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DIVISION 42



CAL-NEV-HA District, Division 42 Newsletter

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## Paul's Perspective



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A publication for and about the  
Kiwanis Clubs of:

**CAMARILLO**

**MOORPARK**

**OXNARD**

**SANTA BARBARA**

**SANTA SUSANA**

**SIMI VALLEY**

**THOUSAND OAKS**

**VENTURA**

**VENTURA SUBURBAN**

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### Reflections on Service and Leadership in Kiwanis

It is a privilege to begin my service as Lieutenant Governor. Over the past eleven years, I have served in various capacities within Kiwanis and have had the honor of working alongside many dedicated individuals who share a commitment to supporting the children in our community. My experiences span from attending international conventions, organizing and participating in the Turkey Day Dash fundraising event, working together in partnership fund raising opportunities, and gaining valuable insights from past and current leaders and members. Throughout my journey, I have valued the opportunity to collaborate on responsibilities and work closely with members of the Thousand Oaks Club. I am proud to have contributed to supporting children and engaging in numerous community events.

### Integrating Clubs

Recently, I had the privilege of meeting, for the first time, with all the Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers of the eight clubs attending the Division Council Meeting (DCM). This gathering offered us an important opportunity to connect and initiate the process of working together with the intention of forming a cohesive unit. By joining forces, we will become a stronger team and offer support to one another as each group organizes and launches their events. The meeting also underscored the value of learning from each other as we shared details about our fundraising initiatives, Service Enhancement Program (SEP) activities, and methods for selecting beneficiaries for each fundraising effort. It is evident that our collaboration will enable us to truly work "together as a team, building the Kiwanian dream." I look forward to meeting everyone at the next two DCM's that are scheduled on November 13th and December 11th.

### My Signature Project

Finally, I am honored to announce the details of my 2025 Signature Project. With each club's support and participation, I anticipate collecting 275 children's or adults' coats and pajamas for our communities in need. *While we are happy to collect adult sizes, please keep in mind the focus on children.* The coats can be new or gently used – thank you for including only new pajamas. After all items are collected, I will be distributing them to the Adelante Comunidad in the Conejo Valley. We will have the opportunity to have a Kiwanis tent located at their distribution site. Our Kiwanis Club presence will be evident to all the families that choose items for their loved ones. Thank you for promoting the program and please reach out to me anytime. I will be happy to arrange to pick the items up as needed.

*Paul Lopez*



# Camarillo

Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

In September, Key Club held their Regional Training Conference at Oxnard High School, hosted by Divisions 42E, 42W, and 29. With help from the Thousand Oaks Club, we provided hamburgers and hot dogs for over 100 students. President John Hayes, VP Peter Johnson, our new member, Doug Blois, and LTG Elect Paul Lopez did the cooking.



Left: Doug Blois and Paul Lopez prepare lunch. Center: Four great LTGs - Keanu Flores, Div. 42W; Lauren Valenzualer, KIWIN'S Turquoise Div.; Jasleen Khangura, Div 42E; Sarahi Gomez, Div. 29. Right: Div. 42 Key Club members

In October we had our first DCM under the leadership of LTG Paul Lopez, and it looks as if we have some new Div.42 Choir members this year. Also, our new Club VP, Linda Thayer, chaperoned Key Clubbers at Underwood Farm's Fall Festival in Moorpark. Arduous work but a lot of fun.



Div. 42 Choir at the Oct. DCM



Linda works the Corn Cannon and the Tomato Sling Shot



We held our Installation Dinner where Past LTG Rodney Medina retired our 2024/2025 leadership and LTG Paul Lopez installed Peter Johnson as President, Linda Thayer as VP, John Hayes as Treasurer and Allen Grizzard-Paul as Secretary. Immediate Past President John Hayes' final duty was to present Peter Johnson with our club's perpetual Kiwanian of the Year Trophy.



Installation Dinner



Kiwanian of the Year, Peter Johnson



LTG Paul installs Pres. Peter

John Hayes and Allen Grizzard-Paul chaperoned 30+ KIWIN'S to UCLA for a Circle K - KIWIN's Connect event. Turquoise Div. KIWIN'S joined members from the Crystal Div. for a tour of the campus. They also worked on some service projects and finished with a Q&A session.



On the steps at UCLA



Regional Advisors



KIWIN'S pose with the Bruins Bear

# Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting



At our monthly social meeting, Lt. Gov. Paul de-installed and installed our Board.



Moorpark has TERRIFIC Kids at all our elementary schools, and TERRIFIC Kiwanians and volunteers!



Left: Builders Club students busy planning for the year. Center: Bryan, Mark and Ute attended the first DCM of the year at Cal Lu. Right: Mark and Ute attended the Simi Su Aktion Club Installation.

# Santa Barbara

Marsha Gray Reporting

On September 20th, Kiwanis showed up big time to help with the Santa Barbara School District's annual East Beach Cleanup. It succeeded beyond what anyone expected. Our very own Kiwanian Denise Alvarado, Santa Barbara School District's Executive Director of Elementary Education, helped to coordinate the beach trash cleanup.



Denise (left) with her colleague, Dr. Marianne Hew, Executive Director of Secondary Education  
Many volunteers showed up to work the project.



Past President Richard was there to help. No one was too young to clean up. Bags and gloves were provided.  
Students showed up in force, along with Dr. Hilda Maldonado, Santa Barbara Unified School District Superintendent.



Denise and Marianne were there to the end. The public came and volunteered, even Great Dane Mimo.  
How much trash was collected? Piles and piles! Super success! We will be back next year.

# Santa Susana

Margaret Sigurdsson Reporting



The Aktion Club sponsored by Santa Su and Simi is very proud of their new yellow T-shirts. Past Lt. Gov. Temo visited.



Katie Porter, Region 10 Trustee, installed Marion Walluks as President, Gary White as Secretary, and Karen White and Judy Bertoniere as directors.



On September 28, Santa Su had a dessert social game day. We played cornhole, and got really cool prizes for the winners and losers. It was a lot of fun. The person throwing the beanbag is Karen White's mother, over 90 years old.



It was a full house Sept. 17 as we hosted our Hope of America recipients and their parents for an ice cream social. We also inducted our newest member, Kavitha Kumarasamy, and gave \$500 to our Scout troop for helping at our events.



On Oct. 1 Mary Patch received her 25 Yr. Legion of Honor; Pete Stong and Mike Shaw earned gold name badges.



On Oct. 7, the Simi Su Aktion Club celebrated the installation of new officers by Lt. Gov. Paul Lopez.



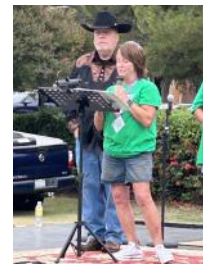
Theatrical talent in our club! Greg Seymour played 2 parts in an anthology production at the Stagecoach Museum. EP McKnight wrote, directed, and performed in a play at the old Jack's Shoes location in Simi.

# Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



Thousand Oaks Kiwanians congratulate our Past President Paul Lopez as he begins his term as our division's Lieutenant Governor. Paul has been very active in our club's leadership and service projects and we're looking forward to working with him and our fellow division clubs "Together as a Team Accomplishing the Kiwanian Dream."



The American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life was held September 27th at California Lutheran University, and the Thousand Oaks Club was on hand to offer a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast to the participants and volunteers. That's Mike Mathews mixing the batter as Dave Freeman waits to scoop another batch for the cooks. Norbie Gregory and Don Christie formed perfect pancakes on the grill. Gloria Dyok and Jerry Westby were all smiles as they offered plates to hungry runners. Cristy Warner addressed participants on behalf of the "Kiwanis Cares" team.



There was a big turnout at a banquet on September 28 when we inducted our new President, Brian McMahon, along with other Officers and Directors, and presented awards. Outgoing President Robin Britt is pictured handing the "Kiwanian of the Year" trophy to Patrick Connolly and the "Rookie of the Year" trophy to Reina Paredes. Past President and current Division 42 Lieutenant Governor Paul Lopez presented Brian's gavel. After the banquet, Brian happily posed with his family, including his wife and fellow Kiwanian Sharon (center). Other inductees included Jerry Westby (President-Elect), Kathy Smiley (Vice President), and four directors starting their terms this year - Mike Mathews, John Prescott, Patrick Connolly, and Tony Antonelli.



The DATA Middle School Builders Club set up a booth to attract student involvement. 50 students signed up.



Ventura Kiwanis participates monthly in the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Connection Breakfast.



Ventura Kiwanis hosted speakers from Spectacular Services. Members of the Ventura Aktion Club also attended.



The DATA Builders Club made their presentations to become officers of the club. There were 8 running for president!



# Division 42 THE HUB



Dear Kiwanis Club Members,

We're delighted to invite you to feed our "Hungry for Service" Hippopotamus family as we join the 2026 Tournament of Roses Parade under the official theme "The Magic in Teamwork." Our Kiwanis Float theme, "Happy Together," will showcase how clubs from California, Nevada, and Hawaii unite in joyful service proving that when we band together, our impact blooms brighter than any single flower. This year, "The Magic in Teamwork" comes alive through every petal, ribbon, and smile on our float. Our Hippopotamus family embodies Kiwanis's insatiable appetite for serving children and strengthening communities. With your support, we'll build a "Happy Together" masterpiece that highlights how collaborative spirit transforms service into celebration.

## Why Your Support Matters

- It aligns with the parade's focus on teamwork, spotlighting Kiwanis clubs working side by side.
- It brings the "Hungry for Service" message to millions of spectators and media viewers nationwide.
- It offers hands-on volunteer experiences—from float construction to flower placement, fostering teamwork and leadership skills.
- It amplifies Kiwanis's visibility, attracting community partners and future members who share our passion.

## How You Can "Feed" the Hippopotamus Family

Click the link below and complete the pledge form by choosing a level or making a custom donation. Every dollar supports our "Hungry for Service" Hippopotamuses and ensures our float exemplifies the magic of teamwork. Thank you for your partnership. Together, we'll feed our Hippopotamus Family, celebrate "The Magic in Teamwork," and prove that when Kiwanis is "Happy Together," service knows no bounds.

With boundless gratitude and excitement,

*Steven Geraci*

Governor  
California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International

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# Division 42 Clubs & Meetings

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

## Camarillo

**Meeting:** Contact Secretary for location.

Tuesdays: 1st, 3rd, & 4th - 5:30 pm

President: Peter Johnson Email: peterwyattj@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 443-0189

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

Ph: (805) 795-6279

## Moorpark

**Meeting:** Contact Secretary 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

Ph: (805) 433-3305

Sec'y: Ute Van Dam Email: utevandam@roadrunner.com

Ph: (805) 433-3306

## 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: Rodney Medina

Email: rodney@themediaprofessionals.com

Ph: (805) 535-8154

Sec'y: Pablo Gallegos

Email: pablo.gallegos@oxnardunion.org Ph: (805) 901-3798

## 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: Josh Kane Email: josh.kane@edwardjones.com

Ph: (805) 966-9902

Sec'y: Gary Gray Email: gary@gvgraycpa.com

Ph: (805) 966-9778

## Santa Susana

**Meeting:** Round Table Pizza, 2410-D Sycamore Drive

3rd Wednesday 11:30 am

President: Marian Walluks

Email: marianwalluks@outlook.com Ph: (608) 338-8062

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;

Denny's, 5197 E. Los Angeles Avenue,

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:00 am

5th Wednesdays, Club Social - various locations

President: Steve Trocino Email: calif3trocinosv@yahoo.com

Ph: (805) 304-9353

Sec'y: Mary Martin Email: martin.mary1226@yahoo.com

Ph: (805) 587-2235

## Thousand Oaks

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

Wednesdays 7:15 am HYBRID: Live + Zoom (through Dec. only)

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

President: Brian McMahon Email: pt4ucla@yahoo.com

Ph: (805) 236-0190

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: Mike Powers Email: mbpowers521@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 901-2355

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 19, 2025

Charity Poker Tournament  
Moorpark Kiwanis

### November 15, 2025

Key Club Fall Rally South  
Magic Mountain

### January 31, 2026

Mid-Year South Education Conference  
Burbank, CA

### February ??, 2026

Circle K District Convention  
(TBD)

### March 12 - 15, 2026

KIWANIS District Convention  
Burbank, CA

### April 9 - 12, 2026

Key Club District Convention  
Sacramento, CA

### April 18, 2026

Round\*Up Country Music Festival  
Simi Valley Kiwanis

### June 23 - 28, 2026

Kiwanis International Convention  
Manila, Philippines

### July 1 - 5, 2026

Key Club International Convention  
Circle K International Convention (July 1 - 3)  
Dallas, TX

### July 4, 2026

Star Spangled Rock & Country Jam  
Simi Valley Kiwanis

### September 13 - 15, 2026

District Education Conference  
Reno, NV



## Division Council Meetings

### October 2, 2025

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

### November 13, 2025

Hosting club: Camarillo  
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

### December 11, 2025

Hosting Club: Simi Valley  
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

### January 8, 2026

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

### February 12, 2026

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

### March 12, 2026

Hosting club: Ventura  
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

### April 9, 2026

Hosting club: Oxnard  
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

### May 7, 2026

Hosting club: Moorpark  
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

### June 11, 2025

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

### July, 2025

Dark

### August 13, 2025

Hosting club: Santa Barbara  
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

### September, 2025

No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation

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# NEWS YOU CAN USE

*We  
thank  
you!*

## WE'RE BURSTING WITH GRATITUDE!

As Thanksgiving approaches, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for the steadfast support we receive from our donors. Your generosity continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families across our communities.

Thanks to you:

-  **Corey Umamoto**, a former Key Club member and 2024 scholarship recipient, is now attending USC—taking the next step toward a bright future.
-  **The Kiwanis Club of East Hawai'i** received essential funding to host their Keiki Day of Health & Wellness, providing vital health resources to local families.
-  Our **partner hospitals** received more than \$133,000 in 2025, helping them expand critical injury prevention programs.

We're grateful every day for our donors, volunteers, and sponsors—but in this season of thanksgiving, our appreciation runs even deeper.

Thank you for choosing to partner with us to create a safer, healthier future for children.

**Warmest Wishes, the CNH Children's Fund Team**



**“Thank you CNH Children’s Fund and Key Club International for your support throughout my HS journey and beyond.”**

**-Corey Umamoto**

## FOUNDER'S DAY

On November 4th, the CNH Children's Fund proudly celebrates 60 years of building a better future for children. To mark this milestone, we invite all clubs to make a **Founder's Day donation** meaningful to your club. Your gift helps provide scholarships, fund leadership training, and support grants to Kiwanis family clubs. Thank you for being part of our legacy and continued impact.

## TABLET OF HONOR

The **Tablet of Honor** is the highest recognition awarded by the CNH Children's Fund. With a contribution of \$500, you can honor an individual, organization, Kiwanis club, or division that has demonstrated outstanding dedication to their community or to Kiwanis. Your unrestricted donation also helps us support the areas of greatest need across our programs. Nominate someone exceptional today and learn more about this prestigious award!

## SCHOLARSHIP APPS ARE OPEN!

Run don't walk! The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund is pleased to announce our 2026 scholarship applications are open and we're seeking your help in two ways:

1. Share this news with your graduating Key Club and KIWIN'S members, as well as any Circle K members who anticipate continuing their undergraduate education
2. Spend a moment learning about our **scholarship program**, and be ready to assist our young applicants as they navigate the application process

Your support of our student leaders does not go unnoticed; just ask **Corey Umamoto**, one of our 2024 scholarship recipients!

**Circle K  
Scholarship App**



**Key Club/KIWIN'S  
Scholarship App**



**Scan the QR codes above or visit  
[cnhfoundation.org/scholarships](https://cnhfoundation.org/scholarships)**

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Ventura Suburban is holding their Annual Christmas Greens fundraiser during the month of October. Delivery date is about the first week of December. The green pages are for local deliveries, while the red page is for direct shipping. All red page items will need to include all shipping information. Checks are acceptable and may be mailed to us at 191 Brentwood Ave., Ventura, Ca. 93003. Deadline for ordering is Thursday, 6 November. Any questions, contact Tracey at [TnBHen@aol.com](mailto:TnBHen@aol.com).

## Local Group Delivery Items

All items in this category are delivered to the group for local distribution.



ITEM # W3 ●

\$ 41-

### Mixed Evergreen 28" Wreath

An aromatic combination of Noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A red velvet water repellent bow is included for easy attaching.



\$ 30-

ITEM # G3 ●

### Western Cedar Garland

10' of fragrant, fresh cut western cedar garland made especially to adorn your front door or porch railing. (Two 10' section garlands pictured.)



ITEM # W4 ●

\$ 31-

### Mixed Evergreen 22" Wreath

An aromatic combination of Noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A red velvet water repellent bow is included for easy attaching.



\$ 29-

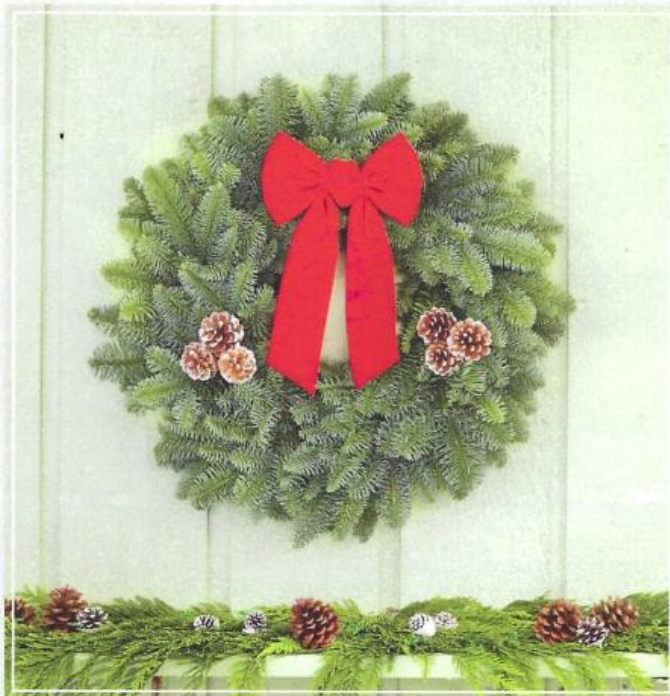
ITEM # S4 ●

### Noble Fir Door Swag

Newly designed for guaranteed sustainability and quality, this item is the perfect alternative to a wreath. Includes 1 set of snow dusted cones and a red bow. Approximately 30"x19".



For your convenience all items come individually packaged in an easy-to-handle, plastic carrying bag.



ITEM # W2 ●

\$ 30-

### Noble Fir 22" Wreath

Fresh, fragrant Noble fir wreath in a traditional arrangement. Includes a red velvet water repellent bow and two snowy pine cone clusters for easy attaching.



ITEM # C5 ●

\$ 27-

### Tabletop Centerpiece

Cedar, Noble fir, pine, and berried juniper arranged in an oasis block and bowl for your table. Snowy white cones and red faux holly berries included for custom arrangement. Also includes traditional taper candle holder. Size is approximately 12" inches diameter.

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We ship our items in temperature-controlled refrigerated trucks that are set to mimic natural conditions and humidity of growing lands, allowing us to unconditionally guarantee our products from the shores of the Pacific to the East Coast.



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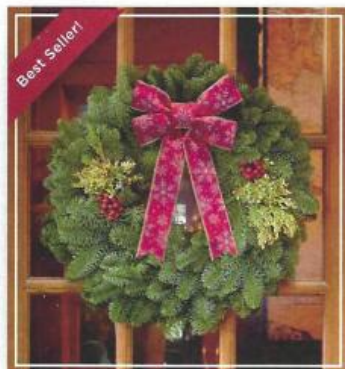
# Direct Delivery Gift Items

All items in this category are individually packaged and delivered directly to the recipient (within the contiguous United States only).



## The perfect gift for your friends, family & clients!

All items are individually packaged and delivered fresh to the recipient during the first 2 weeks after Thanksgiving. A personalized message can be included on the address label. Share the holiday spirit this season with a Gift Item!



ITEM # W4M

\$ 49-

### Mixed Evergreen 22" Gift Wreath

An aromatic combination of Noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A pre-tied red burlap snowflake bow is included for easy attaching.



ITEM # W3M

\$ 55-

### Mixed Evergreen 28" Gift Wreath

Our largest, most dramatic wreath is made from Noble fir, berried juniper, incense cedar and complemented with red faux holly berries, with a red and gold snowflake bow.



ITEM # N7M

\$ 39-

### Rustic Pine Cone Gift Basket

A rustic willow basket filled with an assortment of large, medium, and small snowy pine cones. Basket is approximately 13" in diameter and 6" deep. Please note, actual basket style may vary.

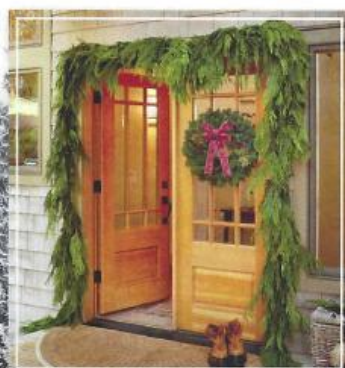


ITEM # G3M

\$ 58-

### Western Cedar Gift Garlands

Two sections of stunning garland for decorating a doorway or porch railing. Made of fragrant fresh cut western cedar. Each garland measures 10ft.



ITEM # EGM

\$ 84-

### Evergreen Gift Set

Perfect for any entry, this set includes two 10' western cedar garlands and an aromatic 22" mixed evergreen gift wreath with Noble fir, berried juniper, incense cedar, red faux holly berries and a red burlap snowflake bow.



ITEM # C5M

\$ 48-

### Gift Centerpiece with LED Candle

Cedar, Noble fir, pine, and berried juniper arranged in an oasis block and bowl for your table, with snowy white cones and faux holly berry accents. Measures 12" in diameter.

*\*AA batteries not included.*



ITEM # S4M

\$ 51-

### Gift Door Swag

A beautiful wreath alternative, this fragrant Noble fir door swag is adorned by white snow dusted cones and our red burlap snowflake bow. Measures 30"x 19".

*\*Direct delivery available within the contiguous United States*

