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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

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THOUSAND OAKS

VENTURA

VENTURA SUBURBAN

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Greetings Kiwanian Friends,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. As we reflect on recent events, it is clear that our clubs have experienced many positive and uplifting moments together. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the camaraderie and dedication shown by all our membership. It's such a pleasure to look forward as we continue to focus on our shared mission.

On Friday, March 6th, I was delighted to host a wonderful Friday Night Meeting at our home in Thousand Oaks. We welcomed President of the Simi Valley Club, Steve Trocino and his wife Chandra. The evening was a fantastic opportunity for both clubs to connect, share ideas, and create memorable experiences together.

District Governor's Official Visit

On Thursday, March 12, 2026, our District Governor, Steven Geraci, along with his wife Eileen, made their official visit to our division. It was inspiring to see all nine clubs represented at this important Division Council Meeting (DCM). A special note of thanks goes out to the young members of Circle K International from Moorpark College, who contributed to the meeting's success through their participation. Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to provide special recognition to one of our new members, Bernadette Azidian, and The Pizza Cookery. They catered an amazing meal that was much appreciated by all!

As is customary, Our Governor's Visit always provides our clubs a chance to publicly recognize members that have made outstanding contributions.

Congratulations to Norbie Gregory, Kathy Smiley, Nancy Butterfield, Miss Tittle, and Michelle Bleuel, your awards were very well deserved. We are proud to have you on our team, and your generous contributions make such a difference to our clubs.

Presidents' Meeting with the Governor

Prior to the main meeting, our club presidents had the opportunity for a valuable learning session with Governor Geraci. He shared positive updates regarding our organization's progress, emphasizing the strides we've made following several challenging years brought on by the COVID pandemic.

It was also a pleasure to see our past Division Governors, Roy Talley and Gary Gray, in attendance. Their presence and the stories they shared with our current Governor added a special sense of camaraderie and continuity to the occasion.

Upcoming Camarillo Club Event

The Camarillo Club has extended an invitation to all members to join their BUNCO PICNIC GARDEN PARTY, which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 1 PM to 4 PM at 1612 Sevilla Street, Camarillo. For just \$25, attendees will enjoy lunch, play Bunco, win prizes, and participate in a fun raffle. I hope our clubs will unite in supporting the Camarillo Club and enjoy this lively event together.

Next Division Council Meeting Reminder

As a reminder, our next Division Council Meeting (DCM) is scheduled for April 9th, 2026, at The ARC of Ventura. The Oxnard Club will be hosting, and I am confident it will be another memorable event with all our clubs participating. As always, it is an honor to continue to serve as your Lt. Governor and be reminded of the opportunity to serve, "Together as a team, Building the Kiwanian Dream."

Paul Lopez

March is turning out to be a busy month for Camarillo Kiwanis, beginning with volunteering to start getting kidSTREAM ready for their Phase 1 opening in late May or early June.



President Peter removing weeds and bushes Other members hiding behind the racks they re-arranged

We held our second Food Drive of this Kiwanis Year, filling 8 carts along with financial donations from very generous people. Our Builders Club members were there to help.



Meeting people at the Grocery Outlet, promoting Kiwanis Filled the inside and outside of Doug Blois' truck.

KIWIN'S Turquoise Div. held their last DCM of the year at Leo Carrillo State Beach. There were games, food, and a wonderful sunset send-off for the graduating seniors.



KIWIN'S make friends for life



Volleyball with a difference



A sunset farewell

KIWIN'S DCON took place last weekend at the LAX Marriott. A long weekend of laughter and tears as the district leadership team carried out their final duties entertaining and educating over 200 KIWIN'S, then having to give their farewell speeches before being retired by CAL-NEV-HA District Governor Steven Geraci, and the new board being installed by Governor Elect Brian Dahlquist.



Turquoise Div. spirit session. One of the many competitions: "Last Wig Standing." Retiring board in front and new board members in back

Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting



Moorpark has TERRIFIC Kids. Bryan, Janet, Barb, Bruce, Ute, Emily, and Kelli attend Friday recognition ceremonies.



Moorpark members volunteered at the local Middle School library sorting, organizing, and shelving books.



Our monthly social meeting was hosted by members Cat and Traci.



Moorpark members attended the February DCM at Moorpark Presbyterian Church.

Santa Barbara

Lauren Loza & Marsha Gray Reporting



The Aktion Club of Santa Barbara engaged in a service project during their February meeting. They made 30 hygiene kits for those in need.

February 27 was our northern training conference in San Jose. Super impactful. Plus a lot of fun.

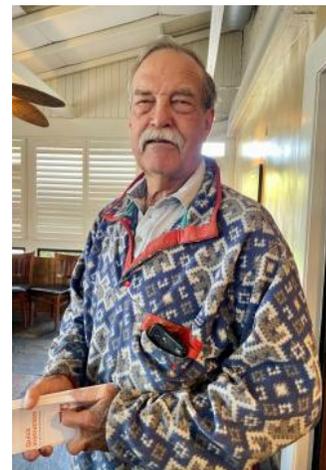


Left: Governor Steve Geraci delivering his thoughts.

Center: Kiwanis International President Michael Mulhaul came from New Jersey to be a presenter at lunch.

Right: Past Governor Gary Gray was there as well as green-haired Past Governor Carol Farris.

March 4th Club Meeting



Santa Barbara Club President Josh Kane has started a fun event in which he spends five minutes interviewing one of our members. This has been really successful and has allowed us to get to know one another better. Santa Barbara administrator Denise Alvarado was a delightful interview selection. We learned so much about this amazing person. Our speaker was Rotarian Scott Burns. He gave a great presentation on NARCAN nose spray. This is used to revive opioid drug overdoses. We got a modified training on what to do to save someone's life.



Our Royal High Key Club took over our Feb. 18 meeting, and teamed us up with their members to play Jeopardy!



Our Feb. 25 speaker was Moorpark College CKI President Angel Reyes, and we presented the CKI faculty advisor, Diana Nguyen, with a \$1000 check to send 12 members to the CKI D-Con.

At our March 4 meeting we presented Drysdel Rojas, a Cosmetology student at the Simi Adult School, with a \$500 scholarship to help finish her program. We will be awarding additional trades scholarships this year.



The For the Troops organization, which we help in many ways, honored Viet Nam veterans and presented them with gold pins at their fundraiser held at the Reagan Library. Simi Kiwanian Harry Wilson is on the right in both photos.



Our pre-Round*Up event, Sip, Step, and Stomp, was a huge success! The Ventucky Stompers burned the dance floor up with their smooth country dancing. Everyone was having fun dancing, eating, drinking, and making new friends.

Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



The Thousand Oaks Club is proud and honored to salute our Past President and current Assistant Treasurer, Chuck Huffer, on his selection as King of the Mardi Gras Ball by Conejo Valley Community Conscience, a nonprofit that owns and manages the "Under One Roof" building in Thousand Oaks. Community Conscience provides office space rent-free to thirteen local non-profits that provide direct services to people in need. Each year Community Conscience honors two community volunteers with exceptional records of service as King and Queen of the Mardi Gras Ball, its annual gala fundraiser. Past Lieutenant Governor and Past Mardi Gras King Bob Engler gifted Chuck with a ceremonial crown at a recent club meeting. Chuck received the real crown at the Ball on February 28th. He's pictured with Mardi Gras Ball Queen Jill Haney.



Immediate Past President Robin Britt (at the podium) introduced Nicole Dominguez as a new member at her induction ceremony on February 18th. Nicole is the first new member recruited through the Rising Stars program, designed to attract younger members to the Club. She is an Operations Manager with Fleming Restaurants and is excited to join our club to serve the youth of our community. Those participating in the induction ceremony were (left to right in group photo), Past President Larry Levine, Past President Doug Ryan, Past President Arnie Rudman, Nicole Dominguez, Immediate Past President Robin Britt, and Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Engler.



Members from the Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club attended a Regional Training Conference in Santa Barbara, led by our Past Lieutenant Governor and current Region 10 Trustee Katy Porter, and co-chaired by Greg Heath, Division 29 Lieutenant Governor. Katy and Greg are pictured along with Greg's wife Chrissy in scenic Santa Barbara. More than 30 Kiwanians attended and elected Greg as the next Region 10 Trustee. Distinguished guests included CNH Governor Steven Geraci and First Lady Eileen, as well as Governor Elect Brian Dahlquist. Thousand Oaks member Dr. David Biedebach demonstrated stretching exercises as part of the program. Silvia Crew brought us all together as she led all in a fun spaghetti-and-marshmallow team-building activity. Mike Britton and Dr. Biedebach are pictured discussing this amazing engineering feat.



Data Builders Club and Ventura Kiwanis continue with their annual joint project to create and distribute quilts to patients undergoing chemo therapy.



Ventura Kiwanis at its regular meeting installed this year's Ventura Aktion Club officers.



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

Governor's Visit – March 12, 2026





Division 42 THE HUB



Region 10 Training Conference Reported by Marsha Gray

On February 21, Region 10 Trustee Katy Porter put on an amazing training conference. It took place in my home town, Santa Barbara. The conference started at 10 and ran to 3 pm. Katy had a full agenda, and we went from activity to activity. Of course we had snacks in the morning and lunch at noon. Good job Katy; it was eventful, fun, and a great learning experience!



L-R: Katy welcomed attendees. Santa Maria's Julie Pasada presented about her passion, Aktion Club. Governor Steve Geraci talked about membership and service. Governor Elect Brian Dahlquist came from Palo Alto and spoke about his Kiwanis vision.



L-R: First Lady Eileen Geraci, a former ER nurse, talked about her project – raising funds for pediatric trauma, with mascot "Boo Bear." We had fun doing cooperative projects. Greg Heath, from Atascadero in Div. 29, shown with his wife Chrissy and Katy, was voted Trustee Elect.



At the end Katy graciously recognized people who made the event possible.

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: utevandamage@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 433-3306

Oxnard

Meeting: Tradewinds Cafe, 4308 Tradewinds Drive

2nd Tuesdays 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: joshkanesb@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 966-9902

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

Ph: (805) 966-9778

Santa Susana

Meeting: The Junkyard Cafe, 2585 Cochran St.

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: calif3trocino1sv@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

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: mbpowers21@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

April 9 - 12, 2026

Key Club District Convention
Sacramento, CA

April 18, 2026

Round*Up Country Music Festival
Simi Valley Kiwanis

April 25, 2026

Bunco Picnic Garden Party
Camarillo Kiwanis

May 2, 2026

Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash
Simi Valley/Glendale Kiwanis

May 15 - 17, 2026

Key Leader Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA

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

August 13 - 15, 2026

District Education Conference
Sparks, 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: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

January 8, 2026

Hosting Clubs: Santa Susana & Ventura Suburban
Location: 99.1 Radio Studios, Simi Valley

February 12, 2026

Hosting Club: Thousand Oaks
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2026

Governor's Visit
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

April 9, 2026

Hosting club: Oxnard
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

May 14, 2026

Hosting club: Moorpark
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

June 11, 2026

Hosting club: Ventura
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

July 9, 2026

Hosting club: Santa Barbara
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

August, 2026

Dark

September 10, 2026

Division Installation
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

FIRST LADY'S FOCUS

We're excited to announce a new opportunity to support the First Lady's Focus: a special raffle opportunity for the chance to win a custom hippo-themed Little Free Library, stocked with 200 children's books, designed and donated by Douglas Chadwick and the Kiwanis Literacy Club Foundation! Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from First Lady Eileen at the Governor's Official Visits, or by contacting First Lady Eileen at 904-210-2992; kiwaniseileen@gmail.com.

CAL-NEV-HA Children's Fund

Little Free Library RAFFLE

Support the First Lady's Focus by entering for your chance to win a custom, hippo-themed little free library with 200 children's books included!

Tickets are \$25 each
Tickets available from First Lady Eileen

Drawing to be held September 24, 2026
Winner need not be present to win!

Questions? Contact our office @ 909.736.1707; Foundation@cnhkiwanis.org

Learn more about the First Lady's Focus and make a donation [here!](#)



DINNER ANYWHERE IN CNH!

Win dinner at any restaurant within the Cal-Nev-Ha District, plus round-trip coach airfare for two, two nights standard hotel accommodations, and a three-day standard rental car. Proceeds support our mission of building a better future for children and benefit select California children's hospitals. For tickets, contact a CNH Children's Fund Director or email [foundation@cnhkiwanis.org](mailto:Foundation@cnhkiwanis.org).

NEW SAFETY GEAR!

We're excited to introduce a new addition to our **PTP Catalog**, bike safety light sets designed to help keep riders visible and safe on the road. Each set includes a white front light and a red rear light, attached to an English/Spanish safety card which promotes safe riding practices in every community. Check out all of our amazing safety products and [place your order today!](#)



EXPLORE OUR AWARDS

The CNH Children's Fund offers several opportunities to recognize outstanding club and community members. Recognition awards include our **Nathan Hale**, **Bert Shoemaker**, and **Special Athlete of the Year** awards (ICYMI, nominations for these awards are due May 31st). For a gift of just \$200, your club can honor someone for their exceptional service. Our Service Awards include the **Distinguished**, **Community** and/or **Youth**. With a \$500 gift your club can award the **Tablet of Honor**. Looking to make a bigger impact? Why not present the **Dunlap Fellowship**, or **Rose Float Fellowship** award to a deserving member. Click [here](#) to view and order your awards today!

HOPE OF AMERICA

The **Hope of America Award** honors students, ranging from elementary to high school, for their remarkable achievements. With the school year drawing to a close, now is the perfect time to place your order. Earning the Hope of America Award can be a the first step toward inspiring a future of exceptional leadership and success. Don't wait - [order your awards](#) today and let the celebration begin!



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THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO



BUNCO PICNIC GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Don't Miss This Special Fun Filled Afternoon

1612 Sevilla Street, Camarillo

\$25 Donation

Includes

Lunch, Bunco & Prizes

There will also be a Fun Raffle

Cash, Check or Credit

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For information about the programs or to make reservations
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Contact Linda at lindalthayer@gmail.com 805-390-9877 or

Allen at allengrizzard@msn.com 805-795-6279



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