

CAL-NEV-HA District, Division 42 Newsletter

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Nothin' We C'ANT" Do!

Don's Ruminations



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Governor-Elect Race

Whatever form our DCON or VCON takes this year, there will be elections for Governor and Governor-Elect. The outcome of the Governor's race is pre-determined and Gary Gray will be the new Governor, but there is a wide-open race for Governor-Elect. There are two good candidates: Valarie Brown Klingelhoefer, and Margo Dutton. They were the program for our June DCM and both gave excellent presentations. Those of you who missed that meeting and have questions regarding the candidates' positions may wish to check their respective Facebook pages:

https://www.facebook.com/MargoDutton4KiwanisCNHGovElect

Valarie:

Margo:

https://www.facebook.com/ValarieBrownKlingelhoefer.CNHKiwanis

In any event, according to the District bylaws governing elections during a time of emergency, Deb Heaslip, Roy Talley, Gary Gray and I will be delegates voting online during the VCON. Roy and Gary to not have a defined constituency, but Deb and I do – the clubs of Division 42. We'd like to hear from any club that has a strong preference for the office of Governor-Elect, before we cast our votes. Thanks.

July DCM

Approximately 45 of our club and SLP members were in attendance on July 9 for our Division Council Meeting. At that meeting we heard an impassioned speech from the Key Club LTG for 42 East. The speech was overtly political. As meeting chair, I could have muted the speaker - and perhaps I should have. But I did not, partly because the circumstances did not call for a heavy-handed response, and partly because the young man obviously didn't know any better than to bring politics to a Kiwanis meeting.

He had not been educated regarding Kiwanis' century-long tradition of, and commitment to, apolitical and secular service. The reason Kiwanis has lasted as long as it has is because we don't let ourselves be divided and distracted from service by political and religious disagreements. Frankly, this should have been addressed by our SLP leaders, teachers and advisors, and hopefully in the future it will be. Kiwanis is not a political platform, period.

Governor's Visit???

We still have no definite date or plan for the Governor's Visit, but we are exploring options for an outdoor, code-compliant meeting and dinner in the latter part of August. We'll let you know more when and as things develop. Meanwhile, thank you to everyone for persevering through these difficult times.

-Don



It is with great sadness that we report the loss of one of our past members. Frank Gavaller, who had to retire from Kiwanis a couple of years back due to ill health, passed away on Tuesday, July 7. Frank was from Scottish descent, and he used to perform alongside Past Lt. Gov. Walt Metcalf in a Scottish Dance Group. Frank was a very knowledgeable person and when it came to the weekly Trivia Questions, the other members always said, "Whatever Frank says" as their answer. For many years, Frank headed up our Meal Delivery Program, and he was always first to volunteer to drive dignitaries to the front of the Christmas Parade. Although he has been out of Kiwanis for a while he will forever be in our memories.

Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting





On a much brighter side, Linda Thayer has finally thrown in the towel and has retired from her teaching position to become President Elect for the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year, taking the role of President in 2021-2022. Linda descends from a great Kiwanis Family. Old timers will probably remember her dad, Past Lt. Gov. and Charter Member of our club, George Thayer. George brought in more members and raised more money than anyone else has ever achieved in our club. Linda's Mom, Betty Thayer, was also very active in our club. Linda has already proved to be a true Kiwanian, heading up our scholarship program and running the Builders Club, so we are very excited about her taking on this leadership position.



Mia Ortiz



Nicoletta Bryan

Scholarships – In addition to the scholarship our club presents each year, this year our member Ray Favacho, who works for State Farm, was able to find funding for another scholarship donated by the State Farm Good Neighbor Community Fund. This was awarded to Mia Ortiz from Camarillo High KIWIN'S. Also, Nicoletta (Leta) Bryan from Rancho Campana KIWIN'S received a District Scholarship for her outstanding job as KIWIN'S District Convention Chair. Leta wrote a thank-you letter to the District:

"Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. It has made all the difference in my educational career. Receiving this scholarship meant that I can help supplement the cost of my tuition at my dream school, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

KIWIN'S and Kiwanis have given me so much from allowing me to grow as a servant leader, to sponsoring me to go to ICON, to now helping me achieve my educational goals. I am forever grateful to this organization and I am very excited that the University of Michigan has a Circle K club.

I served as the District Convention chair on district board. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Even though DCON didn't happen, I gained so many valuable skills that I would not have otherwise. I was able to create an advertisement campaign for DCON, coordinate with hotel staff, and work with the rest of District Board to solve complex problems. I have a student internship at a school-based company called RCMakes. This summer I will be the Academy lead for the Medical Sciences program which means that I am managing a team of interns and working to create a curriculum which we will execute both online and in person.

My experience as Convention Chair has helped me so much because it taught me how to manage a project and how to delegate. It also taught me how to be flexible and adapt my plans to fit any necessary situation." Nicoletta (Leta) Bryan

Conejo Valley

Roger Klausler Reporting



Our club has purchased about 50 books on astronomy and space exploration that are waiting to move into their new home on the kidSTREAM library shelves. Shown here are Board member Sue Bartley and friends adding our label to each of the books.



The Rev. Betty Stapleford was surprised and honored to receive this award from Division 42 East for her stellar service as our advisor for the Newbury Park High School Key Club.



Although there are current restrictions on assembly, our commitment to our service projects continues. At this time every year, we have hosted a barbeque at one of the parks in Camarillo for all the Ventura County Children's Services foster families. This year we donated the budgeted amount of \$400 directly to the Service's Auxiliary.

The same holds true for our support of Harbor House meals for the needy. We donated to that organization the \$750 budgeted for our meal services in May, July, and September. Shown here is our club with Harbor House's Art Castruita.



Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting







Moorpark Kiwanians during the Covid lock-down.

Oxnard

Tina Marie Martinez Reporting

Kiwanis thanks our Nutrition Services Staff for distributing 1000 bags of groceries per week to our community



Kiwanis thanks the nutrition service staff at _Harrington Elementary____









Recently via our Facebook page and in person, Kiwanis of Oxnard gave a huge THANK YOU to the Nutrition Service Staff at four Elementary schools in Oxnard - Fremont Intermediate, Harrington Elementary, Cesar Chavez Elementary, and Driffil Elementary - where 1000 bags of groceries have been assembled and distributed to our community every Monday since the school closures in March due to Covid-19.

Santa Barbara

Anita Dominocielo-Ho Reporting



More Scholarship News

Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara awarded seven \$1,500 scholarships to our local graduating seniors. Kiwanis members went to their homes, met them outside and brought their check, a beautiful certificate of recognition from Assembly Member Monique Limon, flowers, a cake, and a full dinner from Shaloob for the whole family. Signs such as these were also placed on the lawns representing all their local high schools. It warmed the heart to drive around town seeing these signs.

2020 Kiwanis Scholarship Recipients and their career paths: Kaiser Kurexi -Dos Pueblo High School (Physician of Sports Medicine) Fhernanda Del Toro Arroyo- Santa Barbara High School (Physician in Athletic Training) Vanessa Herrera Cardenas -San Marcos High School (Nursing) Jacob Barrios- Santa Barbara High School (Athletic Trainer) Ethan Garcia - Bishop High School (Biomedical Engineer) Tabatha Phillips -Bishop Diego High School (Psychology or Nursing) Sherryl Vargas-San Marcos High School (Architect or Business)



Hope of America: Confirmed Chris Sanchez was last year's Hope of America recipient from Santa Barbara Middle School. He continued his work all year round helping grade school students. Keep up the good work, Chris!



We love all the students at Cleveland School! Be it the BUG program or any other achievement, the students at Cleveland School can depend on the Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara to support and reward them. This poster was created in time to congratulate all the graduating 6th graders.

Santa Susana

Debbie Heaslip Reporting

SANTA SUSANA SHINES

It is exciting to let everyone know that our very own Santa Susana received **5 AWARDS AT VCON**



The Most Interclubs by any club during the pandemic. Third Place for the Most Virtual Meetings by any one member. No Meetings missed during the pandemic.



Creating a Unique Service Project during the pandemic.

Honorable Mention for the Most Service Hours during the pandemic. Governor Tim was also pleased to let us know these were the most awards

presented to any one club in the District.

Many Hands Make Light Work!

We have begun working on our Blanket Buddies project. Hundreds of yards of material need to be measured, cut and distributed among our members for tying. Once completed, they will be donated to Child Hope, Operation Smile, and Project Linus.

We hope to make between 150 – 200 blankets for children and teens in need of some warmth and comfort during trying times.

Many thanks to our Division 42 First Lady Lorraine Erickson, who has added her amazing crochet talents to our blankets for the littlest ones we help.



SAVE THE DATE



Santa Susana Annual Car Show Sat., August, 22nd Junkyard Café Simi Valley Visit our Website for more information. kiwanisofsantasusana.com



Simple Pleasures

Take a minute to relax and enjoy the change of scenery provided by Margaret. A few days at the beach or anywhere different can do wonders.



THANK YOU TO THE CAL - NEV - HA COVID GRANT PROGRAM

Santa Susana was recently awarded a Covid grant for making masks for those in need. Members worked hard to create 150 Masks that were distributed to a Center for the Disabled in Chicago, local Senior Centers, the Samaritan Center and family & friends. We want to give a very SPECIAL THANKS to Tony Antonelli for all his help with our Grant Applications.

Simi Valley

Shelley Howard Reporting









Simi Kiwanis is volunteering to help with the delivery of overflow meals due to the corona-virus. Left: Kevin, Donna, Shelley, and Nellann at volunteer training; Center: Harry, Donna, and Nellann leaving the Senior Center with food, Right: Donna preparing to deliver.

Appreciation and Thank You Luncheon at the Police Station



Volunteers were only allowed to set up, then had to leave. The table sign showed all the sponsors including Simi Kiwanis, and the banner was signed by many people. Mary Patch, Elaine, Karen Hoyle, Harry, and Kathi did an outstanding job of decorating and getting all the food together.

Helping Operation Smile



Simi Kiwanians are volunteering to cut out tie blankets and make smile bags, hospital gowns, and various shapes of pillows for kids who are awaiting surgery for their cleft lip/palate. Just imagine the smiles! Many of our members are signing up to help.

Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



BrewFest is going virtual this year. Mark your calendars, and check our website, <u>www.tobrewfest.com</u>, for details and to purchase tickets.



Cristy Warner (wearing the red T-shirt in the pictures) has led a group of Key Clubbers and K-Kids to serve pizza to needy individuals at various venues around the Conejo Valley since May. The Pizzas are donated by Domino's and Kiwanis serves them to the people.



Every year, the Thousand Oaks Club awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors, and this challenging year was no exception. At its meetings of June 17 and June 24, we awarded \$17,500 in scholarship grants to sixteen recent graduates, as well as two Circle K members currently pursuing their college degrees. Many of the scholarship recipients rose early to join us in our Zoom meetings, including the scholars pictured – Anh Thu Van, Maison Van Item, Quentin Hall, and Elle Taylor.

Theresa Protter headed up the Scholarship Committee that vetted the applications and selected the recipients. The program is funded by our Charitable Foundation and generous annual grants by members Barbara Ashcraft, Chuck Huffer, Bruce Berman Family, Sherrill Hyink, Mary Sepe, and the family of Irish John Gore. Mary baked delicious banana bread loaves and sold them to members in order to fund two of the scholarships.



Many local non-profits are suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic because fund-raising events have been canceled or postponed or demand for services has dramatically increased. The Thousand Oaks Club's Charitable Foundation has responded by making direct grants totaling \$27,500 to eleven non-profits. We're also matching member contributions to provide an additional \$6,000 in aid, and have \$1,750 in Cal-Nev-HA grants either received or in the pipeline. President Steve Weiss and other club members are pictured delivering checks to Conejo Valley Senior Concerns, My Stuff Bags Foundation, Boys and Girls Club, and Manna Food Pantry.



Kathy Kinnear Reporting

We have begun meeting at Arroyo Verde Park in Ventura every other Friday with social distancing, masks, etc. Right now Ventura is having a spike of cases, and some are even hesitant to come to the park.



Ventura Suburban

Brendan Hendrick Reporting

We have two new prospects asking for membership applications. Our Emergency Kits are still available for sale - see our ad at the end of this newsletter.



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 ; 2nd Thursday at DCM ; 4th Thursday: Evening social with rotating location 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 4th Wednesday 5:30 pm 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 11:00 am Zoom meeting - 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm 4th Sunday 12:30 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

(NOTE: During the COVID-19 pandemic, many clubs are meeting online. Contact Lt. Gov. Elect <u>Debbie Heaslip</u> for individual meeting details.)

Simi Valley

Meeting: First Street Family Restaurant, 2025 First St., Wednesdays x-2nd 7:00 am After-Hours meeting - 2nd Friday, 6:30 pm @ 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

June 5, 2020 - CANCELLED Wine and Moonlight Moorpark Kiwanis

June 7, 2020 - CANCELLED Cowboys and Cabernet Simi Valley Kiwanis

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

June 27, 2020 CLE Training - via Zoom

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

July 11, 2020 - TO BE RESCHEDULED Governor's Visit kidSTREAM Museum, Camarillo

August 14-15, 2020 Cal-Nev-Ha Convention - Online via Zoom

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 – Governor Elect Candidates

Thursday, July 9, 2020 Hosting club: Santa Barbara

August 2020 No DCM - District Convention

September 2020 No DCM - Installations



2020 Kiwanis CNH Virtual Education Conference, August 13-15, 2020

The Kiwanis Board of Trustees voted unanimously to cancel the 2020 Kiwanis District Convention in Sparks, Nevada. In addition, the Board unanimously voted to cancel the 2020 Aktion Club Education Conference that was scheduled in October 2020 at Wonder Valley in Sanger, California and unanimously voted to cancel the 2020 Circle K Fall Training Conference that was scheduled for November 2020 at Old Oak Ranch in Sonora, California.

However, even though the in-person District Convention in Sparks, Nevada has been canceled, a Virtual Education Conference will be offered instead! This will be available free to all members!

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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Please note: All events are occurring virtually via Zoom video teleconference and are listed for Pacific Daylight time. Details and links necessary to participate will be provided separately.

*Only delegates-at-large, as specified by the District Bylaws, will participate in the election during the House of Delegates via Zoom. All other members and guests may live stream the meeting on the District's Facebook page.

All items are tentative and subject to change! (as of 7 /14/20)

PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES HAS CANCELED THE 2021 ROSE PARADE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Reported July 15: "With reluctance and tremendous disappointment, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association announces that, in accordance with Governor Newsom's Phase IV re-opening schedule, and after thoughtful consideration of the restrictions and guidelines in place as a result of COVID-19, we are unable to host the 2021 Rose Parade.'

Please make sure this information gets passed on to Kiwanis members and the Service Leadership Program members who support and were planning on volunteering for the float decorating project.





NEWS YOU CAN USE

from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund



A little rain didn't stop Poway Kiwanian John Couvrette from collecting donated food at his club's recent food drive. With the help of a COVID-19 Community Assistance Grant from the CNH Children's Fund, the club collected 2,500 pounds of donated food and \$6,000 in cash donations!

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR DINNER ANYWHERE RAFFLE!

As you are no doubt aware, the 2020 Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District Convention was canceled due to the ongoing pandemic. As a result, our inperson drawing for our 2020 Dinner Anywhere Raffle won't take place as previously scheduled; however, there is a silver lining!



Pack your overnight bag because the deadline to purchase raffle tickets for our Dinner for Two Anywhere in the CNH District has been extended!

Enter for your chance to win round trip airfare for two, lodging for two nights, a rental car, and a gift certificate for dinner to any restaurant within the Cal-Nev-Ha District! Contact the CNH Children's Fund Office or any director to get your tickets before it's too late!



"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." - Rose Schneeberger, 2019 Raffle Winner

SAY YES! TO COVID-19 GRANTS

The response to our COVID-19 Community Assistance Grant program has been tremendous! **Two months after introducing this new grant program, the CNH Children's Fund has awarded more than \$13,000 to 27 Kiwanis clubs!** As COVID-19 cases rise throughout our District, we anticipate the interest for COVID-19 grants will continue through the calendar year, but **we need your help to ensure we can continue to meet this demand.** You can help by making a gift to the YES! Initiative.

The YES! Initiative provides flexible support for the most pressing, ongoing



priorities of the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund, such as the current demand for our COVID-19 Community Assistance Grant Program. From monthly contributions to outright donations, there are many ways you can make a gift to the YES! Initiative while also supporting our clubs and our shared communities. <u>Say YES! today!</u>

ZOOM CHEAT SHEET

With all of us meeting virtually these days, we thought you might find our **Zoom cheat sheet** helpful as you navigate this new way of meeting. Happy zooming!

RECOGNIZING LEADERS

Whether held in-person or virtually this year, when planning your club's year-end installation, be sure to include time for award presentations. We may be sheltering in place; however, we bet you can name at least one club or community member that continued to serve during the pandemic. Consider awarding a **Service Award**. Or, for the member who has gone above and beyond, recognize them with the **Tablet of Honor**. And remember, your club's gift supports our programs, such as our highly-demanded COVID-19 Community Grants!

FUN AND HIGH FIVES WITH KIWANIS

For 20 years, the Kiwanis Club of Hemet has sponsored weekly bowling nights for children with special needs. However, with the cost of the event steadily increasing over the years, the club began to worry. <u>Click here</u> to read how the club leveraged a special needs community grant from the CNH Children's Fund to continue this important and longstanding event!

Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation, doing business as the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund 909.736.1707 | foundation@cnhkiwanis.org





Emergency Survival Kit

Kiwanis Club of Ventura Suburban Contact us by: Phone: 805.642.8661 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
- Gloves
- Goggles
- Mask
- Whistle

All for only \$10.00