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## **BOB'S BACKDRAFT**

CAL-NEV-HA District Division 42 Newsletter

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A monthly publication for  
and about the Kiwanis Clubs  
of:

**Camarillo**  
**Carpinteria**  
**Conejo Valley**  
**Moorpark**  
**Oxnard**  
**Santa Barbara**  
**Santa Paula**  
**Santa Susana**  
**Simi Valley**  
**South Coast**  
**Thousand Oaks**  
**Ventura**  
**Ventura Suburban**

Like many of you, I receive a bunch of emails everyday. Some are ads that I delete without opening. Some are business related and I open and read them to ensure that all goes well. Others are from long lost relatives in Nigeria who have been searching for me to let me know of my good fortune. I don't dare open those!

This week I received three emails with good news for the Division. The first announced that Simi Valley Club and our own incoming Lt. Governor-Elect Kathi Van Etten has won an honorable mention in the Club Brochure competition. I have seen the good work that Kathi and company have done. All I can say is that the competition must have been pretty stiff this year. The brochure highlights the Club and all that they do for the community and will serve Simi well into the future. Congratulations Simi!

Secondly, we received the news that the Moorpark club, on the heels of awards for their SLP groups, has been given the prestigious John R Hermann Membership Increase award for their nearly doubling the size of their club in the past two years. I have visited the club several times this year and you can feel the excitement and energy that is building among their members. Moorpark has taken a non-traditional, 3-2-1- Club approach and built it into a fun, service driven group of friends meeting the needs of the children and community of Moorpark. Well done, Ute, and all the great Kiwanians of Moorpark.

Then lastly, we received the news that our division has been awarded the Newsletter of the Year award thanks to all of you and your monthly contributions. The stories and photos of your good work caught the eye of the judges. How did this come about? We need look no further than our editor, the intrepid and talented Lenore Lewis, who compiled, edited, did the layout, and then, in her spare time, published the happenings in our division. A great job and well deserved award.

One more chance this summer to get pumped up on Kiwanis. The District Convention is coming up on August 13-16. I hope to see you all in Sacramento!

**Bob Engler**

**LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.**

# Kiwanis Club of Camarillo

Allen Grizzard-Paul reporting

**The Kiwanis Club of Camarillo** has just held another successful fundraiser at Applebee's, where we raised close to \$1,500 for our Special Needs Playground project. This project has started to get our local community pulling together to achieve our goal of raising \$50,000 and have the first piece of equipment installed in our Kiwanis Centennial Year. We are working very closely with Camarillo Recreation and Parks District and have now been joined by Amber's Light Lions Club who will be helping us raise the funds. The Stoop family from Newbury Park has also joined our committee and this is a copy of their heart warming letter that is helping us get the message out to our local community.

## Our Story



*Dominik, Alicia and JoeJoe enjoying a universally accessible park in Calabasas*

*Five years ago our lives were radically changed forever. Within a span of 10 days we were told that our 2<sup>nd</sup> child and our unborn baby had Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), a rare, degenerative neuromuscular disease. SMA affects all of the voluntary muscles in the body, most often leaving those with SMA unable to walk, stand, crawl or even sit. We knew at that moment that wheelchairs were going to be a part of our lives and playing in the park (something we frequently did with our daughter) was sadly going to be an activity of the past.*

*It is our earnest desire to see a universally accessible playground in the City of Camarillo. We know the need is there...we feel it. We feel it when we have to turn down a playdate due to location or go to a friend's birthday only to realize we can't play on any of the equipment. And we aren't the only ones! Families affected by Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and other special needs feel this need also.*

*An inclusive playground where children of all abilities can play together promotes a culture of acceptance and cooperation; not only among the children, but among the parents and the community at large. We hope that you would come alongside the Kiwanis Club of Camarillo in accomplishing this noble goal to provide a place where ALL children can PLAY TOGETHER. Thank you.*

*The Stoop Family—Joe, Jessica, Alicia, JoeJoe and Dominik*

Please take a moment to visit our special website [www.CamarilloKiwanisPlayground.com](http://www.CamarilloKiwanisPlayground.com) or take a look at our advertisement on Page 62 in the "Beyond the Acorn" Summer Magazine.

# Conejo Valley Kiwanis

Roger Klausler reporting

A busy month for Conejo Valley Kiwanis!

On July 7, Wendy Prindle, Key Club Advisor (left) and our President Laura Fair awarded a \$250 scholarship to Kathleen Owens of Newbury Park High School. Kathleen will attend Northeastern University in Boston majoring in behavioral neuroscience. She was a co-valedictorian, an AP Scholar With Honors, lettered in lacrosse, served as President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club and as a peer counselor. Kathleen hopes that her education will lead to a career in medicine in which she can serve under-privileged communities in the United States and abroad. [Right]



On July 9, we co-hosted the DCM with the Carpintería club.



On Saturday, July 11, we cooked and served our annual lunch barbecue for the Ventura County Children's Services Auxiliary foster families at Freedom Park in Camarillo. About 225 people attended. There was also a petting zoo, pony rides, sno-cones and a display by the Ventura County Sheriff Department Bomb Squad. (Left)

On the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup>, we held a fund-raiser at the Malibu Winery.



On July 22, our club joined with members of Moorpark Kiwanis as we barbequed at Conejo Creek North for 100 marching band members from 3 area high schools, as well as the Thousand Oaks Sparkle Dancers, who created an Olympic entrance to the park for



the Special Olympics Delegations from Mongolia, San Marino, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Tajikistan.

On July 23, as we do every other month, we prepared and served dinner at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Thousand Oaks as part of the Lutheran Social Services Meal and Shelter Program.

On July 25, we joined the Key Clubs from the Division at their Mandalay Beach Day. [right]



# Moorpark Kiwanis

Ute Van Dam reporting



Multiple Kiwanians/Key Club members were honored with nominations at the Moorpark Chamber Awards. Big winners were Kevin Nguyen, Youth of the Year, and the Kiwanis Club of Moorpark as Non-Profit/Service Organization of the Year! *Left to Right: Ken Simons, David Moe, Margarita Assael, Margaret Stafford, Kevin Nguyen, Kim Simons and President Ute Van Dam*

**Moorpark Kiwanians help the "Friends of the Library" with their annual book sale.** *(Left to Right) Back Row: Bryan Lee, Debbie Lee, Mark Van Dam, Ute Van Dam, Steve Hopple Front Row: Cindy Pratt, Charlie Hopple*

**Christine Warren and Margarita Assael help out at the Key Club DCM at Oxnard State Beach.**



# KEY CLUBS ROCK THE BEACH!



Division 42 KEY Clubs, East and West, held a joint DCM/Beach party on July 25 at Mandalay Beach Park in Oxnard. Along with Lt. Governors Tue Nguyen (West) and Kevin Nguyen (West), clubs gathered for food, fun, and fellowship with 60 of their new friends from high schools across the division. Region 10 Key Club Advisor Stacie Marotta and Region 10 Assistant Advisor Jim Major hosted with the help of members from the Kiwanis Clubs of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, and Conejo. Great way to keep the spirit going through summer break!

# Santa Barbara Kiwanis

Anita Dominocielo

## Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara



We are Growing by Leaps and Bounds!



### Welcome **Orlando Aldana** and **Micah Greasby**

**Orlando**, a former member of our Kiwanis Club is returning to the Club, because he missed us and all the community service he performed with us. **Micah**, fairly new to Santa Barbara has been helping us with community service projects, so wanted to make it official by becoming a member! Welcome to both of them. **Gary Gray** sponsored Orlando and **Anita Dominocielo-Ho** sponsored Micah.



### Welcome **Bill Childs**

Bill had been member of the Kiwanis Club of the South Coast (Suburban Kiwanis) for many years. Due to work obligations he has to leave, but being a Kiwanian at heart, he had to return to a Kiwanis Club. **Gary Gray**, his friend of more than 40 years, sponsored him into the Santa Barbara Club.



### Welcome **Michele Herrera**

**Dr Art Najera** was VERY excited to sponsor Michele into the Club. See those lovely teeth? Thank you Dr. Art! He took care of her, her family and children's teeth. He was thrilled to catch up with her, now as a fellow Kiwanian.



### Welcome **John Johnson**

This is how we increase our membership, bring in your friend from high school! That is what member Kiwanian **Matt Moore** did. These long time friends will enjoy providing community service as Kiwanians.



### Welcome **Priscilla Hernandez**

**Marsha Gray**, Membership Chair filled in for **Lisa Godschan** who sponsored Priscilla. Priscilla is with the Boys and Girls Club. We have a strong relationship with the B&G Club and hope to increase our support even more with the leadership of Priscilla.

# Santa Susana Kiwanis

Angela Jones reporting

## July 18th Car Show Fundraiser



We had great cars, great food, great vendors and great people involved! Also had great help from members of the Santa Susana Key Club who joined in to help.

# South Coast Kiwanis

Julie Bischoff Reporting

The Kiwanis Club of the South Coast provided another BBQ for Angels Foster Care Families and Staff. This wonderful organization finds PERMANENT homes for abandoned babies under the age of two. They have placed almost 200 babies in Happy Homes since their inception about five years ago.

We even had a few tree climbers!



The chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, even veggie burgers were at hit, but the bread and beans still get great reviews!





# Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

Lenore Lewis reporting  
Photos by Chuck Rogers

## NEW MEMBERS!



Two new members were inducted at our July 1st meeting (hence, the red-white-blue theme)... Omar Greco, sponsored by recruiter extraordinaire, past President, Dr. David Biedebach, and Evie Bystrom, sponsored by her husband, Kiwanian Rick Herrera. Armed with their aprons, plaques and new member information, it'll be a race to see who gets their Permanent Member Badge first. President San Lee and Ted Driscoll, himself a past President, were on hand to assist in the very meaningful club induction.



Closing out an exceptional month, past Lt. Governor Paul Campbell speaks about membership in Kiwanis to an all-star group of guests and dignitaries at our Wednesday meeting (7/29/15) in celebration of our club's 50th Anniversary Year. The meeting doubled as our "Special Guest Day."

DIVISION 42 NEWSLETTER

SANTA SUSANA KIWANIS

# SUPER BUNCO

## FUNRAISER

Proceeds will go to our many charitable causes, with emphasis on children in our community.

**SATURDAY, August 8th**  
**5:00 - 8:30 PM**



**John Ohler's Home**  
**5005 Tapo Canyon Rd, Simi Valley, CA 93063**

**TICKETS \$20.00**

**(includes Dinner, No Host Bar Beer & Wine)**

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**For information or reservation,**  
**please e-mail: [Kiwanisinfo@att.net](mailto:Kiwanisinfo@att.net) or call (805) 340-7673**



Kiwanis of Santa Susana

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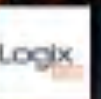
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# Division 42 Clubs & Meetings

Please confirm the meeting place and time with the Club Secretary if you are planning a visit.

## Camarillo

**Meeting:** Round Table Restaurant, 880 Arneill Rd.,  
1st Tuesday 6:00 PM; All Other Tuesdays 12:00pm  
**President:** Allen Grizzard-Paul  
**Email:** allengrizzard@msn.com **Ph:** (805)-782-6279  
**Secy:** Cecelia Rexford P.O. Box 533 (club address), Camarillo, 93011  
**Email:** aachskiwinsadvisor@gmail.com **Ph:** (805) 647-1081

## Carpinteria - NOTE SCHEDULE UPDATE!

**Meeting:** Memorial Bldg., 941 Walnut Avenue,  
2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
**President:** Dorinda Macias  
**Email:** dorinda@islandviewnursery.com **Ph:** (805) 680-4581  
**Secy:** Rosana Swing  
**Email:** rsrdswing@gmail.com **Ph:** (805) 680-2670

## Conejo Valley \*\* NEW location info

**Meeting:** Bandits Grill and Bar  
589 North Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks  
Tuesdays 11:45am  
**President:** Laura Fair  
**Email:** lfairdmv61@gmail.com **Ph:** (805) 796-1039  
**Secy:** Roger Klausler **Email:** rklausler@gmail.com

## Moorpark

**Meeting:** Moorpark Chamber of Commerce, 18 E. High St.,  
1st Mondays 7:00 pm  
**President:** Ute Van Dam **Email:** vandamage@roadrunner.com  
**Ph:** (805) 433-3306  
**Secy:** Tom Anderson **Email:** tqanderson@roadrunner.com  
**Ph:** (805) 708-6454

## Oxnard— NOTE President & Contact info!

**Meeting:** The Tower Club, 300 E. Esplanade Dr., 22nd  
Floor

WEDNESDAYS @ 12:00 pm

**President:** Sheila Estaniel 818-642-3963

**Email:** Sheila.Estaniel@gmail.com

**Secy:** Daniel Martinez—call to schedule visit

**Email:** Daniel.martinez@ci.oxnard.ca.us **Ph: Cell (805)  
844-9145 or Work, 805-385-7805**

## Santa Barbara

**Meeting:** Mesa Café, 1972 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara,  
Wednesdays 12:00 pm  
**President:** Peter Gorgi  
**Email:** peter@santabarbarainsuring.com  
**Ph:** (805) 962-0794  
**Secy:** Anita Dominocielo  
**Email:** vol@volunteersb.com **Ph:** (805) 451-2928

## Santa Paula

**Meeting:** Zapparelli's Pizza, 598 W. Main St., Santa Paula,  
Thursdays 12:00 pm

## Santa Susana

**Meeting:** Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley,  
Wednesdays 12:15 pm  
**President:** Jeff Bertoniere **Email:** jeffsreteam@gmail.com  
**Ph:** (805) 377-0130  
**Secy:** Sonja Cohen **Email:** sonja\_cohen@yahoo.com  
**Ph:** (805) 522-6246

## Simi Valley

**Meeting:** Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley,  
Wednesdays 6:45 am  
K-Too Meetings - 2nd Friday Night of Each Month, 6:30pm  
(Location Varies) Call (805) 377-4329 for information  
**President:** Gwen Major **Email:** gwenmajor@gmail.com  
**Ph:** (805) 581-4890  
**Secy:** Chris Kuether **Email:** svkiwanissecretary@gmail.com  
**Ph:** (515) 277-8955

## South Coast

**Meeting:** IHOP Restaurant, 4765 Calle Real, Santa Barbara,  
CA 93105, Tuesdays 6:30 pm  
**President:** Julie Bischoff  
**Email:** jbb@jwbailey.com **Ph:** (805) 729-2644  
**Secy:** J R Gardner **Email:** gardn8j@cox.net **Ph:** (805) 967-5801

## Thousand Oaks

**Meeting:** Palm Gardens, 495 Ventu Park Rd., Thousand Oaks  
Wednesdays 7:15 am;  
**Social Mtg. "First Friday" night each month; location varies**  
**President:** Sandra Lee  
**Email:** sanlee123@sbcglobal.net **Ph:** (805) 907-9010  
**Secy:** Gloria Dyok **Email:** [gloriadyok@verizon.net](mailto:gloriadyok@verizon.net)  
**Ph:** (805) 492-8679

## Ventura

**Meeting:** Poinsettia Pavillion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura, Fridays  
12:00 pm  
**President:** Kris Etzler  
**Email:** bapkke@aol.com **Ph:** (805)-558-1262.  
**Secy:** Matt Kohagen **Email:** EPTCB64@gmail.com  
**Ph: Home:** (805) 795-1445 **Cell:** (805) 795-1445

## Ventura Suburban

**Meeting:** Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave.,  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30 pm  
**President:** Brendan Hendrick  
**Email:** kiwinsda2000@aol.com **Ph: Home:** (805) 642-8661  
**Secy:** Tracey Hendrick **Email:** tnbhen@aol.com **Ph:** (805) 642-8661



# DIVISION 42 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **AUGUST 2015**

No DCM this month... see you at DCON in Sacramento!

**August 13-15, 2015—  
DCON**

**Sacramento Convention Center —  
Hotel: Hyatt Regency Sacramento**

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

## **SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

No DCM this month...

See you at Lt. Governor Designate Nick Esser's Installation...!!

**11:30AM—River Ridge Golf Club  
2401 W Vineyard Ave, Oxnard, CA**



## **SPECIAL CLUB EVENTS:**

**Saturday, August 8th—  
Santa Susana Kiwanis presents  
Their BUNCO Fundraiser!**

**Saturday, August 15th—  
Ventura Kiwanis presents  
COOL BREEZE CENTURY**

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**Thursday,  
August 27th—  
Thousand Oaks  
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