

CAL-NEV-HA District, Division 42 Newsletter

Nothin' We C'ANT" Do! 2019 - 2020 HIGH HOPES

February 2020

Don's Ruminations



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A publication for and about the Kiwanis clubs of:

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Editor Nick Esser nichorus@pacbell.net I hope that everyone had a warm fuzzy Valentine's Day. Lorraine and I went up to Redwood City to visit Andy and Ally, and the twins.

We had a very nice DCM last Thursday. Santa Su hosted, and, as you might expect, the food was wonderful. At the last minute, Nick Esser was unable to present his program due to a bout of the flu. He will be back soon, no doubt. Gloria Dyok (Thousand Oaks) and the ubiquitous Debbie Heaslip (Santa Susana) ably filled in for him, taking the 40 or so in attendance through the proper operation of the Division 42 on-line calendar and its virtues (encourage other clubs to attend/assist; avoid conflicts with other clubs' events, etc.), and required reporting by club secretaries via the KI Secretary's Dashboard. The material was useful and there were many helpful questions (and answers).



Lorraine, Debbie and I visited kidSTREAM on Tuesday the 18th, and were able to see the portion that is open and in operation. It was heartwarming to see so many kids having so much fun reading to dogs, transmitting puffballs by vacuum tube, dressing up as astronauts, and many other activities.

We met with Kristie Akl, who addressed our October meeting, and she advised that they have found a new, very well-qualified Director for the Center. You all will be meeting Kristie again at the DCM we have scheduled for the kidSTREAM building on May 14. We have also been discussing possibly holding a Division-Wide picnic on the kidSTREAM grounds in July, perhaps to tie in with Governor's visit, and we'll discuss this at the next DCM.

I was pleased by the strong turnout from this division at the Mid-Year Conference, and we heard from several attendees regarding their experience.

I am also pleased by the increase in membership of the clubs in the division. We are up 12 members as reported to KI so far this fiscal year, with another 12 new members in process. T.O. and Ventura Suburban have led the way. From my conversations with club leadership, it is clear that the increase is being driven by new members who are taking advantage of more flexible club meeting schedules. Let's keep up the good work!

Camarillo

In January, our President, Doug Hill (left, with VP Bob Kelly,) held his annual following up on.

Football Party with over 100 people in attendance. This year we made a half-time pitch on what Kiwanis is all about, resulting in a couple of leads that we are

Also in January, the KIWIN'S held their DCM in a park in Oxnard where they cleaned up books that they had collected. These will be delivered to a hospital in Oxnard along with get well cards.

kidSTREAM is currently opening every Tuesday afternoon, 1-4:30pm, for a trial period, and every week they are focusing on a different letter of STREAM. So far, they have focused on Science where they looked at Space Travel and on Technology where a Doctor brought a dummy with a heartbeat so that the children can feel and listen. We are looking forward to our May DCM which will be at this museum.

At the start of 2020 our club celebrated some special birthdays, with three members reaching the grand old age of 80, and our WWII veteran Bud Utter celebrating his 99th birthday. Two cakes were brought to our last meeting.















Roger Klausler Reporting

Conejo Valley



On January 23 we joined Newbury Park High School Key Club members Div. 42 East Lt. Gov. Carter Kawaguchi and Ethan Carrillo in serving dinner and preparing sack lunches for guests of the Harbor House Meal and Shelter Program, managed by Art Castruita (left.)



On February 11, Dennis Poncher, a friend of our member Alan Fisch, spoke about Because I Love You (BILY) <u>www.becauseiloveyou.org</u>, a non-profit organization which holds group meetings that offer support, guidance, and suggestions to parents for solving problems with their children ages 3 to 53—yes, 53. Dennis talked about the crises in his life involving the self-destructive behavior of both of his children that led him to form the first support group in 1982. Since then, it has expanded nation-wide to help 700,000 families address issues of drug and alcohol use, physical and emotional abuse, ADHD, oppositional and obsessive-compulsive behaviors, poor grades, etc. Each group is run by parents, not professionals. There are also youth programs for ages 12 to 20. There is no charge to attend any of the sessions. BILY has been featured on KABC Los Angeles, the Oprah Winfrey Show, and in countless newspaper and magazine articles. Dennis is available to speak at no cost. 818-424-3930 or <u>BILY1982@aol.com</u>.



On February 14th we went to Barnes and Noble to help buy books for the kids in the Safe Passage program, a partnership between the Thousand Oaks Police Department and Conejo Recreation and Park District. Since 2014, this free program has focused on two micro-communities characterized by a high concentration of gang recruitment and crime. The program assists kids in navigating through the prime years of gang recruitment and grooming. We and other volunteers explored the interests and curiosities of each child and helped them chose books within a \$40 budget.

We then went to Triunfo Park for a short hike, a soccer game, an art project, and a reptile seminar. Then, back home after Taco Friday!

Special thanks to Jennifer Pashalides and Barnes and Noble for the generous discounts on everything the Safe Passage kids purchased!

Moorpark



Moorpark Kiwanians are great librarians! We volunteer at various school libraries with cataloging, shelving, organizing and repairing books. Many hands make light work.



Ventura County Sr. Deputy District Attorney Catherine Voelker, gave an interesting presentation on youth crime, human trafficking, and best practices for keeping youth out of the system.

Ute Van Dam Reporting



2020 Moorpark High School Groundhog Day 5K run traffic control volunteers!



Oxnard

Tina Marie Martinez Reporting



On Jan. 23, our social mixer was at Casa Agria Specialty Ales, which held a Trivia Night. It was a fun social with great attendance from potential and active members and regular volunteers. At right, LTG Don Erickson with First Lady Lorraine and LTG Elect Debbie Heaslip working on their trivia.









Jan 18: Key Club Beach Clean Up at Oxnard beach park



January DCM—Oxnard President Kathy Sullivan with Key Club members

Santa Barbara

Anita Pominocielo-Ho Reporting

Great friendships and bonding through Kiwanis membership!



Bonding as Advisors because of the Aktion Club—Anita and Lauren



Josh and Fred-great buddies who work at the Harmony Garden on the Mesa



UCSB CKI Friendships



Bonding over travels— Rosemary and Alma.



Once bonding as Childhood dental client and now an adult friendship—Michele and Dr. Art



Bonding at Special Events—Anita and Bill



Bonding over making perfect tri-tips—Matt and Bill



Ed Cue and Pete Georgibuddies since their days at Bishop Diego High School



Aktion Club friends bonding over fun and community service—Jessica and Greg



Bonding over their passion for saving teens from illegal drugs—Lisa and Ed



Bonding mother and daughter at community service events— Sherryl and Shelly



Bonding over mutual love of quilt-making—Carolyn and Nancy

Santa Susana

Debbie Heaslip Reporting

There is no "all work and no play" with Santa Susana.





Members prepared a variety of finger foods, salads and desserts for our Annual High Tea Bunco. Twenty members and guests enjoyed food, fun and raised over \$350.00 in support of our many children's programs.



K-Kids at Mountain View and Madera had their own Bunco fun as part of their Valentine Social. Club Presidents presented Advisors with a special Valentine thank you treat. Santa Susana members then presented K-Kids their own treat bags.

K-Kids = Teamwork, Sharing, and Caring



Madera & Mountain View K-Kids got creative and made over 100 "Valentine" placemats for the Meals on Wheels and the Senior Center, while Anastasia kept supplies flowing.



Madera K-Kids sort and count hundreds of bottles and cans collected for their Recycle For Charity Fundraising Program.



Mountain View K-Kids support the local animal shelter with donated plastic bags, blankets, and towels.



Judy, Debbie, and Margaret load over 150 donated food items for delivery as part of the Madera K-Kids "We Care Program."

Simi Valley



Members attending the Cal-Nev-Ha Mid-Year Conference—South in San Gabriel



garage Cleaning day at the club's storage garage getting ready for Round*Up

Shelley Howard Reporting



Township Elementary K-Kids... Heart Attacking classrooms for Valentines Day



Thank you so much J.T. for cleaning up the Kiwanis sign. It passed city inspection and will be going back up in its new at the corner of Los Angeles Ave. and Madera Rd.



LTG Don and Lorraine at the kidSTREAM children's museum, promoting the First Lady's book-donating project

Thousand Oaks



Past President Dick Wilson has passed away. Better known affectionately as "Chief" in a nod to his long service with the Ventura County Fire Department, Dick was a friend to everyone in the Thousand Oaks Club and could always be counted on to contribute his time and efforts to accomplish our service projects. Chief joined the Club in 1972 and served as our President in 1977-78. He was our longest-tenured Kiwanian and took great pride in the Club.

On February 5, the Thousand Oaks Club inducted its ninth new member of this Kiwanis year, Denise Cortes. Denise is the Director of Harbor House, a local non-profit that offers referrals, resources, case management, and a hand up for those who are struggling. Participants in the ceremony are Past Presidents (left to right) Dave Biedebach, Ted Driscoll, Paul Campbell, Chuck Huffer and (in the back) Bob Engler. Denise is wearing her builder's apron and to her right is her sponsor, Robin Britt.





The Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Paint Rangers were at it again. We paint out storm drains or other facilities that get tagged often with graffiti. Helping out were Bob Smith, Chuck Huffer, Mary Sepe, Sherrill Hyink, and Arnie Rudman. So, who was taking the pictures, you ask? None other than the leader of the group, Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Engler.



On February 13, Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club members along with family and friends-seventeen volunteers in all-helped stuff bags of comfort and supplies at the My Stuff Bags office, destined for children entering foster care. The Club also donated \$300. Mary Sepe, our Community Services Chair and organizer of the project, displays the contribution.

Ventura

Kathy Kinnear Reporting



A LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE CELEBRATING THE ARTS



Ventura Unified School District and The Kiwanis Club are the proud producers of Festival of Talent 2020

For 18 years, Kiwanis has produced Festival of Talent while providing administration and marketing, over 50 volunteers and everything else it takes to present one of the BEST shows in Ventura.

This is a professional level production created in partnership with VUSD, directors Bev & Kirby Ward of Rubicon Theater, and music director Miriam Arichea, along with professional lighting, sound and technical crews. FOT brings hundreds of performers and over 1,000 audience members together for the "**best show ever**," year after year.

We need your help to shine the light of awareness on the bright futures of our children in an event our community will remember forever!



Our theme, *Full Steam Ahead*, is a way to embrace the ARTS in an experiential event that instills pride and creativity, while celebrating the amazing talent of students and adults alike.

Let's capture the hearts of our students, and dazzle the hearts of our community! Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere. ~Albert Einstein

The Arts improve academic achievement by enhancing learning, attitudes, social skills, critical and creative thinking.

Children who experience sustained involvement in the arts are overwhelmingly more likely as adults to found successful companies, publish important articles, and patent new inventions.

FOT is nurturing. FOT is memorable. It is an enduring and heartwarming event. With YOUR help it will be here for years to come.

Ventura Kiwanis Joins Ventura Unified School District to Present "Festival of Talent 2020: Full Steam Ahead"

Festival of Talent is a quality live performance of outstanding Ventura talent providing a community gathering as well as a fund raiser. The event will take place on March 14, at Ventura High School Theatre, 2 North Catalina Street. Doors open at 6:15 pm.

Others raise funds for the reading and writing. Through Festival of Talent, Ventura Unified School District and Ventura Kiwanis want to help students become better citizens by enhancing the Arts, encouraging community involvement, providing meaningful volunteer and leadership opportunities and granting scholarships to those who "get it."

Just as important, Festival is a high-quality production, providing the performers with a unique opportunity to work with professional directors, musicians, stage manager, enhanced sound, and technical support and an audience of over 1,000. Talk to any of the approximately 200 participants and you will share his or her excitement. Not coincidentally, in itself this goes a long way toward that citizenship goal.

Division 42 Clubs & Meetings

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

Camarillo

Meeting: Sportsman Restaurant, 4426 Central Ave., 1st Tuesday 5:30 pm, Tuesdays x-1st 12:00 pm President: Doug Hill Email: doughillcpa@aim.com Ph: (805) 484-0496

Secy: Allen Grizzard-Paul Email: allengrizzard@msn.com Ph: (805) 795-6279 Cell

Conejo Valley

Meeting: Bandits Grill and Bar 589 North Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks Tuesdays 11:45 am President: Tom Stapleford Email: stapletc@gmail.com Ph: (805) 405-3086 Secy: Roger Klausler Email: rklausler@gmail.com Ph: (805) 746-2584 Cell

Moorpark

Meeting: Moorpark Chamber of Commerce, 18 E. High St., 1st Monday 7:00 pm

President: Steven Hoppel Email: stevehoppel@gmail.com Ph: (424)750-1103 Cell

Secy: Paula Driscoll Email: pdriscoll805@outlook.com Ph: (805)795-4865

Oxnard

Meeting: The Tower Club, 300 E. Esplanade Dr., 22nd Floor 1st Wednesday 12:15 pm *NEW!*; 2nd Thursday at DCM *NEW!*; 4th Thursday: Evening social with rotating location *NEW!* President: Kathy Sullivan Email: katgirl826@gmail.com Ph: (805) 405-8165 Secy: Tina Marie Martinez Email: tinamarie918@gmail.com Ph: (805) 844-9145 Cell

Santa Barbara

Meeting: Mesa Café, 1972 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 12:00 pm *NEW!* 4th Wednesday 5:30 pm *NEW!* President: Matt Moore Email: matthew@moorelawsb.com

Ph: (805) 452-4627 Secy: Walter Browne Email: walterbrowne1@yahoo.com Ph: (916) 817-7584

Santa Susana

Meeting: Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley, 2nd Wednesday 11:45 am

Monthly Dessert Socials - 4th Sunday 2:00-3:30 pm (Call for location)

President: Ray Dempsey Email: dempsey.r@sbcglobal.net Ph: (805) 501-5774

Secy: Gary White Email: garywhiteallstar@gmail.com Ph: (805) 660-7446

Simi Valley

Meeting: First Street Family Restaurant, 2025 First St., Wednesdays x-2nd 7:00 am After-Hours meeting - 2nd Friday, 6:30 pm **NEW!** @ 99.1 The Ranch Studios, 1555 Simi Town Center Way, #730, President: Nellann Wilson Email: nanawilsn@yahoo.com Ph: (805) 338-8062 Cell Secy: Mary Martin Email: fmmartin7@sbcglobal.net Ph: (805) 501-5621

The South Coast

Meeting: High Sierra Grill, 521 Firestone Road, Goleta Tuesdays 6:30 pm President: Wesley Jackson Email: wesjackson050@msn.com Ph: (805)570-6311 Secy: Bill Bailey Email: bill@jwbailey.com Ph: (805)964-2249

Thousand Oaks

Meeting: Los Robles Greens Golf Course, 299 S. Moorpark Rd., Wednesdays 7:15 am ALSO–Social Mtg. "First Friday" night each month; location varies President: Steve Weiss Email: steve@kirkjewelersca.com Ph: (805) 416-4775 Secy: Gloria Dyok Email: gloriadyok@verizon.net Ph: (805) 402-1297 Cell (Text preferred)

Ventura

Meeting: Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura, Fridays 12:00 pm President: Kathy Kinnear Email: kkinnear@gmail.com Ph: (805) 218-9731 Secy: Fred Ziegler Email: ziegler.fairway@gmail.com Ph: (805) 535-5218 Cell

Ventura-Suburban

Meeting: Main Street Restaurant & Steakhouse, 3159 E. Main St., 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm (4th Tuesday via internet) 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

Training & Club Events

March 1, 2020 Key Leader Registration opens for Sponsored Students (March 8 for general public)

March 7, 2020 Round*Up Country Music Festival Simi Valley Kiwanis

March 13-15, 2020 Key Club DCON - Reno

March 14, 2020 Festival of Talent Ventura Kiwanis

May 1-3, 2020 Key Leader Camp - Ojai

June 5, 2020 Wine and Moonlight Moorpark Kiwanis

June 7, 2020 Cowboys and Cabernet Simi Valley Kiwanis

June 18-21, 2020 KI Convention - Indianapolis, IN

June/July 2020 - Date TBD CLE Training!

July 3-5, 2020 Key Club ICON - San Francisco

July 11, 2020 Governor's Visit River Ridge Golf Club, Oxnard

August 13-15, 2020 Cal-Nev-Ha Convention - Sparks, NV

September 26, 2020 Key Club RTC - Location TBD

November 14, 2020 Key Club Fall Rally - Magic Mountain

Division Council Meetings

DCMs @ The Arc of Ventura 5103 Walker Street, Ventura

Thursday, October 10, 2019 Hosting club: Ventura

Thursday, November 14, 2019 Hosting club: Simi Valley

Thursday, December 12, 2019 Holiday Pot Luck

Thursday, January 9, 2020 Hosting club: Conejo Valley

Thursday, February 13, 2020 Hosting club: Santa Susana

Thursday, March 12, 2020 Hosting club: Moorpark

Thursday, April 9, 2020 Hosting club: Oxnard

Thursday, May 14, 2020 Hosting club: Camarillo

Thursday, June 11, 2020 Hosting club: Thousand Oaks

Thursday, July 9, 2020 Hosting club: Santa Barbara & The South Coast – Governor Elect Candidates

August 2020 No DCM - District Convention

September 2020 No DCM - Installations

NEWS YOU CAN USE

from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund



Club of Atascadero

MEET YUSSIF!

Thirteen year old Yussif Salam, came to the United States from Ghana, Africa at the age of four with his father Awudu Salam. Yussif's father had moved from Ghana to the United States with the dream of becoming U.S. citizen. In 2014, Awudu's dream came tru as both he and Yussif became U.S. citizens. Only a year later, tradgedy struck. At the age of 12, Yussif became an orphan with no family to support him. <u>Read more about Yussif's inspiring journey</u>. and why he was selected to receive the Hope of America award.





Last year's winners Rose & Ed Schneeberger

"Ed and I had a terrific time in Hawaii. We flew to Honolulu and stayed 3 nights. We both love Honolulu, so we wanted to take a chance to visit there on our way to Kauai. Our daughter and her husband met us in Kauai, where we celebrated Thanksgiving together. That made our trip even more special."

Contact any Foundation Director or the CNH Children's Fund office for your chance to win!

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When you give to the YES! Initiative, you develop leaders and provide scholarships to students like Jakob Woo-Ming. If you dare to envision a brighter future for students like Jakob, then say YES! with your donation to the YES! Initiative. Learn more about the <u>YES! Initiative</u>.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

If you reached the age of 70 1/2 by the end of 2019, you must take your first Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your traditional retirement accounts by April 1, 2020 - or risk a 50% penalty imposed by the IRS. Individuals who do not require the distribution for living expenses have an alternative which will both lower their taxable income while also supporting the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund. Learn more

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Is there a Kiwanian in your life who has gone above and beyond in their service and dedication to their club and community? Consider honoring them with a Distinguished Service Award (DSA). To make this award even more special, have Governor Timothy present the award during his Official Visit to your division! Order your DSA today!

PTP GRANT

As part of our major focus, the Pediatric Trauma Prevention (PTP) grant program was established to provide grants to Kiwanis clubs to help finance new service projects that address pediatric trauma and injury prevention. Often times, clubs will give up on a worthwhile project due to a lack of start-up funds, but the CNH Children's Fund is here to help! <u>Apply for a PTP Grant today!</u>

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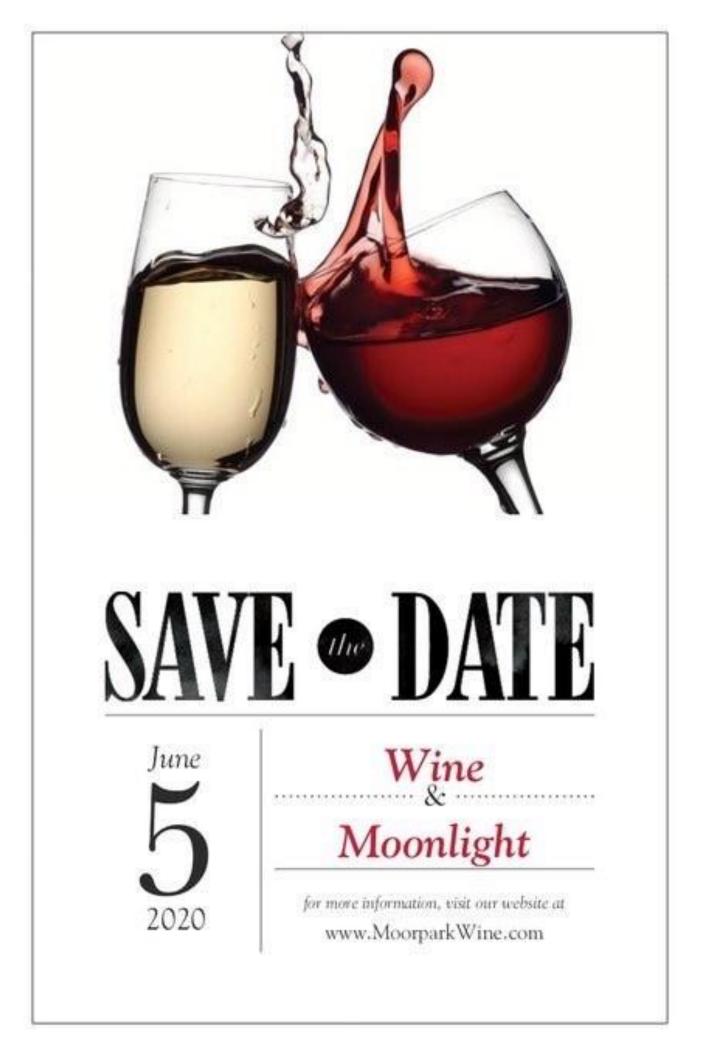
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Kiwanis Club of Ventura ("Kiwanis") is a 501(c)(3) charitable service club whose mission statement is: "We are volunteers dedicated to serving the needs of Ventura, with an emphasis on youth and vulnerable adults, while providing our members opportunities for fellowship, leadership and business relations."

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- #_____box of 48 bags of Peanuts \$20 ea. (3 boxes for \$50)
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Emergency Survival Kit

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