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# Temo Talk



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Kiwaniis Clubs of:

**CAMARILLO**

**MOORPARK**

**OXNARD**

**SANTA BARBARA**

**SANTA SUSANA**

**SIMI VALLEY**

**THOUSAND OAKS**

**VENTURA**

**VENTURA SUBURBAN**

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Happy February, Kiwanians -

The beginning of the year welcomed us with some uncertainties, as it presented us with circumstances that were out of our control. Our prayers and positive vibes will continue to go out to those who were affected by the fires in any capacity. A huge THANK YOU to those who jumped into the role of servitude, immediately reaching out and helping those being affected. Some of us collected clothing, food, water, medical supplies, and basic necessities, while others opened their doors, welcoming friends and families into their homes. Your actions are all testament to the core values of our Kiwanis CommUnity.

This month we begin by celebrating Valentine's Day or as we call it in the Latino Community, Dia del Amor y de la Amistad, which translates to Day of Love and Friendship. A day commemorating the love between partners, families, and friends (not to mention inflated flower prices and crowded restaurants), for some of us, the one day we take the time to show our close ones how much they mean to us. In the spirit of Valentine's Day or Dia del Amor y de la Amistad, I want to express the love I have for Our CommUnity, I am forever grateful and blessed for the impactful relationships I developed since becoming a Kiwanis. Relationships with others who share the passion and commitment to help others and build CommUnity through servitude.

We then transition to President's Day, a day to celebrate our past leaders and their impact on our Nation. Many of us have our "favorite" President, whether we lived during their term or know of them because of the legacy they left behind. For President's Day, I am going to highlight Lyndon B. Johnson, our Nation's 36th President. I was not alive during his term, but I am a direct beneficiary of his actions and commitment to provide academic, social, and economic growth to everyone in the United States.

President Johnson launched the War on Poverty in 1964 during his State of the Union address. The War on Poverty meant battling poverty through the lens of equitable access to human rights, voting, education, social welfare, and medical care. The Economic Opportunity Act, The Food Stamp Act, Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start, Job Corps, and The Higher Education Act were all consequences of his efforts. Through the Higher Education Act, the Upward Bound Program was established in 1965, a program aimed to help first generation (students whose parents did not complete a four year degree) students from disadvantaged communities get into college. Due to the Program's success, the Student Support Services or SSS Program was established in order to provide services and resources to assure that those students entering college matriculated with their degrees. In 1968, the third program known as Educational Talent Search was born, this program provided college access services to students as young as sixth grade through adulthood. Upon its establishment, the term TRIO was coined and has been in the legislature since. Today, there are a total of eight programs under the TRIO umbrella; Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math & Science (high school), Veterans Upward Bound (Adult Veterans), Educational Talent Search (middle school, high school, and re-entry adults), Educational Opportunity Centers (re-entry adults), Student Support Services (college and university students), Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (PhD research students), and Federal Training Program (Federal TRIO Programs staff).

Today, the TRIO Programs are present throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico, Micronesian Islands (Palau and Guam), Alaska, Hawaii, and every state in the Continental United States. They currently serve over 800,000 students annually and have helped over 6 million students attain college degrees since their existence. Notable alumni include; Astronaut Jose Hernandez, Astronaut Ronald E. McNair, Astronaut Franklin Chang Diaz, Astronaut Bernard Harris, Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Oprah Winfrey, Angela Bassett, and Viola Davis. Locally, the TRIO Upward Bound Program from California Lutheran University is home to alumni Ventura County Superior Court Judge Gilbert Romero and Ventura County Supervisor Vianey Lopez, along with thousands of students who were the

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In January we picked up the collection boxes from our two privately-run pet stores in town and delivered them to the Animal Shelter. We do this each year in conjunction with the Laurie White Foundation. Also in January, our Builders Club paid another visit to Aasta Senior Living where they played Bingo, had hot chocolate, and gave out Happy New Year cards and necklaces.



Linda delivering pet supplies to the Animal Shelter



Builders Club entertaining the elderly at Aasta

At the end of January, kidSTREAM finally had their official groundbreaking ceremony for phase one of the children's museum construction. Although the city dignitaries were all there, the ceremony was cleverly done as a science project for kids where they had to change potential energy into kinetic energy. Starting with searching for 4 balls among a pile of material, using carts they moved the balls to a slide. At the bottom of the slide kids in tractor trailers had to move them to a seesaw lever which also contained weights. This is where the shovels came into play, as they had to fill up the other side of the lever with dirt until it moved, which started a timer. That set off confetti guns!



The kids had a lot of fun with this very entertaining groundbreaking ceremony.

In February, we were back at kidSTREAM again, where we joined many other volunteers putting together 500 gift boxes for kids across Southern California that were affected by the fires. The best part was how we quickly set up teams and eliminated any bottlenecks to have two smoothly running production lines. We were done in one hour, including consuming lots of pizza. Working together with other volunteering groups is certainly getting the Kiwanis name out into our community.



# Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting



L - R: The Moorpark club combines our meetings with a social and dinner! Joanne, Wendy and Barb having fun! Stephanie and Tom—our gracious hosts

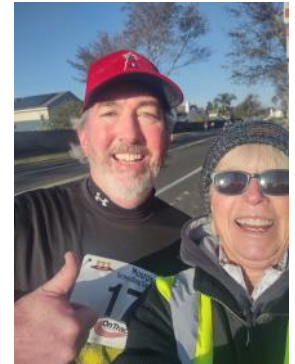


Moorpark has TERRIFIC Kids! And Moorpark has TERRIFIC volunteers!

Every year, Moorpark Kiwanis volunteers with traffic control and cheers on the runners at the Groundhog 5K race.



Bruce and Wendy cheer on the runners.



Tom and Emily



Mark and Ute



Tom is victorious!



Our monthly meeting at Tradewinds Cafe in Oxnard featured a guest, Marlene Guido, who shared insights about marketing and reaching out to the community.



Kiwanis of Oxnard partners with Seaside Cowboys horsemanship program in Oxnard, sharing the healing aspects of horsemanship with the youth of the community. Here are a few moments.

# Santa Barbara

Marsha Gray Reporting



This is our recent speaker Sue Eisaguirre, who began the non-profit organization Nature Track in Santa Barbara. It began as a way to get school age children out of the house and into nature. It has grown and grown and serves to get people of all abilities into nature. The organization has purchased wheelchair tracks which attach to wheelchairs and allow individuals to go on the beach. It is a game changer for people of all abilities. Reach out to Nature Track in Santa Barbara and they will lend anyone throughout California a "track" for several months. Getting children out into nature is vital. Nature Track is conducting 10-12 group excursions a week. All they need is more volunteers!



Left: Pillows and blankets donated to our police station for comforting children. Right: On Feb. 1 we sponsored a blood drive at the Simi Library, coordinated by President Donna.



To honor the MLK Day of Service, members joined with our Key Clubs and Circle K volunteering for the park district. We helped paint the Colony House's steps and rails at Strathearn Historical Park, and a long block wall at Verde Park.



We inducted our newest member, Mike Shaw (center), at our evening meeting on Feb. 12. Mike is an avid proponent for improved cycling and pedestrian infrastructure in Simi - music to Nick's ears! And there are three more inductees in the pipeline!

# Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



In December, the Thousand Oaks Club partnered with members of the Santa Susana Club and Boy Scout Troop 761 to execute a highly successful pet food drive in support of the Laurie White Foundation. We delivered 1,200 pounds of pet food and other items to the Agoura Hills Animal Care Center and non-profits serving our animal friends, including Shelter Hope, Valley Cats, and Manna Food Bank. Steve T. Smith headed up the drive. Kiwanians Gloria Dyok, Patrick Connolly, Steve Kammerer and Katy Porter helped make the deliveries. Boy Scout Troop leader Clue Renslow and his son Enzo load up their car for delivery.



A large contingent of Thousand Oaks Kiwanians trekked to Irwindale during the holidays to help create the beautiful floats for this year's Rose Parade, including the Kiwanis International float. Members who participated are pictured in the large group photo and include Aaron Podell, Past President Mary Sepe, Reina Paredes, Karen Jackson, Teta Van Ommeren, and Immediate Past President and Lieutenant Governor-Elect Paul Lopez and his wife, Kris. Friends joining us who are pictured include Martha Coronado, Kendall Goosen, Madison Morris, Melissa Goosen, and Janelle Guillot. Also pictured taking a selfie with the Kiwanis International Float in the background is member Lynn Burdick.



The Ventura Aktion Club helped the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy plant seeds in the Ojai Meadows Preserve. Members were also educated on the restoration of the area and how it affects our future.



The Vice President and Secretary greet DATA Builders Club members for a quilt making session. The President called the meeting to order with a PowerPoint presentation, and the members worked on the quilts for cancer patients.



The DATA Builder's Club also collected towels for delivery to the Humane Society.



Left: Ventura Kiwanis celebrates members' birthdays every month. February was special because Jim Crow turned 90. Right: Ventura participates in the Ventura Chamber's Connection Breakfast each month. In February there were well over 135 in attendance.





# Division 42 THE HUB



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first in their family to go to college who became teachers, administrators, lawyers, medical doctors, engineers, corporate executives, and one eventually the Division 42 Lt. Governor!

This month, we also honor Black History, a rich history that contributed to the great Nation that we are. From Rosa Parks, Fredrick Douglas, Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcom X, John Lewis, Maya Angelou, Harriet Tubman, Jesse Owens, and the previously mentioned Astronaut Ronald E McNair to name a few. I would also like to acknowledge a couple of unsung Black heroes who had a tremendous impact in my life, my little league baseball coach Dwight Norman and my first third grade teacher Mr. Frierson.

Let's continue to honor their legacy through our servant leadership by providing opportunities, support, and resources to our CommUnities. Thank you for everything that you do; I am blessed to serve alongside all of you!

Gracias,

*Temo Solorio*

TRIO Upward Bound Alumnus, Class of 1999



Please join us at the

# Cal-Nev-Ha Mid-Year South EDUCATION CONFERENCE

**March 29, 2025**



**San Diego Marriott Mission Valley  
8757 Rio San Diego Dr., San Diego, CA**

Last day to book with our discounted rate of \$189.00 per night (+ taxes & fees) is March 6, 2025, or until our contracted room block is sold out, whichever comes first.

\*Discounted overnight self-parking of \$25 per car, per night.

**[Make your online hotel reservations here.](#)**

### **Individual Registration:**

Early Registration - \$70 (ends Feb. 27, 2025)  
Regular Registration - \$80 (ends Mar. 19, 2025)  
All Access Pass - \$299  
On-Site Registration - \$90

**Register Today!**

### **100% Club Registration:**

\$280 Special Club Pricing (regardless of club size)  
Clubs registering as 100% can save over individual registration rates! Register by March 19, 2025.

**100% Registration Form**  
**Extra Sheets for clubs of 6+**

# 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

KIWIN'S 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: 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

**#KidsNeedKiwanis**



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## AWARD NOMINATIONS BEST OF THE BEST

Identify those deserving individuals for this recognition and submit your application today!

Nathan Hale

Bert Shoemaker

Special Olympics



### Dinner Anywhere

for two in the Cal-Nev-Ha District

Draw Date:  
August 11, 2025

\$75 per ticket

Prize value up to \$4,500!

Only 250 tickets will be sold!



Our Dinner Anywhere for Two in CNH raffle is back! The prize includes and will be limited to, dinner at any restaurant within the Cal-Nev-Ha District, plus round trip coach airfare for two, two nights hotel accommodations, and a three-day rental car! Proceeds benefit our mission of building a better future for children and will support a select group of California-based children's hospitals. For tickets, contact any CNH Children's Fund Director or send us an email @ [foundation@cnhkiwanis.org](mailto:foundation@cnhkiwanis.org). Good luck!

### HOPE OF AMERICA

The Hope of America Award celebrates students - from elementary through high school - for outstanding achievement. As the school year ends, today is the perfect time to place your order. Receiving the Hope of America award could serve as the first step in motivating a future filled with extraordinary leadership and accomplishments. Order your awards today!

## 6 Ways You Can Support Our

- Attend the Gala
- Browse Our Auction & Bid
- Become a Sponsor

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- Donate a Gift
- Place a Program Ad
- Make an Outright Gift

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Sat., Mar. 29. 2025 | San Diego, CA



The Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley Presents

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**Ticket Prices: Adults: \$25 (\$30 at Gate), Kids: 12 & Under FREE w/Paid Adult.** Visit [www.RoundUpSimi.com](http://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



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