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Hello Fellow Kiwanians-

It is hard to believe that we are already wrapping up the first quarter of the year. The first quarter has been quite eventful, from natural disasters to the inauguration of our new President to returning to The ARC of Ventura County for our DCM.

First off, a huge THANK YOU to The ARC for opening their doors to us, but most importantly for all the work that they do. The ARC of Ventura County is a non-profit corporation that was establish in Santa Paula in 1954, by a group of teachers and parents who believed that their children deserved a full life. Since then, the ARC has been committed to promote and protect the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The ARC provides programming that assists individuals to pursue their goals (Community Connections), provide personal environment and space for individuals to interact and engage in meaningful activities (Community Integration Day Programs), prepare individuals to live independently (Training for Independent Living, and Supported Services for Independent Living), train and coach individuals for gaining and maintaining employment (Employment Services), as well as educating individuals on their rights in order for them to advocate for their rights in the community. The ARC also provides individuals who are non-verbal with a voice through their Digital Literacy Program, through the use of assistive technology devices and personalized application programs. Through their MOVE Program, they assist individuals who are prone to wheelchairs acquire improved motor skills to increase mobility and make life more accessible.

Learning about everything that they do and provide to the community was extremely heartfelt and also hit home. I was able to make a personal connection to the Program, as my brother was both prone to a wheelchair and non-verbal. It was through a like-minded program that my brother was able to live the fullest life he was able to. Through specialized programming, he was able to attend school, interacting and engaging with others who shared his similar conditions. The individuals who worked with him on a daily basis were the reason he was excited to get on the bus every morning and returned home with a smile from ear to ear.

I ask that we as Kiwanis continue to be inclusive, believe in diversity, and continue to serve our communities through an equitable lens. It is through that approach that efforts like that of The ARC Foundation make such an impact on those whom they serve. Everyone deserves an opportunity to be the best versions of themselves; we as Kiwanis are able to provide support and resources to make it happen. All your efforts, big or small, make a huge impact and difference in the lives of others. THANK YOU!

Temo Solorio

Camarillo

Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

In February and March, Camarillo Kiwanis engaged extensively with our SLP Clubs. We had a successful fundraising Breakfast at Applebee's, where Div.42W Key Clubbers turned up in force to wait on the tables. Our club raised over \$750 while the Key Club raised over \$100 in tips to help boost their division funds. If you ever need help with a project, just contact Key Club, KIWIN'S or Circle K LTGs and they will be happy to support you.





Some of the industrious Key Club members including their Lt. Governor, Bella, and LTG Elect, Keanu, at our Applebee's Breakfast fundraiser. They then had to rush off to their DCM which started at 1:00pm at a park in Oxnard.

Although most of us were at home waiting for the Super Bowl to start, the Turquoise Div. KIWIN'S were working for Shelter Care Resources in Oxnard at their annual Gift-Away for the homeless event. The KIWIN'S February DCM was held at the Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Thousand Oaks, where they ended having a tough game of bouncing-basketball - boys vs. girls.







KIWIN'S working the Gift-Away for the homeless.

KIWIN'S DCM at the Sky Zone.

KIWIN'S held their Conclave at the Oxnard School District Headquarters. Unfortunately, no one turned up to open the building, so LTG Sheila Corpuz improvised and conducted the elections outside the building. Good save Sheila, and she did it by the book.



LTG Sheila Corpuz



LTG Candidate Speech





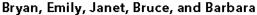
Congratulations to LTG Elect Lauren Valenzuela!

Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting

Moorpark has TERRIFIC Kids, TERRIFIC families, and TERRIFIC Kiwanians! Every Friday, we have a TERRIFIC Kids ceremony at one of our six elementary schools, recognizing students for an outstanding character trait. T-Thoughtful; E-Enthusiastic; R-Respectful; R-Responsible; I-Inclusive; F-Friendly; I-Inquisitive; C-Capable







A TERRIFIC Family!



Barb, Bryan, Bruce, Emily, and Steve



Each recipient receives a pencil, bumper sticker, book mark, and certificate. Parents are invited to each assembly, and every student gets individual recognition.





Our monthly social meeting is always a blast!



Our gracious hostesses, Traci and Cat (and family).







Cindy, Danielle, Emily, Janet, Debbie, and Barb; Bruce, Steve, Mark, Tom, Bryan, Curt, and Mark; Danielle, SheriBelle, Ute, Stephanie, and Joanne.



Our club was honored by the Moorpark PTA Council as their community partner!

Santa Barbara





Left: UCSB's CKI attended DCON in Ontario a few weeks ago. From left to right: lan Galera, Joseph Tran,
Kaylin Rivera, and Tiffany Celis; Advisor Dan Montello is in the back.
Right: Past Kiwanis Governor Gary Gray was a presenter at the Mid-Year North Conference, and had a great time.







Recent Speakers: Energized Randy Kohn talked about teaching people to trapeze at his amazing company, Santa Barbara Trapeze. Yes you can do it; it is empowering! Josh Kane and past President Richard Brown listen in stunned silence! At right, our wonderful member Dr. Matt Payne gave an amazing presentation about his anti-fall program.

It was uplifting and encouraging.







Kiwanis members Walter Browne, Janice Rorick, Alma Vaja and Nancy Butterfield teamed up to serve yogurts with all the goodies on top to our Cleveland School Bringing Up Grades (BUGS) students.

Santa Susana

Pebbie Heaslip Reporting

Having to delay the January DCM until February, Santa Su came through with flying colors. Chicken Marsala and homemade desserts were served, Moorpark College Circle K provided a wonderful program, and President Margaret was thrilled to present our friend and member Marian Walluks with the Lt. Governor's Award, for her years of service to our club.







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MEMBERS STEPPING OUT TOGETHER

Debbie and Lorraine braved the cold and the rain to attend a High Tea in style at the Reagan Library, enjoying scones, tea sandwiches, and desserts beneath the wings of Air Force One.

A few of the members got together for a St. Patrick's Day dinner at Debbie's. Of course, there was corned beef and cabbage, a pub salad, and Bailey's Cream Cake for dessert. We passed on the green beer.

Upcoming



A FAMILY AFFAIR

Margaret and her sister Nancy visiting from Missouri, along with Judy and brother Mike, joined Debbie to prepare our monthly dinners for the Samaritan Center.





A FULL HOUSE

Our March meeting had 100% attendance Along with the usual fun, we enjoyed a presentation by Sigred from Aktion Club while we enjoyed our Chinese food.





Postponed due to the fires and bad weather, we finally enjoyed our New Year's Bash on Feb. 19 with fun and games.





Here we grow again! At successive evening meetings we inducted new members Darlene Pettis, Hilda Knapton, and Pete Stoke, shown holding their certificates, joined by (L-R) Nick Esser, President Donna Smith, and Steve Trocino.





Recent speakers were Stacy Danlyan from Operation Gratitude—an organization that sends thousands of care packages to overseas troops each month, and sisters Kalyssa and Saydee Ro, students at Simi High who formed a team with other students in town with a goal to raise \$100,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.







L-R: Friends of Kiwanis at Varenita Senior Living make neck coolers for veterans; members greeted guests and sold refreshments at the Simi Library for Read Across America; signs and banners have been placed all over town to announce our upcoming Round*Up Country Music Festival, including this one beside a freeway.

Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting







The Thousand Oaks Club made three special presentations during February, to recognize our Foundation's funding of projects for kids. First up was Teta Van Ommeren presenting a \$2,000 check to EARThS Magnet School, which was gratefully accepted by Librarian Joy Shah. This money will be used to enhance the school library. Next up was Sherrill Hyink and Teta, presenting a \$1,000 check to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, represented by Jessica Perdy Berg. Finally, Teta and Sean Leonard presented a check for \$3,500 to Play Conejo's President, Ryan Van Ommeren. Play Conejo is a non-profit that supports the Conejo Recreation and Park District's programming. This money will be used to help kids enjoy the great programs offered by CRPD who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

On the second Saturday of every month, Thousand Oaks Club members help Safe Passage Youth Foundation distribute food and supplies at no cost to needy families in our community. Last month, Community Services Committee Chair Gloria Dyok, Patrick Connolly, Vice President Jerry Westby, Past President Arnie Rudman, and Teta Van Ommeren (left to right) helped out.









Four members of the Thousand Oaks Club served as Advisors to the Key Club Conclave held Saturday, February 8, at the ARC of Ventura. Pictured are, from left to right, Teta Van Ommeren, Sherrill Hyink, Cristy Warner, and Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Engler. New Key Club Lieutenant Governors were elected for Division 42 East and Division 42 West. Outgoing Lieutenant Governors Suzy and Bella (standing in the photo of four Key clubbers) and incoming Lieutenant Governors Jasleen and Keanu (seated in the photo) were honored at the Conclave. Jasleen (East) and Keanu (West) also posed together holding their respective "Congratulations" signs.



On February 14, Thousand Oaks Mayor David Newman and Councilmember Bob Engler paid a visit to Weathersfield Elementary School to recognize the Thousand Oaks K-Kids Club. The K-Kids were honored for their leadership and volunteerism in the community. Congratulations to these K-Kids who make such a difference in our community. Our member Cristy Warner (second from left in the photo) is the K-Kids Club advisor. Mayor Newman is second from right and Councilmember Engler, who is also a Past Lieutenant Governor, is next to Mayor Newman.

Ventura







Ventura Kiwanis recently held its annual cookie contest with 11 entrants. The attendees chose the 3 favorites (2nd place was a joint effort.)



Ventura Kiwanis enjoyed a presentation from Gina Cosio, the regional director of the Braille Institute.



Ventura Kiwanis participates in the monthly Ventura Chamber Connection Breakfast. 114 in attendance this month!



Division 42 THE HUB



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, KEY CLUB!



March is a milestone month for the Kiwanis family as we celebrate <u>Key Club International's 100th anniversary</u>. What started with 11 members in Sacramento, California, U.S., on March 23, 1925, is now a global movement with more than 225,000 members in 47 countries. Key Club is growing leaders; providing meaningful service to schools, communities and the world; and helping teens feel safe and connected.

We have a heartfelt birthday wish: for the Kiwanis family and friends to be part of this historic event. There are so many ways you and your club can participate:

- Share your Key Club story from being a member, an advisor, or part of a sponsoring Kiwanis club.
- <u>Make a gift to the Centennial Fund</u> that directly supports Key Club operations or <u>become a member of the 1925 Club</u> with a gift of US\$1,925.
- Help your sponsored Key Club <u>throw a birthday party</u>. We have resources to help you celebrate!
- Attend the Kiwanis SLP Showcase of Service Luncheon at the 2025 Kiwanis International <u>Convention</u> in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S. We'll be celebrating Key Club's monumental achievements.
- Purchase <u>special centennial gear</u> plus <u>commemorative graduation items</u> from the Kiwanis Family Store.



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: John Hayes Email: hpncopy@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 233-4601

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: Bruce Rokos Email: brucerokos@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 320-2094

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: Pablo Gallegos

Email: pablo.gallegos@oxnardunion.org Ph: (805) 901-3798 Sec'y: TinaMarie Martinez Email: tinamarie.918@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 844-9145

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: Marsha Gray Email: marshagraysb@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 252-7093

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

Ph: (805) 966-9902

Santa Susana

Meeting: Szechuwan Garden, 484 Los Angeles Ave., Moorpark

3rd Wednesday 11:30 am 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; Denny's, 5197 E. Los Angeles Avenue, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:00 am

5th Wednesdays, Club Social - various locations

President: Donna Smith Email: 3smitties@sbcglobal.net

Ph: (818) 281-4372

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: Robin Britt Email: rbritt@tokiwanis.org

Ph: (805) 824-9381

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: Andy Mack Email: amack@arcvc.com

Ph: (805) 539-8060

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

March 29, 2025

Mid-Year South Education Conference San Diego, CA

April 5, 2025

Kiwanis One Day (As observed by Cal-Nev-Ha District)

April 5, 2025

Round*Up Country Music Festival Simi Valley Kiwanis

April 10-13, 2025

KIWIN'S District Convention Woodland Hills, CA

April 24-27, 2025

Key Club District Convention Ontario, CA

May 16-18, 2025

Key Leader Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, CA

June 25-28, 2025

Kiwanis International Convention Circle K International Convention Pittsburgh, PA

July 2-6, 2025

Key Club International Convention Orlando, FL

August 7-10, 2025

District Education Conference Las Vegas, NV



Division Council Meetings

October 10, 2024

No host club - Div. Leadership Team Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

November 14, 2024

Hosting club: Camarillo

Location: kidSTR≋AM Museum, Camarillo

December 12, 2024

Hosting Club: Simi Valley

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

January 9, 2025

Postponed to Feb. due to power outage

February 20, 2025

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

March 13, 2025

Hosting club: Ventura

Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

April 10, 2025

Hosting club: Oxnard

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

May 8, 2025

Hosting club: Moorpark

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

June 12, 2025

Hosting club: Santa Barbara

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

July 10, 2025

Dark

August 14, 2025

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

September, 2025

No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation







JOIN THE DIRECTOR'S CHALLENGE

President Bob's <u>Director's Challenge</u> is in full swing, with a goal of raising \$50,000 for the <u>YES! Initiative</u>. Support your favorite Director by donating <u>here</u>. Your contributions fund youth leadership training, scholarships, and community grants, enabling every child to succeed. Who will ultimately claim the crown? The power is in your hands—let's do this! Keep returning to see who is heating up the fundraising thermometer! **#JustSayYES!**

NATIONAL PLAY OUTSIDE DAY

Did you know the first Saturday of each month is <u>National Play Outside Day</u>. Discover how the <u>Kiwanis Club of Fletcher Hills</u> utilized a PTP grant from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund

ets go outside

to promote safe outdoor play through a bike rodeo. Feeling inspired? Think about organizing an exciting new service project in your community that encourages outdoor activities for kids and adults alike, and remember to apply for a grant from the CNH Children's Fund if you're hosting a new service project!

EXPLORE OUR AWARDS

The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund offers several opportunities to recognize outstanding club and community members. Recognition awards include our Nathan Hale, Bert Shoemaker, and Special Olympics 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!



For tickets, contact any CNH Children's Fund Director or **send us an email**. Good luck!

HOPE OF AMERICA

The <u>Hope of America Award</u> honors students, ranging from elementary to high school, for their remarkable achievements. With the school year drawing to a close, today 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—<u>order your awards</u> today and let the celebration begin!



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Bunny & Chick Box Beloved See's Classics. 4.8 oz \$13.25 #507952

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Order online through March 31st at jotform.jotform.com/60328682180152. Candy will be delivered between April 7 & 16.







Ticket Prices: Adults: \$25 (\$30 at Gate), Kids: 12 & Under FREE w/Paid Adult. Visit www.RoundUpSimi.com for tickets and information. No outside food or beverages, ice chests or re-entry. Subject to search. No pets. Rain or shine. Rancho Santa Susana Community Park-5005 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley. Artists subject to change













KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO FUNDRAISER





Thursday, April 24, 2025, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To be held at Painting with a Twist, 2298 E. Ventura Blvd., CAMARILLO, Ca 93010

You receive a 2-hour art class while you enjoy a beverage (not included) and have lots of fun. When registering there are a number of prices depending on what size and what material you would like to paint on. These range from \$44-\$54 per person, depending on what you choose to paint your masterpiece on.

To register for this event please go to:

https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/camarillo/event/3936541/

There will also be a raffle with some great prizes.

You will get to take home a Masterpiece of Artwork that you can proudly hang on your wall at home or in the office.

All proceeds from this event will go towards the Kiwanis Club of Camarillo Foundation to support local events such as: Scholarships, Youth Activities, and under privileged kids in our community.

Must be 21 or over.

Kiwanis of Santa Barbara



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Camp Whittier-Santa Barbara

May 16-18, 2025

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WHO CAN ATTEND KEY LEADER?

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Respect: Showing consideration for self, others, and property

Building Community: Developing relationships to achieve positive goals

Pursuit of Excellence Expecting and achieving the best

How Do You SIGN UP?

Go to <u>ojai.cnhkeyleader.com</u> or scan **QR code**, and click on **REGISTER** button. Students and adults attending a Key Leader weekend complete a form with basic information. Contact roy.talley@gmail.com for additional information.















