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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 most of you, I have been asked to explain one of the mysteries of the world. People will see me at an event or walking about town wearing a Kiwanis branded shirt and ask me the age old question, "Kiwanis? What is that? Who are you and what do you do?

I usually give them some variant of "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated....." But what are we as Kiwanians. Why should people spend their valuable time becoming a member of this group with the funny name.

Kiwanis is about people. It is about clubs. It is about service. But in a broader sense it is about our Kiwanis family. Sitting down here in Thousand Oaks I enjoy reading in club newsletters about the events and service that the family is doing all over the division. I have enjoyed visiting each and every club and witnessed the big hearts that abound in good old 42. I feel pride in the job that Simi and Santa Su do with the Aktion club and how the Santa Barbara clubs pulled together on Kiwanis One Day. My own club is preparing for our twice annual Wheel to the Sea event. Recently, Camarillo, with an assist from Thousand Oaks, raised thousand of dollars for Autistic kids while we all came together to support Special Olympics at two sporting events in Ventura County. Oxnard is holding their Tower to Tower Run and Ventura is honoring Law enforcement officers at its annual Law Day. And lest we forget, the regional Key Leader camp in Santa Barbara just concluded with many Division 42 chaperones and 82 young participants. Take a minute and look around. What would our communities be without us. Our efforts are important and what better way can a person spend their time than to be a Kiwanian.

It's election time! The Division has held its annual election and not one but two leaders stepped up to guide Division 42 into the future. All our KEY and Kiwins have new leadership and now it is time for clubs to elect leaders. Be sure to have the results in by 5-15 and to report it to the District. Be sure to come to the DCM this month because several of our Kiwanis family are going to share best practices with the group from answering secretary questions to some ideas in leadership development.

And if at all possible, plan on going to Indianapolis for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention. Select your delegate and help guide Kiwanis into the next 100 years!

**Bob Engler** 

LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

# **Conejo Valley Kiwanis**

#### **Roger Klausler reporting**



Dr. Louise García (left) received a Centennial Award for her support of The Eliminate Project.

April 7 – Lt Governor Bob Engler was on hand for the presentation of Silver and Bronze Member Recognition Awards given by Key Club Governor Jacqueline Tsang to Newbury Park High School Key Club members Diana Tai, Dani Moors, Justin Kawaguchi, Julianna Heller, and Emily Taketa. Attending the presentation were (top row) Grace Hsu standing in for Julianna and Emily, Diana, CVK Key Club Advisor Wendy Prindle, Key Club Region 10 Advisor Stacie Marotta, Bob Engler, CVK President Laura Fair, (bottom row) Dani, and Justin.





On April 10 we had our monthly evening social hour potluck, with a blind tasting of some nice zinfandels.

On the 21st, President Laura Fair presented a Distinguished Service Award to Malinda Young, faculty advisor to the Sycamore Canyon Builders Club. Last month we awarded her Honorary Membership in our club.

Our Seventh Annual Trivia Contest on the 23rd was a rousing success, with 13 teams of four in attendance. All proceeds go to our Foundation to support the Ventura County Children's Services Auxiliary, Childhelp, Lutheran Social Services Meal and Shelter Program, Manna-Conejo Valley Food Bank, and The Eliminate Project. "Caller" Bonnie Haynes congratulates CVK member Sonia Agresti and her husband David Yeomans on winning the wine and gift certificate raffle.

## **Moorpark Kiwanis**

**Ute Van Dam reporting** 

We need volunteers! Please come out to help Moorpark Pantry Plus with the upcoming Letter Carriers' Food Drive on Saturday May 9th. Volunteers meet at 2:30 PM behind the new post office (near the Moorpark library) at 100 W High St, Moorpark, CA 93021. Bring kids, spouse, neighbors, and friends to help! The more the merrier. Students can earn community service hours.

# SIERRES' FOOD DRIVE

#### Parking Patrol Experts!

Moorpark Kiwanians, with the help of student volunteers from Lawrence Middle School in LAUSD organized and worked at the Ventura County Blues Festival on April 25.

**Back row: Mark Van Dam, Bryan Lee and Debbie Lee** 

Front row: Leadership students from Lawrence Middle School



L to R: Moorpark Kiwanians Rich Green, Margarita Assael, Sue FitzGerald and Ken Simons model their cool safety vests while volunteering with parking patrol.





Margarita Assael (third from left) receives recognition from the Moorpark Unified School Board for her starting and working with the Builders Club at Campus Canyon School.

Live Music

Come and enjoy an afternoon of wine, beer, and food pairings in a beautiful garden setting.

All proceeds support Moorpark youth and local organizations!

Hosted by The Secret Garden

255 East High Street, Moorpark, 93021

We look forward to your attendance at our 8th Annual fundraiser.

Moonlight

www.MoorparkWine.com

Sunday, May 17th, 2015

Silent auction and opportunity drawings!!!

Pre-sale Tickets: \$45.00 www.MoorparkWine.com You are cordially invited to join us at our signature event.... Wine & Moonlight! Hope to see you at this great fundraiser!

# **Santa Barbara Kiwanis**

Anita Dominocielo

Extra Step Award — Recognizing citizens who "stepped up", by assisting fellow citizens and officers.

Santa Barbara City Councilwoman Cathy Murillo, left, poses with the 2015 Extra Step Award recipients, including, from left, Frank Lopez, Moises Medina, Daniel Burkhalter, James Baugh, Austin Vierhus and Jorge Montano. They were recognized by Police Chief Cam Sanchez and Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara president Cory Sherman, at right. (Sgt. Riley Harwood photo / Santa Barbara Police Department



One of the Extra Step award recipients Jorge Montano with Councilwoman Kathy Murillo.



Liliana Olguin admires one of Frank Efraa Lopez's many certificates of recognitions.





Daniel Burkhalter receiving the Extra Step Award from James Joyce from Senator Hannah Beth Jackson's office. He protected a co-worker from an attacker.



Chaplin Charles Reed Sr. brought the crowd to hysterical laughter by teasing Police Chief Cam Sanchez.

# **Santa Susana Kiwanis**

First and foremost- This month, Gary White was voted "MPV", the club member who in the past year best represents the Six Objects of Kiwanis, Judy Bertoniere, our "Duchess of Larch" and her court were elected to office, 2015-16. We inducted two new members, Karen White & Barry Selbst.

Members of our club working with members of Key Club Santa Susana, as our K 1 Day project washed vans for one of the local ARC facilities. The vans we washed are were too tall to go through a normal car wash, so we got the job done. We got wet and had fun.

Recently our past Key Club President, Lorraine, received honors and had her photo taken with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thom. Like proud grandparents, Kiwanis Santa Susana could not be more proud of last year's Key Club Lt. Gov. Joseph K. from Santa Susana High School's Key Club; Last year's Key Club Pres, Lorraine D. and the en-

tire Key Club at Santa Susana High School.











## It's Official! New members Karen White (L) and Barry Selbst (R) were inducted!



SSHS congratulates Lorraine Ador Dionisio photographed here with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. "As a Horatio Alger Scholarship Recipient, I was amongst the 106 students out of 40,000 applicants who received an all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C., \$22,000 for college, \$1,000 for "ice cream and pizza", a laptop, an iPad, and more. In addition, I had the honor of meeting Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and many other successful individuals such as actor Tom Selleck and owner of Paul Mitchell Hair Systems' John Paul DeJoria."

# Simi Valley Kiwanis

**Chris Keuther Reporting** 

The Simi Valley Club had a busy month. We started off the month by preparing breakfast for over 200 seniors on Easter morning. Guests were serenaded by our own "Still in Tune" band while being served by our SLP members. The Easter Breakfast is always a primary service project for our Builders Club members; they interact respectfully with the seniors and the seniors enjoy talking with the students. The SLP members also prepare artwork on the placemats used for the breakfast and one club made paper baskets filled with jelly beans for all the tables.

Our main fundraiser for the year was Round Up Rockin' Country Music Extravaganza which took place on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at the spectacular Hummingbird Nest Ranch. It was our most success music event yet. The day was filled is food, fun and entertainment. With local and national talent including headliner, two time ACM award winner Diamond Rio.

There were games and activities for the kids as well as the adults including the Sassy Sister's Saloon and the addition of Corn Hole.

It took a group effort with all members contributing as well as volunteers from the community.

Even the weather was awesome!!



## **South Coast Kiwanis**

## **Julie Bischoff Reporting**

Kiwanis One Day joins South Coast Kiwanis Club with Carpinteria Club and the Aktion Club for a complete makeover of the Alpha Resource Center grounds.



UCSB Circle K members showed up enforce to add some youthful backs into the labor force! The Santa Barbara Kiwanis Club provided the BBQ for the workers and co-ordinated all of our efforts.

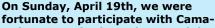


## **Thousand Oaks Kiwanis**

The always busy TO Kiwanis Club entered the *really* "Busy Season" filled with events that encompassed the spirit of fun and passion for community that Thousand Oaks Kiwanis members feel for our beloved Conejo Valley...

The weekend of April 8, 9 and 10th saw Kiwanians combining service with fund raising as they marked fields for AYSO and served as Field Marshals for the big weekend tournament. Kiwanians always stand out in a crowd, especially when wearing safety vests and walkie-talkies!





rillo Kiwanis at the Autism Awareness 5k and Fun Run (AUT2RUN) where the two clubs combined to cook pancake for the more than 3000 attendees! What an incredible event to help with and great fun to assist with our Camarillo brothers and sisters!



The day before, while some TO members were enjoying Simi Valley Kiwanis' premiere fundraiser, "Round Up", many TO members were hard at work, grilling for "Our Community House of Hope" where its volunteers were grateful for the celebration at this very special and muchneeded residential Hospice facility for those in need.

The weekend of April 24-26th found the TO Kiwanians everywhere it seemed. Division 10 Key Leader Advisor Stacie Marotta led some members to Santa Barbara for Key Leader Camp (Immed. Past Lt. Governor Brad Lewis and members Cristy Warner and David Fox), helped chaperone some 82 young "Key Leaders." The cold and windy Saturday morning found many members at CLU (Calif. Lutheran University) preparing and serving lunch for the always special, Ventura County "Special Olympics" Basketball Tour-

nament. As things wrapped up, the double tent nearly wrapped up some members as the winds and rain took the tent for a short ride. Incredibly, there was no damage done and everyone had a great laugh during our KIWANIS ONE DAY event.

Proving that One Day of barbequing is never enough for one weekend, Sunday the 26th found TO Kiwanians and some spouses at yet another special event, the re-dedication of the historic



Timber School at the site of the Stagecoach Inn Museum in Newbury Park. This landmark event was led by none other than TO Kiwanis Member, Barbara Ashcraft! Fortunately, near-Kiwanis-culinary nirvana was achieved as the chicken was cooked to perfection and remained moist... and our tritip was, as it always is... incredible!

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A wonderful and busy month to be followed by an even busier and more wonderful May!





**ONE DAY TO** 

REMEMBER

# Ventura Kiwanis

## **Judy Mullins reporting**



Ventura Kiwanis Builders Club at DATA Middle School's project is "Seeds of Service". The club members planted lettuce seeds in a plant pot at the club meeting to take home to have lettuce in their own yard.

Ventura Kiwanis Members volunteer to help Builders Club.

Ventura Kiwanis Club volunteered at the FIRST Robotics Competition, pictured are Rich Sloan, Judge at the event and Matt Kohagen in charge of crowd control. High School students from 23 schools built robots raced in a 2-minute competi-



These Builders Club members are eager to have some lettuce for salad.



Club members got down in dirty planting lettuce seeds.



tion. Exciting!

**Ventura Kiwanis Key Club and Kiwins members** dressed in their tuxedos and glamour dresses to attend " A Night To Remember", a prom organized for students within Ventura County's Special Education Program. Club members were the dates for the night that was filled with photos,









Ventura Kiwanis Aktion Club worked downtown Ventura on EARTH DAY. Big Thank You!



## 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

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: tganderson@roadrunner.com

Ph: (805) 708-6454

Oxnard- NOTE SCHEDULE UPDATE!

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

<u>WEDNESDAYS</u> @ 12:00 pm President: Dawn Boldrin

Email: DNoordaBoldrin@itt-tech.edu

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

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 6:30 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@roadrunner.com

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**

### MAY 2015

Thursday, May 14th
DCM @The ARC—Ventura
5103 Walker Street
Ventura, CA 93003
Thanks to Ventura & Suburban for providing dinner this month!

#### *JUNE 2015*

No DCM this month... see you all at CLE training!
Tentative Date: Saturday, June 13

@ The ARC—Ventura

#### **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 you at DCON!

## August 13-15, 2015— DCON

Sacramento Convention Center — Hotel: Hyatt Regency Sacramento

August 15th—Ventura Kiwanis presents COOL BREEZE CENTURY

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

## August 27th-



Thousand Oaks Kiwanis presents BREWFEST 2015!

http://www.tobrewfest.com/

## **SEPTEMBER 2015**

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

