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Editor Nick Esser nichorus@pacbell.net Hello Kiwanians-

DIVISION 42

#KidsNeedKiwanis

The month of May has welcomed us with great weather and the beginning of celebrations, beginning with the Mexican observance of Cinco de Mayo, not to be confused with their Independence Day (which is celebrated in September.) Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Battle of Puebla, between Mexico and France, which was led by General Ignacio Zaragoza.

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Mother's Day followed less than a week later, a day of reflection and celebration, where we honored all the mothers in our lives, as they played a key role in who we are today. As I celebrated with my mom, I reflected on the impact she had in my life. From assuring that I felt loved every day, to teaching me how to be a parent, to caring for others without expectation to gain anything in return. THANK YOU to all you mothers and the mothers in your life.

In May, we also celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage and Jewish American Heritage. A reminder to acknowledge and celebrate the different ethnicities and cultures that contribute to our Nation. I ask that we continue to focus on celebrating one another, but most importantly, continue to provide opportunities, resources, and safe spaces to those in need, including ourselves.

We, too, need to take care of ourselves in order to care for our loved ones and those in our CommUnities. May is also Mental Health Awareness Month, a month that reminds us to check in, not only with ourselves, but with those around us. Most importantly, those who we see functioning "normally" day in and day out. It is usually those individuals who need a check-in, as they at times tend to ignore their own well-being due to providing for others. Ask yourself, when was the last time I did something for myself? If you have done so, please continue to do it; if you haven't, please prioritize yourself and do something you enjoy now (you could always come back to finish reading!)

May also serves as Skin Cancer, Lupus, and Stroke Awareness month. As already mentioned, please take the time to schedule screenings and routine checkups. Now I am sounding like my mother! Preventative care is the best care; keeping on top of your health and diet can be the best dose of medicine you can take. I cannot stress this enough, as I spent the beginning of the month in a hospital bed (hence the sounding like my mother.) Being hospitalized allowed me to reflect on my own health, which forced me to prioritize my physical and mental health and well-being.

We wrap the month off with Memorial Day, a day where we honor those who have served for our liberties and freedom. First off, THANK YOU for those who have served that are no longer physically with us, but will forever be in our hearts, thoughts, and meaningful memories. It is because of those brave Women and Men, that we are able to live in our Great Nation.

Kiwanians, let's strive to take care of ourselves in order to continue to serve our CommUnities, while being the best versions of ourselves. Our work is the result of our Mothers' upbringing and our Veterans' sacrifice that assured that we live in a Nation that allows us to celebrate diversity and provide opportunities and resources to our CommUnities. Thank you for all that you do!

Temo Solorio



Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

April went out with a bang - two of our favorite events keeping us busy. We held our annual "Painting with a Purpose" fundraiser which was a sellout event with every easel taken. Painting with a Twist offers this to service organizations once a year, and they give back 50% of the sign-up fees. Along with a raffle we were able to clear just over \$1,000 and have a wonderful time in the process. Special thanks to the members of the Thousand Oaks Club who supported us.



Aktion Club artists joined us.



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Participants show off their masterpieces.

Also that week, we joined forces with the Thousand Oaks Club to provide pancakes for around 3,000 runners at this year's Aut2Run race to raise money for the Autism Society which was held at CSUCI. We used our new pop-up. It was "all hands on deck" once the races came to an end. Wagon Masters Mike and Gloria whipped us into shape, and we beat the 5K rush this year. It's always fun working alongside and getting to know members of other Kiwanis Clubs.



May saw the first DCM for KIWIN'S Turquoise Div. This doubled as a birthday party for their new Lt. Governor, Lauren, including a cake and a piñata.



Turquoise Div. KIWIN'S



Piñata time



Birthday girl, LTG Lauren

We had a great guest speaker, Gary Zelinski, author of "A Walk Among Heroes," who talked about some of the famous characters buried at Arlington. Gary was a perfect speaker for a club of our size, and he made it a very enjoyable meeting.







Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting

Our April Social Meeting was a smashing success at the beautiful home of Emily.



Debbie, Barbara, and Joanne



Curt, Danielle, Host Jim, Bryan, Cindy, and Mark





Hostess Emily and Ute



Steve, Bruce, and Stephanie



Sherribelle, Danielle, Janet, Denise, and Tom



Left: President Mark presents an original poem to Mayor Enegren at the new Moorpark City Hall Open House. Right: Our Moorpark Club is a winner with the PTA!





Builder's Club at Campus Canyon is hard at work getting Mrs. Snyder's garden ready to bloom again.









Moorpark has TERRIFIC Kids at all our elementary schools!

Oxnard

Rodney Medina Reporting

















Kiwanis of Oxnard hosted and coordinated the annual track meet for elementary and middle schools in the Oxnard area. 16 different schools competed against each other in the 50M, 100M, and 400M relay. There were also competitions in the long jump and shot put. Kiwanis of Oxnard has hosted this event for over 25 years, and we are so grateful to be able to provide this event for the community at large. Special thanks to Kiwanis Oxnard President Pablo Gallegos, who serves as Athletic Director at Hueneme High School, for opening up his field for this annual event. Thank you also to the many families who were out supporting their children.

Santa Barbara

Marsha Gray Reporting





On April 16 we held a dinner at Cody's recognizing Santa Barbara citizens who go the "extra step" in helping our first responders. Santa Barbara fire chief Chris Mailes recognized 2 volunteers, Kathy Wright and Jerry Gray, for going above and beyond in their service.



Spring Fling is our annual dinner dance in partnership with the City of Santa Babara Parks and Recreation Department. It's held for adults with disabilities. Our favorite DJ Chris Benedict, who runs the DJ of Ability, pictured with Kiwanis servers Dr. Dan Montello, Past District Governor Gary Gray, and Immediate Past President Richard Brown, played fantastic dance songs. Huang, one of the participants, and Julie Thomas with Parks and Recreation started the dancing off after dinner. Soon everyone was up and at it. They really cut loose!



The Kiwanis Club was asked to help with the fundraiser for the San Marcos Parent Child Workshop. This is a preschool in Santa Barbara. It was a beautiful location at the Goleta Stow House and train depot. Four from the Aktion Club showed up as well as four from the Santa Barbara club. There was a silent auction. Nanette and Debra were in charge of the bouncy house and together with Past District Governor Gary Gray made sure it stayed safe for the pre-schoolers. Aktion Club member Steve Glick helped direct traffic for the event.

Simi Valley

Nick Esser Reporting



Our annual free Easter Breakfast at the Simi Senior Center featured eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice. Builder's Club members helped with table service. It's one of our most fun events, and the seniors love it. We even raffled off beautiful easter baskets!



We had a very busy weekend May 3 - 4. We towed our ChucKwagon to the Glendale Kiwanis Duck Splash event, where we're given exclusive food vendor rights. Our members all got carried away with duck paraphernalia! At the same time, we had a crew pitching our club at the Simi Street Fair (last photo, middle row.) On Sunday our Circle K club helped us run an Ice Cream Social, with games and fun for K-Kids and Builders Club members and their parents.

Thousand Oaks



The Thousand Oaks club's cooking team was on hand to provide breakfast for the players and fans at the Thousand Oaks Girls Softball Family Fun Day on April 6. Our team included (left to right) Chuck Huffer, President Robin Britt, Mike Mathews, Teta Van Ommeren, Sean Leonard and Paul Lopez.

The Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club welcomed Amy Chen as a new member on April 9th. Those participating in the induction ceremony included, from left to right, Immediate Past President Paul Lopez, Past President John Prescott, Amy Chen, Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Katy Porter, and the Past President of the Vista Kiwanis Club, Lanny Arrowsmith.





At its annual meeting on May 7, the Thousand Oaks club elected Officers and Board members for the coming Kiwanis Year. Our 2025-26 leadership team is comprised of (left to right) Jerry Westby, incoming President-Elect, Brian McMahon, incoming President, and Kathy Smiley, incoming Vice President. Also, the following members were elected to serve two-year terms in At-Large positions on the Board of Directors – Tony Antonelli, Patrick Connolly, Mike Mathews, and John Prescott.



Kathy Smiley and her Social Committee had arranged a Valentine's Day "I Love Kiwanis" social for February 14th, but nasty weather forced the rescheduling of the party to April 6th. Many thanks to members Brian and Sharon McMahon for hosting the event at their home. It was still a little bit nippy on that "Graypril" day, but everyone had a great time. Fully in the spirit were member Karen Jackson and husband Robert, who gifted her with a Valentine's Day candy box.



The Thousand Oaks club was out in force on April 27, cooking a pancake breakfast for participants in the Autism Society Ventura County's annual Aut2Run fundraiser at Cal State Channel Islands. Sixteen club members were on hand, and we partnered with the Camarillo Kiwanis Club on the project. It was a bright, sunny, warm day (not) and we had a long line of customers. Gloria Dyok, Community Services Chair was the event boss. The Autism Society gratefully presented a certificate of appreciation to President Robin Britt (on the left in the photo.)

Ventura

Bart Blevel Reporting



The Builders Club at DATA Middle School and Ventura Kiwanis joined together to produce 60 candy leis for the teachers and staff at the school for its appreciation day.



Delivery of 8 quilts made annually for the chemo patients at Ventura County Medical Center though a joint effort of the Builders Club at DATA Middle School and the Ventura Kiwanis Club.



A collage of the service by the Builders Club at DATA Middle School during the past school year.



Announcing the 2026 Kiwanis Rose Parade Float!

The 2026 Tournament of Roses theme will be "The Magic in Teamwork" celebrating the sense of accomplishment in knowing that by working together, we can collectively achieve outcomes so much richer than we can ever experience as individuals. In keeping with that theme, the Pasadena Rose Float Kiwanis Club has announced the theme and design for the Kiwanis International 2026 Tournament of Roses Parade Float Entry ... **HAPPY TOGETHER**!



Registration for the 2026 Parade Decorating will be available online starting mid-summer. Meantime, please check out all of the opportunities to support the Kiwanis Rose Float Project throughout the year ... whether it's attending one of the project's events, stopping by a display table, or sharing information about the project at your club and SLP meetings, it is the small efforts throughout the year that add up to big results on New Year's Day.

About the Kiwanis Rose Float Club

Working as a Single-focus club within the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International, in coordination with the District Rose Float Committee, the Kiwanis Rose Float Club of Pasadena is the group responsible for fundraising a significant portion of the money required to build the KI float. Our members also work with the CNH District Rose Float Committee to arrange the logistics of scheduling and feeding the 5,000+ volunteers responsible for decorating many of the floats that roll down Colorado Blvd. during the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena! Our membership includes Kiwanians from across the United States, and all are welcome to join in-person meetings in southern California or remotely via Zoom.



2026 Tournament theme poster, "The Magic in Teamwork"

The 2026 theme poster honors the organizations, agencies, and community partners that make America's New Year Celebration possible. Embroidered team patches from public safety partners, service organizations, and other parade participants reflect the teamwork demonstrated in working toward a common goal, to overcome challenges and produce amazing results.

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

May 16-18, 2025 Key Leader Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, CA

June 5, July 3, August 7, 2025 Kiwanis Music Nights Santa Barbara Kiwanis

June 25-28, 2025 Kiwanis International Convention Circle K International Convention Pittsburgh, PA

July 2-6, 2025 Key Club International Convention Orlando, FL

July 4, 2025 Star Spangled Rock & Country Jam Simi Valley Kiwanis

August 7-10, 2025 District Education Conference Las Vegas, NV

August 16, 2025 Cool Breeze Century Bike Ride Ventura Kiwanis

September 7, 2025 Governor's Visit and Division Installation California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks

September 17, 2025 Kiwanis Dodgers Night (C-N-H Children's Fund) Dodger Stadium



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 Cancelled 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

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KEEPING SUMMER SAFE

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When you think of summer, images of lazy summer days come to mind. Unless, you're a Kiwanian where summertime is anything but lazy! From hosting an <u>injury prevention booth</u> at the Farmer's Market to <u>providing swim lessons</u> at the local pool, there are plenty of ways your club can ensure children have a happy, fun, and safe summer. <u>Check out our list of ideas to get</u> <u>inspired!</u> Remember, we have <u>Club</u> and <u>PTP</u> <u>Grants</u> to help support your club's next, new service project! <u>Learn more</u> about our grant programs and <u>contact our office</u> if you have any questions!

JUST SAY YES!

When you make a gift to the YES! Initiative, you say YES! to students such as <u>Miah</u>, a public health student at UCLA. Your generosity funded Miah's scholarship from the CNH Children's Fund, giving her and her family piece of mind as she pursues a medical degree. <u>Just say YES!</u> with a gift today!

DINNER ANYWHERE

Have you purchased your <u>Dinner Anywhere</u> ticket yet? The winner will receive a gift card for dinner to any restaurant within California, Nevada or Hawaii, plus round-trip coach airfare for two, a three-day rental car, and two nights hotel accommodations! Tickets are \$75 each - with only 250 being sold - and available from any CNH Children's Fund Director. We have a limited number of tickets at the office; email us today!

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Join us as we welcome Keynote Speaker Jade Wong, 2015-2016 KIWIN'S District Governor and past scholarship recipient.

Learn about Jade's journey as she shares how the CNH Children's Fund has helped transform her life.





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AUGUST 16, 2025

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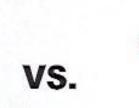
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Wednesday, September 17, 2025 7:10pm Dodger Stadium

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Who: Kiwanis Clubs, Service Leadership Programs, Friends, Guests, and Baseball Fans

What: Kiwanis Dodgers Night

When: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Where: Dodger Stadium (1000 Vin Scully Ave., LA)

Time: 7:10 first pitch, recommend arriving at 6:00pm

Cost: \$45, Outer Reserve Level Seating (\$12 of fee goes towards the Children's Fund) * Parking is not included

Kiwanis Group Picture, First 75 (Optional): \$5

1st Deadline: May 30, 2025 (Prices may go up after!)

A Kiwanis group picture on the field (warning track) will become available to the first 75 that sign up for \$5. Ticket purchase is required! All proceeds are for the CNH Children's Fund! (Waiver & early arrival required, Player in picture is not guaranteed)

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How To Get Tickets:

Email cnhkiwanis13@gmail.com for questions and to reserve your tickets! You can purchase individual & group tickets! You must purchase a ticket to add the on field group picture option. *Tickets will be sent through the MLB Ballpark App (Download)!

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