

KIWANIS NEWS



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WALNUT VALLEY KIWANIS CLUB

KIWANIS KALENDAR

EVENTS

Sat. to Sun., June 9-10	Diamond Bar Relay for Life
Wednesday, 8/8	DB Concerts In the Park

THE WEEK'S MEETING EVENTS

Today we were back in our normal meeting room, and 8 members managed to find their way there.

It was good to see: Kate, Ted, Pres. Trudy, Bert, Gary, Don N., Ray, and Larry.

We had our guest speaker, Fernando "Tony" Thomas, from Route 66 Klubs that manufactures and sells hardwood baseball bats. And a 2nd-week-in-a-row visit from Daniel Too, a prospective member.

Ray tried to lead us in a (ragged) Pledge of Allegiance, and we had an even-more ragged rendition of the Patriotic Song. And Bert read another "impromptu" Kiwanis Invocation.

Pres. Trudy paid a fine for only allowing one table to introduce its guest, having missed the late arrival of Daniel Too. Richard Malooly was noted for an article in the paper remarking about Remax Realty's generosity. Richard agreed to pay a \$50 fine, provided the "newspaper fink" paid a fine as well. Larry kicked in \$1 to "match" Richard. Richard held off on agreeing to pay until it was made clear that he had wanted to buy the "No Stinkin' Fines" Badge. Aggie Kee was fined *in absentia* for failing to bring it back to be auctioned off at the first meeting of the month.

Pres. Trudy also announced that we need everyone's help this coming weekend (June 9 & 10) at the Relay for Life.

We also have a Concert in the Park cooking-date the evening of August 8th.

Also, at last week's meeting, Madame Pres. Asked for a consensus from the members on hosting a Kiwanis Division Council Meeting. The members said, "Go ahead and pick one," and we now have Thursday evening, July 19. *We Need You There!*

Larry was shocked ticket when his ticket was picked for the raffle, but the Joker remained elusive.

Our Speaker today was Tony Thomas who discussed the value of using wood bats versus aluminum. A ball hit off an aluminum bat is hit farther and harder, creating a danger to the fielding team (especially the pitcher). The ball gets back to the infield quicker, and more kids are getting hurt.

Most colleges use aluminum bats, hence the high run total. It also creates a need to send down to the minors any major leagues draftees who haven't learned to hit with the mandatory hardwood bats. When using the hardwood bat, be sure to hold the bat in your hand with the logo either directly facing you or directly facing away from you. This will assure you that the ball will make contact with the best part of the bat, the area where the grain of the wood is most even and straight.

Good wooden bats are made with hardwoods: Ash bats are hard, durable and very flexible. Maple bats are hard, durable, and heavier, for greater power. Each bat is hand-crafted and machined from start to finish.

Whether you're looking for a personalized bat to display as a gift, or a serious piece of lumber for the field, Rte. 66 Klubs can do the job. They have a variety of custom finishes and designs to personalize your bat as you see fit. All in all, you're getting a bat that's ready for the trophy case or the diamond — you decide!

Barry Bonds and Vladimir Guerrero now use their bats. Check them out on the web at www.rte66klubs.com.

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