduced himself as "I'm hungry" and made the Keeper of the Clock pay, which was **Gary Zuber**.

Good Two Shoes Fines: **Jim Wyly** and **Tom McKinney** both paid a \$1 each.

Cell Phone Violations: **Mike Ryan**, **Kellen Boyce** \$5 each!

Caught Stealing the Bell: **Rich Rhodes** nice try, but Jami caught you, pay \$5.

Late to Meeting: **Tish Pruitt** paid \$2; **Steve Martinez** paid \$1 and **Melissa Vittoria** won \$1 but donated it back to the club.

Did Not Shake Secret Greeter's Hand: **Tish Pruitt**, **Rich Rhodes**, **Steve Martinez**, **Melissa Vittoria**, \$1 each.

Fine Free: **Larry Bly**

Lotto Tickets Winner: **Melissa Vittoria**

50/50 Draw: **Melissa Vittoria** for \$42.00, and donated it back! Thanks Melissa!

Capsule Drawing: **Elaine Roach** (absent 🙄) for \$15.00. Next meeting will be worth \$20.00

Next Week's Club Meeting: August 7th, Gary Ananian – Kern River Conservancy

Respectfully Submitted by John Blythe

July Birthdays



Mike Ryan
Steve Martinez