

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KIWANIS OF HUNTINGTON BEACH! GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MONTH!

This picture was taken at the first meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach. (No, it's not a banking or mortician's convention...and could that guy on the far right be Dick Nixon?) The Huntington Beach News reported that the organizing meeting for the new club was held on March 23, 1961. A half century doesn't seem like that long ago to many of us who remember that year well. To put the year in perspective for our younger members, fifty years ago, a gallon of gasoline cost 27 cents, and you could buy a new home in the city for under \$15,000!

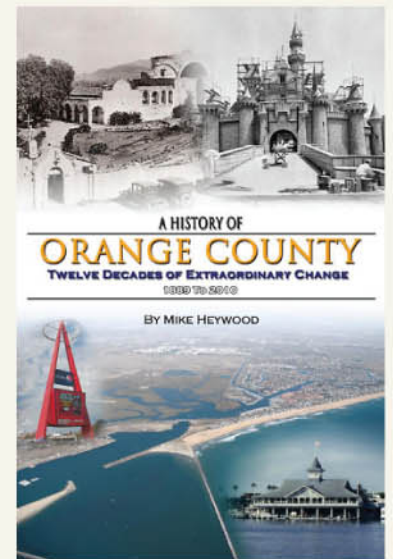


The Kiwanis Club of Newport Harbor sponsored the new club, and on June 10, 1961, Div. 4 Lt. Governor Richard Kendall, a Santa Ana optometrist, installed the new officers. Denny Eichberg of Coast Realty was elected President. Druggist Jim Haskell, and Milton Berg were Vice Presidents. Lester "Pete" Peterson, a contractor, was installed as the first secretary treasurer. One of the original Directors was Rev. Thomas W. Overton, pastor of First Christian Church. His successor at First Christian, Reverend Bruce Templeton, carried on the tradition when he joined the club in 1990. There were 21 men listed on the Charter Night Program. (There were no women on the roster as they had to wait until 1987 before they were accepted as members.) "Bud" Monroe, the CNH District Governor, presented the Charter to the newly elected officers and members. We're hoping that Mitch Yamamoto can identify some of the faces pictured above. Mitch is our longest tenured member. He joined the club over forty years ago - February 21, 1971! Mitch served as the President of the club in 1973-4 and Chaired the Easter Party for many, many years. Bill Ridenour also joined the club in 1971, and served as President in 74-5. Bill went on to serve as the Div. 4 Lt. Governor in 1980-81. Over the next several months the club has planned a variety of activities and events to celebrate the Golden Anniversary. Here are some pictures of current members taken way back in 1961.



HEYWOOD'S LATEST BOOK CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Kiwanis Foundation of Huntington Beach is pleased to announce their sponsorship of Mike Heywood's newest book, A History of Orange County, Twelve Decades of Extraordinary Change 1889 to 2010. Heywood's well received Century of Change, A History of Huntington Beach was published by the Kiwanis Foundation in 2008 to celebrate the City's 100 year anniversary. The new work includes a look back at the amazing growth and dynamic change experienced within the County of Orange from its founding in 1889 through 2010. It was published especially to focus attention on the Golden Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Susan Barr
Chris Gilissen
George Hazard
Stuart Matsuda
Theo Shreve-Russell
Mitch Yamamoto

Pete Jantz has
officially been a kiwanis
member since 1954!
Happy 57th Anniversary!
WOW!

MARCH MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David Chipman
Kevin Fossum
Linda Hahn
Jeanne Hexem
Peter Jantz
Shawnee Marten
William Refice
George Renek
Bruce Shuman

SURF CITY MARATHON!

Bob Slater, Jonathan Ford and Kevin Fossum want to give a Shout Out to all the members who braved the chilly morning temperatures to come help cook, and to supervise Key Clubbers and Key WIN'S youngsters at the Surf City Marathon!



1961 Photo Key (left to right)

Rich Meyer
Ed Vickery
Barbara Meyer
Julie Holman
Bob Slater

We have a new,
redesigned website!
Check it out today at:
hbkiwanis.org

SPECIAL NEEDS BOWLING ON MARCH 4

Our annual Special Needs Bowling will be Friday March 4th at Fountain Valley Bowl which is on Brookhurst just below Warner. Come on down at 9AM to cheer on the Special Needs Students as they try their hand at bowling. You'll really enjoy the few hours spent with these sure to be enthusiastic youngsters!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Easter Hunt is around the corner. Mark your calendars for April 23rd!

OFFICERS

President: Adam Bowermaster

President Elect: Mike Grumet

Vice President: Barb Meyers

Immediate Past President:

Ed Vickery

Secretary: Mike Heywood

Asst. Sec'y: Rochelle Groh

Treasurer (Admin): Dick Green

Treasurer (Fdn): John Baars

Board Members:

Billy O'Connell 1

Marcy Crouch 1

Janet French 1

John Etheridge 1

Kevin Fossum 2

Pete Jantz 2

Rich Meyer 2

Jonathan Ford 2

COMING UP

Mar. 1 Gustafson Bros.

Mar. 8 Assemblyman Silva

Mar. 10 Board Meeting

Mar. 15 Project CHERISH

Mar. 22 Lt. Gov Jim Laub

Mar. 29 Fire Chief



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