

# Kiwanis Klarion –January 11, 2024



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Meetings are 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursdays at noon, 2nd Thursday at 5:30pm  
At the Clarion Inn, Elmira

**Next Meeting – Noon – Program TBD – may be a service project**

**Welcome Table – Mark Wayne    Invocation – Mark Wayne**

## Program

This week’s program was Renata Stiehl & Nick Quatrini from WENY talking about their adventure to the USS George Washington. They were postponed a week due to the Israeli Gaza conflict as the original ship they were going to was deployed to the Mediterranean. They participated in a special program with the United States Navy Fleet Forces Command. Called "Sailor for a Day", they spent the better part of a week at Naval Station Norfolk, learning about the roles of the Navy, and meeting the sailors who stand ready to answer the call when America needs them. They talked to sailors of all parts of the country, who all had their own reasons to serve.

More than 70% of the Earth's surface is covered in water, and the U.S. Navy is tasked with the protection and defense of America at sea. For the Navy, this also means working far below the water's surface.

They had the privilege of flying out to sea, spending more than a day on board the USS George Washington (CVN 73). Their adventure began with a flight out to the ship on a C-2A Greyhound, a carrier on-board delivery (COD) aircraft. Landing safely on a flight carrier that's in motion on the water is dangerous, so the Navy squadron handling the flight held a safety briefing and provided all passengers with cranial protection and life vests ahead of the trip. We were brief on what to do during the arrested landing - or trap - on the ship. The USS George Washington is one of ten Nimitz-class aircraft carriers in the Navy's fleet.

They were on the flight deck observing student F18 pilots performing takeoff and landing exercises on the flight deck. The entire ship's crew is undergoing training and certifications during an 18-day underway, out to sea off the coast of Virginia in preparation for an upcoming deployment to Japan. Sometime in 2024, the carrier will deploy to Japan, with the thousands of sailors on board ready to put their training and certifications to the test - serving America, almost seven thousand miles away from home.

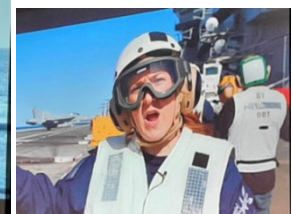
## Upcoming Programs:

Jan 18 – TBD  
Jan 25 – Mike Murphy – Veterans Affairs & Katie Smith – Girl Scouts  
Feb 1 – Brian Hart – Commissioner -Dept of Social Services

If you have ideas for programs, please let Mary Schuehler know.

## There is First Arena Ticket Scanning

**Jan 19 – Team 2 (Allison) 7:05pm**  
**Jan 25 – Team 3 (Peris) 7:05pm**  
**Jan 26 – Team 4 (Schuehler) 7:05pm**  
**Feb 9 – EC Circle K – 7:05pm**



## Here's What else you Missed Today.....

### 50-50:

Mike Wayne won the 50/50 of \$10. He didn't draw the King so the pot is now at \$343.

### Rays Pay Day:

Jack Gilroy won the \$105. Next week it will be back to \$5.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan 16 - 9am - Pick up Wreaths at Woodlawn National Cemetery

January 27 – Community Kitchen

January 28 – Applebee's Pancake Breakfast - \$10 – 8am-10am

### Happy Dollars

**Mike Wayne** – happy for winning the 50/50 – donated money back to the club. Happy for the program. He has worked with Renata & Nick for many years and congratulated them on being community minded.

**Brenda Leigh Johnson** – Happy \$5 for feeling better. Wonderful presentation by Renata & Nick. Reminded people to come to wreath pick up on Saturday!

**Terry Allison** – she said that Renata & Nick are a class act and that do a lot for the community. Thanked them on the series that they do on the Veterans.

**Isabel Gilroy** – gave a happy dollar on memory of her two brothers who were in the military.

**Jack Gilroy** – very happy to have won Ray's Pay Day!

**Sue Mower** – for the program – thank you to Renata & Nick! She also reminded us about wreath pick up and to bring a rake or pole to put the wreaths on!