



CAL-NEV-HA District, Division 42 Newsletter

January 2020

### Don's Ruminations



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A publication for and about the Kiwanis clubs of:

CAMARILLO

CONEJO VALLEY

Moorpark

OXNARD

Santa Barbara

SANTA SUSANA

SIMI VALLEY

THE SOUTH COAST

THOUSAND OAKS

**VENTURA** 

**VENTURA SUBURBAN** 

Editor Nick Esser nichorus@pacbell.net Happy New Year! Happy New Decade!

Over the Holidays, I had the pleasure of installing Debbie Heaslip's sister Cheryl as a long-distance (Canadian) member of the Santa Susana club.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Nick Esser and Nellann Wilson. Nick is recovering from multiple abrasions and fractured wrist sustained in a bike accident. I understand he was struck by a runaway shopping cart that escaped a homeless encampment. NellAnn tripped and fell dropping her granddaughter off at school, fractured her forearm and sprained her wrist, and conducted the Simi morning meeting **before** having the fracture set.

Condolences to friends and family of Bill Zulager (Simi club), who passed after a long struggle with complications of COPD. More than 40 Kiwanians attended his memorial service.

We'll be hearing from Cam Schroek again at our February meeting. Since it appears that KI has not yet secured a free website for each club, Cam will be educating us on the use of other popular applications for club and social media communications. Cam has asked me to suggest that attendees bring their laptops and/or tablets: Cam will be demonstrating using the big screen TV in our meeting room.

We will also be reviewing and discussing the Mid-Year Conference, which will have just concluded. I hope to see many of you at the Mid-Year. I generally find the sessions to be more relaxed and informative than training at either the DCON or the ICON. Governor-Elect Gary advises that the Foundation Gala at the conclusion of this year's Mid-Year will be memorable.

In breaking news, I have heard from many Clubs that the date I reserved last year for the Governor's visit, April 11, is the day before Easter Sunday and that it would be difficult for many club officers and members to attend. Oops! I picked that date during the rush at LTG Training last May, and I obviously didn't notice the holiday immediately adjacent to the date I picked. I have since been in touch with Governor Tim and we have chosen a new, more convenient date – **Saturday, July 11**, for the **Governor's Visit**. As always, it will be at River Ridge. Details to follow, and I a trust that we will have a large and enthusiastic turnout. Any program that features Tim is sure to be highly entertaining. Remember to get your DSA's, VSA's, Dunlaps, etc. ordered in time for them to be presented by Tim on July 11. There's something special about receiving a commendation from the Governor.

Lastly, in the course of the Governor's monthly on-line conference this month, I was pleased to be one of the few LTG's whose Division has already elected an LTG-Elect and that we otherwise appear to be on sound footing.





#### Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

Due to our meeting days clashing with Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, Camarillo had a fairly quiet December. The DCM was a lot of fun, and our Immediate Past President Mary did get a cuddle from Santa.

Not sure if she was being naughty or nice.



It was great to see that our three SLP clubs did not take a rest during the holidays. Our Rio Mesa Key Club and both KIWIN'S Clubs worked on the Rose Parade Floats.

The KIWIN'S from Camarillo High and Rancho Campana spent an evening Caroling for Cans where they entertained local residents in exchange for food donations which went to a local church food share.



KIWIN'S practicing before setting out



Some of the loot to be taken to a local pantry



One of the things I love most about being a Kiwanian is getting involved with special needs kids and adults. Coaching the AYSO VIP Teams is so much fun, and during an awards ceromony at the Las Posas Country Club in December, the VIP Player of the Year was presented to a young lady named Caitlin. Smiling faces like this one are the best reward you can receive for the service we provide.

## Conejo Valley

#### Roger Klausler Reporting







As we did last year, we adopted a BumbleBee family who live in Woodland Hills. Their 3-year-old girl is being treated at UCLA Medical Center. We wrapped presents for her and her 5-year-old brother at our meeting on December 10 and delivered them to the family on December 13. The BumbleBee Foundation offers hope and provides support to the overall well-being of pediatric cancer families.





On December 20 at Conejo Community Park, the Conejo Valley Kiwanis Foundation presented a check for \$500 to Police Chief Tim Hagel and Rec and Parks Department Administrator Rochelle Callis in support of the Safe Passage Program. This partnership grew out of a presentation to the club that Chief Hagel and Rochelle had given earlier in the year. Since the central mission of Kiwanis International is to improve the world, one child and one community at a time, this partnership is a natural one for us.

The following day, our club and CRPD and Police Department volunteers distributed Christmas gifts at the Community Center to over 200 first—fifth graders living in the Warwick complex served by Safe Passage.



We were pleased to host the January DCM and we thank Stonefire Grill for catering. Our Past President Sonia Agresti received The Ant award because the word "CAN'T" is not in her vocabulary.

# Moorpark

### Ute Van Dam Reporting



Our annual Breakfast with Santa event reported last month was covered in our local Acorn newspaper.



Some of us were lucky to view the Kiwanis float live at the Rose Parade!





Moorpark has TERRIFIC KIDS at Campus Canyon and Walnut Canyon Schools! This month, students who exemplified Respectful and Responsible traits were recognized!







Peach Hill elementary has TERRIFIC KIDS who are Influential and Friendly!



Local teens say thank-you!

Kiwanis members past, present, and future attending.



Kiwanis teamed up with the Boys and Girls club for a Toys for Teens gift card drive at Setebello in Oxnard.



1st meeting of the year ... off to a great start with a potential new member!

## Bring Up Grades—Cleveland Elementary School









We handed out 200 yogurt cups with 3 toppings to the 4th-6th graders, delivered by Mr. Oh of Yogurtland who stayed for the fun. Kiwanis President Elect Jordan Robinson presented the winner of the "Responsible Student Award," proudly selected by Principal Mr. Gabriel Sandoval. She received a scooter and helmet from Kiwanis.

#### San Marcos Parent Child Workshop Cooperative Preschool Pancake Breakfast



We can always count on UCSB-CKI members to come help at events.



Bill Childs made perfect pancakes and President Matt Moore welcomed new member Juli Askew to her first pancake event!

#### **New Year Celebrations**









Jennifer Newell and Gary Gray enjoy the Brew Years Eve fundraiser. Members open surprises at our White Elephant Potluck Party.

## Santa Susana

#### **Pebbie Heaslip Reporting**

#### **Holiday Cheers**









Members, friends, and family gathered for a great pot luck Holiday Social including a dice game with lots of gift passing. Lt. Gov. Don and Debbie were also able to present new member Cheryl with her Shirt and Pin.

Cheryl, our new member from Canada, hubby Dallas, and Debbie spent a vacation day decorating a Rose Parade Float. It was a lot of fun, and we made new friends. Now she is a true Kiwanian.

#### **OUR SLP'S NEVER SEEM TO STOP**











Mountain View Elementary School K-Kids:
The Club President and VP present Holiday Gifts to Miss Carly, our Faculty Advisor, and Miss Stacie and Miss Pat who assist, during our "Holiday Bingo Social."

Members collected, sorted, and counted over 200 holiday food items for the local food bank, and sorted and counted over 4000 tabs for Ronald McDonald House, along with hundreds of items to be given to For the Troops.







Madera Elementary School K-Kids:

Each month K-Kids hold a We Vote Wednesday. Students and staff step up to booths and cast their vote on a school or current event subject. Members hand out ballots and give out "I Voted" stickers.

At our 1st meeting back, members went straight to work on creating cards to be given to "For the Troops" along with donated candy. They wrote notes with info about themselves and decorated with markers and stickers.





Santa Susana High School Key Club members joined our members at the Samaritan Center to help serve dinner to the needy.

## Simi Valley

#### Shelley Howard Reporting







An evening of happy, well fed people at the Samaritan Center...on a very cold night! Everyone was in the Christmas spirit and brought multiple goodies! Our Kiwanis members made an awesome chicken soup full of meat and veggies, cornbread, rice, salad and other tasty dishes! During the meal we passed out goodie bags with socks, toiletries, and other small items.











A great morning with our Kiwanis and School Staff friends! We got up before the crack of dawn to set up, start making pancakes, and serve a holiday breakfast to 300 children and their families at Berylwood Elementary!







A wonderful morning at The Foothills Senior Living home. Some of our Builders and K-Kids clubs joined us Kiwanians to sing Christmas carols to the Seniors! The highlight of the morning was when a young lady of 100 years old spotted Santa and her face just lit up...of course we sang her a special Christmas song!

#### **Holiday Party Scenes**







Left: Santa's favorite at the Thousand Oaks Club's annual holiday party was Harrison Podell, son of member Aaron Podell. Harrison has been joining his Dad at Club meetings and service projects since he was in a baby carrier. Fourteen-year old Harrison still enjoys participating in our Club's service projects and is an active member of the Newbury Park High School Key Club.

Center: The party yielded a large table full of gifts for underprivileged children. The Club handed these over to the Ventura County Fire Department for distribution as part of its annual toy drive.

Right: President-elect Craig Burns presided over the holiday party. Was he a good boy? He thinks so. Hard to say what Santa thinks, but Past President Larry Levine gives a skeptical look in the background.





Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club members had the barbecue ready for Ride-On Therapeutic Horsemanship's annual TrailFest fundraiser on December 21. Disabled riders saddled up to hit the trails at Rancho Potrero Equestrian Center, earning pledges to help support this wonderful local non-profit.

Tim Hagel, who recently retired as the Thousand Oaks Police Chief, helped create the Safe Passages gang diversion program in Thousand Oaks. He was the program speaker at our January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Safe Passages focuses on stopping gang recruitment at the grade



school level by providing safety, community involvement, and mentorship to youth who may otherwise be attracted to gangs. Safe Passages is a cooperative effort of many local agencies and institutions in Thousand Oaks.

## Ventura









Ventura Kiwanis' DATA Builders Club celebrated obtaining their UNICEF ELIMINATE goal of raising \$250 by having an Ugly Sweater cookie decorating contest.



Next project for DATA Builders Club will be making quilts for cancer patients of Ventura County Cancer Center.

## 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

Thursdays 12:00 pm

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 **NEW!** (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**

#### February 8, 2020

Mid-Year Conference South - San Gabriel

#### March 7, 2020

Round\*Up Country Music Festival Simi Valley 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 11, 2020

Governor's Visit River Ridge Golf Club, Oxnard

#### August 13-15, 2020

Cal-Nev-Ha Convention - Sparks, NV





### **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

FEBRUARY 2020



### THE YES! INITIATIVE

The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund is proud to introduce a brand new fundraising initiative: the **YES! Initiative.** Contributions to the YES! Initiative provide flexible support to our most pressing, ongoing priorities, including (but not limited to): **Youth** through Student Leadership Training and Development, **Education** through scholarships for our SLP members, and **Support** through grants to our Kiwanis and SLP clubs. Join us at our 2020 Mid-Year Education Conferences to learn more!



#### SHOOT FOR THE MOON GALA

Register for the 2020 Mid-Year Education
Conferences and be sure to sign up for our galas
in San Gabriel and Modesto for an evening of
cocktails, dinner with optional wine pairing, and
auctions, karaoke, and fun with fellow
Kiwanians! Click here to purchase tickets, place
an ad in our event program and/or become a
sponsor.

#### FOUNDER'S DAY

Since 1965, the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund has partnered with our Kiwanis clubs to transform children's lives. In honor of the Foundation's anniversary, we invite your club to partcipate in the **Founder's Day program.** For just \$5.00 per member, your club can help build a better future for our children! <u>Learn more about Founder's Day here.</u>

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Is there a local business owner or a teacher who has made a difference in your community? What about your local police department or grocery store? Consider recognizing them with the Community Service Award (CSA)! The CSA is presented to community members in appreciation of "service rendered to the community." Click here to order your CSA today.

#### **CLUB GRANTS**

The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund offers an array of grant programs to Kiwanis clubs within our district! From hosting bike rodeos to community clean-up events to book drives, we have a grant to help clubs establish new service projects to help their communities. Learn more about our grant programs here.

#### CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

When you enroll in our sustaining donor program, *Champions for Children*, you empower youth, prevent trauma, and transform lives.

<u>Learn more about our program and sign up to be</u> a Champion for Children today!



# THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SANTA SUSANA IS HOSTING A



## BUNCO & HIGH TEA



## Sunday, January 26th, 12:30-4:00 pm

Don't Miss This Special, Fun Filled Afternoon Graciously hosted by The Ohler Family 5005 Tapo Canyon Rd, Simi Valley, CA 93063

#### MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW



# \$25.00 per person Includes;



### **High Tea Lunch & Bunco & Raffle Tickets**

(Cash, Check or Credit Card Accepted)

You Make A Difference Your Donation Benefits Our Community & Student Leadership Programs.

These Include: Salute America (our flag education program),
Key Club (our high school service club), K Kids (our elementary service club),
Aktion Club (our adults with challenges club), Scholarships,
Hats for Heroes & Trauma Dolls Projects

For Information about our programs or to make reservations

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You may also visit our Website: <a href="mailto:kiwanisofsantasusana.com">kiwanisofsantasusana.com</a>







### KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO

### 27th consecutive year "PEANUT DAY" fundraiser.

For every \$15 you donate, we will thank you with a one-pound bag of Honey Roasted Peanuts or a one-pound bag of Trail Mix.

For a \$20 donation a box of 48 1oz bags of peanuts.

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#### YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE\*\*\*

Please send your donation to the KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO FOUNDATION, P.O. BOX 533, CAMARILLO, CA 93011. Check below and thank you very much for your help.

#	one-pound(s) bag of Honey Roasted Peanuts \$15 ea.
#	one-pound(s) bag of Trail Mix \$15 ea. (3 bags of Honey Roasted or Trail Mix for \$40)
#	box of 48 bags of Peanuts \$20 ea. (3 boxes for \$50)
	Donation only <u>\$</u>



# **Emergency Survival Kit**

Kiwanis Club of Ventura Suburban

Contact us by:

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Facebook: Kiwanis Club of Ventura Suburban

#### Description

For those times when we least expect it. A kit that will fit in your home, work, car, backpack, desk or any place where you spend time. A compact kit for any emergency.

The kit contains...

- Flashlight
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All for only \$10.00