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Hello Kiwanians-

Happy New Year! I hope your 2025 is off to a great start! January is a mark of new beginnings, as we reflect on 2024 and transition into the new year. Many of us have begun to work on resolutions to improve our personal, physical, and professional goals. Let's also ensure that we incorporate resolutions that will increase our mental health and well-being, identifying ways to decrease the daily stressors that are often caused by factors we cannot control.

Unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances have already begun to affect those around us through the spread of wildfires throughout Los Angeles and Ventura County. Thank you to those of you who have opened up your doors and instantly jumped into the role of servitude to provide shelter, support, and reassurance to those affected by the fires.

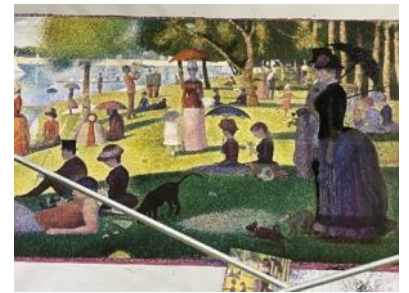
January also brings us Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. A day that reminds us of unity and compassion, as well as servitude and CommUnity. Let's continue to embrace Dr. King's vision as we engage and serve our communities. It is because of his Dream, struggle, and sacrifice that equality has brought so many of us together, allowing us to share our thoughts, ideas, and vulnerabilities in a safe space, regardless of our ethnicity, background, or political beliefs.

This year, MLK Day is also shared by the inauguration of our 47th President. As with any new presidential term, we are presented with a series of uncertainties (and possible stressors) that come with every term. It is settling to know that political agendas will not drive or dictate our dedication to our communities and those whom we serve. Let's continue to be the village and resource that provides opportunities that wouldn't be afforded to others without our great organization. Thank you, fellow Kiwanians, for everything you do!

Temo Solorio



At the end of December there were lots of service hours available for the SLP Clubs who took over the Rose Float construction for a 7-hour shift. I am not sure about Key Club members, but I know there were 210 KIWIN'S there.



The Kiwanis float was still being worked on, and the work of art at right for the Illinois float put a new twist on painting by numbers, since it is made entirely from organic material.



Turquoise KIWIN'S working on a butterfly which ended up on the Western Asset float that won the President's Trophy. A lot of new friends were made while doing some of the other prep work. It was a long night where most of us did not get home until after midnight, very tired.

The new year started with the Key Club and KIWIN'S holding their Mid-Winter Board Meetings in Santa Maria. This was a weekend of intense planning and lots of fun. We were blessed with the presence of our International President, Lee Kuan Young, and his wife who spent the weekend getting to know how great our SLP program is and being introduced to KIWIN'S. Late Saturday evening, with the business concluded, it was time for gift exchanges and then fun and games. But the adults were not forgotten as the advisors had their own gift exchange and some very challenging but fun games. On Sunday morning, our Region 10 Trustee, Katy Porter, joined us at a meeting with the International President for an interesting discussion on the membership initiative, Build, Nurture, Retain. By Sunday lunchtime everyone was still smiling but I am sure they slept on the drive home. Spending a weekend retreat with SLP members is about as good as it gets.



Moorpark Kiwanis honored "Inspirational" and "Friendly" TERRIFIC Kids!



L - R: Mark, Emily, Barbara, Ute, Wendy, and Bruce set up for the assembly. Parents, grandparents, and friends attend the presentation. The inspirational students!



The friendly students!



Every TERRIFIC Kid receives a bumper sticker, bookmark, pencil and certificate.



L - R: Cookies and juice for every honoree. A very proud student! Moorpark has TERRIFIC families too! Our team poses with another TERRIFIC Kid and her mother.



Kiwanis of Oxnard once again proudly helped sponsor the Toys for Teens event at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme. Over 40 gift bags were given to teens from the club at a pizza party at the BGCOP Club House. The annual event is organized by Tiffany Lopez of Oxnard. Immediate Past Div. 42 Lt. Gov. Rodney Medina represented Kiwanis of Oxnard, who donated 15 gift items to the teens.



Div. 42 Immediate Past Lt. Gov. Rodney Medina attended the New Year's Party hosted by the newly-elected Mayor of Oxnard, Luis McArthur, at the Marez Events Center in downtown Oxnard.

Santa Barbara

Marsha Gray Reporting

On December 13 The Unity Shoppe of Santa Barbara had their annual telethon. The CEO of Unity Shoppe is a Kiwanian and a Past President of our Club. Unity Shoppe is special and provides services to our underserved populations. Families are referred to Unity Shoppe and come into their stores and locations to receive food, clothing, and extensive supplies. It looks like a regular store, and the recipients can shop with their children with dignity and respect. We were at the telethon answering phone pledges and supported Unity with a check for \$2,000. Over \$600,000 was raised for Unity.

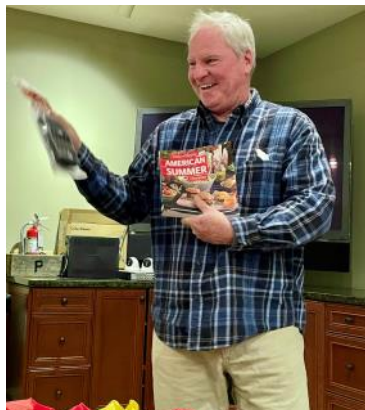


L - R: Alma Vaja, our President Elect, worked the phones and received pledges; Alma working the phones; John Palminteri, local television reporter, doing interviews.

We had our annual White Elephant potluck and gift exchange on Sunday, January 12. This is one of our most fun in-house events.



L - R: Angela Miller Bevan struggling with a gift; Ruth Georgi wondering, "What the heck is this?" President Elect Alma Vaja definitely wondering, "What the heck is this?!?! "



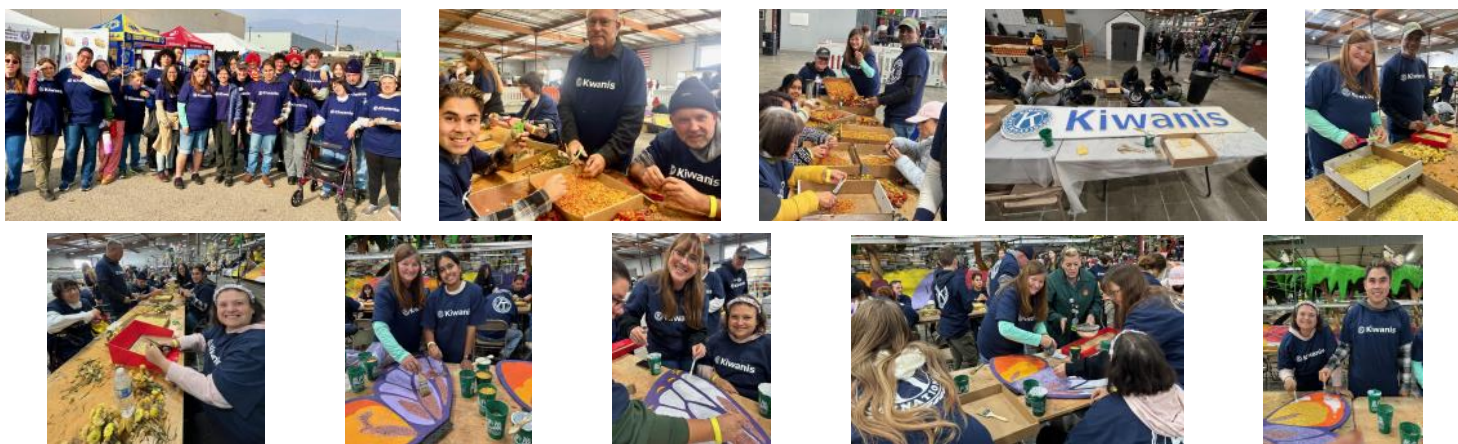
Pete Georgi relishing a cook book from 1985 and a meat claw?!? We ended the evening with our Raffle Drawing. The winner won \$1,000! Congratulations to Dr. Daniel Wagner—a friend of Kiwanis for sure!



We hosted the December DCM, singing Christmas carols as our program. Here's the crew in full regalia for the event.



We made pancakes for 300+ families at Berylwood Elementary's Breakfast with Santa, as we've done for many years.



On Dec. 28 over 20 members, SLP's, and friends helped decorate floats for the Rose Parade.



Saturday, Jan. 11, club and community members helped box items "For The Troops." We packed 137 boxes to send!



Sunday, Jan. 12, our club delivered New Year / Thank You treats to the 6 fire stations in Simi and our Police Station. We also provided blankets for each station to keep in their rigs for children who might need a little comfort.

Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



Division 42 Lieutenant Governor Cuahtemoc "Temo" Solorio paid his official visit to the Thousand Oaks Club on November 13. He shared the Division goals for the year, as well as his four areas of focus - Community (make a positive impact), Educate (get involved with youth), Empower (share talents and encourage others), and Elevate (mentor future leaders). Vice President Jerry Westby presented a "highly coveted" Kiwanis coffee mug to Temo as thanks for an inspirational talk.



The Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club welcomed new member Reina Parades on November 20. Reina is a local realtor with a previous career as an environmental consultant. Her son is a Past President of the Newbury Park High School Key Club, and her daughter is a current member of that club. Reina and her sponsor, Aaron Podell, are shown on the right.



The Turkey Day Dash is back, sponsored by local business Five07 Coffee Bar, and was held Thanksgiving morning at CLU. Net proceeds benefit three local non-profits that helped stage the event - the YMCA, the Boy Scouts, and our club. The Thousand Oaks Club along with members of our Service Leadership Programs provided about 55 volunteers, handling many pre-race and race day duties. About 3,000 runners participated. Net proceeds to our Foundation have not yet been announced, but we expect an amount similar to last year's \$18,750.



The Thousand Oaks Club held its annual holiday party on December 8. Santa made an appearance and gave a smoothie to our Social Committee Chair Kathy Smiley, whose group did a great job on the event. But the real Santa was the club itself. The enormous pile of toys pictured shows the member donations to the kids served by My Stuff Bags. Also pictured are Treasurer Jim Stephenson (center, in photo) and Assistant Secretary Gloria Dyok (right) presenting forty \$25 grocery gift cards to Angie Milne of Many Mansions, our local housing non-profit, for their residents to use this holiday season.



Ventura Kiwanis Builders Club at DATA Middle School. Installation of this years' officers and making ugly cookies.



Marsha Smith, Susan Woodward, Sally Bodine, and Michelle Bleuel preparing quilting materials for the next Data Builders Club meeting. Many quilts are created during the Spring semester for donations to Ventura County Medical Center cancer patients to ease their Chemo suffering.



Division 42 THE HUB



4 DAYS, YEARLONG INSPIRATION

Sharing. Learning. Networking. Creating lifelong friendships. Finding inspiration. There are countless reasons to attend the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S. Whether you're a seasoned leader, longtime Kiwanian or new to our organization, you'll return home energized. Don't miss the most exciting event of the Kiwanis year — and get empowered to drive positive change in your club and community.

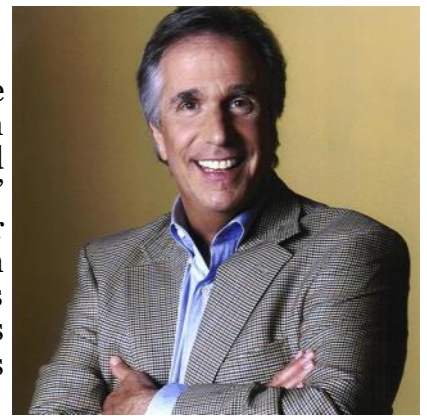


SPECIAL OFFERINGS AT KIWANIS MARKETPLACE!

Kiwanis Marketplace is the go-to heart of the Kiwanis International convention. You can shop, snap photos, snag swag, meet with friends, learn about candidates, talk to our partners, browse exhibitor booths and learn about your host city. New this year, the Welcome Reception in Kiwanis Marketplace will include a DJ, door prizes and different activities each hour. Don't miss the opportunity to take in all that Kiwanis has to offer.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Henry Winkler is instantly recognizable from his role as “The Fonz” on the long-running 1970s TV series “Happy Days” and is well-known for his roles in hits such as “Arrested Development” and “Parks and Recreation.” He earned an Emmy Award for his portrayal of acting teacher Gene Cousineau in “Barry,” which aired from 2018-2023. Winkler is an award-winning author, producer and director of family and children’s programming. He has also been recognized for contributing to a greater understanding of dyslexia through his “Hank Zipzer” series of children’s books. Join us at the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention to be inspired by Winkler’s story and his commitment to helping children reach their full potential!



Enter the Signature Project Contest!

The 2025 Signature Project Contest is open to entries. Our ninth annual contest gives your club an opportunity to be recognized internationally for its signature service project and its impact in your community. Submissions are accepted through January 30. Find information about the contest’s [rules, criteria and more](#) — including information about signature projects themselves.

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: Szechuan 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

February 28 - March 2, 2025

Circle K District Convention
Ontario, CA

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

KIWANIS District Convention
Woodland Hills, CA

April 24-27, 2025

Key Club District Convention
Ontario, 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 (NOTE: *Third Thursday!*)

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

March 13, 2025

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

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

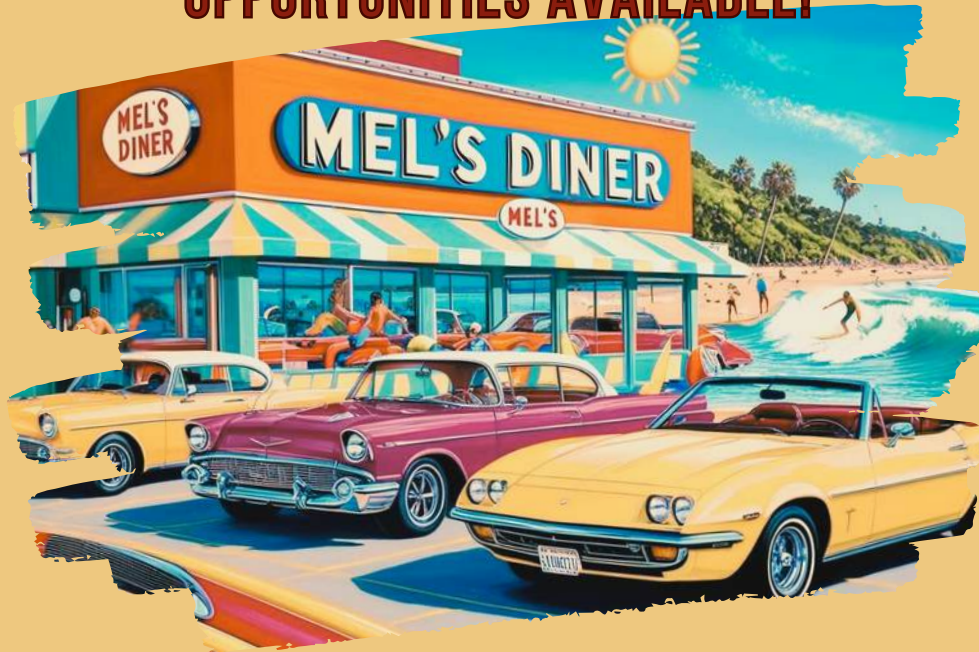
No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation

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

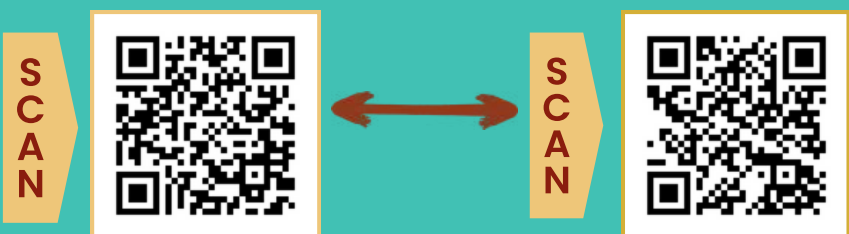


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AMERICAN GRAFFITI
FEB. 22ND | MODESTO

SURFIN' SAFARI
MAR. 29TH | SAN DIEGO

FOUNDER'S DAY

For nearly 60 years, Kiwanians and their clubs have supported our mission of building a better future for children. With your help, we have achieved a great deal, yet there is still much more to accomplish. To assist us in our efforts, we kindly ask each club to make a [Founder's Day](#) contribution that is significant to your club. Your generous gifts provide [community grants](#) and support our [student leaders](#) through scholarships and leadership training.

JUST SAY YES!

The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund is all about spreading hope and making a real difference for children and their families in our District. When you donate to our [YES! Initiative](#), you're directly supporting [youth leadership training](#), [scholarships for college and high school students](#), and [community grants](#). With your support, we're working to build a better future for children. [Just say YES!](#) with a gift today!

SCHOLARSHIPS DUE 02/02/25

Scholarship applications are due Sunday, February 2, 2025 and we need your help with promoting this opportunity to all qualified [Circle K](#) and [Key Club/KIWIN'S](#) members! With your encouragement, more students can reach their educational goals, but they first must submit an application. Consider helping eligible members complete their scholarship app before the deadline. The most rewarding part? You could play a crucial role in shaping their futures!

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Support disaster recovery efforts with a gift to the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund -

tinyurl.com/3smf5d6f



In the upcoming months, affected residents will start the daunting task of rebuilding their lives, and you can help. Scan the QR code, click [here](#), or mail a check, indicating it's for the Southern California Wildfires. You can make a difference.