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## Fireside with Deb



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A publication for and about the  
Kiwanis clubs of:

**CAMARILLO**

**CONEJO VALLEY**

**MOORPARK**

**OXNARD**

**SANTA BARBARA**

**SANTA SUSANA**

**SIMI VALLEY**

**THE SOUTH COAST**

**THOUSAND OAKS**

**VENTURA**

**VENTURA SUBURBAN**

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Hello Division 42,

I am happy to announce that we will be having an “In Person” DCM in May at the Children’s Museum in Camarillo. Our host, the Moorpark Club, will be providing the Desserts and Beverages. The Presidents’ Circle will begin at 5:50 pm, and our General Session will start at 6:30 pm. We look forward to having you join us and ask that you encourage your members to attend. Don’t forget a raffle prize if you can.

As we move forward many of you are already beginning to slowly plan a return to live meetings. It is hopeful that I will be able to visit each of you when this happens. I am also hopeful that clubs will plan to have a Zoom meeting at least once every few months so that participation in Interclubs will continue.

At our meeting in April, Club Presidents approved a change to the DCM schedule. We will be dark in July and have a DCM on August 11th instead. Santa Barbara will be our host.

It is that time of year again! We are asking all clubs to put forth the name of a potential Lt. Governor Elect for next year. Have you been a Lt. Gov. before? That’s ok; perhaps you would like the opportunity to serve again. It is an exciting time to be a part of Division 42 leadership. We have established wonderful communications between our clubs, great Division service programs, and the opportunity for clubs to be recognized for their participation in Division, District, and International activities.

**Homework Assignments** – Last month I asked you to let me know about something you had done with friends or family. Tom Stapleford from Conejo let us know that he and Betty Zoom every 2 weeks with their 4 children. Roger Klausler, also of Conejo, got in touch with some high school pals to reminisce. Margaret (Santa Su President) and I spent a few days in an RV out at the beach – some fun, some work, but a wonderful time just being friends.

This month’s message is, *“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”* So your homework is to share something a member or your club has given to another.

**“What’s Your Sign” Info** – If were born between March 21st and April 20th, you are Aries (Ram.) After the 20th, you are Taurus (Bull.) Interested in info about your sign? here you go: <https://www.astrology-zodiac-signs.com>.

**Truly Canadian:** Did you know, the Bay of Fundy off Nova Scotia has the world’s highest tides? As tall as a five-story building.

Thank you for taking the time to chat.

Take care until we meet again.

*Debbie*

LOVE IT. SHARE IT.



We start with some great news from kidSTREAM. The City Council approved the transfer of the former library building as a donation to kidSTREAM, so the building is now theirs at zero charge. As kidSTREAM's Executive Director, Michael Shanklin said, "This really puts the wind in our sails." Our club is really looking forward to working with them on the next project, the donation of benches for the outdoor section of the museum.

Projects being worked on this month are:

Another Food Drive at the Grocery Outlet on April 17. The last one was very successful and the Grocery Outlet is so helpful. This is definitely a Win/Win project.



Clearing out our storage shed. It is amazing what you can accumulate over the years, and priorities change. For instance, we were once very busy with food booths, but with the changes in County requirements, this is no longer viable for our small club. As can be seen below we have lots of work to do this month.

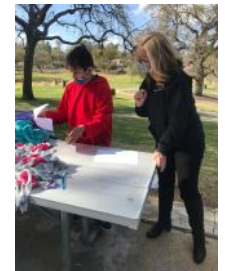


Congratulation Cards for all Key Club and KIWIN'S Seniors. Kiwanis International sells great cards that say, "The world is about to find out how lucky it is! Thanks to you the world is changing. We know your passion and commitment to help others will create a better tomorrow for all of us. Congratulation Key Club Senior. We're going to miss you."

# Conejo Valley

Roger Klausler Reporting

On Tuesday, March 16, we went to the Conejo Community Park, commonly known as Dover-Hendrix, to present a project to the kids in the Safe Passage program. We provided the material and offered them the opportunity to carry out their own service project: making blankets to be donated to children served by Operation Smile.



Shown are Betty Stapleford with the model; some boys and girls cutting out the squares; Alan Fisch supervising; Sommer Barwick (Recreation Director at Dover-Hendrix) and her daughter Parker watching over; Sue Bartley helping a young man begin to cut the strips, three boys and girls moving on to knot-tying. The kids then wrote messages or drew pictures to accompany their blankets that will go to Operation Smile. Past President Sonia Agresti reads one of the messages.



As the kids worked, we presented a check for \$1000 to the Safe Passage Youth Foundation to be used in providing micro-grants to families for use in paying utility bills and other fixed expenses. Shown are (left to right) Sue Bartley, Betty Stapleford, Roger Klausler, Past President Tom Stapleford presenting the check, Alan Fisch, Sommer Barwick, Cal Lutheran University AmeriCorps intern Sonia Chan, Safe Passage staff Luis Sánchez and Cristina McQuillen.



On April 1, Past President Sonia Agresti delivered 30 Easter cards to residents at Mary Health of the Sick that she and members of the Newbury Park and Agoura High School Key Clubs had made.

# Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting



L to R: Member Jackie Flame, with her husband Jason and son Mason, helped serve hundreds of families at Moorpark's "Breakfast with Bunny." Mark Van Dam (aka Giant Peep) is all dressed up for Easter to usher at his church. Barbara Eisenberg donates her 101st pint of blood!



Jackie Flame and husband Jason organized and facilitated a free self-defense and awareness seminar for the Ventura county chapter of Operation Underground Railroad. In just a couple hours, they raised almost \$600 for this brand new chapter, but more importantly, raised awareness of the realities of human trafficking. Jackie sneaks around the neighborhood volunteering to "flock" houses in support of our Moorpark schools.



Moorpark Kiwanians meet at The Alley for their monthly social gathering. Top - bottom, L - R: Curt and Denise; Ute and Mark; Maddie, Jackie, and Joanne; Robert, Stephanie, and Mark; Debbie, Bryan, and Steve; Barbara, Natalie, and Tom. Mark gives our newest member, Jackie Flame, the unofficial Moorpark Kiwanis oath. Moorpark's newest member, Jackie receives her official membership pin from President Ute. Welcome to the club, Jackie Flame!



Oxnard participated in an anniversary fundraiser in Port Hueneme by Wheelhouse Dispensary and received \$1000 donation



Our April general meeting featured a no sew blanket-making social.



**We lost our long-time member and past Lt. Governor Bruce Byers, who passed away in November, 2020. His wife funded the Bruce Byers scholarship. We are reviewing applications right now for our annual scholarships. We are funding six scholarships at \$2500 and one Brad Naegle scholarship for \$3000. Our scholarship banquet is May 26, 2021.**

## Just In Case

Several Santa Susana members set up their booth to provide Free Masks to the community. Over 150 masks in a variety of styles including N95's were distributed in a Drive-By system.

This is part of a program set up by the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with several of their non-profits.



**A Long Time Tradition**  
Judy, Debbie, and Katie prepared and delivered over 20 individually packaged dinners for the Samaritan Center.



**Many Hands Make Light Work**



Thanks to members, friends, and even young family help, we were able to cut and prepare almost 20 blankets to be tied by fellow Santa Su members.

We meet on a regular basis to do this as part of our ongoing Blanket Buddie Program.

# Simi Valley

Shelley Howard Reporting



The Simi Valley Kiwanis Club collected gift cards to help our local students who have been impacted by COVID-19. No child anywhere should ever go hungry, but sadly kids in Simi Valley do. Linda Zulager, who chaired the event, President Lorraine Erickson, and other Kiwanis members delivered gift cards to four Title 1 elementary schools and to Simi's three middle schools. They each received a box with over \$700.00 in various gift cards for students in need.

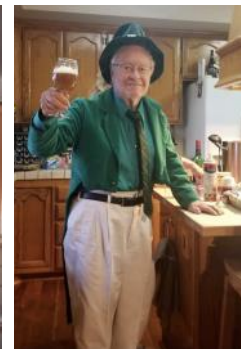


Fun on Easter morning at the Senior Center! Simi Valley Kiwanis cooked and handed out Easter breakfast and goodies to the seniors who drove through the Senior Center parking lot.





Our Club is not yet back to in-person meetings, so when it came time for co-Kiwanian of the Year John Prescott to transfer custody of the trophy to the other co-Kiwanian of the Year, Chuck Huffer, they met up at a service project for the exchange. John (left) delivered the revered relic to Chuck following their volunteer work helping Safe Passage Youth Foundation distribute food to needy families, a Club project involving 4-5 members volunteering every Saturday.



The Thousand Oaks Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day at our March 17 meeting. Members dressed in green (even Kermit the Frog was there.) Past President Steve Weiss won the Best Costume contest, and Past Lieutenant Governor Paul Campbell was our program speaker. He showed a video of him making the Campbell version of Irish Stew, known as Brunswick Stew. At the end, Paul played a short video of Past Lieutenant Governor Irish John Gore, pictured here dressed in green and toasting St. Patrick's Day in days gone by.

If you visit Conejo Creek North Park in Thousand Oaks any Monday morning, you'll cross paths with our Club's "Monday Meanderers." Health and Caring Committee Co-Chair Jack Talbot leads (debatable term) the group every Monday morning in masked socially-distanced walks around the Park and environs. Usually about a dozen meanderers show up. Health and Caring is encouraging exercise during the pandemic and the Monday walks will hopefully continue as part of the "new normal."



Club members Doug Ryan, Mike Mathews (and wife Jean Duffy,) Paul Campbell (and wife Marty,) and Craig Burns (and wife Denise) prepared and delivered 32 Easter dinners for the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation and Buddy Nation Homeless Veterans on behalf of the Thousand Oaks Club.



**We will resume in-person meetings at Poinsettia Pavilion on Friday May 7th at noon.**

**We continue to volunteer at Salvation Army food pantry on Tuesdays.**

**We will be granting scholarships to seniors from Ventura Unified School District soon.**

**The picture above is of our semi-monthly meeting at Arroyo Verde Park in Ventura.**



# Division 42 THE HUB

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### May is traditionally Membership Month

If May is not a great month for your club to host a membership campaign, choose a month now that works for your club and begin planning.

### Find us on Facebook

Search for the group "Kiwanis International Membership leaders" and request to join (or click the link below). Membership Month tips are posted every Monday and Thursday during March, April, and May. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/theformulakiwanis>



## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2021 KIWANIS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Kiwanis clubs face unique challenges — especially since COVID-19 changed everything. That’s why we’re introducing the 2021 Kiwanis Education and Leadership Conference. Kiwanis experts and partners will bring you the education, inspiration and leadership development you need to get through these tough times.

Join in person or virtually. June 24-26, 2021. Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Visit [kiwanis.org/SLC2021](http://kiwanis.org/SLC2021) for a schedule of events, registration options and list of educational seminars being offered online and in person. Registration begins March 18. In-person attendance will be determined by capacity limits established by local and state officials.

Kiwanis is desperately needed in so many communities to ensure all kids have access to the resources they need to thrive, the education they need to prosper and the food they need to grow.

## Help Wanted! Seeking 2021-2022 District Treasurer!

Applications are now being accepted for the office of 2021-2022 District Treasurer. This position is open to all Kiwanians, regardless of locale. We are interested in obtaining applications from all qualified candidates.

The deadline to submit an application is April 30, 2021.

Please share this information with the members of your club. Not sure what it takes to be the District Treasurer?

**[Learn more and download an application. . .](#)**



You can donate directly online at [www.bigdayofgiving.org/kiwanisfamilyhouse](http://www.bigdayofgiving.org/kiwanisfamilyhouse)

or mail a check before May 6 to:

**Kiwanis Family House  
2875 50th St.  
Sacramento, CA 95817**

Donations received by mail between now and May 6<sup>th</sup> will be included in our Big Day of Giving totals. Thank you so much.

# 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: Robert Kelly  
Email: kelly541@live.com Ph: (805) 388-4999  
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: Sheromie Vittachi  
Email: svittachi4homes@gmail.com Ph: (805) 551-2084  
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;  
3rd Monday Club Social (Time & location vary.)  
President: Ute Van Dam Email: utevandam@roadrunner.com  
Ph: (805) 433-3306  
Secy: Natalie Barrett Email: barrett.vet@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 501-1815

## Oxnard

**Meeting:** The Tower Club, 300 E. Esplanade Dr., 22nd Floor  
1st Thursday 6:00 pm; 2nd Thursday at DCM ;  
4th Thursday: Evening social with rotating location, 6:00 pm  
President: Clarice Couey Email: clarice.couey@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 444-7151  
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 Evening Social 5:30 pm  
President: Jordan Robinson Email: president@kiwanissb.org  
Ph: (805) 451-3222  
Secy: Walter Browne Email: walterbrowne1@yahoo.com  
Ph: (916) 817-7584

## Santa Susana

**Meeting:** (Locations vary.) 3rd Monday 11:30 am  
4th Sunday Club Social 12:30 pm (Call for location)  
President: Margaret Zoetowey  
Email: sigurdssonmargaret@gmail.com or  
margarets@armsprinting.com Ph: (805) 340-7673  
Secy: Gary White Email: garywhiteallstar@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 660-7446

(NOTE: During the COVID-19 pandemic, most clubs are meeting online via Zoom.)

## Simi Valley *(In-person planned to begin May 5.)*

**Meeting:** 99.1 The Ranch Studios, 1555 Simi Town Center Way,  
#730, 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays 6:30 pm  
President: Lorraine Erickson  
Email: leerickson521@gmail.com  
Ph: (619) 729-1330 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: Craig Burns Email: crburnsca@yahoo.com  
Ph: (805) 375-2996  
Secy: Gloria Dyok Email: gloriadyok@verizon.net  
Ph: (805) 402-1297 Cell (Text preferred)

## Ventura *(In-person planned to begin May 7.)*

**Meeting:** Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura,  
1st, 2nd & 4th Fridays  
Off Friday/End-of-month via Zoom; All meetings 12:00 pm  
President: Matthew Kohagen Email: revmrk@aol.com  
Ph: (805) 795-1445  
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

**April 3, 2021**

Kiwanis One Day (District observed)

**May 7 - 9, 2021**

Key Leader Camp

**June 23-26, 2021**

Kiwanis International Education and Leadership Conference,  
Salt Lake City, UT

**August 19 - 21, 2021**

Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention,  
San Diego, CA

**September 11, 2021**

Governor's Visit and Division Installation

**November 6, 2021**

Cowboys and Cabernet  
Simi Valley Kiwanis



## Division Council Meetings

**DCMs via Zoom / @ The Arc of Ventura  
5103 Walker Street, Ventura**

**Thursday, October 8, 2020**

No host club - Div. Leadership Team

**Thursday, November 12, 2020**

Hosting club: Camarillo *at kidSTREAM*

**Thursday, December 10, 2020**

Hosting Clubs: Santa Susana  
& Ventura Suburban

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

Hosting club: Conejo Valley

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

Hosting club: Simi Valley

**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

Hosting club: Ventura –  
Governor Elect Candidates

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

Hosting club: Oxnard

**Thursday, May 13, 2021**

Hosting club: Moorpark *at kidSTREAM*

**Thursday, June 10, 2021**

Hosting club: Thousand Oaks

**July 2021**

No DCM

**Thursday, August 12, 2021**

Hosting club: Santa Barbara

**September 2021**

No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund

MAY 2021



## #FLASHBACKFRIDAY: KIWANIS CLUB OF KINGSBURG

Nestled in central California is Traver, a small agricultural town comprised of 834 residents. With nearly 40% of residents living below the poverty line, an average median household income of \$37,031 in a state where the average is \$71,085, and no internet access until 2019, Traver is undoubtedly a community in need. [Read](#) how Kingsburg Kiwanis partnered with KCAPs, a local nonprofit, to bring an afterschool library and computer center to Traver with the help of a Club Grant from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund!

## NEW TRIPLE CROWN PROGRAM!

The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund is pleased to announce the Triple Crown program. For a donation of \$1,500 to the CNH Children's Fund, Triple Crown donors will join the 1965 Fellowship of the YES! Initiative; become a new member of the William A. Dunlap Fellowship (existing members will be upgraded to the next level); and be enrolled in the CNH Children's Fund Legacy Fellowship. [Learn more](#) about the Triple Crown and join this exclusive group of donors today!



## AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Bert Shoemaker, Nathan Hale, and Special Olympics Athlete of the Year awards are due to the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund office no later than May 31st. [Learn more](#) about what it means to be an exemplary Kiwanian, a hero, or a remarkable Special Olympics Athlete!

## FIRST LADY'S FOCUS

ATTENTION! Has your club awarded at least one CSA, DSA, YSA, or Dunlap this year? Has your club applied for a grant from the CNH Children's Fund or participated in our Founder's Day program? Then your club qualifies for a First Lady's Focus banner patch! [Read](#) how you can receive your banner patch for supporting First Lady Marsha Gray's goals.

## GRANTS! GRANTS! GRANTS!

Remember that the CNH Children's Fund has grants to help your club's service projects! Planning a safety fair in your community or another project that addresses pediatric trauma? Apply for a [PTP Grant!](#) Looking to refurbish a playground or improve your community in another way? Apply for a [Club Grant!](#) Visit [cnhfoundation.org/grants](http://cnhfoundation.org/grants) to learn more about our grant programs.

## YES! INITIATIVE

When you give to the YES! Initiative, you provide essential training and development opportunities to students like [Lia Busby](#). If you dare to envision a brighter future for students like Lia, then say YES! with your donation to the YES! Initiative. [Learn more](#) about the YES! Initiative.

## DINNER ANYWHERE

With more of our population vaccinated against COVID-19, travel destinations are beginning to welcome back tourists. Have you purchased your Dinner Anywhere raffle tickets yet? Enter for your chance to win dinner anywhere in our three-state district and make a mini-vacay out of your visit! Contact the CNH Children's Fund office or any CNH Children's Fund Director to purchase tickets today.