



# Kiwaniis

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DIVISION 42



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## Don's Ruminations



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Kiwaniis clubs of:

**CAMARILLO**

**CONEJO VALLEY**

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**SANTA SUSANA**

**SIMI VALLEY**

**THE SOUTH COAST**

**THOUSAND OAKS**

**VENTURA**

**VENTURA SUBURBAN**

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I recently had a lengthy discussion with my stepson while visiting our twin granddaughters. He's an incredibly smart young man who purports to teach at Stanford in the school of education. In reality, he writes books, gives speeches, and prepares grant applications. He is the shape of education to come, and he is very good at what he does.

I sought some insight from him regarding Kiwanis' difficulty in recruiting the next generation of Kiwanians. He replied flatly that in 10 years, our clubs would be gone. He explained that all volunteer organizations would be replaced by "something else." I asked what would replace them. He had trouble describing what would replace them but explained very patiently that some new system would render them irrelevant. I disagreed, but very quietly, because (a) I wasn't trying to pick a fight with my wife's pride and joy, and (b) I wanted time to think about what he said.

I've since organized my thoughts and would like to share them with you.

What my stepson envisions is the end of true volunteerism and its replacement with some governmental and/or bureaucratic system. As he puts it, "all action is political."

I disagree. The impetus to true volunteerism is rooted in the American character, including immigrants to this country.

I'll give you one example, although there are many: In colonial times and during the 1800's, immigrants to America settled and began cultivating vast new territories. They were very thin on the ground in those days, and in order to do the things that needed to be done, they formed informal voluntary associations. The best example is the "barn raising." No single farming family had the skill and manpower to build and raise a barn, but in any given area, there were enough men with the right combination of skills to put up these large structures. Someone would say "I need help with this" and the whole neighborhood would get together: the women would cook, the men would work together, the kids would play or help, depending upon their ages, and a large barn would be framed and erected in a single day. Music was played and little moonshine might have been drunk. Nobody was paid to do this work. The only understanding was that when the next family needed help, the neighbors would meet again for the same purpose. Other examples include quilting bees, pot-luck dinners, and schoolhouse construction.

This type of voluntary gathering was unique to America. Nothing similar took place in Europe, where society was generally much more stratified and closed. Consider the difficulty Kiwanis has had establishing itself in the United Kingdom. England is the mother country of many Americans (and Canadians, and Australians, etc.), but its society developed along very different lines, including the famous British reserve – stiff upper lip, reluctance to discuss personal or family matters with strangers, and no history of or affinity for voluntary cooperative associations.

Kiwanis is directly descended from the local voluntary associations that built America – it is the more modern neighborhood version of "Can I help?" I submit that it is bred in the bone of Americans, and of those, wherever they may live, who share the same affection for their fellow man.

We're Kiwanis – "Can We Help?"

- Remarks to the General Meeting of the Thousand Oaks Kiwanis, 11/13/19

October was a quiet month for most of our members, but the Turquoise Div. KIWIN'S were very busy practicing their cheers for Fall Rally at Knotts Berry Farm on Saturday, November 23. They will be competing against all the other KIWIN'S Divisions for the Spirit Award. Once a week they could be found in a Camarillo or Oxnard Park working on their cheers for two hours. In today's world all they need is their cell phones to make sure everyone is in unison for the cheers.



The four cheer leaders fine-tuning the cheer



Friday night practice in Camarillo



Saturday practice in Oxnard



Club Secretary Allen and Camarillo KIWIN'S advisor, Cecilia Rexford, look on.

November started with a few disasters where we had to cancel Peanut Day and then cancel "Night at the Races." We also had a poor turn out for our inaugural meeting for our Satellite section of the club. But it is not all bad news; we are doing quite well selling one-pound bags of Honey Roasted, Trail Mix, and boxes of 48 1oz. bags of peanuts. (Order form at back of newsletter) So instead of setting up shop outside stores (not many stores will still allow this) we are concentrating on sending letters to local businesses for our sales. The lesson learned is that we must refocus on building up our membership before we take on any other major fundraisers, or perhaps team up with another Kiwanis Club.

## kidSTREAM Update: Children's Museum in Ventura County

At our last DCM, First Lady Lorraine provided us with an update on the concept design for this new children's museum, where our Division Focus is to supply books for all the different sections of the museum. Other information from kidSTREAM is that, starting in January, they will be opening the museum on Tuesday afternoons, although the displays will be fairly limited to start. Their latest fundraiser is a raffle for four 1-day Park Hopper Tickets to both Disneyland Park and California Adventure Park! Value \$796. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20 (see flyer at back of newsletter.)

# Conejo Valley

Roger Klausler Reporting



We held our 4th Annual Conejo Uncorked on October 10 at Los Robles Gardens. Our 300 guests enjoyed food and wines from 25 vendors, a cork pull, an Opolo drawing, a silent auction, live music—and a little dancing at the end of the evening. We offer a special thanks to our Gold and Silver Sponsors—Sherwin Williams Paint and Oakmont Senior Living/Slate Restaurant—and appreciation to all of our guests. Our \$8500 net will be used for support of our SLP's, the BumbleBee and Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundations for families with pediatric cancer, Harbor House Meal and Shelter Program, Children's Services Auxiliary of Ventura County, and new programs to be developed this year.



On October 15, Sheriff Tim Hagel and Rochelle Callis, administrator at Conejo Recreation and Parks District, spoke to us about the Safe Passage Program that provides an alternative to gang membership. It was founded in 2014 to focus on two geographical areas in the valley and the 124 first through fifth graders who live there. It provides to those kids civilian and police mentors and tutors in after-school programs and on Saturdays, field trips to colleges, bookstores, and live theatre; outdoor programs, arts programs, and STEM programs.

It is hoped that when 5th graders "age out" of Safe Passage, they can be guided to transition into volunteer opportunities, other CRPD programs, Boy and Girls Clubs, the YMCA, etc.

We invite you to sponsor 1 child for only \$75 per year, to sponsor 1 girl in a STEM camp for \$175, to purchase items from an Amazon wish list for Christmas gifts or in August for backpacks and school supplies, or to volunteer as an after-school tutor. Safe Passage is a 501(c)(3).

For more information about these opportunities, contact Ms. Callis: [rcallis@crpd.org](mailto:rcallis@crpd.org) or (805) 495-6471.



**Moorpark Kiwanis Club presents TERRIFIC kids awards every Friday at all our elementary schools.**



**Campus Canyon Builders Club 2019-2020 Officer Installation**



**Members Terry and Linda Voorhees are moving to Idaho. They will be greatly missed!**



**Our 2019 Poker Tournament was a great success! Every player left with a prize! At right: the final 10!**



**Our club provides coffee and snacks to Veterans and guests at the annual Moorpark Veteran's Day ceremony.**

# Oxnard

Tina Marie Martinez Reporting



October Social at Larsen's Grill—members, potential members, volunteers



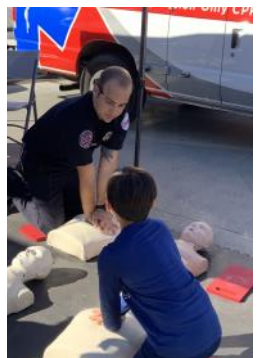
October DCM with Key Club LTGs



KIWANIS' Training Conference—Rancho Campana, Adolfo Camarillo, St. Bonaventure, Foothill, and Hueneme High Schools



OXtoberfest - we served Bratwurst and Pretzels at Red Tandem Brewery in Oxnard



Pancake Breakfast Open House at Fire station 1 in Oxnard—helping serve the community



**Kiwanis served 250 supporters at a barbeque event called Summit for Danny to raise money for drug support for youth.**



**Governor Elect Gary Gray and Santa Barbara club president Matt Moore at the Region 10 Conference in Santa Maria.**

## **Governor Elect's Cabinet Meeting**

**Governor Elect Gary Gray held an all-day planning conference with his cabinet at the Peppertree Inn. People attended from all over the state. In the evening all were treated to dinner at Santa Barbara's Harry's Plaza Café.**



**Anna Wu, her husband Richard Lee and their adorable daughter**



**Left: Anna, Mark, Greg Mason  
Right: Fushia Ward, Rich Fuller, Allen Quon**



**District Secretary Mark McDonald**



**Doug Frost and Fushia Ward**



**Gary and Past Governor Joni Ackerman**

## Service & Leadership at its Best

Madera Elementary & Mountain View Elementary K-Kids (including our 2 autistic members) worked together for almost 3 hours to help honor our veterans at the Simi Valley Veteran's Day Ceremony on Nov. 11th.

Arriving at 8:00 am, they worked as a team to put out over 150 US flags; and with some help from the ROTC Cadets from Royal High School created over twenty 8 foot balloon columns which they then helped place around the Veterans Monument and in the ceremony area. Madera K-Kids put up flags at their school, as well.



## Great Food & Great Fun

### Is there a better way to raise funds?

A fun afternoon with was had by all at our Fall Bunco. After enjoying a wonderful buffet lunch, Santa Susana members and their guests teamed up to play Bunco, in support of our many children's and community programs.



## Helping Others by Giving

Madera and Mountain View Elementary K-Kids showed the true spirit of giving. Both groups made Fall Wreaths which we added to our Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy, and another 50 for the Senior Care Center where they will be used as decor for their residents.



## Salute America



For their 4th year in a row, Township Elementary participated in our Salute America program. This assembly based program introduces and educates Simi Valley 5th Graders about the history, meaning and etiquette surrounding the American Flag. The program is provided at no cost and presented by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Susana.

After the presentation, students participate in a flag folding ceremony and receive a Salute America information booklet and pencil to take home. Teachers also receive a worksheet for a review or homework assignment.

We now do the program in 11 schools, and each one has been presented with an encased flag to recognize their participation.





Left: Members enjoying the EliMiNaTe fundraiser cruise, Center 2: We sponsored 3 tables at the YMCA's anniversary celebration, Right: Don Erickson with Simi High School Key Club at Fall Rally at Magic Mountain



At Township Elementary, helping out at their PTA fundraiser night: Trunk or Treat/Harvest Festival! Fun for all!



When the Halloween Carnival at the Rancho Santa Susana Community Center was canceled because it became an evacuation center for the fires and power outages, Jeannie asked for help instead at the Oak Park Halloween Carnival. So a small crew of us went over to cook, have fun, and serve hot dogs to the families that came!



Following the Veterans Day Ceremony we served lunches to our veterans, their families, and volunteers!



Our Circle K Club from Moorpark College joined us serving dinner to the homeless at the Samaritan Center.



# Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



The Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club inducted two new members at its October 23 meeting. Proudly wearing their Kiwanis builders' aprons and holding their membership plaques are Howard Friedman (left) and Chris Anstead (right). Howard is a local businessman and hiking buddy of his sponsor, Arnie Rudman. Chris is a member of the Agoura Hills City Council. Other Kiwanians participating in the induction ceremony are (left to right) Arnie Rudman (Howard's sponsor), Dick Wilson, Paul Campbell, Larry Levine, Bob Engler (Chris' sponsor), Immediate Past President Chuck Huffer, President Steve Weiss, and Doug Ryan.

Past President San Lee addresses new members Robin Britt (left) and Helene Harris (right), while presenting their framed membership certificates and Kiwanis information folders during their induction ceremony October 30. Robin is the Executive Director of Community Conscience, a prestigious local non-profit, and Helene is a local businesswoman. Robin's sponsor, Barbara Ashcraft, is to her right, and Helene's sponsor, Aaron Podell, is to her left. Past President Larry Levine, wearing his trademark orange, presided over the ceremony and looks on.



At its November 6 meeting, the Thousand Oaks Club added two more members, bringing the total to six new members over a three-week period. From left to right are Past President Arnie Rudman, Immediate Past President Chuck Huffer, Annette Broersma (sponsor of new member Melissa Cam, to Annette's immediate left), new member Jennifer Chebi and her sponsor and dad, Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Paul Campbell, Past President John Prescott, Past President Randy Senzig, and Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Engler. Melissa and Jennifer are both local businesswomen with a passion for community service. Jennifer is one of the founding members of the Conejo Valley Kiwanis Club.

When Kiwanis One Day rolled around last month, the Thousand Oaks Club's "Paint Rangers" rolled out to meet the challenge – complete with rollers. Members, family and friends, and sponsored youth gathered to paint out graffiti in a flood control culvert near Thousand Oaks Community Park. Thousand Oaks Kiwanians pictured include Gloria Dyok (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), Theresa Protter (4<sup>th</sup> from left), Past President and Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Katy Porter (8<sup>th</sup> from left), Howard Friedman (9<sup>th</sup> from left) Past President Bob Rickards (10<sup>th</sup> from left), Bob Smith (11<sup>th</sup> from left), President Steve Weiss (next to Bob) Cristy Warner (next to Steve) and Sherrill Hyink (far right). Past Lieutenant Governor and leader of the Paint Rangers, Bob Engler, took the photo.





Our DATA Builders Club members made placemats for Ventura Senior Center's Thanksgiving dinner.



Juanamaria Elementary K-Kids held a fundraiser for childhood cancer research. They blew away their goal of \$100 by raising \$269!

# 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,  
Wednesdays 12:00 pm  
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) 664-7406

## Simi Valley

**Meeting:** First Street Family Restaurant, 2025 First St.,  
Wednesdays x-2nd 7:00 am  
After-Hours meeting - 2nd Friday, 6:30 pm  
@ Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley, 2850 Lemon Avenue  
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 18-21, 2020**

KI Convention - Indianapolis, IN

**June/July 2020 - Date TBD**

CLE Training!

**August 13-15, 2020**

Cal-Nev-Ha Convention - Sparks, NV



**WORK FOR A CAUSE,  
NOT FOR APPLAUSE.**

## 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

**Enter to win the kidSTREAM**

# Disney Raffle!

**Four 1-day Park Hopper Tickets for entrance to BOTH  
Disneyland Park and California Adventure Park!**

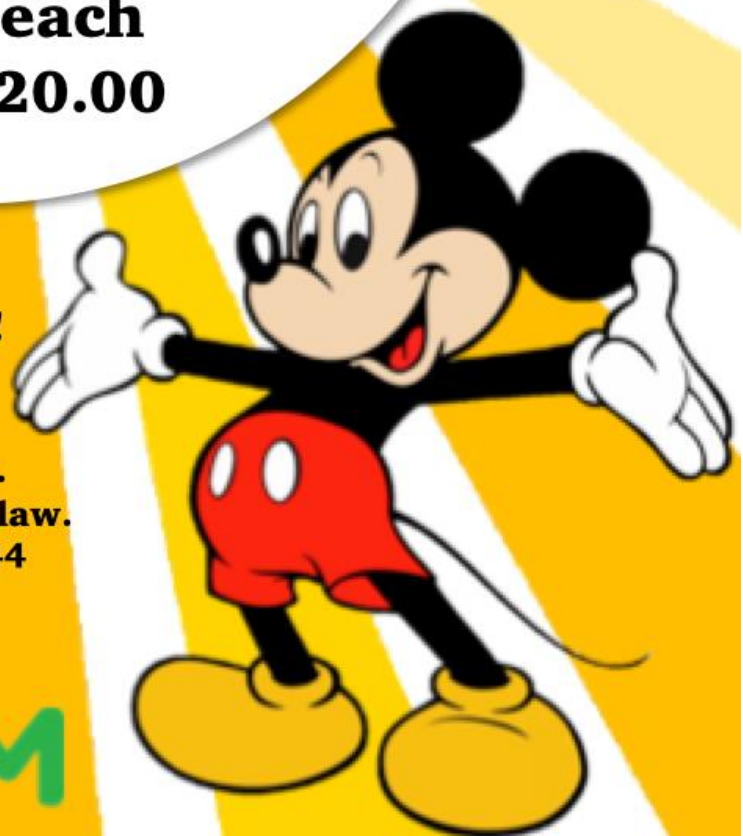
*Valued up to \$796  
All Proceeds to Benefit  
kidSTREAM Children's Museum*

**Last day to purchase a ticket is December 14, 2019  
Contact a kidSTREAM representative for details  
or email [info@kidSTREAM.org](mailto:info@kidSTREAM.org) to purchase.**

**Raffle Tickets:  
\$5.00 each  
5 for \$20.00**

**Raffle will be held on:  
December 15, 2019 at 4pm,  
During a Facebook Live Event!**

**This raffle is open to legal residents  
of the United States Ages 18 and older.  
The raffle is void where prohibited by law.  
CA DOJ Raffle Registration #RF0013644  
Blackout Dates: 12/25 - 12/31  
Tickets expire on 11/20/20**



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

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation only \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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