#### Timeless In Service



Making Every Minute Count







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

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## Fireside with Deb



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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 Hello Division 42,

In my final column as your Lt. Governor, I first want to thank everyone for their membership and service this past year. You have been supportive, encouraging, and understanding. I especially want to thank everyone who attended our Governor's Visit and Division Installation. We had nearly eighty members and guests in attendance, including our Governor and Governor Designate, who performed my de-installation and the installation of Matt Moore our Lt. Gov. Designate and Ute Van Dam as our Lt. Gov. Elect Designate.

Special congratulations to Simi Valley, our Interclub Grand Champion, and to Ute Van Dam from Moorpark and our Governor, Gary Gray who were awarded the Division's "Kiwanian of the Year" Awards.

Nick Esser, your newsletter Editor, and I hope everyone has enjoyed the newsletter and all the information it has provided each month.

Please continue to contribute to this wonderful publication. With clubs moving closer to mostly live meetings, the newsletter will be an invaluable resource for staying in touch, especially about upcoming club and division events.

My theme this year was "Timeless in Service," Making Every Minute Count, and every club has done just that. You have faced a year of some very unique challenges in true Kiwanis style, giving countless minutes in service to others, both in your communities and at the Division level, and every one of those minutes counted, and every one made a difference.

For the last time, here is "What's Your Sign." If you were born between August 23rd and Sept.22nd, you are a Virgo (the scales); after September 22nd, you are a Scorpio.

Each month, I shared something **Truly Canadian**. I hope you found it interesting and that it was something you may not have known before. I want to finish up with some border facts. Did you know the US and Canada share the longest international border in the world, and because of a map drawing mistake in 1793, part of Minnesota is actually inside Canada? Last but not least, there is an opera house on the US-Canada border, where the stage is in Canada but most of the seats are in the US. All True.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Lt. Governor.

Thank you for taking the time to chat.

Have a wonderful day, and take care until we meet again.

Debbie



#### Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

We had 5 members and one SLP attend the Governors Visit and Division Installation. It was a great lunch with lots of awards given to all the clubs and we certainly received our share. Sharing a table with Oxnard Club made the lunch a lot of fun and brought our clubs much closer together.



Barbara and Doug enjoying lunch with President Robert



Oxnard club members, who were great company





A very proud President, Robert Kelly — who did not know he was going to have such a busy lunch — walked up to the podium 4 times to pick up awards.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, Mary and Allen Grizzard-Paul joined Simi Valley and Santa Susana Clubs for a wonderful High Tea Bunco fundraiser. What a great way to spend an afternoon. Bunco is a no-brainer game that moves you around the tables, so you meet a lot of new wonderful people.



Mary also made the top three for best high tea hat.



Some of the delicious food, elegantly presented

We are currently working on plans for our Club Installation which will also be a celebration for our 55th Anniversary. This will be on October 1, at the Sportsman Restaurant.

## Conejo Valley

#### Roger Klausler Reporting













Tom and Betty Stapleford, Sue Bartley, and Roger Klausler celebrated at the Governor's Visit on September 11. Conejo Valley received the banner patch recognizing its participation in the Blanket Signature Project. We also received the Kiwanis Pride Star and the Interclub Completion Patch. Roger Klausler received the Award of Excellence Hourglass. Vice-President Sue Bartley was awarded a DSA for her work with the kids in Safe Passage, the Conejo Rec and Parks Halloween drive-by, the warm clothing drives conducted by the Ventura club and Harbor House, and holiday activities for residents at Mary Health of the Sick.











Sonia Agresti, David Yeomans, Tom Stapleford, and Sheromie Vittachi participated in the Relay for Life on September 18. Betty Stapleford joined Tom at the end of his 12-hour day at the Relay, and in the closing session they spoke about their experiences with survival and loss.

## Moorpark

#### Ute Van Dam Reporting





Moorpark Kiwanians, Jackie, Mark, Ute, Kim, Ken, and Troy support the Moorpark Chamber. Ute poses with her favorite Funeral Director, Robert Perez, and his sweet ride from Perez Family Funeral Home.

















Moorpark is in the house! (Clockwise, from top left:) We all had a great time at the Governor's visit and installation; Moorpark honors our awesome member Emily Link with the Distinguished Service Award; Ute is totally surprised by being honored as "Kiwanian of the Year" by Lt. Governor Debbie Heaslip; Ken and Kim, Barbara and Steve, Bryan and Debbie, Emily and Jim, Mark and Ute











After the Governor's installation, Moorpark Kiwanians support the arts at the High Street Arts Center gala fundraiser. (Bottom, L - R:) Wendy and Bruce, Bryan and Debbie, Kim and Ken, Mark and Ute



Sergio Martinez and Secretary, TinaMarie Martinez, with Lt. Gov. Designate Matt Moore at the August DCM









Immediate Past President Kathy Sullivan, President Clarice Couey, Secretary TinaMarie Martinez and Past President Sergio Martinez attended the Gov's. Visit and Division Installation, where Clarice received our club's Division Banner Award patches.













2021-22 Club Officers Installation - LTG Designate Matt Moore installs new President Rodney Medina; Immediate Past President Clarice passes the gavel to Rodney; Rodney welcomes new members Temo Solorio and Nallely Miranda; new members pose with new and "promoted" presidents and LTGs.

## Santa Barbara

#### **Guest Speakers**





Left: Anita Dominocielo-Ho introduces Jerry Spiegel. He spoke about working for the DA's office in New York City and hunting down Nazis!

Right: A Kiwanian from the Atascadero Club talked about his very personal experience on 9/11. He worked at American Airlines and flew Flight 11 many times, but happened not to be on Flight 11 when it was highjacked and flown into the Twin Towers. The entire crew had been personal friends. Very moving presentation.

#### **Club Installation**





Left: At our installation dinner and awards ceremony, we were lucky to have Governor Gary as the MC.

Right: Division 42's newly installed Lt. Governor, our own Matt Moore, installs the Santa Barbara club's new President Nancy Butterfield. She has high expectations for our 100th year of service.





Left: We presented Alejandra Guiterrez, Santa Barbara City Council member from District 1, with a CSA.

Right: Lauren Loza was presented with a DSA. She is organizer and overseer of Santa Barbara's Aktion Club.

Kiwanian Sherryl Vargas made the presentation. Well deserved award.

## Santa Susana

#### Lots of Thanks and Awards at the Governor's Visit and Division Installation



Gary joined his fellow songsters to receive their Div. 42 Quartet Tees.



Margaret accepted the Interclub Challenge Runner Up Award - a very cool Club Table Runner. The club also received four Div. Challenge Patches.



Debbie presented Margaret, her Division Secretary, a gift of appreciation.



Lt. Gov. Debbie presented Moorpark President, Ute Van Dam, and Governor Gray the Division Kiwanian of the Year Awards in recognition of their hard work and support of Div. 42.



Friends of the club and Simi / Ventura Suburban members Marian and John received a small token of thanks from Debbie for all their help at DCM's this year.

## Simi Valley

#### Shelley Howard Reporting

















On Aug. 28, visits were made to seven Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Stations to drop off individually wrapped tie blankets. Our club made the blankets to comfort children the officers and firefighters might encounter on calls. Material was donated by the SV Women's Club. On Aug. 30, we sponsored a blood drive at the Rancho Santa Susana Community Center. We will be responsible for another one in September or October.









On Saturday, Sept. 11, Cal-Nev-Ha Governor Gary Gray made his official visit to Division 42. Also attending was Governor Designate Margo Dutton. Our new Lt. Gov. Elect, Ute Van Dam, and Lt. Gov., Matt Moore, were installed. Our club was well represented, including our three vocalists, Don, Floyd, and Nick, who make up 3/4 of the Division Quartet. Outgoing Lt. Gov. Debbie Heaslip did a wonderful job of organizing and handing out awards. Our club collected several door prizes and patches to add to our new banner. We also won the prize for most interclubs for the year, barely edging out Moorpark Kiwanis.

















We co-hosted a High Tea Bunco fundraiser with the Santa Susana club on Sunday, Sept. 12. The event featured a delicious luncheon, door prizes, and prizes for the best high tea hats. It was well attended, including several of our male members. Everyone had a great time and both clubs earned substantial sums for their foundations.

## Thousand Oaks

#### John Prescott Reporting









The Thousand Oaks Club recently enjoyed a "Kabernet and Kanvas" fundraiser on-site at Art Trek, a local non-profit that benefits children by introducing them to artistic expression and encouraging their continued development. Twenty Kiwanians attended, and each created their own individual artistic expressions while enjoying wine and charcuterie. President Craig Burns and his wife, Denise, spearheaded the event, which raised about \$1,300 for our club's Charitable Foundation.













On August 16, about 37 Thousand Oaks Club members and guests were treated to a VIP tour of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, including the current special exhibit - "The FBI: From Al Capone to Al Queda." The tour was arranged by Megan Gately, Associate Director of Learning and Education at the Library, who was our Club's program speaker on July 7. That's incoming President-Elect Mary Sepe sitting at the Resolute desk in the Oval Office, with Megan standing next to her. Don Christie poses next to Bonny and Clyde's car, sporting a few bullet holes courtesy of the FBI. Social Committee Chair Doug Ryan and President Craig Burns share a handshake behind the podium in the Press Room in the West Wing.







The Thousand Oaks Club was well-represented at the September 11 Governor's visit and Installation of Division Officers for 2021-22. Eleven members and two spouses attended. President Craig Burns is pictured with Governor Gary Gray awarding Mary Sepe a Dunlap Fellowship. Along with other Club Presidents, Craig also accepted a Kiwanis Pride Champion patch from Lieutenant Governor Debbie Heaslip.

## Division 42 Clubs & Meetings

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

Camarillo (Now meeting in-person 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.)

Meeting: Sportsman Restaurant, 4426 Central Ave.

Tuesdays 12:00 pm (2nd & 4th via Zoom)

President: Robert Kelly

Email: kelly541@live.com Ph: (805) 388-4999

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: Sheromie Vittachi

Email: svittachi4homes@gmail.com Ph: (805) 551-2084

Secy: Roger Klausler Email: rklausler@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 746-2584 Cell

Moorpark (Now meeting in-person.)

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

1st Monday 7:00 pm

3rd Monday Club Social 6:30 pm (In-person - location varies.)

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

Ph: (805) 433-3306

Secy: Barbara Eisenberg Email: itsmebje@att.net

Ph: (805) 390-1770

Oxnard

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

1st Thursday 6:00 pm; 2nd Thursday at DCM;

4th Thursday: Evening social with rotating location, 6:00 pm

President: Clarice Couey Email: clarice.couey@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 444-7151

Secy: Tina Marie Martinez

Email: tinamarie.918@gmail.com Ph: (805) 844-9145 Cell

Santa Barbara (Now meeting in-person.)

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

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 12:00 pm

4th Wednesday Evening Social 5:30 pm

President: Jordan Robinson Email: president@kiwanissb.org

Ph: (805) 451-3222

Secy: Walter Browne Email: walterbrowne1@yahoo.com

Ph: (916) 817-7584

Santa Susana

Meetings: 1st Sunday 12:30 pm - Zoom NEW! 3rd Wednesday 11:30 am (Location TBD) NEW!

4th Wednesday Dessert Social 6:30 pm (Call for location) NEW!

President: Margaret Zoetowey

Email: sigurdssonmargaret@gmail.com or

margarets@armsprinting.com Ph: (805) 340-7673 Secy: Gary White Email: garywhiteallstar@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 660-7446

Simi Valley (Now meeting in-person.)

Meetings: 99.1 The Ranch Studios, 1555 Simi Town Center Way,

#730, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:45 pm **NEW!** The Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran Street 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:00 am **NEW!** 

President: Lorraine Erickson Email: leerickson521@gmail.com

Ph: (619) 729-1330 Cell

Secy: Mary Martin Email: fmmartin7@sbcglobal.net

Ph: (805) 587-2235 Cell

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 in-person + Zoom as of June 30.)

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: Craig Burns Email: crburnsca@yahoo.com

Ph: (805) 375-2996

Secy: Gloria Dyok Email: gloriadyok@verizon.net

Ph: (805) 402-1297 Cell (Text preferred)

Ventura (Now meeting in-person.)

Meeting: Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura,

1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays 12:00 pm

3rd Thursday 6:00 pm @ The Social Tap, 1105 S. Seaward Ave.

President: Matthew Kohagen Email: revmrk@aol.com

Ph: (805) 795-1445

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

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## Division 42 Calendar of Events

### **Training & Club Events**

#### September 25, 2021

Buckles 'n' Brews Beer Fest Santa Barbara Kiwanis

#### October 9, 2021

Texas Hold 'em Poker Moorpark Kiwanis

#### October 23, 2021

Uncorked for Charity Ventura Suburban Kiwanis

#### November 6, 2021

Barn Dance Simi Valley Kiwanis

#### February 12, 2022

Mid-Year South Education Conference San Diego, CA

#### April 2, 2022

Round\*Up Country Music Festival Simi Valley Kiwanis

#### June 8 - 12, 2022

Kiwanis International Convention Indianapolis, IN

#### August 4 - 6, 2022

District Education Conference Indian Wells, CA

#### August 3-28, 2022

Cruise benefitting CNH Children's Fund Simi Valley Kiwanis

#### **September 11, 2022**

Governor's Visit and Division Installation (Location TBD)

#### **Division Council Meetings**

#### Thursday, October 14, 2021

No host club - Div. Leadership Team

#### Thursday, November 11, 2021

Hosting club: Camarillo

#### Thursday, December 9, 2021

Hosting Clubs: Santa Susana & Ventura Suburban

#### Thursday, January 13, 2022

Hosting club: Conejo Valley

#### Thursday, February 10, 2022

Hosting club: Simi Valley

#### Thursday, March 10, 2022

Hosting club: Ventura – Governor Elect Candidates

#### Thursday, April 14, 2022

Hosting club: Oxnard

#### Thursday, May 12, 2022

Hosting club: Moorpark

#### Thursday, June 9, 2022

Hosting club: Thousand Oaks

#### **July 2021**

No DCM

#### Thursday, August 11, 2022

Hosting club: Santa Barbara

#### September 2022

No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation

All meetings are at kidSTR≋AM Children's Museum, Camarillo, unless otherwise noted.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund

OCTOBER 2021

## Happy Kiwanis New Year!



Happy Kiwanis New Year! We're excited to enter the 2021-2022 year with you as we all work together to build a better future for our children. Specifically, we look forward to working with you to accomplish Governor Margo Dutton's goals for the year!

Each year, our District Governor creates a set of goals that support the CNH Children's Fund.





<u>Click here</u> to review Governor Margo's goals and learn how *together we can* help Governor Margo reach her goals and make this year a success!

Similarly, each year, Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanians have the opportunity to support a project chosen by the Governor's spouse or family. The 2021-2022 First

Family has chosen to support initiatives that help young people attain the mental health services they need. Your donations to the First Family's Focus will help fund grants to Kiwanis family clubs who host projects that grow healthy hearts and minds in our communities. Individuals may support this project by purchasing pins for a donation of \$5.00 each while clubs who make a gift of \$200 or more towards the First Family Focus will receive a commemorative banner patch!

Click here to read about the First Family's Focus, "Growing Healthy Hearts and Minds," and contribute to their efforts.



#### IMPACT REPORT

Start the new Kiwanis year by reviewing our 2020 Impact Report to see the achievements made possible by our donors during the 2019-2020 year. And read the full Annual Report to get inspired to continue making a difference in our communities this new year!

#### FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

When you become a Friend of the Foundation, your gift of \$100 supports our Service Leadership Program (SLP) members like Maya, a second-year college student pursuing her dream of being an astrophysicist with a scholarship from the CNH Children's Fund. Learn more about our program and become our friend today!

#### SCHOLARSHIP APPS OPEN SOON

Applications for our annual Circle K and Key Club/KIWIN'S Scholarships are set to open this fall. While the live forms are currently closed, your clubs can start educating your SLP members about this opportunity to score free money toward their college degrees! Spread the word and keep an eye out for more information in the coming months.

#### **SERVICE AWARDS**

Start the year by honoring a leader who dedicates their life to mentoring youth with a <u>Youth Service</u> <u>Award</u>. Or, recognize an outstanding non-Kiwanian in your community with a <u>Community Service</u> <u>Award</u>. Club members who go above and beyond in their service can be recognized with a <u>Distinguished Service Award</u>. Remember, when you order a Service Award, your \$200 gift (which can come from your club's service account) supports student leaders like <u>Kristi</u>, a former Key Club member and current Circle K member who experienced personal growth and countless networking opportunities.

#### SERVICE PROJECT INSPIRATION

There are many ways your club can serve your communities, even during the ongoing pandemic. From providing a computer center for youth to providing a Safe Passage for low-income children and families, the possibilities are endless. Become inspired by some past projects that were funded by our grant programs and apply for your own grant today!





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# Kiwanis Club of Ventura Suburban

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Saturday, October 23, 2021 4:30 - 7:30pm Ventura Elks Lodge

2126 Knoll Drive, Ventura First of its kind wine-tasting event featuring local "Garagista" home vintner wine-makers, a delicious Spaghetti Dinner, a demonstration of home wine-making techniques, a wine pull (chance to win bottles of Garagista and commercial wines), and an opportunity to socialize with other wine lovers and great people.

## Tickets: \$35 per person until October 18

Tickets purchased before October 11 include reserved seating for dinner. If you can't attend but would like to make a donation, go to the website.

#### To Purchase Tickets or For More Info:

Go to: www.uncorkedforcharity.com

Email: info@uncorkedforcharity.com or Call: 608-338-8062

Proceeds will go to support Kiwanis Club of Suburban Youth and Community Projects







#### **VACATIONS BY SUZANNE**

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## 24 Night Northeast, Greenland and Iceland Cruise Boston, MA Roundtrip Holland America Nieuw Statendam - August 3, 2022

Join Floyd and Mary Martin of Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley, CA on this once in a lifetime voyage and help earn a donation to the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund!

Cruise to Greenland and Iceland roundtrip Boston as part of an extraordinary voyage with stops in Newfoundland, Labrador, Novia Scotia and Bar Harbor. Glide the nature-rich Prince Cristian Sound and otherworldly Icelandic fjords.



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**Kiwanis Fund Raiser** 

Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund

The mission of the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund is to build a better future for our children through grant funding, scholarships, leadership training and their Innovative Pediatric Trauma Program.

Through a special arrangement with CruiseOne and Holland America, guests will earn a \$100 donation per cabin. Plus with at least 6 cabins in our group, bonus earnings apply and our group can earn the equivalent of one cruise fare price before taxes and port charges, estimated at ~\$3500-6000, to be donated to the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund through Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley. All bookings must be booked through Suzanne Klasen and CruiseOne and be in our group to earn the donations to the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

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