



Nothin' We C'ANT" Do! 2019 - 2020 HIGH HOPES

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Don's Ruminations



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In my first column as Lt. Governor last October, I spoke about how our clubs would have to explore new ways to communicate, hold meetings, attract new members and continue to provide service in a changing world.

Suddenly things really changed dramatically, and we had no option but to change - dramatically. It comes as no surprise, our clubs stepped up to the plate. In no time at all club leaders became more tech savvy and started meetings on Zoom. Many clubs returned to Kiwanis' roots and explored local, DIY service projects and fundraisers.

We are all looking forward to being able to be back together again. To share the fellowship that is such an important part of who Kiwanis is, and this will happen. But, when it does, don't let it stop you from continuing to be creative.

As our new Lt. Governor begins her term, we will continue to face challenges, but I take great pride in knowing that because of this last year you will face those challenges stronger than ever.

^D This past year I had the good fortune to have the support of a lot of great people including my First Lady and our Lt. Governor Elect. We set out to increase communication among the clubs in our Division, to make our DCM's more informative and fun, to be a resource for our clubs and their members.

It is my hope that you would agree that together we have accomplished all these things and more. I know that the coming year will find you helping to achieve the goals of our new Lt. Governor.

Next month you can sit back and enjoy "Fireside with Deb". You will want to take a look; I'm advised there may be a "fun" assignment involved.

I thank you for all your support, dedication, and determination this year, and ask that you continue to provide those same qualities to Debbie.

-Don





Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

Although we are still in a kind of shutdown mode, we can proudly say that we have not cancelled a single members meeting (thanks to Zoom); our attendance at DCMs has increased; we are still showing a positive in membership; our interaction with our three Key Leader Clubs is great; and we were able to meet the majority of our commitments, including a signature project. We are looking forward to the new year with President Bob Kelly and President Elect Linda Thayer, both first time leaders for our club.



Incoming President Bob Kelly and President Elect Linda Thayer

kidSTREAM recently held a Lego Competition. To make it as safe as possible, each team was allotted a time to bring in their work and present it to judges and video cameras. Mary and Allen Grizzard-Paul represented our Kiwanis Club to show our support for the event.



The teams' task was to build a city and some of the entries were incredible and took days to make. It is great to see that the children's museum is still getting kids involved during this difficult time.



Conejo Valley

Roger Klausler Reporting

Our club was well-represented at the Governor's Visit last month. Governor Tim Cunning and Conejo Valley Kiwanis gratefully presented the Community Service Award to Safe Passage, the Thousand Oaks Police Department, and the Conejo Valley Recreation and Parks District in recognition of the critical aid that they provide to families in the Latino community.

During the school year, Safe Passage offers after-school homework help and field trips, and in the summer, camps and classes focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Medicine and the Outdoors. During the current health crisis, hundreds of impacted families have been receiving a week's worth of groceries and nearly 400 children receive breakfast and lunch items. Infants are provided nutrition and diapers. All these services are free of charge, some supported by a grant from our Foundation matched by the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund.







Left: Sonia Agresti, David Yeomans, Sheromie Vittachi, Betty Stapleford, Tom Stapleford, Rochelle Callis; Center: Gov. Tim Cunning; Right: Rochelle Callis, Admin. Group, Conejo Recreation and Parks District



Past President Sonia Agresti was surprised and honored to receive this award from Division 42 East for her stellar service as our club's advisor to the Agoura High School Key Club.



Tom and Betty Stapleford hosted our safe-distance installation dinner at their home on September 14. Special thanks to them and to Stonefire Grill who provided superb boxed dinners and to Lt. Governor Don Erickson, First Lady Lorraine Erickson, and incoming Lt. Governor Debbie Heaslip for officiating.

We presented Kiwanian of the Year awards to Betty and to Sonia Agresti, our Key Club advisors. "They are role models of good character, but also adults who inspire in young people a desire—even a responsibility—to serve others through activities that require organized planning and execution. Sonia and Betty have perfected the trick of supporting and encouraging with a delicate hand that moves kids to success."

Randy Gould received in absentia the Distinguished Service Award for his 6 years of wise advice and diligent hands-on work on the Board of Directors.

Sheromie Vittachi was installed as President beginning in October, succeeding Tom. She is shown with incoming Board member Paul Campbell—back for yet another ride—incoming Vice-President Sue Bartley, Tom, and Secretary Roger Klausler.

Oxnard

Tina Marie Martinez Reporting





President Kathy Sullivan and member Don Ehrhardt at the Governor's Visit in August at Moorpark Country Club





Key Club Division 42 West made play toys for rescue animals. The toys were donated to the non-profit Paw Works through the Oxnard Kiwanis club.

Santa Barbara

Anita Pominocielo-Ho Reporting



Member Gary Gray, Governor designate of Cal-Nev-Ha presents the Governor-Elect banner to Margo Dutton. She will serve as Cal-Nev-Ha Governor for the 2021-2022 year.



Debbie Heaslip, Lt. Governor designate of Division 42, presents the Lt. Governor-Elect banner to President Matt Moore. He will serve as Division 42 Lt. Governor for the 2021-2022 year.



Santa Barbara President Matt Moore presents the Youth Service Awards to Connie Alexander from Gateway Tutoring Services and Lisa Godsdchan from CADA, Builder's Club, etc. via Zoom



Al Meskimen made it a family affair bringing his wife for the July outdoor Social.

Santa Susana

TEAMING UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Santa Susana showed support for their sister club, Simi Valley Kiwanis at the

"Great American Food Drive"

Our members accepted almost 1000 donations at the local Grocery Outlet.









Keeping Our Tradition of Service

Debbie, Anastasia, and Sherry got together to prepare 30 tasty lasagna "To Go" meals. These boxed dinners were delivered to the Samaritan Center to help those in need in our community. This has been a Santa Susana monthly tradition for over 15 years.



Anastasia & Sherry - So cute doing delivery of our To Go Meals

Pebbie Heaslip Reporting

We're Back !!

Finally, after 5 long months, our club got together "In Person."President Ray Dempsey hosted his last club meeting with a "BringYour Own" lunch. It was more of a celebration than a meeting, and that was just fine with us.



Members working hard on our prepping material for our "Blanket Buddies"

YOU'RE INVITED

We invite you to join us for food, fun and festivities at the

> Santa Susana 2020-2021 Installation

Sunday, September 27th 11:30 am

Moorpark Country Club \$25.00

RSVP to Debbie by Sept. 22nd sskiwanisinfo@gmail.com



Shelley Howard Reporting

On Saturday, September 5, the Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley collected nonperishable food at the Simi Valley Senior Center, in front of six local markets, and in neighborhoods throughout Simi Valley as part of the Great American Food Drive. The event was created to address the needs of those in Simi Valley experiencing food insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The outpouring of generosity from our community during the event was awe-inspiring, as several tons of food and over \$1,200 were collected to help those who need it most in Simi Valley. These resources were distributed among four local food pantries in Simi Valley including cash donations of \$350 each. This event was made possible in part by a COVID-19 grant of \$500 from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund.



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Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



Detective Jennifer Bowie of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department provided a very timely and informational program to the Thousand Oaks Club on September 2. Scams are rampant during the pandemic, so we have to watch out for COVID-19 "cure-alls." Phishing expeditions are also rising as scammers try to steal identities in order to file fraudulent unemployment claims. Other more mundane scams are continuing at high levels. These typically involve sending a prepaid gift card to avoid such calamities as being sent to jail for tax evasion or not showing up for jury duty. And don't let just anyone volunteer to help you "remove" a virus from your computer.



The Thousand Oaks Club delivers Meals on Wheels on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. This service has never been more important, as the need has increased significantly during the pandemic. Many homebound seniors have no other option for obtaining their meals. Weekend Meals on Wheels coordinator Jim Stephenson has tabulated our weekend statistics for the past year (104 MOW assignments), and the Club recently saluted and thanked our top drivers - Donna Orraj (19 times), Alice and Jim Stephenson (14), Past Lieutenant Governor Katy Porter (8), and Mary Sepe (8).



Several Thousand Oaks Club members attended the combined Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor Tim Cunning's visit and Division 42 Installation Banquet, held LIVE on the patio at Moorpark Country Club August 22. Our own Tony Antonelli emceed the event, and current Lieutenant Governor Don Erickson presented a gift to Tony thanking him for his service to the Division and support of the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund during Don's year. While in town, Governor Cunning also met separately with Bob Engler to award him the District's new Youth Service award.



The Thousand Oaks Club is happy to have received a \$500 Club Grant from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund. The Club is matching this grant with \$2,000 from our Charitable Foundation to benefit the Safe Passage Youth Foundation, a local non-profit serving almost 500 at-risk and underprivileged youth. President Steve Weiss and other Club members are shown here presenting the check to Safe Passage representative Tim Hagel. Safe Passage keeps kids out of gangs, and during the COVID-19 pandemic has added on-going services to distribute food, personal protective equipment, and other supplies to families. Under the leadership of Community Services Chair Mary Sepe, our Club members will be helping to distribute the food and supplies as part of our grant project.



Kathy Kinnear Reporting

Our club meets bi-weekly for lunch at Arroyo Verde Park. Club members bring their own sack lunches, and it is held with masks, and social distancing is respected. Near the end of the month we hold one Zoom meeting. Kiwanis After Dark, our alternative monthly-meeting evening group, is holding a golf game on September 17th (information on joining that was sent out last month.)



Our Installation Luncheon will be held on September 25th at the Poinsettia Pavilion on the patio, with Matt Kohagen to be installed as President. We also have an upcoming opportunity to do volunteer work for the Salvation Army.











2020 Kiwanis Virtual CNH Education Conference Recordings View Sessions and Seminars from the 2020 Kiwanis Virtual CNH Education Conference

Want to refresh your memory from what you learned last month at the Virtual Education Conference? Weren't able to attend or make some of the sessions?

Here's your chance to watch or re-watch the sessions and the seminars!

<u>Session Recordings</u> (https://cnhkiwanis.app.box.com/v/sessionrecordings)

Seminar Session Recordings (https://cnhkiwanis.app.box.com/v/seminarsessionrecordings)

<u>Click on the links on the session and seminar grid to view the specific recorded session.</u>

(https://cnhkiwanis.app.box.com/v/recordinglinkgrid)

We hope you enjoyed this historic event - and will go back and revisit your favorite sessions and enhance your Kiwanis experience.

Make-Up Club Leadership Education (CLE) Training - 9/26/20

Are you a 2020-2021 incoming officer and missed your local Club Leadership Education (CLE) Training? Here's your chance to attend a make-up training via Zoom on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m.!

This training is free to attend and will be taught by Trustee-designate Brian Dahlquist and Trustee Lanie Wheeler! Make sure your club officers have attended a CLE training, as this will be part of the 2020-2021 Distinguished Club criteria!

Register now!

(http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehagnq982c640345&llr=auudaxbab)

Download the 2020 Leadership Guide!

(https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/training/education/leadership-guide-2020---email-version.pdf?sfvrsn=a9963aef_2)

Key Club Regional Training Conference (RTC) - 11/14/20 via Zoom

We will be needing approximately 18 chaperones for this event, as well as donations of snacks that we can include in the RTC packets to be delivered to the students. We are also looking for some sponsors to cover costs, as we've greatly reduced the price for students. Instead of the \$35 per student, we are requesting \$50 per school or \$5 per attendee whichever is greater. Additionally, RTC T-Shirts will be an al a carte option, as we are really budget-conscious this year.

Director of Service Leadership Programs Announcement

Timothy Cunning has been selected as the new Director of Service Leadership Programs for the Cal-Nev-Ha District.



2019 - 2020 Distinguished Club Recognition Program

As this administrative year comes to a close, it's time for those Kiwanis clubs who have fulfilled the necessary <u>criteria</u> to submit their information for consideration of distinguished status for the 2019-20 year. To facilitate this, a <u>distinguished club form</u> may now be completed and submitted for consideration to Governor Timothy Cunning. This form should be submitted only once per club, along with the requested supporting proof, by November 15, 2020.

(Criteria: https://cnhkiwanis.app.box.com/v/cnhdistinguishedcriteria) (Form: https://cnhkiwanis.app.box.com/s/ecjlsbp8u0thhmqm2r51cbg0m2me1vwl)

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 1st Wednesday 12:15 pm ; 2nd Thursday at DCM ; 4th Thursday: Evening social with rotating location 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 4th Wednesday 5:30 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 11:00 am Zoom meeting - 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm 4th Sunday 12:30 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

(NOTE: During the COVID-19 pandemic, many clubs are meeting online. Contact Lt. Gov. Elect <u>Debbie Heaslip</u> for individual meeting details.)

Simi Valley

Meeting: First Street Family Restaurant, 2025 First St., Wednesdays x-2nd 7:00 am After-Hours meeting - 2nd Friday, 6:30 pm @ 99.1 The Ranch Studios, 1555 Simi Town Center Way, #730, President: Nellann Wilson Email: nanawilsn@yahoo.com Ph: (805) 501-5621 Cell Secy: Mary Martin Email: fmmartin7@sbcglobal.net Ph: (805) 587-2235 Cell

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: Kathy 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 (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

August 14-15, 2020 Cal-Nev-Ha Convention - Online via Zoom

August 22, 2020 Governor's Visit and Division Installation -Moorpark Country Club

November 14, 2020 Key Club RTC - via Zoom

November 14, 2020 Key Club Fall Rally - Cancelled

May 7 - 9, 2021 Key Leader Camp



CHILDHOOD DOESN'T COME WITH A ROAD MAP.

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 – Governor Elect Candidates

Thursday, July 9, 2020 Hosting club: Santa Barbara

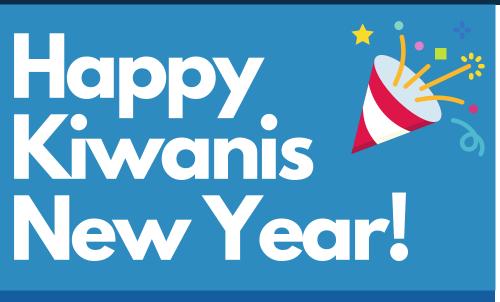
August 2020 No DCM - District Convention

Thursday, September 10, 2020 Hosting club: Oxnard

NEWS YOU CAN USE

from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund

OCTOBER 2020



Happy Kiwanis New Year! We are excited to enter the 2020-2021 year with you all as we work together to build a better future for our children. Specifically, we look forward to working with you to accomplish Governor Gary's goals for the year! Each year, our District Governor creates goals to achieve that will help the CNH Children's Fund meet the needs of children for years to come. <u>Click here</u> to read Governor Gary's goals and learn how you can help him support our mission!

Similarly, each year, Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanians have the opportunity to support a project chosen by our Governor's spouse. Our 2020-2021 First Lady Marsha Gray has chosen to support the CNH Children's Fund *and* the Kiwanis Children's Fund. With your donation of \$200, you will support her goals *and* receive a banner patch with the design featured below! You may also support her mission by purchasing pins for a donation of \$5.00 each. <u>Click here</u> to read about First Lady Marsha's project and contribute to her efforts!

KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUNDS INTERNATIONAL CAL-NEV-HA

TWIN PILLARS OF LOVE & STRENGTH

IMPACT REPORT

Start the new Kiwanis year by reviewing our 2019 Impact Report to see the achievements made possible by our donors during the 2018-2019 year. And read the full Annual Report to get inspired to continue making a difference in our communities this new year!

FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

When you become a Friend of the Foundation, your gift of \$100 supports our Service Leadership Program (SLP) members like <u>Terra</u>, a firstgeneration college student who is able to attend UC Riverside with a scholarship from the CNH Children's Fund. <u>Learn more</u> about our program and <u>become our friend</u> today!

SCHOLARSHIP APPS OPEN SOON

Applications for our annual Circle K and Key Club/KIWIN'S Scholarships are set to open this fall. While the live forms are currently closed, your clubs can start educating your SLP members about this opportunity to score free money toward their college degrees! Spread the word and keep an eye out for more information in the coming months.

SERVICE AWARDS

Start the year by honoring a leader who dedicates their life to mentoring youth with a <u>Youth Service</u> <u>Award</u>. Or, recognize an outstanding non-Kiwanian in your community with a <u>Community Service</u> <u>Award</u>. Club members who go above and beyond in their service can be recognized with a <u>Distinguished</u> <u>Service Award</u>. Remember, when you order a Service Award, your \$200 gift supports student leaders like <u>Jonash</u>, a former Circle K Lt. Governor who experienced networking opportunities beyond his imagination.

SERVICE PROJECT INSPIRATION

There are many ways your club can serve your communities, even during the ongoing pandemic. From <u>providing families with child safety seat</u> <u>stickers</u> to <u>distributing free scooters and helmets to</u> <u>children to help them have fun</u>, the possibilities are endless. Get inspired by some past projects that were funded by our grant awards and <u>apply for your</u> <u>own grant</u> today!

Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation, doing business as the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund 909.736.1707 | foundation@cnhkiwanis.org





Virtual DUCK RACE 10.24.2020

Join us for our annual Kids Incredible Duck Splash!

ADOPT DUCKS & WIN BIG BUCKS!

All in support of raising funds for the Kiwanis Club of Glendale community projects!

Support the Event by: Adopting Ducks, Purchase a Banner. Become a Duck Buddy, or Become an Event Sponsor.

VISIT - DUCKRACE.COM/GLENDALE LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM @DUCKSFORKIDS





Adopt ducks via the link below to benefit both the Glendale and Simi Valley clubs' foundations. (Simi gets 50%!) Or use the link above to form your club's own team as a Duck Buddy. <u>https://www.duckrace.com/glendale/adopt/?team_id=8366</u>





KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO

28th consecutive year "PEANUT DAY" fundraiser.

This has been a very tough year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of our fundraising events had to be cancelled so this fundraiser has become more important than ever. All the funds raised in this annual event go into sponsoring the new kidSTREAM Children's Museum in Camarillo; supporting Boy Scouts; sponsoring our Youth Programs; furnishing breakfast for Autism Society's annual race, etc. In addition, we provide six scholarships to graduating seniors from our local high schools to continue their education. To continue providing these services, your generosity is more important than ever this year.

For a \$20 donation a box of 48 1oz bags of peanuts.

***WE ARE A 501 C-3 CHARITABLE FOUNDATION - TAX I.D. #61-1564767

YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE***

Please send your donation to the KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO FOUNDATION, P.O. BOX 533, CAMARILLO, CA 93011. Check below and thank you very much for your help.

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

_____Donation only <u>\$</u>_____

Contact Allen Grizzard-Paul 805-795-6279 or allengrizzard@msn.com

The Kiwanis Club of Ventura Suburban



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Beardzardly

The fundraiser

Guess the length of Brendan's beard and win a share of the 50/50 pot. (From the tip of his chin to the end of his beard) \$5.00 per guess. Cash, Check or

Cash, Check or Paypal: vtasuburbk@gmail.com

Photo is only showing a portion of the beard. The beard is like an iceberg, most of it is hidden.

As you may know Brendan is going to have radiation treatment on his throat. Because of this his beard has to be cut way back to allow the mask to fit properly. Since it has to go why not have some fun with it and do something positive. The money raised will go to the Club's new program of support a scout, a program to help underprivileged youth be a part of Scouts BSA and other club supported programs.

