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# **BOB'S BACKDRAFT**

**CAL-NEV-HA District Division 42 Newsletter** 

**APRIL 2015** 

I was a football and basketball player in high school and fondly remember much of my time then. Not that I would go back to being 17, mind you. There are many things that a young person endures that most of we adults would just as soon forget!

I do remember something my football coach would say, challenges are merely opportunities in disguise. This bit of wisdom was usually dispensed after one of our frequent losses. I suppose that to my 17 year old mind, the opportunity lesson that presented itself after our 3 and 8 season was that I should study more and not rely on my athletic skills to make it into college!

Our division has had a couple of challenges in the past month or so. The first was that our sister club, East Ventura, decided that after 60 plus years that they simply could not go on and turned their charter back into Kiwanis International. It is with a heavy heart that we watch them shut their doors and move on. But from this challenge has come the encouragement of seeing Ventura Downtown step up to take in East's SLP clubs and adopt them as their own. Several of the East Ventura club members continue their Kiwanis experience by shifting their membership to the Ventura club as well. Other area clubs opened their doors to take East Ventura members under their wing. And from the ashes of the East Club, a newly invigorated Santa Paula club may arise. Opportunities are there for the finding. Work has started on chartering a new club in Agoura Hills. Meetings have been scheduled with movers and shakers and the Kiwanis brand is being test marketed. Wish us luck!

Another challenge that arose this month was that our Lt Governor –Elect, Lou Cunningham, found that he was unable to continue in his role. But from this challenge new leaders have emerged who seized the opportunity and stand poised to take the helm of our division in the future. Nick Esser, has thrown his hat in the ring to be elected Lt. Governor Designate, and Kathi Van Etten has stepped up to stand for Lt. Governor Elect in our election to be held in April at our DCM. Both Nick and Kathi hail from the Simi Club and Nick, Past President 2012-2013, has been the web master of our excellent Division website this year. Kathi is heavily involved in the Simi Club's Round-Up Country Music Extravaganza. Both candidates bring their enthusiasm and love of Kiwanis to the table and will leads us into the future. If you, too, would like to accept the challenge and run for Division office, contact Immediate Past Lt. Governor Brad Lewis and join the team.

From my perch 45 years hence, I don't remember all the wins and losses as a high school football player. But I do remember that challenges are merely opportunities in disguise. It was true then and, as we move forward in our division, true now.

Bob Engler

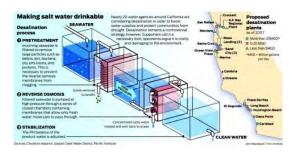
# LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

# **Kiwanis Club of Camarillo**

**Reporting by Allen Grizzard-Paul** 

#### **New Member Induction!**

At the second meeting in March our Membership Chair Joe Dilibert inducted our first new member for the year. Ryan Tape is a CFP who has just moved to Camarillo and he quickly showed his sales skills by talking local stores into displaying our poster announcing the "Special Needs Playground" that Camarillo Kiwanis plan to install to celebrate Kiwanis International's 100% Birthday.



The following week, Vice Mayor, Mike Morgan joined our meeting to give a City Update. One of the hot topics is the plan to build a desalination plant to capture the millions of gallons of water sitting beneath the City and surrounding area.

#### **APRIL EVENTS:**

April will be a very busy month for our club starting with an Information Booth at the "Easter Eggstravaganzer" on the 4th. We hope to generate a lot of interest in our "Special Needs Playground" and hopefully find some potential new members.

We will be providing Breakfast for the Relay for Life of the 12th.

On the 19th we have a joint project with Thousand Oaks Club to provide Pancakes for 3,000 Runners and volunteers at the Autism Race to be held at CSUCI.





#### Please note:

If any club has a griddle that we could borrow for this event please contact Allen Grizzard-Paul, 805-795-6279. We will have two, but with that many pancakes another one would be very helpful.

Anyone left standing will hopefully join the rest of the Division at the Special Olympic events during the last weekend of the month.

# **Conejo Valley Kiwanis**

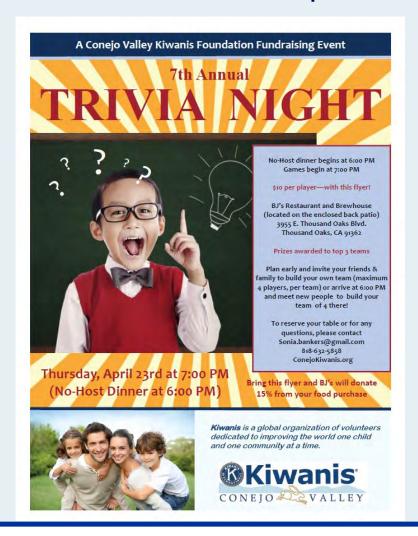
**Roger Klausler reporting** 

We had an evening social on Friday, March 13, with a pinot noir blind tasting. It was fun to spend the evening with our members who are not able to come to our Tuesday noon meetings.

As we do every other month, we prepared and served a dinner and provided snack items for the next morning for the Lutheran Social Services Meal and Shelter Program on March 26 at the Chinese Christian Church in Thousand Oaks.

Our club bestowed Honorary Membership on Malinda Young, faculty advisor to our Builders Club at Sycamore Canyon School, for all the wonderful leadership and inspiration that she has given to the 60 members of the club.

Our Seventh Annual Trivia Night is Thursday, April 23, at BJ's, to benefit our Foundation. No-host dinner will start at 6:00, with the games at 7:00. Get a team of 4 together and join us! And bring the flyer so that BJ's will donate 15% of the proceeds.



# **Moorpark Kiwanis**

# **Ute Van Dam reporting**

#### **READ ACROSS AMERICA!**

The Campus Canyon PTSA annually sponsors Read Across America which focuses the country's attention on how important it is to motivate children to read. The program was launched in 1997 and takes place in March to commemorate the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. The school invited Kiwanis Club of Moorpark to be special guest readers.







raised for Relay for Life and Project Eliminate. Club members and guests had FUN while raising FUNDS!

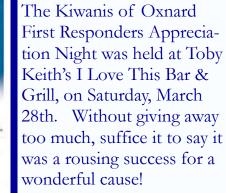
Kiwanis Club of Moorpark





# **Oxnard Kiwanis**

### **Dawn Boldrin reporting**







At Governor Alan Guire's Visit on Sunday, March 29th, President Dawn gave a deeply moving and heartfelt presentation of a posthumous DSA award to the late Debra Dettenmeyer, Oxnard's beloved treasurer. Debra's daughters, Daylin and Danya were on hand to accept the award on their mother's behalf.



# **Santa Barbara Kiwanis**

#### Anita Dominocielo

#### High Tea at the Westside Boys and Girls Club

The Young Ladies had three weeks of training for the Tea, they are ready with napkins in lap.



The Young Ladies enjoyed "champagne" (it was Cranberry Cider).



The Santa Barbara
Special Olympics
will hold its annual
School Day Games
at SBCC track on
Friday, April 17.
Hundreds of students from elementary and high schools
in the county will be
in attendance.



Kiwanian Lisa Gosdschan explains High tea or Afternoon tea, typically consists of tea, cakes and bread, butter and jam. The term was first used around 1825. It was taken earlier in the day (high tea) or later in the day (afternoon tea).



#### Social Workers Award Ceremony



Social workers honored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara at our meeting are, from left, Aranza Blanco, Debra Vallejo, Olga Zermeno, Esmerelda Perez and Valerie Anson. MICHAEL MORIATIS / NEWS-PRESS



Kiwanis member Rosemary Santillan (left) presented one of the awards. Kiwanis member Alma Vaja organized the award ceremony.



Kiwanis members Marsha Gray (left) Kathy Huntington (center) and Lenny Rodriguez (right) were inspired by the work of the social service workers.



#### Saturday, April 11

Come join 100 Kiwanians and their many Volunteers Celebrating 100 Years of Kiwanis International at a work day. We will be working at the **Alpha Resource Center** located at 4501 Cathedral Oaks from 9am-1:00pm

100 Volunteers celebrating 100 years international Kiwanis services...

# Santa Paula Kiwanis

Alex Flores, member of our Santa Paula Kiwanis Club, receives Chamber citizen of the year award in Santa Paula. Congratulations, Alex, well deserved.



# Alex Flores, Ag Academy, FFA advisor honored as Citizen of the Year

By Peggy Kelly

Santa Paula Times Alex Flores is known by many titles, from Agriculture Academy coordinator and Future Farmers of America advisor to Dr. Alex for his touch in working with ill animals.

Now Flores can add Citizen of the Year to the list after the Chamber of Commerce honored him last week for a myriad of

community service. Flores was lauded March 18 at the annual Chamber Awards Luncheon held at the Limoneira Visitors Center, Also recognized were Large Businesses of the Year California Resources Corporation and the hometown Santa Paula Community Bank and Small Business Fria. Familia Diaz was honored with the Sam Edwards Lifetime Community Achievement Award and Citizens for a Safer Santa Paula were recognized with the Community Service Award.

Chamber President Fred Robinson presented the award to Alex, a native of New York who despite his boyish appearance has

for 16 years.

Flores teaches agriculture,

serves as the FFA advisor and coordinates the Agriculture Academy and, noted Robinson sets the example of community service emulated by his students.

"I've known Alex a number of years and he's very humble and unassuming," said Robinson, "He shy, doesn't like the spotlight but Alex exemplifies what a teacher should be," including "building the character" of his students and not just raising their academic skills.

Future Farmers of America students presented Flores with a gift basket filled with his favorite items and noted their admiration and affection for their advisor.

Those that nominated Flores offered numerous reasons for his selection: one noted "Alex instills in his students the value of community service, respect, and the importance of personal appearance. His students look you straight in the eye, and offer a firm handshake .

Flores and his students "always prepare a large entry of

County Fair," and the Santa Paula FFA "has been one of the highest honored youth organizations at the fair. His students always win many awards, and the entries bring the highest return on investment."

Flores, read a nomination, "spends many hours, including evenings and weekends with his students, ensuring their animals are well tended, properly fed, and exercised as needed. For his touch in working with injured or ill animals, his students have nicknamed him 'Dr. Alex.'"

"Alex always brings his infectious smile and personality to work each and every day, and offers hope and encouragement to ensure that his students are fully prepared to be successful and productive citizens

And "Alex teaches by example, always volunteering at community events, including Moonlight at the Ranch, The Rotary Club Pumpkin Patch,

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Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Alex Flores wanted the Future Farmer of America he advises to stand with him as he made remarks in which he shared credit with his students. Flores, a Santa Paula High School teacher and Agriculture Academy coordinator, received a gift basket from the FFA filled with his favorite goodies among other honors at the March 18 Santa Paula Chanber awards celebration.

Kiwanis Citrus Festival, Bike Path clean up, and much more, always working side-by-side with his student volunteers."

Although the FFA always accepts donations, monetary return has never been a factor in Flores and his group's wide community service.

Flores told the chamber that "First and foremost I want to introduce my wife Laura ... she does exist! And my mom is here as well"

And Flores asked that the FFA members that had presented him with the gift basket - and whom typically were helping at the chamber event - "To stay up here," as he could not do his

community service without them.

"Wherever we are." Flores said students' work hard to be a part of and to benefit their community, often accompanied by their parents who show a higher interested in their children's activities and well-being.

Flores said he is "thankful" for the selection of Citizen of the Year but admitted to wondering "why, why me?"

There are many leaders that help shape the world but it starts with the sense of community and teamwork in acting with others to help others.

And, noted Flores, "When the kids help out," they all experience leadership, and as they go on

to college they fine-tune their activism. And, when they return to Santa Paula, Flores said they would return as better leaders capable of helping the community in even more ways.

Flores is so admired that in 2011 he was honored as the Chamber's Educator of the Year and in 2012 SPHS students selected him to be Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Parade.

Flores, who has two children, Elijah, 10 and 7-year-old Emma, also received proclamations from the offices of Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long and Rep. Julia Brownley.



# Santa Susana Kiwanis



<u>Kiwanis Club Santa Susana could not be more proud & happy for Pres. Lorrain, Key club Lt Gov Joseph Ko & the entire Key Club Santa Susana.</u>

Lorraine Ador Dionisio led eighteen of our students to the Key Club District Convention in Anaheim, CA. For the record, that's the most of students from Santa Susana that have attended the convention in any year. In addition, Santa Susana's Key Club was recognized for several accomplishments during the 2014-2015 term!

- Breanna Scranton Gold Level Member Recognition
- Joseph Ko Gold Level Member Recognition
- Katie Dizon Gold Level Member Recognition
- Lorraine Ador Dionisio Platinum Level Member Recognition
- Santa Susana Key Club Membership Retention
- Santa Susana Key Club Club Secretary District Tree
- Lorraine Ador Dionisio Outstanding Club President
- Lorraine Ador Dionisio Kenneth C. Forror, M.D. Scholarship (\$1,250)



On March 5th, we served lunch at Royal High, to those that were part of *Every Fifteen Minutes*. The program teaches students- a student is killed by a drunk diver every 15 minutes, sometimes that drunk driver is a student. Sad story. Great program. We are happy to be part of this community service for young adults.

# **Simi Valley Kiwanis**

### **Kathi Van Etten Reporting**



100 Year Project

As its One Hundred Year Kiwanis International Anniversary project, The Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley partnered with The Painted Turtle Camp and made 100 blankets and 100 turtle pillows for kids battling major illnesses.





At the March 7<sup>th</sup> project,

over 60 volunteers including members from the Key Clubs, Builders Clubs and Aktion Club happily tied the blankets and stuffed and sewed the pillows.

Donna Rahgoshay, President of the Simi Valley High School Key Club was happy to see the great turnout. "I didn't expect this many people from my club to come," said Rahgoshay, "Others deserve things that we take for granted. The kids will appreciate knowing that we made these for them and knowing that we care."

The Painted Turtle is a Lake Hughes, Calif.-based camp co-founded by late actor

and philanthropist Paul Newman that provides a camp experience for youths with chronic or life threatening illnesses.

## **LCR Night of FUN**

A fun time was had by the Simi Valley Kiwanis Club and friends at the seventh annual LCR game night. Over 130 guests, donned in their green attire participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. The lads and lassies of the club cooked and served up a tasty corn beef and cabbage dinner with all the fixin's. The evening was full of fun, games and a special performance by a talented group of young Irish dancers.

# **South Coast Kiwanis**

# **Julie Bischoff Reporting**



# Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Lenore Lewis reporting

**Photos by Chuck Rogers** 

# **MARCH MADNESS HITS THOUSAND OAKS!**

Saturday, March 28th was a busy one as the 5th Annual "Give Back Game" commenced with 22 club

members working on this fund raiser for Manna, our local food bank. In addition to our members, this full-day event includes participation from all our area Key Clubs

both in organization as well as in forming teams to play each other. College teams participate as well and inevitably, the Game of the Day... Kiwanis vs. Rotary. **Kudos to Evening Member Cristy Warn**er for spearheading this incredible effort that this year, raised an estimated \$6000 for Manna!



(LtoR) Mgr. Dave Klein, Lt.Gov. Bob Engler, Glen Bindleglass, David Fox, Kris Schnell, Greg Sincock with granddaughter Simone, Gloria Dyok and Kris' daughter, Carmen.

### "TEACHER DAY" AT THE **GOVERNOR'S VISIT!**

CNH Governor Alan Guire and First Lady Melissa braved the So Cal traffic and miraculously made it from the Circle K D-Con to the beautiful River Ridge Golf Club in record time. After a terrific report from our Governor, we were delighted to have him on hand to help President San Lee bestow two well deserved Distinguished Service Awards. First, to Kiwanian Sherrill Hyink, a middle school teacher who created a service club before she knew about Builders. When she learned about Kiwanis... she simply moved her club into Builders and a star was born or more precisely, "The Kween". Retirement gave Sherrill the ability to shepherd not one but two Builders' Clubs, one high school Key Club and a Kiwins club as well! Congratulations, Sherrill!

As if following an intended theme, the second T.O. DSA was presented by Immediate Past Lt. **Governor Brad Lewis, to Mr. Todd Creason, the** Oak Park High School Key Club's Faculty Advisor. Mr. Creason has been the Key Club advisor for ten years and said that seeing all that the Key Club kids do, actually encourages him to strive to do more service. With over 100 members, the OPHS Key Club is one of the largest clubs on campus and Brad Lewis is proud to be its Kiwanis Advisor.





# Division 42 Clubs & Meetings

Please confirm the meeting place and time with the Club Secretary if you are planning a visit.

Camarillo

Meeting: Round Table Restaurant, 880 Arneill Rd., 1st Tuesday 6:00 PM; All Other Tuesdays 12:00pm

President: Allen Grizzard-Paul

Email: allengrizzard@msn.com Ph: (805)-782-6279

Secy: Cecelia Rexford P.O. Box 533 (club address), Camarillo, 93011

Email: aachskiwinsadvisor@gmail.com Ph: (805) 647-1081

Carpinteria

Meeting: Memorial Bldg., 941 Walnut Avenue, Wednesdays 7:00 pm

President: Dorinda Macias

Email: dorinda@islandviewnursery.com Ph: (805) 680-4581

Secy: Rosana Swing

Email: rsrdswing@gmail.com Ph: (805) 680-2670

Conejo Valley \*\* NEW location info

Meeting: Bandits Grill and Bar

589 North Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks

Tuesdays 11:45am President: Laura Fair

Moorpark

Meeting: Moorpark Chamber of Commerce, 18 E. High St.,

1st Mondays 7:00 pm

President: Ute Van Dam Email: vandamage@roadrunner.com

Ph: (805) 433-3306

Secy: Tom Anderson Email: tganderson@roadrunner.com

Ph: (805) 708-6454

Oxnard

Meeting: The Tower Club, 300 E. Esplanade Dr., 22nd

Floor, Thursdays 12:00 pm President: Dawn Boldrin

Email: DNoordaBoldrin@itt-tech.edu Ph: ?????

Secy: Daniel Martinez

Email: Daniel.martinez@ci.oxnard.ca.us Ph: Cell (805) 844-9145

Santa Barbara

Meeting: Mesa Café, 1972 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara,

Wednesdays 12:00 pm President: Peter Gorgi

Email: peter@santabarbarainsuring.com

Ph: (805) 962-0794 Secy: Anita Dominocielo

Email: vol@volunteersb.com Ph: (805) 451-2928

Santa Paula

Meeting: Zapparelli's Pizza, 598 W. Main St., Santa Paula,

Thursdays 12:00 pm

President: Dan Robles Email:conan0421@hotmail.com Ph: (805) 525-

1460

Secy: Jerry Burns Email: volleyballjerry@aol.com

Ph: (805) 499-7067

Santa Susana

Meeting: Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley,

Wednesdays 12:15 pm

President: Jeff Bertoniere Email: jeffsreteam@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 377-0130

Secy: Sonja Cohen Email: sonja\_cohen@yahoo.com

Ph: (805) 522-6246

Simi Valley

Meeting: Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley,

Wednesdays 6:45 am

K-Too Meetings - 2nd Friday Night of Each Month, 6:30pm (Location Varies) Call (805) 377-4329 for information President: Gwen Major Email: gwenmajor@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 581-4890

Secy: Chris Kuether Email: svkiwanissecretary@gmail.com

Ph: (515) 277-8955

South Coast

Meeting: IHOP Restaurant, 4765 Calle Real, Santa Barbara,
CA 93105, Tuesdays 6:30 pm\*\* corrected TIME

President: Julie Bischoff

Email: jbb@jwbailey.com Ph: (805) 729-2644

Secy: J R Gardner Email: gardn8j@cox.net Ph: (805) 967-5801

Thousand Oaks

Meeting: Palm Gardens, 495 Ventu Park Rd., Thousand Oaks

Wednesdays 7:15 am;

Social Mtg. "First Friday" night each month; location varies

President: Sandra Lee

Email: sanlee123@sbcglobal.net Ph: (805) 907-9010 Secy: Gloria Dyok Email: gloriadyok@roadrunner.com

Ph: (805) 492-8679

Ventura

Meeting: Poinsettia Pavillion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura, Fridays

12:00 pm

President: Kris Etzler

Email: bapkke@aol.com Ph: **(805)-558-1262.**Secy: Matt Kohagen Email: EPTCB64@gmail.com Ph: Home: (805) 795-1445 Cell: (805) 795-1445

Ventura Suburban

Meeting: Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave.,

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30 pm President: Brendan Hendrick

Email: kiwinsda2000@aol.com Ph: Home: (805) 642-8661

Secy: Tracey Hendrick Email: tnbhen@aol.com Ph: (805) 642-8661



# **DIVISION 42 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

# <u>APRIL 2015</u> Thursday, April 9th

DCM @<u>The ARC—Ventura</u>
5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003
Thanks to Santa Barbara Kiwanis for
providing dinner this month!

Kiwanis One Day is April 11th

#### SATURDAY APRIL 18TH—Simi Valley



A Rockin' Country Music Extravaganza!

www.roundupsimi.com

## <u>APRIL 19TH—AUTISM</u> AWARENESS RACE

Joint Project—Camarillo Kiwanis with Thousand Oaks Club to provide Pancakes for 3,000 Runners and volunteers at the Autism Race to be held at Cal State Channel Islands. (CSUCI).

## APRIL 25th SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**DIVISION 42 SERVICE PROJECT** 

Saturday— April 25th
Ventura County Basketball
Tournament California Lutheran
University
60 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks

### **MAY 2015**

Thursday, May 14th

DCM @The ARC—Ventura 5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003 Thanks to Ventura & Suburban for providing dinner this month!

## <u>JUNE 2015</u>

No DCM this month... see you all at CLE training!

## **JULY 2015**

Thursday, July 9th
DCM @The ARC—Ventura
5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003
Thanks to Carpenteria & Conejo Valley for providing dinner this month!

## **AUGUST 2015**

No DCM this month... see you at DCON!

August 13-15, 2015—DCON

Sacramento Convention Center — Hotel: Hyatt Regency Sacramento

August 15th—Ventura Kiwanis presents
COOL BREEZE CENTURY

https://www.facebook.com/events/243331062542986/

August 27th— Thousand Oaks Kiwanis presents BREWFEST 2015!



http://www.tobrewfest.com/

