



BOB'S BACKDRAFT

CAL-NEV-HA District Division 42 Newsletter

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A monthly publication for
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of:

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Carpinteria
Conejo Valley
Moorpark
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Santa Susana
Simi Valley
South Coast
Thousand Oaks
Ventura
Ventura East
Ventura Suburban

As we turn the page onto February, we are now 1/3 the way through our Division 42 Kiwanis year. Some of you may be saying how quickly that flew by, others may be despairing that we still have 2/3 of the year to complete before we had it off to a new batch of Kiwanis leaders! In any event, I thought it a good time to review some of what your club presidents and I spoke about on at my house in September and how we are doing on the goals we set then.

Division 42 is a collection of individual clubs each with its own outlook on service. But we are more than separate groups. In September, the presidents recognized that charity begins at home and whereas we are always happy to help perfect strangers, we should also lend a hand to our neighboring clubs as well. Our clubs should look to each other when asking for help. What better way to involve others in service than to ask your friends in Kiwanis to be there with you. So far this year, several clubs have reached out and received willing help from their Division 42 neighbors. Let's continue sharing the work of service.

The presidents ask that Division Councils Meetings be interesting and educational for all who attend. We arranged the tables in the room to be more "family" style so that as clubs sit around having dinner they are able to talk to their neighbors face to face. We even "Went on the Road" thanks to Camarillo and Oxnard and had an interesting meeting at the Commemorative Air Force Museum amidst the war birds of WW II. So far I think the speakers have all had interesting and substantive things to say.

The first third of this year's speakers presented gaps in the community that Kiwanis may be able to fill. From identifying children with special educational needs, to a lack of rehab facilities and neonatal bassinets in Ventura County, to a request for continuing assistance to Special Olympics, we have all seen some of the needs out there. The presidents were tasked with coming up with a project that all clubs can buy into Division wide. I am happy to say that, under the leadership of Lt. Governor Elect Lou Cunningham, the Division has chosen to help Special Olympics as our Division wide project for 2014-15. Lou will have more for us shortly!

In September, the presidents committed to serving their Student Leadership Groups groups and to report each month on what activities their clubs have had with SLP. Our SLP members are such a joy to be around that this assignment is more of a pleasure than a task! To make that task even easier, we are fortunate to have in one of our clubs, the Region 10 Key Club coordinator in the person of Stacie Marotta. I asked each sponsoring club to interclub with each of their SLP groups and I look forward to monthly reports of those interactions.

As we step into our next third of the year, look for presentations at the DCMs on "Best Practices" that all clubs can use. Try to work acknowledgment of the 100th birthday of Kiwanis into your club's activities. Look toward building our clubs by asking people to join you in the Kiwanis experience.

We have done a lot so far this year but there is more to come!

Remember, there is No DCM this month since I will be seeing you all at Mid Year South Convention in Riverside later this month!

Bob Engler

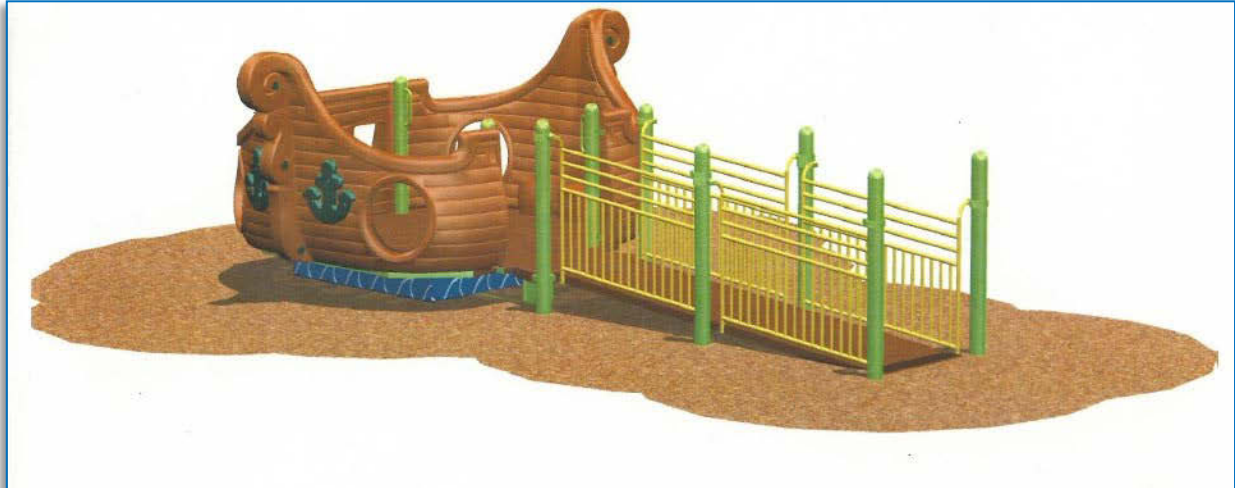
LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

Kiwanis Club of Camarillo

Reporting by Allen Grizzard

Special Need Playground at Camarillo Community Center

On carrying out a Community Assessment it was discovered that there was very little playground equipment to support Special Needs Children in Camarillo. In cooperation with Camarillo Recreation and Parks District, our Kiwanis Club is planning to install the following piece of equipment in the Playground at the Community Center.



“Rockin Ship Glider”

We are in the process of writing grants and seeking corporate sponsors and hope to have it installed during Kiwanis 100 Anniversary.

We are also in the planning phase for our “Joggin’ for the Noggin’ 5K/10K Race which will be held on June 6. Last year we raised over \$30,000 for Brain Cancer Research, and this year we hope to beat that goal.



John Muller, Kiwanis 5K/10K Race Chair with Robert Zook who came to us last for help in raising funds and awareness for Brain Cancer Research

Conejo Valley Kiwanis

Roger Klausler reporting

We resumed our annual partnership with the Lutheran Social Services Feed-The-Needy program, serving about 30 people at the Chinese Christian Church on January 22.

The Sycamore Canyon School Builders Club, which we sponsor, will be sorting food for Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank and is collecting blankets for the Humane Society.

On February 2 and 3, Billy D'z BBQ Restaurant in Newbury Park will donate to the Club 20% of the proceeds from all orders that are accompanied by a fundraiser coupon.

Coming up on Friday, February 6th, is a fundraising event at the Goebel Senior Center in Thousand Oaks...

One of the top Tupperware "salesmen" in California, "Kay Sedia" will headline the most outrageous Tupperware Party you may ever attend!

Tupperware Fiesta!

Featuring
Kay Sedia
& Margaritas!

Friday, Feb. 6, 2015
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Snacks, No Host Bar
Admission is Free!

Goebel Senior Center
1385 E. Janss Rd.
Thousand Oaks
(By the Library)

Info: 805-418-2577

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dedicated to improving the world one child
and one community at a time.*

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Moorpark Kiwanis

Moorpark Kiwanis Loves our Terrific Kids! Each month during the school year, our team attends three elementary school campuses and presents students with a Ter-



rific Kids Award, bumper sticker, ruler and a pencil. In addition, students and their family get to enjoy delicious homemade cookies made by Margaret Stafford. She has baked tens of thousands of cookies over the years for Terrific Kids!

Ute Van Dam reporting



A Moorpark Terrific Kids bumper sticker is spotted in Thousand Oaks.



Congratulations to our Moorpark Key Club President, Kevin Nguyen, who is now the 2015 Lt. Governor! The Key Club members are looking forward to an energetic, fun year with Kevin at the wheel! Kevin is pictured above, with Margarita Assael, the Kiwanis Moorpark Key Club sponsor.

Santa Barbara Kiwanis

Anita Dominocielo



Brian Mays (center) is welcomed as a new Kiwanian. He came from San Diego to attend UCSB. Brian is a Marketing Consultant for the ZeeBlu company located in Goleta. Brian will be a fabulous addition to our Club. He is sponsored by Lauren Alvarado (far right) he congratulated by Club President Pete Georgi and inducted by Membership Chair Marsha Gray.

Circle Club Members in the house!



CKI members are trying to outsmart the Kiwanians in Trivial Pursuit game (ok, not hard to do). Each of their GPA's were impressive as we challenged their science, sports and history skills!!

Above are **Matt Chee**, Vice President of Service, **Jose Gutierrez**, President of CKI, in the middle and on the left **Alex Nguyen**, Kiwanis Family Chair

White Elephant Gift Exchange and Potluck Social



Marsha Gray, Sue and Bruce Byers (front row), **Lenny Rodriguez, Rosemary Santillan and Alma Vaja** show off their fun gifts. The food was scrumptious. The gifts were most unusual, which made us all laugh and laugh. Great FUN !!

World Vision- Clean Water for Africa fundraiser

On **Sunday, February 8** the Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara will be providing lunch for the auction fundraiser to raise funds for the World Vision organization. The event will be held at the Santa Barbara Junior High School. Last year they were able to raise a great deal of funds for this valuable project.

Simi Valley Kiwanis

Chris Keuther Reporting

We had a barn clean up project to get our storage site organized. The photo below is the crew and what we cleaned up that could go in the trash. We also made a garage sale/donate pile. All in preparation for a busy 2015...



We are working on planning for Round Up on *April 18th* and our upcoming Second Annual Pancake Breakfast on February 28th! The Pancake Breakfast is also held in the Barn at Hummingbird Nest Ranch. The inaugural event was attended by 500 people on a very rainy Saturday morning.

ROUND-UP
The Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley Presents
The 2nd Annual PANCAKE ROUND-UP
In the Barn at Hummingbird Nest Ranch
Saturday, February 28 - 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
includes: Pancakes, Bacon or Sausage, Fruit, Coffee & Juice
Country Music & Country FUN!
all you can eat (pancakes) **\$5.00**
Kids 3 & under - FREE
www.roundupsimi.com - 805-807-5100

South Coast Kiwanis

Judy Bischoff reporting



January is the month when the Kiwanis Club of the South Coast takes inventory of our BBQ trailer. We need to be prepared for whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at us on BBQ day when we help our local nonprofit youth groups. So this month we are adding a propane water heater, some new paint, decals, and not forgetting to check the waterproofing of the trailer and our own gear!



Lenore Lewis reporting
Photos by Chuck Rogers

Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

Thousand Oaks Kiwanians cooked burgers and hot dogs at the famed Paramount Ranch on Saturday, January 10th. The event for "Ride On Therapeutic" had been postponed from December because of rain. Fortunately, the rain on the "rain date" held off long enough for all the special riders to have a wonderful day.



ONGOING READING PROJECT AT CONEJO ELEMENTARY

As a follow up to last month's banner installation in the library at the Conejo Elementary School, all of Thousand Oaks got to read a beautiful letter penned by the school's new Librarian, thanking Kiwanis of Thousand Oaks for all their hard work. Each week, our Guest Speakers sign a Kiwanis of Thousand Oaks bookplate which goes into each book donated to the Library. This terrific program offers many opportunities for members to assist children in our community in a deeply meaningful way.

Newbury Park Kiwanis helps school library

Built in 1924, Conejo Elementary School was one of the first schools in the Conejo Valley Unified School District. It is a Title I school with a high number of students on free and reduced-price lunches.

As the new librarian at Conejo Elementary, I've made it my priority to enhance the library program.

The Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks adopted the Conejo Elementary School Library as an ongoing philanthropy project in the spring of 2014 shortly after I started working here.

My sincerest thanks goes to the members of Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks for their recent, generous donation of a 30-foot-long, custom-designed banner for the library. This beautiful banner, so carefully rendered by Mr. John McArthur, was installed in the library Dec. 29.

It has made a huge improvement to our library walls. Teachers and students have been commenting on its beauty all week. It has definitely added color and warmth to the library's interior.

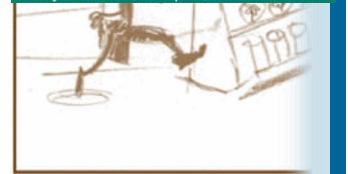
In addition, the Kiwanis Club has been providing the library with regular volunteer support during library class times. The volunteers enable me to spend more time helping students find books in the library.

I'm also able to give book recommendations to reluctant readers who would not normally check out a book.

This is improving students' overall experience in the library and helps to ensure that each student is reading on a regular

Thousand Oaks Acorn

Serving Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, North Ranch and Westlake



basis, increasing fluency and vocabulary.

I've really enjoyed meeting and working with the members from the club. They've been acting as regular guest readers, working at the circulation desk during check-in and checkout time, and shelving books for me.

Finally, I would like to thank the Kiwanis Club for creating a Guest Speaker Book Donation program with a donation of 20 brand-new, high-quality, library-bound books to add to the collection.

The Kiwanis Club is definitely a valuable asset to the community.

**Laura Collett
Thousand Oaks**

Wildlife belongs here too

I had to read Mr. Hicks' Jan. 8 letter "Is cougar eating your pets?" several times to make sure I understood his position.

Assuming I'm right, it would appear that Mr. Hicks thinks that the 14-month-old cougar should be killed simply because it is doing what cougars do.

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Ventura Kiwanis

Judy Mullins reporting

President Kris Etzler admired the "white elephant" gifts brought by members during a January lunch. Michelle Bleuel displays her "white elephant."



Saying farewell to Aleesha Hsu, outgoing Key Club president. She is graduating mid-year and will work until she heads off to college somewhere in fall 2015. Celebrating on 1/15/15, with pizza are the Key Club officers and advisors Steve Smailes and Pete Villarreal.



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

Meeting: Memorial Bldg., 941 Walnut Avenue, Wednesdays 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 **** updated location info**

Meeting: **EMAIL Roger Klausler for latest information!**
Tuesdays 11:45am
President: Laura Fair
Email: lfairdmv61@gmail.com Ph: (805) 796-1039
Secy: Roger Klausler Email: rklausler@gmail.com

East Ventura **** New Location & info**

Meeting: 1st & 3rd Wednesday @ 5pm speaker 1st Wed; Bd. Mtg. 3rd Wed.
Main Street Restaurant & Steak House
3159 E. Main Street—Ventura
President: Mike Ewens Email: Taosmike@aol.com
Ph: Home: (805) 644-1941; Cell: (805) 258-9668
Secy: Connie Poulsen Email: cpoulsen@att.net ** updated info
Ph: (805) 642-2900 (Cell) 805-216-8105

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 ** corrected phone #
Secy: Tom Anderson Email: tqanderson@roadrunner.com
Ph: (805) 708-6454

Oxnard

Meeting: The Tower Club, 300 E. Esplanade Dr., 22nd
Floor, Thursdays 12:00 pm
President: Dawn Boldrin
Email: DNoordaBoldrin@itt-tech.edu Ph: ?????
Secy: Daniel Martinez
Email: Daniel.martinez@ci.oxnard.ca.us Ph: Cell (805) 844-9145

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
President: Dan Robles Email: conan0421@hotmail.com Ph: (805) 525-1460
Secy: Jerry Burns Email: volleyballjerry@aol.com
Ph: (805) 499-7067

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 6:00 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@roadrunner.com
Ph: (805) 492-8679

Ventura ****Corrected info**

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

FEBRUARY 2015

No DCM this month—see you at MID-YEAR at the gorgeous Mission Inn in Riverside!

Saturday, February 21st

*Mid-Year @ The Mission Inn—
Riverside, CA*

Saturday, February 28th

*Simi Valley's 2nd Annual Pancake Round Up @
Hummingbird Nest Ranch! If you'd never been... now is
the time!*

MARCH 2015

Thursday, March 12th—DCM @ The ARC—Ventura

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

Thanks to Thousand Oaks Kiwanis for providing dinner this month!

Save the Date! 

Sunday, March 29th

**Governor Alan Guire's visit—
River Ridge Golf Course, Oxnard**

APRIL 2015

Thursday, April 9th

DCM @ The ARC—Ventura

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

Thanks to Santa Barbara Kiwanis for providing dinner this month!

Kiwanis One Day is April 11th



SATURDAY APRIL 18TH—Simi Valley

ROUND UP!

A Rockin' Country Music Extravaganza! www.roundupsimi.com

APRIL 2015 (continued)

**APRIL 25th & 26th —
SPECIAL OLYMPICS**



DIVISION 42 SERVICE PROJECT

**Saturday—April 25th —Ventura County Basketball Tournament
California Lutheran University — 60 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks**

**Sunday—April 26th Special Olympics Bocce Tournament
Limoneira Bocce Courts 1141 Cummins Drive, Santa Paula**

MAY 2015

Thursday, May 14th

DCM @ The ARC—Ventura

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

Thanks to Ventura, East Ventura & Suburban for providing dinner this month!

JUNE 2015

No DCM this month... see you all at CLE training!

JULY 2015

Thursday, July 9th

DCM @ The ARC—Ventura

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

Thanks to Carpenteria & Conejo Valley for providing dinner this month!

AUGUST 2015

No DCM this month... see at DCON!



August 16th—Ventura Kiwanis presents COOL BREEZE CENTURY

<https://www.facebook.com/events/243331062542986/>

SEPTEMBER 2015

No DCM this month... See you at Lt. Gov. Elect Lou's Installation!!

