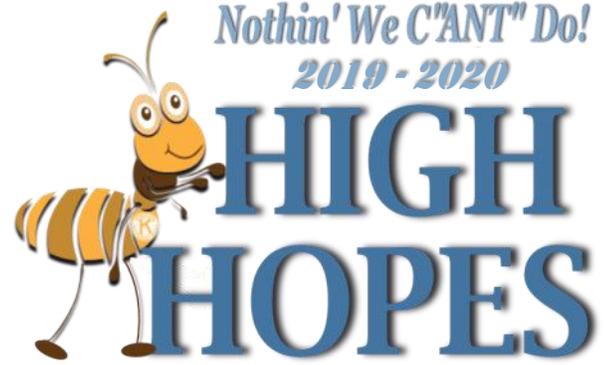




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CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT  
DIVISION 42



CAL-NEV-HA District, Division 42 Newsletter

December 2019

## Don's Ruminations



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A publication for and about the  
Kiwaniis clubs of:

**CAMARILLO**

**CONEJO VALLEY**

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**SANTA BARBARA**

**SANTA SUSANA**

**SIMI VALLEY**

**THE SOUTH COAST**

**THOUSAND OAKS**

**VENTURA**

**VENTURA SUBURBAN**

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I love Christmas!

This Christmas season has been particularly fine for Lorraine and me, with many presents under the tree: two new grandchildren, a wonderful new son-in-law and his family, and some old family wounds healing. With the passing of the last of my mother's sisters, I am now the *pater familias* of my extended family and am very content with that role.

I also received Kiwanis gifts this year:

I am personally thankful for the warm welcome I have received wherever I have gone in my capacity as Lieutenant Governor of this fine division.

And I've received some fine gifts in that capacity as well:

- The nearly miraculous revival of the Ventura Suburban club (kudos to past LTG Katy Porter) and Brendan Hendrick's strong leadership there;
- The indispensable assistance of my LTG-elect, Debbie Heaslip in running the Division (and me!);
- The timely expertise of Simi's Cam Schroeck regarding social media just when we needed it most;
- The exemplary leadership of Steve Hoppel and the growth of his Moorpark Club;
- The membership gains made by the T.O. Club under Steve Weisman;
- The unfailing support and encouragement of the Division PDO's, including Bob Engler, Nick Esser, Roy Talley, Tony Antonelli, governor-elect Gary Gray, and many others.

Last, and best, the support and advice of my wife, Lorraine, who encouraged me to rejoin the Kiwanis family eight years ago, and who has since taken the lead in uniting the division behind the First Lady's Project. Silly me – I didn't know that the Division First Lady GOT her own project. But Lorraine straightened me out on that. The KIDSTREAM book drive, brought to us by Camarillo's Allen Grizzard, promises to make the right impact on the young people we most need to serve.

So Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! And to all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



LOVE IT. SERVE IT. LIVE IT

November started a little slow as we had to cancel a fundraiser due to lack of support, but we kept busy supporting our strong KIWIN'S and Key Clubs.

On November 23, KIWIN'S held their Fall Rally South at Knott's Berry Farm. As expected, this was a lot of fun and a great fundraiser for Pediatric Trauma.



Turquoise Div. KIWIN'S with their Turtle Mascot getting ready to make their Cheer

On November 30, our club, along with members from Camarillo High School KIWIN'S, took over a couple of spots to ring the bell for the Salvation Army.



Mary Grizzard-Paul working a morning shift



Marge Leszczynski with husband Jerry on afternoon shift

On Saturday December 7, the Turquoise Div. KIWIN'S held a breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's. The KIWIN'S served the food and waited on tables. It was well-supported, and all funds raised will go towards their transportation costs for the 2020 DCON in San Ramon.



Santa President Doug greeting people



Could this be an example of "too many cooks?"



# Conejo Valley

Roger Klausler Reporting



As we did last year, we adopted a BumbleBee family who live in Woodland Hills. Their 3-year-old girl is being treated at UCLA Medical Center. We wrapped presents for her and her 5-year-old brother at our meeting on December 10 and delivered them to the family on December 13. The BumbleBee Foundation offers hope and provides support to the overall well-being of pediatric cancer families.

Kiyimba Yosef, the President of the Kiwanis Club of Kampala, Uganda, visited us on December 10. His club was chartered in 2015, one of the 3 Kiwanis clubs in Uganda. It has about 45 members, 25 to 30 of whom attend meetings at any one time. He said that every meeting MUST start with a joke and that many of the meetings are purely social get-togethers. He said that there are 15 schools in his district and



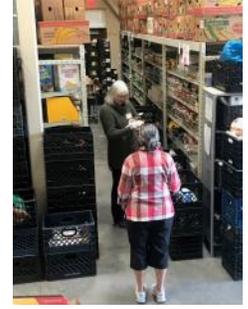
that 30% of the girls there are not in school, primarily because they have entered puberty and do not have access or funds for feminine hygiene items and do not want to risk embarrassment. His club's Signature Project is to provide those supplies so that girls can remain in school. Much of the funding to support the 2000 girls that they work with is provided by the club's members. We supported their efforts with a \$100 donation from our Foundation.



On December 15, we held our holiday party at the home of Paul and Marty Campbell, featuring a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, luscious desserts, a gift swap, and lots of stories, laughs, and Kiwanis love.

# Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting



Moorpark Kiwanians volunteered at the Moorpark Food Pantry Plus.

Moorpark High School Key Club Leaders share their club happenings at our monthly business meeting.



At our December meeting, inspirational speaker Mike Morissette, the father of Borderline victim Kristine, shared about "Give an Hour," a non-profit organization which focuses on emotional wellness and lifting the stigma of mental health issues.



It's beginning to look a lot like...Breakfast with Santa! For the past 23 years, the Moorpark Kiwanis Club has hosted this wonderful event! We set up the room on Friday and served 200+ underprivileged Moorpark children a pancake breakfast on Saturday. Each child received a new toy and a visit with Santa!



Board members making a Christmas wish for our Youth to receive continued support from our programs



Annual Heroes and Helpers event at Target  
One student from each school is given a \$200 shopping spree escorted by local Police and Firefighters.  
Top center: Member Allison Cordes with her student from Harrington Elementary  
Bottom left: Past President Sergio Martinez with Oxnard police officers



President Kathy Sullivan with LTG Elect Debbie Heaslip and Past LTG Bob Engler of T.O. club at December DCM

# Santa Barbara

Anita Dominocielo-Ho Reporting

## New SLP Club!



We now have a Builders Club at LaCumbre Junior High School. Thanks to Kiwanis Advisors, Lisa Godschan and Marsha Gray for starting this club. Also thank you Sharon Roth, former Kiwanian, for being the school sponsor.

## New Members!



Left: Juli Askew, who works for the Arthritis Foundation, with sponsor Lisa Godschan. Right: Allen Meskimen, a retired firefighter and landscape architect. Dr. Art subs for sponsor Bill Childs.



Aktion Club members made tie-dye bags filled with school supplies for the children from Storyteller, a therapeutic preschool serving Santa Barbara's poorest families, living below or close to the poverty guidelines and who also meet the Federal definition of homeless. Storyteller strives to support children and their families toward "Kindergarten Readiness."



**Kiwanis One Day: Isla Vista Meet Your Neighbor Event**  
Meet Your Neighbor in Isla Vista is trying to meld the very diverse community of UCSB students and immigrant families living there. The Sheriff's Department also attended. It's a fun day with a carnival and bouncy house.



Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara has provided a Thanksgiving Celebration for the disabled for 41 years!

## **BUSY ! BUSY ! BUSY !**

**Madera and Mountain View K-Kids have been busy with several activities.**



**Madera K-Kids Thanksgiving Food Drive. Over 450 Items were donated.**



**Madera K-Kids sort and count bottles and cans for their Recycle Program.**



**Madera K-Kids count and roll over \$300.**

**Mountain View and Madera K-Kids go caroling.**



**Madera and Mountain View K-Kids create holiday placemats for Meals on Wheels.**



**Santa Susana members, family, and friends enjoyed their annual Caroling Cruise.**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL**

# Simi Valley

Shelley Howard Reporting



A few Kiwanians helped the Rotary club of Simi Sunrise to get set up for their annual Senior Thanksgiving dinner. We wrapped and tied 600 sets of silverware in napkins, along with laughter and conversations!



Working on a Christmas tree to be donated to The Festival of Trees. Funds raised from sales of the trees go to help individuals and families while they battle cancer at Adventist Hospital.



Members from Simi Valley and Santa Susana Kiwanis joined together with some of our K-Kids for caroling at Sunrise of Wood Ranch senior living.

Installation of new officers for the Simi Su Aktion Club, and a big thank you to the departing ones.



A very merry Christmas party was celebrated for our December monthly After Hours meeting, at our new location for these meetings: 99.1 The Ranch Studios at the Simi Valley Town Center.

# Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



Division 42 Lieutenant Governor Don Erickson paid his visit to the Thousand Oaks Club on November 13. He addressed the issue of declining membership that has been an issue for service clubs for some time. Don believes that the younger generation has the same spirit of volunteerism and service that is part of the American fabric. We can appeal to younger potential members through updated communication platforms and maintaining an upbeat tenor to our meetings.



Stacie Marotta, one of our most dedicated and active Service Leadership Program advocates, provided our meeting program on November 20. She updated us on upcoming activities and reminded us of the benefits of volunteering with any of our service leadership programs. Vice-President Aaron Kitzman presented her with our "highly coveted" Kiwanis travel mug as a reward for a great presentation.



Weather delayed us a week, but on November 9 the Thousand Oaks Club hit the trail in support of the Wilderness Institute's semi-annual Wheel to the Sea. Club members and other volunteers helped wheelchair-bound individuals traverse the Sycamore Canyon Trail to the Pacific Ocean. The CHP stopped traffic on the Pacific Coast Highway so the caravan could cross to the beach, where the Club was ready with a delicious barbecue lunch.



The Thousand Oaks Club paid its annual breakfast visit to the Thousand Oaks Health Care residents on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Members brought along breakfast selections from McDonald's (everyone wanted the hash browns,) and our sponsored youth brought along placemats and gifts for the residents. Kiwanis Kween Sherrill Hyink led the youths in singing, and Cristy Warner conducted the raffle with help from the kids. Best of all, everybody won a raffle prize!

At the last DCM, the Thousand Oaks Club shared samples of Mary Sepe's delicious banana bread. Mary is baking these delicacies and the Club is selling them at \$20 per loaf to raise money for local scholarships. To order loaves of this treat for yourself and family and friends, call Gloria Dyok at (805) 492-8679 or by e-mail at [gloriadyok@verizon.net](mailto:gloriadyok@verizon.net).



**Member Lou Cunningham, with Best in Tournament and All Team winners at the Ventura Community College Women's Basketball Tournament. Ventura Kiwanis Club supports this activity each year.**



**K-Kids at Juanamaria Elementary School making bookmarks for all the reading students in the 1st grade. Gary Pelmeur is the Advisor from Ventura Kiwanis Club.**



**Member Dina with Aktion Club member Julie at our annual Special Needs Christmas Party at the Poinsettia Pavilion.**



**Ventura Aktion Club at work! Donated Thanksgiving baskets and sponsored meals at the Rescue Mission. L-R: Scott, Javelyn, Vanessa, Gary, Kaitlyn.**



**DATA Middle School Builders Club raised over \$190 selling brownies and lemonade at the school's Winterfest for the Kiwanis/UNICEF EliMiNaTe Project and other projects.**

# Division 42 Clubs & Meetings

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

## Camarillo

**Meeting:** Sportsman Restaurant, 4426 Central Ave.,  
1st Tuesday 5:30 pm, Tuesdays x-1st 12:00 pm  
President: Doug Hill  
Email: doughillcpa@aim.com Ph: (805) 484-0496  
Secy: Allen Grizzard-Paul Email: allengrizzard@msn.com  
Ph: (805) 795-6279 Cell

## Conejo Valley

**Meeting:** Bandits Grill and Bar  
589 North Moorpark Road , Thousand Oaks  
Tuesdays 11:45 am  
President: Tom Stapleford Email: stapletc@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 405-3086  
Secy: Roger Klausler Email: rklausler@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 746-2584 Cell

## Moorpark

**Meeting:** Moorpark Chamber of Commerce, 18 E. High St.,  
1st Monday 7:00 pm  
President: Steven Hoppel Email: stevehoppel@gmail.com  
Ph: (424) 750-1103 Cell  
Secy: Paula Driscoll Email: pdriscoll805@outlook.com  
Ph: (805) 795-4865

## Oxnard

**Meeting:** The Tower Club, 300 E. Esplanade Dr., 22nd Floor  
Thursdays 12:00 pm  
President: Kathy Sullivan Email: katgirl826@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 405-8165  
Secy: Tina Marie Martinez  
Email: tinamarie918@gmail.com Ph: (805) 844-9145 Cell

## Santa Barbara

**Meeting:** Mesa Café, 1972 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara,  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 12:00 pm **NEW!**  
4th Wednesday 5:30 pm **NEW!**  
President: Matt Moore Email: matthew@moorelawsb.com  
Ph: (805) 452-4627  
Secy: Walter Browne Email: walterbrowne1@yahoo.com  
Ph: (916) 817-7584

## Santa Susana

**Meeting:** Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley,  
2nd Wednesday 11:45 am  
Monthly Dessert Socials - 4th Sunday 2:00-3:30 pm (Call for location)  
President: Ray Dempsey Email: dempsey.r@sbcglobal.net  
Ph: (805) 501-5774  
Secy: Gary White Email: garywhiteallstar@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 660-7446

## Simi Valley

**Meeting:** First Street Family Restaurant, 2025 First St.,  
Wednesdays x-2nd 7:00 am  
After-Hours meeting - 2nd Friday, 6:30 pm **NEW!**  
@ 99.1 The Ranch Studios, 1555 Simi Town Center Way, #730,  
President: Nellann Wilson  
Email: nanawilsn@yahoo.com  
Ph: (805) 338-8062 Cell  
Secy: Mary Martin Email: fmmartin7@sbcglobal.net  
Ph: (805) 501-5621

## The South Coast

**Meeting:** High Sierra Grill , 521 Firestone Road, Goleta  
Tuesdays 6:30 pm  
President: Wesley Jackson Email: wesjackson050@msn.com  
Ph: (805) 570-6311  
Secy: Bill Bailey Email: bill@jwbailey.com Ph: (805) 964-2249

## Thousand Oaks

**Meeting:** Los Robles Greens Golf Course, 299 S. Moorpark Rd.,  
Wednesdays 7:15 am  
ALSO—Social Mtg. "First Friday" night each month; location varies  
President: Steve Weiss Email: steve@kirkjewelersca.com  
Ph: (805) 416-4775  
Secy: Gloria Dyok Email: gloriadyok@verizon.net  
Ph: (805) 402-1297 Cell (Text preferred)

## Ventura

**Meeting:** Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura,  
Fridays 12:00 pm  
President: Katie Kinnear Email: kkinnear@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 218-9731  
Secy: Fred Ziegler Email: ziegler.fairway@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 535-5218 Cell

## Ventura-Suburban

**Meeting:** Main Street Restaurant & Steakhouse, 3159 E. Main St.,  
2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm **NEW!** (4th Tuesday via internet)  
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

## Training & Club Events

**February 8, 2020**

Mid-Year Conference South - San Gabriel

**March 7, 2020**

Round\*Up Country Music Festival  
Simi Valley Kiwanis

**April 11, 2020**

Governor's Visit  
River Ridge Golf Club, Oxnard

**June 7, 2020**

Cowboys and Cabernet  
Simi Valley Kiwanis

**June 18-21, 2020**

KI Convention - Indianapolis, IN

**June/July 2020 - Date TBD**

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**August 13-15, 2020**

Cal-Nev-Ha Convention - Sparks, NV

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## Division Council Meetings

**DCMs @ The Arc of Ventura**

**5103 Walker Street, Ventura**

**Thursday, October 10, 2019**

Hosting club: Ventura

**Thursday, November 14, 2019**

Hosting club: Simi Valley

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

Holiday Pot Luck

**Thursday, January 9, 2020**

Hosting club: Conejo Valley

**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

Hosting club: Santa Susana

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

Hosting club: Moorpark

**Thursday, April 9, 2020**

Hosting club: Oxnard

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

Hosting club: Camarillo

**Thursday, June 11, 2020**

Hosting club: Thousand Oaks

**Thursday, July 9, 2020**

Hosting club: Santa Barbara & The South Coast – Governor Elect Candidates

**August 2020**

No DCM - District Convention

**September 2020**

No DCM - Installations

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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- RACHEL

## SCHOLARSHIP APPS DUE 1/24

Scholarships are available to members of [Circle K](#) and graduating seniors in [KIWIN'S](#) and [Key Club](#) within our District. Please encourage your members to apply before it's too late! [Read more](#)

## DINNER ANYWHERE . . .

Here's your chance to win dinner for two, including airfare and lodging for two nights, anywhere in the Cal-Nev-Ha District! Only 250 tickets will be sold with the prize valued at up to \$4,500! The winning ticket will be drawn at our 2020 District Convention (winner need not be present to win). Contact any Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund director or the Foundation office to enter today! [Read more](#)

## SHOOT FOR THE MOON GALA

*Shoot for the Moon* with the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund at our annual **Gala and Auction!** Join us in San Gabriel and Modesto for an evening of cocktails, dinner with optional wine pairing, and mingling with friends, as well as the always popular wine raffle, silent auction and live entertainment! [Read more and register here.](#)

## LEGACY FELLOWSHIP

Donors who make a charitable bequest of at least \$1,000 through their estate plans are enrolled in our Legacy Fellowship program. These commitments enable individuals to make gifts that may not have been possible during their lifetimes. [Read more](#)

## MEMBER RECOGNITION: YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

The Youth Service Award recognizes deserving adults in our communities who dedicate their time fulfilling the Kiwanis mission by working with and mentoring youth within our District. [Read more](#)

## WELCOME TO THE CAL-NEV-HA CHILDREN'S FUND!

We are proud to announce the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation is now operating as the **Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund!** New name, same focus: Children. We are passionate about our mission to *build a better future for our children*, and our new name better reflects our commitment to children and will help foster new support from outside sources. We look forward to serving the communities within our District under our new name!



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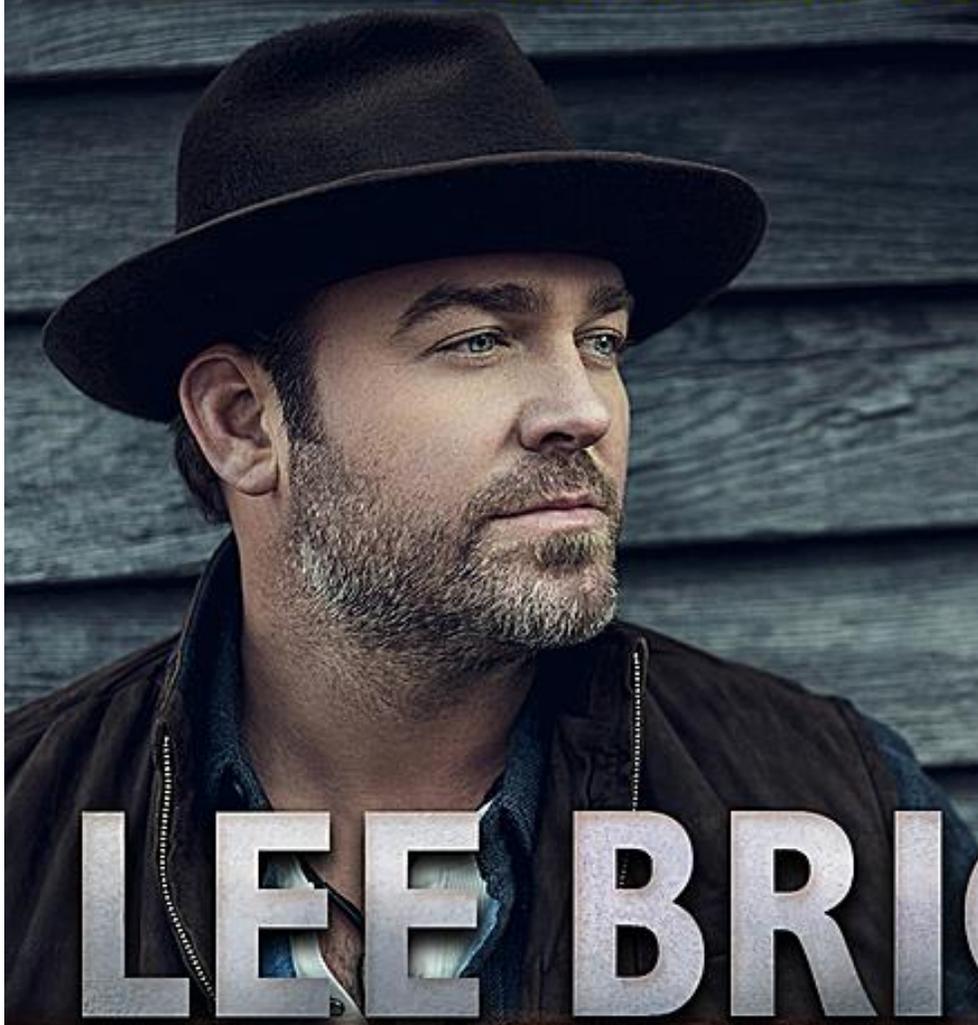
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# \_\_\_\_\_ box of 48 bags of Peanuts \$20 ea. (3 boxes for \$50)

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