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

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### Rodney's Reflections



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A publication for and about the Kiwanis Clubs of:

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VENTURA

**VENTURA SUBURBAN** 

Editor Nick Esser nichorus@pacbell.net A little while back, Ventura County Supervisor Vianey Lopez was giving a presentation to Future Leaders of America (FLA) and Upward Bound students at Cal Lutheran University. At one point she asked the hundreds gathered if they knew who their representatives were, both locally and nationally. Very few hands went up.

My contribution on this day was to lead a workshop on community engagement. My original message was going to skew heavily towards our youth programs such as Key Club and Circle K, but after seeing the few hands that went up earlier, I reshaped my presentation. I found it more important to remind these students that the best step they could take is to look within their communities and identify their needs so that they could help make a difference now or some day in the future. More importantly, I encouraged them to vote.

I call on all of you to do the same with the youth in your communities. Remind them that in the grand tapestry of democracy, the threads of change are woven at the local level. Their voice is not just a whisper in the wind but a powerful force that can shape the future in their communities.

Remind them that local elections provide a direct avenue for them to influence policies that impact their day-to-day lives. Issues like education, public services, and community development are decided at a local level, making their vote a catalyst for positive change. Encourage them to elect leaders that reflect their values and concerns that matter most to them.

The most important lesson that can be taught about participating in local elections is that it lays the foundation for a lifetime of civic engagement. It cultivates a sense of responsibility and fosters a connection between them and the democratic process. As they exercise their right to vote, they are contributing to the collective strength of their generation and sending a resounding message that they are active participants in shaping the future of their communities.

Empower our youth by continuing to encourage them to embrace their civic duty and let their voices be heard, empowering them to help forge a brighter future for all.

Last, but most certainly not least, please keep a prayer in your heart for Alan Grizzard-Paul at the loss of his beloved wife, Mary. She was a Kiwanis member for over 30 years and her service to the community of Camarillo, especially the youth, will be long appreciated and remembered. We love you,

Mary. Godspeed!

Hail Kiwanis International!

Rodney



## Camarillo

#### Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

I must start with the sad news of the passing of one of our hardest working members. My soulmate, Mary Grizzard-Paul, was certainly a pathfinder in whatever she took on. She was one of the first Deputy Sheriffs to go on patrol in Ventura County. When she was Dean of West Coast University extension in Camarillo, she was invited to a Kiwanis meeting and, despite grunts and moans from some of the old boys, she became the first female to join our Kiwanis Club. That was 32 years ago, and since then she has been President about four times, and she became very involved in our SLP program where some time was spent as Regional Advisor for KIWIN'S Turquoise Division. After she drafted me into the Kiwanis Family, we attended numerous International Conventions including one in Taiwan and one in Japan. She was everything a Kiwanian could be and her years of volunteering were rewarded last year when she was honored by the Pleasant Valley Historical Society as a Donas. I would like to thank all the Kiwanis Family for supporting me through this difficult time, especially TinaMarie from the Oxnard Club for helping me through the last few days of her life. Mary is now at rest and no longer in pain, but her humor, smiles, and positive attitude will always be a part of our club.



Mary surrounded by our Kiwanis Family when she became a Donas

Over the Holiday period we installed two boxes in the privately owned pet stores in Camarillo. This is the second year we have supported The Laurie White Foundation, which is run by Gary and Karen White from the Santa Susana Kiwanis Club. Linda and Allen delivered the donations to the Camarillo Animal Shelter. We installed two collection boxes in privately-owned pet stores in Camarillo, and filled one of the large bins at the shelter.







Before school was out for the holidays our Builders Club made cards for seniors at a local assisted living home. This year they were given permission to deliver the cards and hand them to the seniors. The home is opposite the park where our club installed a Rocking Ship with wheel chair access, and of course the kids had to try it and the climbing bars. Recently the Builders Club has been busy making Valentine Cards at the last couple of meetings.











We just held a very successful Breakfast at Applebee's, where 20 KIWIN'S volunteered to do the serving and busing of the tables. We were able to raise over \$700, and the KIWIN'S cleared over \$100 in tips.

# Moorpark

### Ute Van Dam Reporting

Moorpark Knows How to Party!











... at our holiday social and gift exchange at the beautiful home of Bruce and Wendy,











... and our January social meeting at the lovely home of Danielle and Mark.





Moorpark Kiwanis donates to all our school music programs. Rosa and Tim give a check to Chaparral Middle School.











Moorpark has TERRIFIC Kids and TERRIFIC Moorpark Kiwanians!













Moorpark High School Groundhog 5K Run volunteers!











Kiwanis Oxnard held a "Division Social" at Genmai Sushi in Oxnard. Kiwanis members from Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Camarillo braved the inclement weather and joined us for a great Bento Box dinner. It was a great night to get out of the cold and warm the body up with some delicious Miso soup. Owner of Genmai, Javi, has always been a gracious host to Kiwanis Oxnard and has supported us through donations and sponsorships over the past few years.

# Santa Barbara

#### Marsha Gray and Lauren Loza Reporting



Our first meeting of the year was great. One of our newest members, Dr. Dan Montello, UCSB professor in the geography department, gave a fascinating presentation on his unique field of study. He combines psychology and geography to study people's and groups' locational relationship to one another. Super interesting. We hope he'll return with more information on his field of study.

The Santa Barbara Kiwanis's Club tradition is to hold our holiday party the first week in January. This is a party that starts every new year off with a lot of fun and camaraderie! We have been lucky for the last several years that the ODDFELLOWS service club has allowed us to meet at their wonderful hall. Thank you Pete Georgi!





Socializing before dinner are Roger Deck, Past President Walt Browne, Dr. Dan Montello, and his wife Violet Gray.

Past President Nancy Butterfield and Dr. Dan enjoy the pot luck dinner.





The white elephant gift exchange is a blast! Past President Jordan Robinson waits for his gift exchange.







Alma Vaja carefully selects her gift. Dr. Art Najera encourages Violet to open her gift. Past Governor Gary Gray admires his mini sewing machine. Sadly, he didn't get to keep it. It was looted by Alma – a gift for her granddaughter.

# Simi Valley

#### **Shelley Howard Reporting**













At Berylwood Elementary's Breakfast With Santa, we made about 3,000 pancakes, and did it in an hour and a half!













On December 30, a group of Simi Kiwanians and friends volunteered to decorate Rose Parade floats.













Happy New Year, first responders! On January 6, we delivered goody baskets to our local police and fire stations.











Our Mega Garage Sale turned into a 2-day affair, but netted our club some mega-cash!











Our quarterly social meeting featured a wine and cider tasting, presented by San Antonio Winery of Los Angeles.









Several of our members attended the Division Social hosted by the Oxnard club, and enjoyed the Japanese food!









On February 12, we held a bowl-painting party for Many Mansions. They fire and sell the bowls to raise money.

## Thousand Oaks

#### John Prescott Reporting



There was a community holiday songfest at The Shoppes of Westlake on December 2. Groups and organizations signed up in advance and were given a carol to sing when their turn was called. Club member Steve Weiss, an accomplished musician in his own right and owner of Kirk's Jewelers at The Shoppes, organized our crooners, who sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" to the delight of the assembled crowds. Among our melodious songsters and songstresses were (left to right) Sherrill Hyink, Past President Steve Weiss, President Paul Lopez, Don Christie, and Past President Doug Ryan.











The Thousand Oaks Club supports a very active K-Kids Club at Weathersfield Elementary School, and of course we were happy to do the cooking at the Weathersfield PTA's "Flannels and Flapjacks" fundraiser on December 2. We served more than 200 people and the event featured lots of family-friendly games and activities, including face-painting by our President Elect, Robin Britt.















We held our annual Holiday party on December 8 at Los Robles Greens Banquet Center. It was an elegant affair, organized by our Social Committee chairs, Kim Baumann and Donna Orraj. More than 80 Kiwanians and their guests attended, and we gathered fifty gifts plus 38 gift cards for residents of Many Mansions' affordable housing projects in Thousand Oaks. Gloria Dyok is pictured helping Many Mansions rep Angela Milne load up the gifts. Also pictured are Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Engler with member Cristy Warner, who was chosen this year as Queen of the Mardi Gras Ball by Conejo Valley Community Conscience, to recognize her exceptional community service.







The Thousand Oaks Club, led by Vice President Brian McMahon, was out in force on December 23 to help the Jewel Levine Foundation with their Jingle Bell Jog fundraiser. About 800 runners enjoyed our pancake breakfast.

# Ventura



The Aktion Club of Ventura is at it again. They helped to beautify the walking path at Arneill Ranch Park in Camarillo.

The group helped to remove overgrown weeds and plant new shrubs for the park visitors to enjoy.

Next they will be off the help the Bessant Hill School in Ojai with their planting needs.

# Ventura Suburban

#### Brendan Hendrick Reporting



Marina Park/Beach Cleanup

The Ventura Suburban Kiwanis Club hosts events on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every other month from 9 - 11 am at the popular Marina Park to help clean up one of our busiest local beaches! Next cleanup is March 9.



# Division 42 THE HUB



**KIWANIS DIV. 42** 

# MID-YEAR SOUTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE

March 23, 2024

Riverside Convention Center and Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center



#### **REGISTRATION RATES**

**Regular Registration rate** (register by March 11, 2024) – \$70 per member (Early registration has expired.) **Total Event Pass rate** (register by March 11, 2024) – \$245 Includes: Registration, Rose Float Breakfast, Inter-club Luncheon and Ohana Dinner & Auction.

#### **MEAL TICKETS**

Rose Float Inter-club Breakfast (\$40.00) includes Scrambled eggs, cinnamon raisin french toast with powdered sugar & blueberry syrup, bacon, coffee and tea.

Inter-Club Luncheon (\$60.00) includes Garlic herb tri-tip, garlic cauliflower smash, mixed vegetables, rolls and dessert.

Inter-Club Luncheon – Vegetarian Option (\$60.00) includes Butternut squash ravioli, brown butter, toasted almonds and sauteed mixed vegetables.

**Service of Ohana Dinner & Auction** (\$90.00) includes Chicken Breast Lilikoi & flat iron steak with garlic chili oyster mushroom demi-glace served with arugula pineapple macadamia nut salad, pineapple sweet potato mash and broccolini and carrots with mango cake for dessert.

Service of Ohana Dinner and Auction – Vegetarian Option (\$90.00) includes Soy Chicken Lilikoi with stir fried mixed vegetables.

Register Now!

#### SAVE WITH THE CLUB REGISTRATION RATE

Clubs with 60 members or less pay \$210 registration fee. (4 or more members registering for the conference will save over the individual Regular Registration rate.)

Large clubs with 61 members or more pay \$420 registration fee. (8 or more members registering for the conference will save over the individual Regular Registration rate.)

Check with your club officers to see if your club is utilizing the 100% club registration discount rate. Clubs registering a lot of members can save over the individual registration rates! (100% club registration form is not available via the online registration above. *Deadline to submit the form is March 11, 2024.*) Download the form *HERE*.

#### CANCELLATIONS

All cancellations must be received in WRITING. You may email to **convention@cnhkiwanis.org** or mail to Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis, P.O. Box 1327, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729. Phone cancellations will not be accepted.

Full refunds, less a \$5.00 per person processing fee, will be processed after convention for requests received by 5:00 p.m., March 11, 2024.

# 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.

Tuesdays: 1st, 3rd, & 4th - 5:30 pm 2nd Tuesday via Zoom, 12:00 pm

President: Darryl Millner Email: devonven@yahoo.com

Ph: (559) 920-4242

Sec'y: Allen Grizzard-Paul Email: allengrizzard@msn.com

Ph: (805) 795-6279 Cell

Moorpark

Meeting: Contact 805-433-3306 for location. 3rd Monday: 6:00 pm Board Meeting, 6:30 pm Business Meeting, 7:00 pm Social

President: Mark Van Dam Email: vandamage@roadrunner.com Thousand Oaks

Ph: (805) 433-3305 Cell

Sec'y: Barbara Eisenberg Email: itsmebje@att.net

Ph: (805) 390-1770 Cell

Oxnard

Meeting: The 1901 Restaurant, 740 S. B St.

3rd Wednesday 6:00 pm; 2nd Thursday at DCM;

2nd Wednesday Business Meeting via Zoom 5:30 - 6:30 pm President: Marsha Cordes Email: largouch@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 760-3138

Sec'y: Marco Valencia Email: marcovmail@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 616-2771

Santa Barbara

Meeting: Cody's Café, 4898 Hollister Ave.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 12:00 pm

4th Wednesday Evening Social 5:30 pm (Location varies.) President: Richard Brown Email: RGB.SBC@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 896-0808

Sec'y: Josh Kane Email: josh.kane@edwardjones.com

Ph: (805) 966-9902

Santa Susana

**Meeting:** (Call for location)

Last Tuesday 5:30 pm

President: Margaret Zoetowey

Email: margaret.sigurdsson@yahoo.com Ph: (805) 340-7673

Sec'y: Gary White Email: garywhiteallstar@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 660-7446



Simi Valley

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

#730, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30 pm; NEW!

Denny's, 5197 E. Los Angeles Avenue, 4th Wednesdays 7:00 am NEW!

5th Wednesdays, Club Social - various locations

Co-Presidents: Donna Smith Email: 3smitties@sbcglobal.net

Ph: (818) 281-4372

Randy Sundeen Email: lawrandy@aol.com

Ph: (805) 304-1307

Sec'y: Mary Martin Email: fmmartin7@sbcglobal.net

Ph: (805) 587-2235 Cell

Meeting: Los Robles Greens Golf Course, 299 S. Moorpark Rd.

Wednesdays 7:15 am HYBRID: Live + Zoom

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

President: Paul Lopez Email: lopaul60@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 499-7259

Sec'y: Lori Olbrich Email: tulipp78@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 428-7704

Ventura

Meeting: Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd.

1st & 3rd Fridays 12:00 pm

President: Scott McDougall Email: spinsam@aol.com

Ph: (805) 444-2210

Sec'y: Bart Bleuel Email: bbleuel1@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 816-8646

Ventura Suburban Meeting: via Zoom

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

President: Brendan Hendrick Email: kiwinsda2000@aol.com

Ph: Home: (805) 642-8661

Sec'y: Tracey Hendrick Email: tnbhen@aol.com

Ph: (805) 642-8661



# Division 42 Calendar of Events

### **Training & Club Events**

#### October, 2023 - April, 2024

Socks & Tops - Clothing Drive Division 42 Signature Project

#### March 23, 2024

Mid-Year South Education Conference Riverside, CA

#### April 26 - 28, 2024

KIWIN'S DCON Wyndham Hotel, Visalia

#### April 12 - 14, 2024

Key Club DCON Sacramento Convention Center

#### May 3 - 5, 2024

Key Leader Weekend Camp Whittier, Santa Barbara

#### July 3 - 6, 2024

Kiwanis International Convention Denver, CO

#### July 4, 2024

Rock 'N Country Jam and Fireworks Celebration Simi Valley Kiwanis

#### August 8 - 10, 2024

District Education Conference Kona, HI

#### September 7, 2024

Governor's Visit and Division Installation (Location TBD)



### **Division Council Meetings**

#### October 12, 2023

No host club - Div. Leadership Team Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

#### November 9, 2023

Hosting club: Camarillo

Location: kidSTREAM Museum, Camarillo

#### December 14, 2023

Hosting Club: Simi Valley

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

#### January 11, 2024

Hosting Clubs: Santa Susana & Ventura Suburban Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

#### February 8, 2024

Dark

#### March 14, 2024

Hosting club: Ventura

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

#### April 11, 2024

Hosting club: Oxnard

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

#### May 9, 2024

Hosting club: Moorpark

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

#### June 13, 2024

Hosting club: Santa Barbara

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

#### July 11, 2024

Hosting club: Thousand Oaks Location: Art Trek, Newbury Park

#### August 8, 2024

Dark - District Education Conference

#### September 12, 2024

No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation











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Our Service of Ohana North gala was a blast! We're buzzing with excitement as our Service of Ohana South gala approaches in just a few weeks. The great news is that there is still an opportunity for you and your team to <a href="mailto:pate">participate</a>! Click a button below to learn more.

1 ATTEND THE GALA

BROWSE OUR AUCTION & BID

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#### **HOPE OF AMERICA AWARD**

The <u>Hope of America Award</u> is a prestigious honor to bestow upon Service Leadership Program members, or any student your club wishes to acknowledge for exceptional achievement. With the school year nearing its end in a few months, now is the ideal time to order this award! Receiving the Hope of America award could serve as the first step in motivating a future filled with extraordinary leadership and accomplishments. <u>Order your awards today!</u>

#### FIRST FAMILY FOCUS -

When you make a gift to the **First Family Focus**, you provide grants to our Kiwanis family to sponsor initiatives - such as the Happiness Habits Project - that support the mental health of children and teens.



At the Mid-Year North Education Conference, attendees gathered to assemble 96 "Happiness Habits Kits." Each kit contained ageappropriate items to support mental, physical and emotional health. This service project was funded by a grant from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund. Following the service project, 12 kits were donated to a local senior center, 12 kits were donated to our partners at Valley Children's Hospital, and 12 kits were donated to the Kiwanis Family House. The remaining kits were taken by conference attendees to demonstrate this project to their home club. Learn more about the First Family Focus.











### - AWARD NOMINATION



Nominations are now being accepted for the Bert Shoemaker, Nathan Hale, and Special Olympics Athlete of the Year awards! Remember to submit your applications to the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund office by May 31st. Discover the exceptional qualities that define a remarkable Kiwanian, a hero, or an exceptional Special Olympics Athlete. Identify those deserving individuals for this recognition and submit your application today!







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Naturally & artificially flavored. Approximately 30 Iollypops.
1 lb 5 oz \$30.00 #506543



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Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate and almonds.
1 lb \$29.50 #500316



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One box, four yummy eggs.
3.4 oz \$9.25 #503321



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Order online through March 4 at www.SimiValleyKiwanis.com or use the QR Code. Candy will be delivered March 18-23

#### 32ND DISTRICT OF KEY CLUB INT.



### CAL-NEV-HA KIWIN'S KEY CLUB

Dear Sponsor,

The Cal-Nev-Ha KIWIN'S District is hosting "DCON 2024" or our **48th Annual District Leadership Convention** (DCON) on April 26th - 28th in Visalia, California. DCON 2024 provides leadership workshops for our high school students, as well as acknowledge and reward outstanding members for their hard work throughout the year. Our mission is to raise funds in order to hold these leadership workshops, training, recognition, and to assist our students in traveling to Visalia. **We are asking for your support by being a sponsor.** Your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law, as we are a 501 (c)3 non-profit charitable organization, and we are happy to provide a tax receipt. Donors will be recognized in different ways to assist in promoting their business or organization.

We accept sponsorships at 7 levels, level 1 (\$2000+), level 2 (\$1000+), level 3 (\$500+), level 4 (\$250+), level 5 (\$100+) offers, level 6 (\$50+), and level 7 (\$25+).

Levels 1-4 sponsors' names will be **featured on all event publications**, different sized **ads in our event programs**, a **social media thank you** post, and their **logo featured on a backdrop**.

Our level 1 includes a **5 minute promotional video or speech**, logo feature on **main** backdrop (approximately 8ft by 20ft), as well as an **attached link** to on our social media thank you.

Levels 6 and 7 include a sponsorship name feature in our event brochure.

Our different sized ads for our event program are, levels 1 or 2 for full page, level 3 for half page, level 4 for quarter page, and level 5 for a business card sized ad.

Thank you in advance for your support in making this event happen. To donate please fill out this link: bit.ly/SponsorKIWINS23. If it's more convenient for you, you can mail a check to 2033 Montera Dr. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745, made payable to **Kiwanis Club of Gemstones**, please include your contact information. For additional information on ways to donate please contact our sponsorship advisor Anna Wu at 626-348-9705

Together, let us make a positive impact on the lives of these aspiring young leaders for a brighter future.

Yours in Service.

Amanda Lau

CNH KIWIN'S District Sponsorship Chair 23-24 (510)-399-3057