



BOB'S BACKDRAFT

CAL-NEV-HA District Division 42 Newsletter

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The Formula is a Kiwanis program designed to provide the means to make good clubs great, struggling clubs well, and open new clubs in area that are not served. The bywords of the Formula is "Kiwanis, Love it, Live it, Share it." I think we can all agree that we love being Kiwanians. Why else would we be making time to get to a lunch meeting or giving up weekend sleep-ins for helping others! And why would we all pay for the privilege of doing so!

But what does living Kiwanis mean? And how do you do it? I found this at the convention where some Kiwanians shared their insights.

John Sheridan, Texas-Oklahoma District: Kiwanis provides a tremendous opportunity to leave that legacy—that for my time on Earth I've left it a little better and a little richer place for my being there.

Bob Ducato, New York District: It's a way of giving back for what you've received. To me, living Kiwanis is appreciating people, working with them, helping them to develop and grow.

David Vail, New York District: It's seeing a problem—and instead of saying, "I hope it gets resolved," it's stepping in and handling it. Whether it be a child that's in NICU, whether it's a child in the community that doesn't have a baseball uniform, or whether it's a family that's been burned out of a home and has small children—making sure they get gifts at Christmas.

Living Kiwanis means consciously showcasing the goodness in your heart. This is what makes our clubs so valuable. They are good for the community but they also give us the opportunity to be our better selves, to be we all should be and to leave a mark on our world. Well worth the price of admission!

Think about a way to share this with others. Wear a shirt with your club's logo on it around town. Have that one minute elevator speech ready when someone asks "What is Kiwanis, anyway". If you are like me, Kiwanis has been good to you. Let it be good for someone else, too. Offer the gift of Kiwanis to a friend.

Bob Engler

LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

Conejo Valley Kiwanis

Roger Klausler reporting

We held elections on May 12. Our President for 2015-16 will be Dee Talley; our President -elect is Tom Stapleford; the members of our Board of Directors are Tim Neal, Sonia Agresti and Randy Gould; our long-serving Treasurer is Paul Campbell; and our Secretary is Roger Klausler.

A rummage sale on May 16 at St. Julie Billiard Church in Newbury Park brought in a little over \$400 for our Foundation.

On May 28, 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 June 13 our President-elect Dee Talley and Secretary Roger Klausler attend CLE training at The ARC in Ventura.



Welcome to Indianapolis!



A fun greeting at the airport in Indianapolis!



Opening Celebration: The Kiwanis Century



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NEW MEMBERS!



Past Lt. Governor (2006-2007) Mike Wesner welcomes our two newest members, Steve Hoppel and Howard Yaras.



Nick Esser, Bob Engler, Stacie Marotta and Advisor Margarita Assael (far right) present the Moorpark Key Club with multiple awards they earned.



Moorpark Kiwanians and Key Club members serve our veteran's and guest coffee and snacks at the Memorial Day observance.



Moorpark Key Clubbers and Kiwanian Mark Van Dam help serve delicious food catered by the Secret Garden at the *Wine and Moonlight* fundraiser.



Santa Barbara Kiwanis

Anita Dominocielo



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Our guest speaker **Scott Wallace** of Montecito Custom Homes. He is also a chef and a finalist in the Bud and Burger competition.



Guest **Meredith Garofalo** requesting pledges for her July 26 Salsa Dance event at the Oxnard Salsa Festival. She is dancing to support Make-A-Wish Tri-Counties. Go to her FB page and support her!
Pete Georgi gave a generous donation!!



Jimmy Weldon at the age of 91 inspired us with his youthful energy. His stories about his personal life and his show business experiences were hilarious.



President **Pete Georgi** photo bombing **Kathy Huntington** during the Happy and Sad Dollar session.



Dylan Ortega, Teen Star Finalist, has the talent and is ready for the big time, that is, as soon as he finishes high school!! The Kiwanis Club members were moved by the struggles this young man had to face as a young child. But he conquered and overcame them to become a man to admire. Remember his name; we see great things on the horizon for him. He brought his friend and guitarist, **Shay** who is in the Air Force.



The club welcomed **Irina**, who is a personal chef and wellness coach. She encouraged us to replenish our health with food that is delicious, beautiful and addresses our specific health challenge. This **Dancing Chef** can be check her out at www.thedancingchefsb.com.

We also had a visit from **Kyler** a student from UC Davis who is interning with Kiwanian **Josh Kane** at Edward Jones this summer.

South Coast Kiwanis

Julie Bischoff Reporting



A great Day at the Beach was had BBQ-ing for the *Best Day Foundation* by the *South Coast Kiwanis Club*. Best Day provides the all the special equipment and trained volunteers needed to get special needs kids in the water for a **BEST DAY** at the beach. We provided a full meal featuring hot dogs and hamburgers for the hungry, wet, but happy participants. Students from UCSB Circle K and Santa Barbara School of Squash helped make the whole day easier. And we were happy to have a totally cleaned out trailer with new decals for the event.

South Coast Kiwanis

Julie Bischoff Reporting

The Kiwanis Club of the South Coast provided a full BBQ to the People Helping People Organization which serves thousands of needy families in Santa Barbara County. The bike riding fundraiser course went through the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley and ended at Midland School where the riders were rejuvenated with a full BBQ and Irish music and dancers.



Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

REST IN PEACE, SERGIO

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, we lost our good friend Sergio Sepe, who struggled valiantly against cancer with the enduring support of his wife Mary and his family, especially daughter Asia who lived with Mary and Sergio. Mary graciously hosted friends and fellow Kiwanians who visited with Sergio at home over the last months of his life, allowing them to again enjoy his unequalled graciousness and charm.



Sergio's admonition to "calm down," which always seemed to work.

Sergio completely relished the camaraderie of the Club membership, and the meetings were a little more lively and entertaining when Sergio offered a comment or, as many remember, when Sergio (from Italy), Irish

John Gore (from Northern Ireland, Bangor to be exact), and Sorin Muntean (from Romania) attempted to offer English translations of each others' remarks, even though those remarks were ostensibly in English.

Sergio led our Club as President in 2006-2007 and followed that up by serving as Division 42 Lieutenant Governor in 2009-2010. In those capacities Sergio utilized the leadership skills and spirit of service that he had honed at the myriad Kiwanis service projects in which he had participated. When things got a little unruly in the meetings, who can forget

Rest in peace, Sergio and may Mary and Asia and Sergio's other children, Jennifer, Tiffany and Jason and their families, be comforted by the Club's friendship at this sad time.



Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

Lenore Lewis reporting
Photos by Chuck Rogers



Thousand Oaks Kiwanis' inaugural Mentor Program had an auspicious beginning at Thousand Oaks High School. 20 mentors and 35 high school students attended with a morning of serious plans for the future... It was so well received, rumors are flying that there are plans to expand it to our other local high schools next year!



Medical "A" Team—Club Members who met with aspiring medical professionals included Dr. Jane Lee, DDS and Past President, Chiropractor David Biedebach.



Project Coordinators, Cristy Warner, left to right, Barbara Ashcraft, and Kris Schnell, directed students to mentor tables.



New Member James Smith is inducted, flanked by his wife, sponsor Dave Biedebach, and President San Lee.



Another First-Time Event—Special Olympics Track & Field Day at Newbury Park High School—A great TO Kiwanis turnout on a busy day shared with our big "Wheel to the Sea" event! New Member James Smith jumped right into the spirit of service!



The posters highlighting Simi Valley's Premiere Fundraising event, Round-Up, garnered a lot of attention on the floor of the Kiwanis World Showcase.



Lieutenant Governor and our stylin' First Lady, Sue, enjoy a lighthearted moment on the floor of the Kiwanis Pavilion.



Simi Valley President Gwen Major, *First Dude*, Kiwanian Jim Major and Lieutenant Governor Designate Nick Esser get into the spirit of things at the Closing Celebration... See you in Toronto in 2016!

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
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

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!

NOTE: Governor-Elect Pete Edwards will speak at the DCM so be sure to come prepared to hear about his Cal-Nev-Ha vision for 2016-2017!

AUGUST 2015

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

**August 13-15, 2015—
DCON**

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

SEPTEMBER 2015

No DCM this month... See you at Lt. Governor Designate Nick Esser's Installation!!



SPECIAL CLUB EVENTS:

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

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

**August 27th—
Thousand Oaks Kiwanis presents
BREW FEST 2015!**

<http://www.tobrewfest.com/>

