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CAL-NEV-HA District, Division 42 Newsletter

November 2023

Rodney's Reflections



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Lieutenant Governor

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A publication for and about the
Kiwani Clubs of:

CAMARILLO

MOORPARK

OXNARD

SANTA BARBARA

SANTA SUSANA

SIMI VALLEY

THOUSAND OAKS

VENTURA

VENTURA SUBURBAN

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The Fruit of Intentions

My father, Albert, was a World War II veteran and Purple Heart with a cluster recipient. He was also one of the most generous persons I've known.

When he went off to war, he had every intention of coming back to the love of his life, my mother, Rachel. It was that intention that I'm quite sure drove him to be the best soldier he could be, by protecting himself and the men around him. He shared a story of not wanting to leave behind his wounded friend James in a fox hole, but was ordered to. He also told us about running alone through the landmine-infested Hürtgen Forest in Germany in 1944. It's a miracle that my siblings and I are even here.

I always knew my father to give a hand to those in need. In his retirement years, he would take his broom and walk up to the corner market on Vineyard Ave. in El Rio and sweep the parking lot just so that our little community looked clean and tidy to passersby. Some days he would drive and go look for his longtime friend who lived on the streets of Oxnard and bring him home and feed him and then give him some work so that he could put some money in his pocket to help him survive. My father gave me a front seat to the fruits of good intentions.

As much as I feel I fall short, I will continue to work on my intentions.

Good intentions are what separates us Kiwanians and other service group members from the rest of the world. Our intention to make the world a better place comes from a generous place that each of us has.

As I reflect on the two celebratory events I attended this past Veteran's Day weekend, I think of the sacrifices these men and women made. I think of the sacrifices they made of themselves and their families. They risked it all to protect us and to protect democracy. I think of my father running through the forest in Germany and his intention to make it back home. I think of his generous heart and his warm smile that everybody loved.

In honor of those who served and fought for us, I ask you all to have the intention to be generous, to be kind, and to be thankful for your opportunity to make this world a better place.

My father would have been 100 years old today as I write this on November 14th. We had 96 great years with him.

Hail Kiwanis International!

Rodney



LOVE

IT

Camarillo

Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

The Turquoise Div. KIWIN's and Div. 42W Key Club held a joint DCM at ARC, where they ended up making tutus and leis in preparation for their upcoming Fall Rallies.



We held our first food drive of the new Kiwanis year at the Grocery Outlet in Camarillo, where we once again filled the back of the pantry's truck and then some. This year we also received \$180 in donations. We are thankful to live in a very generous community.



Morning Shift



Afternoon Shift



The Spoils

We set up an information booth at Adolfo Camarillo's birthday party which was held at the Ranch House. Our KIWIN'S were there in force to help the event run smoothly.



Linda Thayer and Mira Fontes man our booth.



KIWIN'S take a break for some birthday cake.

Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting



Our monthly social at the beautiful home of Curt and Denise was a smashing (and delicious) success!



Campus Canyon School had their Builders Club installation ceremony with their teacher, Ms. Eich, as the master of ceremonies. Later, they were hard at work (and play) making boxes for the Unicef fundraiser.



Shuffle up and deal! Our annual Poker fundraiser at Enegren Brewing Co. was so much fun and a huge success thanks to our Poker Meister, Steve Hoppel! Thank you Debbie Heaslip for your beautiful wine basket donation.



Halloween on High Street was so much fun. Our club passed out almost 2000 treats for kids!



Kiwanis Oxnard installed their new President, Marsha Cordes, who is a teacher and the ASB Advisor at Oxnard High School. We are certainly looking forward to her leadership. Also installed were President-Elect Pablo Gallegos (Athletic Director at Hueneme H.S.), Treasurer Debra Cordes, Secretary Marco Valencia, and Board Members Sergio Martinez, Kathy Sullivan, Tina-Marie Martinez, Rodney Medina and Amparo Medina (not pictured).



Lt. Governor Rodney was invited to speak at the Cal Lutheran University Seminar to Future Leaders of America and the TRIO Talent Search Program. Rodney spoke on the topic to Community Engagement. Also present were host Lt. Governor-Elect Temo Solorio and Keynote speaker Ventura County Supervisor Vianey Lopez.



Lt. Governor Rodney also joined Kiwanis Member and Mayor of Oxnard, John Zaragoza, at Oxnard's Veteran's Day Celebration in Plaza Park. Many special thanks and prayers to all of our Veterans who sacrificed so much for our freedoms and democracy.

Santa Barbara

Walt Browne, Nancy Butterfield, Marsha Gray, and Janice Korick Reporting



Our Kiwanis club joined the Police Activities League in Conjunction with Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation for "Trunk or Treat 2024" on Friday October 27 from 4pm to 8pm. The Aktion Club was there to help distribute candy and wrist bracelets to the attending Santa Barbara children and their families.



Every year we participate in the CADA (Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse) Summit for Danny fundraiser. In the first photo is Bob Bryant and his wife Patty Bryant, who lost their son, Danny, to addiction. Each year they have a summit walk to raise funds and awareness for CADA in his memory. In the last photo is our newest member, Dr. Dan Montello, who became an expert in carving tri-tip.

Santa Susana

Debbie Heaslip Reporting



Debbie and Margaret joined our sister club Simi Valley to prepare and serve lunches on the beach at the Wheels to the Sea event for Disabled Veterans.



Simi Valley and Santa Susana clubs had fun working together at the Great American Food Drive on Nov. 11th. Thousands of items were collected for local food banks.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Our members have prepared and delivered ten Thanksgiving baskets, even during Covid. Baskets include seasonal décor, turkey, stuffing, yams, potatoes, veggies, gravy, rolls, cranberry, pie, and whipped cream.



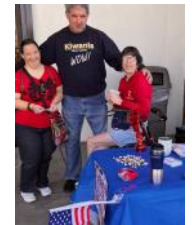
After a busy start to November, members took time to catch up, review the upcoming calendar, and enjoy lunch together.



Our Simi Valley Kiwanis Club had a great time at the Heritage Halloween event! Our Circle K Club gave out candy at the Strathearn House, and the rest of us served hot dog meals to the crowd.



At the Simi Street Fair on Oct. 28, we had an information booth and sold burgers and grilled cheese sandwiches.



Thank you to our community and volunteers who came together to make the Veterans Day Great American Food Drive a success! On Friday we collected donations from Varenita, Clean Threads, CKO Kick boxing, Vista, Ivy Park, and Toyota. Thank you to them all! Thanks also to the Simi Valley Senior Center, who hosted a drive thru drop-off and Walmart market for letting us collect at their storefront! All Donations were given to local food banks in Simi Valley.



On Nov. 5 we took part in "Wheels to the Sea." Individuals in wheelchairs, along with their volunteer helpers ate a wonderful breakfast from the Chatsworth Kiwanis Club. Then after a long hike in the hills and across to the beach, they had a bag lunch prepared by the Santa Susana and Simi Valley Kiwanis Clubs.

Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



The Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club followed up our successful BrewFest fundraiser with another popular community event benefiting our Charitable Foundation. "Conejo Uncorked" was chaired by Past President Larry Levine with the help of 30 plus club members who worked the event. About 275 patrons enjoyed the offerings of a multitude of wine, craft beer, and food vendors on the evening of October 5, 2023, at the Gardens at Los Robles Greens. This event was a staple of the former Conejo Valley Kiwanis Club and has now been adopted by the Thousand Oaks Club as one of our signature fundraisers. Almost \$11,000 was raised this year!



The Thousand Oaks Club supports the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life every year, and we were there in force for this year's event on September 30 at California Lutheran University. As usual, we cooked a delicious pancake breakfast for the participants and helped raise a lot of money for this worthy cause. Thirteen members devoted 63 service hours at the Relay, and our Kiwanis Cares team raised about \$6,900 of the \$87,500 event total. K-Kids passed the donation can at one of our weekly meetings. Abby Smith of the American Cancer Society thanked us saying, "The Kiwanis and K-Kids have been an integral part of our Relay for life for over 6 years.... Thank you, Kiwanis and K-Kids, for helping us end cancer as we know it for everyone."



The Aktion Club of Ventura, along with the Ventura County Resource Conservation District, is giving the Ventura County Watershed Protection District Operations and Maintenance Yard a well needed makeover. Native plants and other succulents were planted along the parking lot. They plan to finish the job!



Brett Zylstra is inducted as a new member of Ventura Kiwanis.



Bart and Michelle Bleuel delivered to the president of the Maui Kiwanis Club a check for \$1,000 from Ventura Kiwanis to help them host a Holiday Lunch and party for up to 1,000 Lahaina displaced students.





Division 42 THE HUB

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Sponsorship Request for CNH KIWIN'S

I hope this finds you well. My name is Lucia Wong and I am a current senior at Rancho Campana High School. I am writing to introduce you to an organization that I am involved with called **California Nevada Hawaii KIWIN'S** (CNH KIWIN'S), which is a club on campus at Rancho Campana. CNH KIWIN'S is a youth-led community service organization that operates under the umbrella of **Key Club International**. Our mission is to develop leadership skills and promote service among high school students in California, Nevada, and Hawaii.

Through our involvement in CNH KIWIN'S, members engage in a wide range of community **service projects**, participate in **volunteer work**, and attend **leadership conferences** and **training sessions**. We have the opportunity to make a positive impact on our communities, gain valuable leadership experience, and form lifelong friendships. You can find out more about our organization at kiwins.org!

On the last page of this newsletter you will find a **PDF of our donation letter** which outlines the different tiers of sponsorships and details what you can expect from us if you decide to sponsor our organization. As well as our link to the **sponsorship payment form: bit.ly/SponsorKIWINS23**.

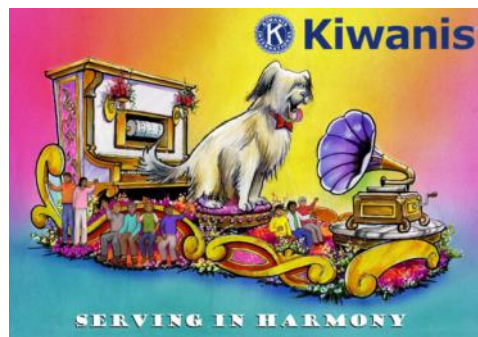
Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact our sponsorship advisor Anna Wu at **(626) 348-9705**.

SOARING IN SERVICE.

Luci Wong

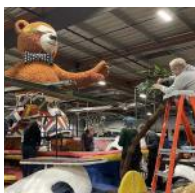
 CNH KIWIN'S
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2024 Rose Float - "Serving in Harmony"



2024 Decorating Sign-Ups are NOW OPEN!!

In preparation for the 2024 Tournament of Roses Parade, we will be coordinating volunteers for decorating shifts starting on the first 4 Saturdays of December, and finishing from December 26-31, 2023. [Click here to visit our sign-up website](#) or scan the QR code at the right.



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.
2nd Monday: 6:00 pm Board Meeting,
6:30 pm Business Meeting, 7:00 pm Social
President: Mark Van Dam Email: vandamage@roadrunner.com
Ph: (805) 433-3305 Cell
Sec'y: Barbara Eisenberg Email: itsmebj@att.net
Ph: (805) 390-1770 Cell

Oxnard

Meeting: Location TBD
1st Thursday 6:00 pm; 2nd Thursday at DCM ;
Last Thursday: Evening social with rotating location, 6:00 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 & 4th Wednesdays 6:30 pm
Denny's, 5197 E. Los Angeles Avenue,
2nd Wednesdays 7:00 am
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

Thousand Oaks

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

Through November 26, 2023

Holiday Candy Sale
Simi Valley Kiwanis

November 29, 2023

Karaoke Party
Simi Valley Kiwanis

December 2, 2023

Blood Drive
Simi Valley Kiwanis

March 23, 2024

Mid-Year South Education Conference
Riverside, CA

April 26 - 28, 2024

KIWIN'S DCON
Wyndham Hotel, Visalia

April TBD, 2024

Key Club DCON
(Location TBD)

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

[#KidsNeedKiwanis](https://www.kiwanis.org/kidsneedkiwanis)



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YOU CAN USE

DINNER FOR TWO

ANYWHERE

IN THE CAL-NEV-HA DISTRICT



Winner will receive round trip coach airfare for two, two nights hotel accommodations, three-day rental car, and a gift certificate for dinner to any restaurant within the Cal-Nev-Ha District!



Proceeds benefit our mission of building a better future for children



\$75 per ticket | Only 250 tickets will be sold | Prize value up to \$4,500 | Tickets available soon!



Every year, Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanians have the opportunity to support a project chosen by the Governor's spouse or family. This year, Governor Carole and her family have chosen to address the growing mental health crisis facing children and teens. By contributing to the First Family Focus, you can help young people obtain the mental health services they need. Below are some resources that can assist members, clubs, and divisions in addressing mental health issues.

- [Download Pin/Patch Request Form](#)
- [Download the Pediatric Trauma Program Grant Packet](#)

Learn More

SERVICE PROJECT GRANTS AVAILABLE

Did you know the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund offers several grants that can assist in funding your next service project? During the 2022-23 administrative year, your generosity provided nearly \$55,000 in grants to our Kiwanis family clubs to support their service projects. Check out the [grant options](#) available, select a service project, and submit your [grant application](#) today! Need some inspiration? Browse our [grant success stories](#).

SERVICE AWARDS

Kiwanians, are you looking for a meaningful recognition opportunity? Why not consider presenting a Service Award to someone who has gone above and beyond? Governor Carole will begin her official visits in January and is eager to recognize deserving individuals with a [Distinguished Service Award](#), [Community Service Award](#), or [Youth Service Award](#). It's never too early to start thinking about who deserves recognition this year. This is a fantastic opportunity to show your appreciation for their dedication and diligence. Order your Service Awards today!

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

Simply put, you can maximize your retirement benefits and help support your favorite charity with Qualified Charitable Distributions. If you're required to take minimum distributions from your traditional retirement accounts, consider an alternative to higher taxable income. Congress created Qualified Charitable Distribution rules as a way for donors to transfer their Required Minimum Distribution or RMD, directly to their favorite charity, like the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund. By doing so, you can both lower your taxable income and support a great cause. Check out our [Required Minimum Distribution FAQ's](#).



As a Past Lieutenant Governor, the greatest skill I was able to receive was public speaking and networking! Being in a higher position on the District Board meant talking in large crowds and learning to communicate with a wide range of people! I gained confidence speaking in big crowds and going up to adults, asking them questions and networking which is a huge help to my career path as a Business woman!





Kiwanis
CLUB OF SIMI VALLEY

See's CANDIES.

Holiday Candy Sale

Order for yourself or send a sweet gift to someone special in Simi Valley or Moorpark with **FREE DELIVERY!**

ORDER BY NOVEMBER 26

Candy will be delivered December 8-17

All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit High School Scholarships in Simi Valley



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$29.00 #550318
2 lb \$55.00 #550319



Milk Chocolates
Pure milk chocolate goodness.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$29.00 #550326



Dark Chocolates
A taste of cacao in every bite.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$29.00 #550330



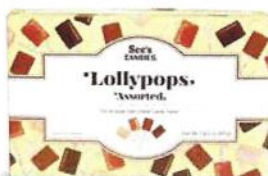
Nuts & Chews
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$29.00 #550334
2 lb \$55.00 #550335



Truffles
Wonderfully decadent and rich.
1 lb \$32.00 #500902



Toffee-ettes®
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate & almonds.
1 lb \$29.00 #500316



Assorted Lollypops
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latté & Chocolate.
Approximately 30 lollypops.
1 lb 5 oz \$28.50 #500296



Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb 8 oz \$29.00 #500355



Dashing Delivery Box
The ultimate stocking stuffer.
3.5 oz \$11.00 #506944



Silver Assorted
An assortment that shines on its own.
8 oz \$16.50 #500448



Assorted Peppermints
Creamy mint treats in milk & dark chocolate.
8 oz \$14.50 #500358



Assorted Molasses Chips
Crispy wafers covered in milk & dark chocolate
8 oz \$14.50 #500358



Merry Moose Box
An irresistible treat.
3.5 oz \$11.00 #506946

Order Here!
Or visit
www.SimiValleyKiwanis.com



The Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley presents a FUN

KARAOKE PARTY

& Holiday Sing-a-Long

Wednesday, November 29

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

99.1 The Ranch Korral

1555 Simi Town Center Way, #730

Pizza and Salad will be served

\$5.00 payable at the door

RSVP to Debbie Heaslip at sskiwanisinfo@gmail.com

or use the QR Code to RSVP



BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley

Saturday, December 2nd

1:00 – 3:00pm

**In Community Room at the
Simi Valley Public Library
located at 2969 Tapo Canyon Rd.**

*To make an appointment,
Please use the QR Code
or call **805-542-8500***



**THANK YOU FOR
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APPOINTMENTS
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Lau'.

Amanda Lau

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