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BOB'S BACKDRAFT

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SPRINGTIME IN OCTOBER

Every spring a good friend of mine, Immediate Past President of the Thousand Oaks Club, Steve Holt, says the exact same words as he attends opening day at Dodger Stadium "We've got a great team this year. It's the real deal this time!"

Some times he is right, like this year, with the Dodgers winning the West and on the road to the World Series. Other times his *boys in blue* let him down and are out of it by the All Star break. But the hope and anticipation is the same now, no matter what the out come. It is all about the potential and of **getting into the pennant race. It's the excitement of finally being in the game!**

For Kiwanis, our spring begins in October. In fact, October is a combination month for Kiwanis. It is our spring, our opening day. **But its also our first day at school, our New Year's Eve,** a time of new beginnings, of hope, of resolutions! The day of "just wait until next year" becomes today!

We have just installed our new boards and officers for all of our clubs in Division 42. Some of our clubs have new leadership, others have proven leaders who are stepping up again with renewed enthusiasm and goals. Whatever the case, we all have a nervous excitement, an anticipation of what is to come, and a thought that is the year that we are going to grow our club, start a new service project, be seen as part of the fabric in our communities. After attending CLE training, and DCON, after talking to past leaders and mentors, **after thinking about where our clubs need to be, it's our time up at bat and we are finally in the game.**

Bob Engler

LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

Conejo Valley Kiwanis

Roger Klauser reporting

On September 6, 13 and 20, to support the magnificent work that AYSO does with kids, our club provided 200 free mister bottles to all the team moms and dads at the Pepper Tree and Dos Vientos fields. We did face painting and the Newbury Park High School Key Club made balloon animals. We also had Beanie Babies and smaller mister bottles for sale, with all proceeds going to The Eliminate Project.



We held our monthly no-host social at Prime Steakhouse on Agoura Road on September 18 and were pleased to welcome 5 guests who are not Kiwanians.

Three of our members attended the Lt Governor installation on Sept 21 at the Agoura Hills Sheraton to welcome Bob Engler and to close out Brad Lewis' stellar year.

As we do every other month in partnership with Lutheran Social Services, we prepared a meal and served it to the needy and the homeless on September 25.

We held our club installation on September 27, welcoming Laura Fair as President and a new Board of Directors.

Incoming President Laura Fair with Immediate Past President Tim Neal.



Moorpark Kiwanis

Ute Van Dam reporting

Moorpark Kiwanis Club and Key Club were busy in September. We had a service project at Peach Hill Elementary School Library where we cataloged, lexiled, sorted, organized and shelved books as well as created a giant "Reading Tree" and decorated the school library.



Kiwanian Mark Van Dam fixes the branches of the Reading Tree as Key Club President Kevin Nguyen and member Kaitlin Chau assist.

(Below) Key clubbers not only work hard, but have a fun while doing it!



Key Club members from Division 42 (including Kevin and Kaitlin from Moorpark) sing before the Lt. Governor Installation.



Members from Moorpark College Teaching Zoo made a presentation at our monthly meeting about their program and promoted their upcoming event, *Rendezvous at the Zoo*. They brought their hedgehog friend to meet all the Moorpark Kiwanians.



Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

John Prescott Reporting; Chuck Rogers, Photographer

Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Presents City's 50th Anniversary Parade

"Who ya gonna call?," as the famous "Ghostbusters" line goes. As the City of Thousand Oaks made plans for its 50th birthday later this year, the City Council wanted to have a community parade as one of the centerpiece events. And the parade sponsors didn't have to look far to find an organization uniquely capable and willing to make it happen – the Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club.



Although the Thousand Oaks Club had many years of experience producing the old annual Conejo Valley Days Parade, that event faded away after 2008. So, under the able direction of Parade Chair Ted Driscoll, the Club dusted off the old playbook, threw in a few new wrinkles, and gave the community a great parade to kick off the final events leading up to the City's birthday – October 7.

One hundred thirty entries, comprising more than 1,500 "moving parts," stepped off promptly at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 27, thrilling crowds lining the Thousand Oaks Boulevard along the 1.3-mile parade route. Kiwanians had reported at 5:30 a.m., to get ready for the entries to arrive and stage them in proper order. Sunny skies and moderate temperatures graced the event.

Special entries included the "Fallen Angels" – five identical Chevy Camaros inscribed with the names of all victims of 9-11, at the twin towers, and the Pentagon, the first responders who perished, and the crews and passenger on the flights that were hijacked. Fourteen former mayors of the City of Thousand Oaks rode in classic cars, and the current City Council waved to the crowds atop a float specially built for the Parade. Four marching bands from Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, and Westlake High Schools, and Redwood Intermediate School, along with equestrian units with 80 horses, marched in the Parade.

Most of the 100-member Club participated in making the Parade a success, along with many volunteers recruited and managed by the members. "I am extremely proud of the way the Club stepped up under Ted Driscoll's leadership to give the community a parade to remember. It's particularly remarkable coming less than a month after producing our *BrewFest* major fundraiser," said Randy Senzig, Club President.



Thousand Oaks Kiwanians John Prescott, Parade Chair Ted Driscoll, Bill Steele and Lenore Lewis are all smiles after a Parade well done.

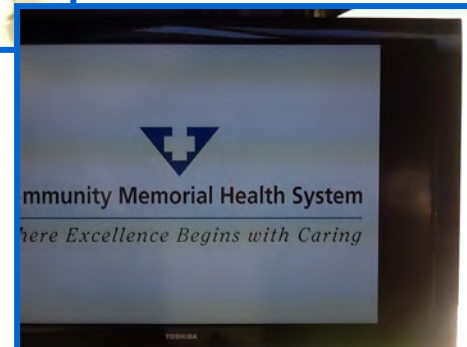
Ventura Kiwanis

Matt Kohagen reporting

We held our annual Fire Services & Heroes banquet on Sept. 12 where we honored firefighters of the year from departments in Ventura County as well as citizen heroes.

On Sept. 19, Community Memorial Hospital hosted a luncheon for us where they gave us an update on the new hospital being built with an expected opening in the Spring of 2016.

We will have our Installation Dinner of new officers on Oct. 3 at the Pierpont Inn and on Oct. 4 we will be volunteering at the Ventura Pier for the fundraiser, "*Pier Under the Stars.*"



DIVISION 42 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 9

DCM—Lt. Governor Bob Engler

The ARC—Ventura

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

Thanks to Moorpark Kiwanis for providing dinner this month!

Please bring your donations of clothing, small appliances, small furniture, (items suitable for those setting up new households for independent living) are greatly appreciated!

