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Fireside with Deb



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THE SOUTH COAST

THOUSAND OAKS

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VENTURA SUBURBAN

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HelloDivision 42:

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose CAN YOU BELIEVE IT, it's December already. Our December DCM had members from every club attending as well as almost ten SLP members.

We had a presentation from the State Council of Developmental Disabilities, a couple of holiday carols from Gary White of Santa Susana and Katy Porter of Thousand Oaks, and rounded off the evening with everyone helping to read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. It was a ton of fun, and took most of us back to our childhood. It was a true example of last month's homework assignment. I also want to give thanks to Don, our Past Lt. Governor, for doing the pledge and singing us out.

Our clubs are in full swing with our Division Challenges. One Day patches are being prepared for every club. Five clubs attended an interclub with Memphis on Wednesday; "thank you" Lt. Gov. Elect Matt for arranging it. They think it is an amazing idea and they couldn't remember ever having a 5 part interclub before. They had a wonderful program on the Memphis Symphony. Our Signature Project the "No Sew" Blanket is well under way with half of our clubs already earning their patch.

Please try and remember those in need in your community during the holiday season. There are a lot of ways to help, many are not costly but can make a huge difference. Donate food to a food bank, a toy for a child, or socks for the homeless.

Homework Assignments: For last month, I received a story of how a member finds time to play and keep young with his train collection. Another broke out Legos that once belonged to her children and got down on the floor, so she could play with her grandchildren. I played a game called Shout & Listen with my K-Kids; everyone was talking, writing, and laughing. It was hysterical.

This month's message is, "Take time to read. It is the fountain of wisdom." So your homework is to share something you read that you think has made you wiser. Maybe something you learned in school or from a card you got yesterday. Remember we are never too old to learn.

"December" Info: If you were born before Dec. 22nd, you are Sagittarius. After the 22nd, you are a Capricorn. Interested in info about your sign? Here you go: <https://www.astrology-zodiac-signs.com/>.

Truly Canadian: Did you know that Toronto, Ontario is home to the oldest Santa Claus Parade in the World? The first one was sponsored by Eaton's Department Store in 1905. I started attending with my parents when I was two, and was there every year for over 40 years, including those with my children until I moved to California.

Thank you for taking the time to chat. I wish you all a safe and joyous holiday season, and take care until we meet again.

Debbie



LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT

Unfortunately, things slowed down toward the end of the year due to the tightening of COVID stay at home order. The health district has stopped using volunteers for meal deliveries, we had to cancel another food drive and our annual day for bell ringing. On the plus side, thanks to Lt. Governor Debbie, we have been able to zoom in on some great inter-clubs, including one with the Kiwanis Club of Memphis, Tennessee.

However, we have not been too idle as we enrolled one new member this month. We presented eight blankets to James Storehouse in response to our Lt. Governor Debbie's project. These were just in time to be passed on to Foster Kids for Christmas.



President Elect, Linda Thayer, presenting 8 blankets to Jessie Bierling at James Storehouse. Just in time for Christmas.

We also had a very good response from our members collecting new warm socks to be distributed to the homeless. Mary Grizzard-Paul headed up this project and so far, we have collected 84 pairs of socks. We are working with the local Police Station to help with the distribution.



Mary, assisted by two kids from the neighborhood, holding the socks that have been donated by our members.

We will be dark the last two Tuesdays of the year where we will regroup and hopefully kick-start the New Year with some new ideas on how to become be more effective during this difficult time.

Conejo Valley

Roger Klausler Reporting



The opportunities for service to our community and beyond continue throughout the year, but seem especially pressing during the holidays. As our commitment to the Adelante Comunidad Conejo and the Manna food banks continues, we have been carrying out four additional projects, three of them to brighten and enrich the lives of local children and the fourth to support our country's military.

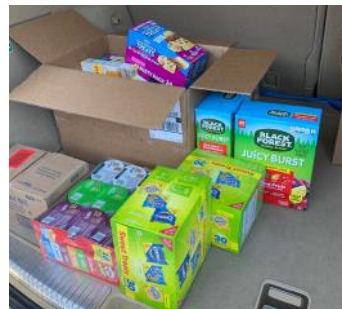


We've been doing at-home blanket-making for Children's Services. Not as much fun as a real down-home quilting bee, but just as rewarding!

We have again "adopted" through the BumbleBee Foundation a family who has a 4-year-old son battling pediatric cancer. The Foundation provided to us his wish list to fulfill—Paw Patrol toys, monster trucks, Lightning McQueen sleepwear, Pixar race cars. In addition to those gifts, the BumbleBee Foundation will give \$100 gift cards for gasoline and for general expenses to his parents.



Kids in 5 families who benefit from the academic, recreational and STREAM programs that Safe Passage provides also gave us their "Things that I like/Things that I need" lists. We delivered the presents to the Community Center at Dover-Hendrix Park and the Safe Passage staff gave them to the kids throughout the first two weeks of December.



Finally, as Americans, we always owe a big debt of gratitude to our members of the military services here at home and across the world. We are writing thank you's to the troops to show our appreciation for their commitment to serve and sending those "little things" that can make a brighter day.

Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting



Holiday on High Street Drive-By extravaganza was a fantastic Moorpark community event. L-R: The Moorpark Kiwanis Club hosted The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who; Tom and Stephanie Anderson, The Grinch, and Ute Van Dam set up before the big event; Natalie Barrett and Santa's "donkey-reindeer" volunteered.; The Grinch and Ute Van Dam.



Jackie Flame delivering essential pantry items and gift cards to the Moorpark Pantry Plus.



Mindy Yaras helps pass out toys at the Moorpark Pantry Plus.



Our outdoor, masked, socially-distanced "social" at The Alley in Moorpark.



We have attended a lot of inter-clubs!



Oxnard Kiwanis member Kevin Brannon is the founding president of Reel Guppy Outdoors, a family-friendly nonprofit organization. On Tuesday Dec 15th, Oxnard Kiwanis is hosting Kevin's presentation of his Reel Guppy Outdoors activity book to Ms. Salas' 3rd grade class at Rio Plaza School in Oxnard.

GUEST SPEAKER
ANNETTE
GARCIA

- ▶ Annette has lived in Ventura county for 23 years. She is the Founder of A Heart of an Angel, Kids Fitness Movement, a program focused on Spiritual and Outdoor Physical Fitness for Children. She is a youth mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, a board member and mentor for The City Center transitional home for homeless families. She is a former Fitness Competitor and Certified Personal Trainer. She is an avid hiker, fitness enthusiast, living her dream to teach kids about fitness!
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Our November general Zoom meeting featured special guest speaker Annette Garcia of Heart of an Angel, a fitness movement for local youth of Ventura County.

Santa Barbara

Anita Dominocielo-Ho Reporting

On Saturday November 7th and Saturday December 5, Kiwanis hosted food drives to benefit the Unity Shoppe. Eight total shopping baskets of food plus almost \$500 were collected for distribution to those in need.



UNITY SHOPPE



MONTHLY FOOD SERVICE CONTINUES

With a few changes to how we do it, Santa Susana has kept up their monthly dinner service to the Samaritan Center.

This month fried chicken, potato salad, fruit and a pastry were prepared, boxed in individual packages and delivered.



Cuddle Babies

Members continue their work sewing and stuffing dolls for Operation Smile. Cheryl, our member in Canada, knits cute little hats for each one.



A THANKSGIVING TRADITION

Santa Susana continues a long standing tradition of preparing Thanksgiving baskets for 10 needy families in our community. Members donate all the fixings for a Thanksgiving Dinner, including sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pie and a turkey. All the goodies are packed into decorated boxes for families to pick up from a local high school.



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**THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
SANTA SUSANA**



Our members are still doing tie blankets, pillows, happy bags, buddy dolls, and hospital gowns for Operation Smile, City of Hope, and foster homes.



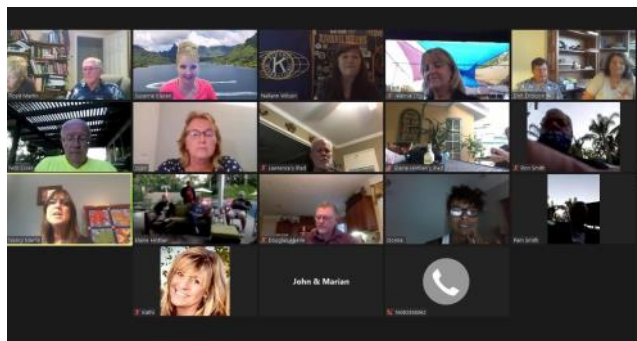
Lorraine and Nellann are filling out Christmas cards that For the Troops will send.



We did very well with the See's Fundraiser by opening it up to the community and providing free delivery. We sold more than \$4600, and our profit was more than double what we usually do with this fundraiser.



Simi Kiwanis is still volunteering to help with the delivery of overflow Meals on Wheels due to the corona-virus.



We continue to meet virtually on Zoom, but as of December all our meetings have moved to Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. We meet every week except the second Wednesday of the month.

Safe Passage Youth Foundation COVID-19 Response Grant



This summer, the Thousand Oaks Club applied for and received a \$500 Club Grant from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund, which we matched with \$2,000 from our Foundation, enabling us to provide a \$2,500 COVID-19 Response grant to the Safe Passage Youth Foundation. Safe Passage used the grant to purchase food, personal protective supplies, and educational materials for needy families. In addition, our club committed to providing volunteers to help Safe Passage distribute these items on Saturday mornings from late September through November. During that time, we logged 125 volunteer hours, as Safe Passage served about 700 people each week. The Safe Passage project is on-going and our Club will be providing volunteers through the end of the year at least.

Thousand Oaks Club President Craig Burns' and wife Denise's grandson Cooper helped them prepare forty Thanksgiving lunches for the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation. Past President Mike Mathews and his wife Jean Duffy also participated.



With some organizations that normally provide meals to the homeless closed Thanksgiving week, Thousand Oaks Kiwanis stepped up to serve meals to about thirty-two homeless individuals the day before Thanksgiving at the Human Services Center in Thousand Oaks. Helping out were members Mary Sepe, Robin Britt, Gloria Dyok, Bob Engler, Bill Steele, and President Craig Burns.



Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Engler delivered two pick-up truck loads of food that our members donated to Manna, the local food pantry, as our Kiwanis One Day project.

Ventura President Matt Kohagen with food donations for Salvation Army Pantry in Ventura in November.

For December we will be bellringing for the Salvation Army and will hold a Socks Drive for the homeless in a warming shelter in Ventura.



Ventura Kiwanis members Bart and Michelle Bleuel prepare food boxes for the Salvation Army to distribute for Thanksgiving along with members of the Lions Club.



Division 42 THE HUB

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Service Leadership Program Advisor Background Checks

While the Kiwanis International requirement for background checks for those working with youth and our Service Leadership Programs (SLP) has not changed, the impact on non-compliant individuals and clubs has changed.

In an effort to seek compliance with KI's Youth Protection Guidelines, Kiwanis International has taken the step of notifying schools when an advisor's background check has expired, thereby disallowing the advisor's campus privileges.

Additionally, if the SLP club is showing no advisors with approved background checks, Kiwanis International is removing the sponsoring club from the SLP roster.

It is of utmost importance to have background checks completed and paid, or update your records with advisors who have current background checks. Advisors need to log into the [member portal](#) (Kiwaniis Connect) and initiate the background check process under "background check." Or contact the club secretary for a member-specific email link sent from the secretary dashboard. Contact Kiwanis International at background-checks@kiwanis.org for a member-specific email link.

Please review this message from our Governor, Gary Gray:

"Hi all - I cannot express the importance of this issue. Without Kiwanis Advisors Our Key Clubs are cut off from Kiwanis. This is not complicated or hard. Apply, pay and you are done. As easy as that. Remember, this is not about questioning our individual integrity, it goes strictly to the issue of organizational reputation. We must be able to say we are 100% in compliance and that we have 0% tolerance for non-compliance. I want to see this list of Advisors cleaned up as soon as possible. The ball right now is in the hands of the Regional and District Advisors. If you are getting push back from any of our Kiwanians I want to know about it for follow up. Let's make this happen, and thanks for your efforts.

Gary Gray

Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor 2020-21"

Kiwanis® Amplify

Learning and living leadership out loud

Everyone can identify a great leader. But what makes a leader great?

It takes education and training. That's why we're introducing Kiwanis Amplify — a leadership program for anyone who wants to amplify their skills to help them build and lead a team.

Through Kiwanis Amplify, participants will learn skills to improve more than their Kiwanis club. They'll get the tools needed to improve communities, careers, schools — the lives of adults and children everywhere.

Interactive modules will be released weekly. Participants can work through the material at their own pace and will have the chance to interact in online discussions with cohorts moving through the curriculum. The program culminates with an in-person or online session during the 2021 Kiwanis International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 23-26, 2021.

Get answers to some of the [frequently asked questions](#) about Kiwanis Amplify.

The participation fee is US\$200. Individuals may nominate themselves or a club, division or district may sponsor participants for Kiwanis Amplify.

Visit kiwanis.org/amplify to learn more about the program and suggest members you think would benefit from participating.



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: svittaci4homes@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.) 2nd Tuesday 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

Meeting: (Location to be determined.)
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

Meeting: Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura,
1st Friday; 2nd & 4th Fridays at Arroyo Verde Park;
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

February 13, 2021

Cal-Nev-Ha Mid-Year Education Conference, via Zoom

May 7 - 9, 2021

Key Leader Camp

June 23-26, 2021

Kiwanis International Convention, 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

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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

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Hosting club: Oxnard

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Hosting club: Moorpark

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Hosting club: Thousand Oaks – Governor Elect Candidates

Thursday, July 8, 2021

Hosting club: Santa Barbara

August 2021

No DCM - District Convention

September 2021

No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation

NEWS YOU CAN USE

from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund

JANUARY 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed your New Year celebrations and rang in 2021 on a happy note! We wish you and your loved ones peace and prosperity in 2021!

We are a month away from our first-ever virtual tailgate and we need YOUR help to make our 2021 CNH Children's Fund Virtual Tailgate "Red, White or Brews" a success!!

Learn five simple ways you can support our Virtual Tailgate and be sure to save Saturday, February 13th on your calendar. Get ready for a virtual tailgate that's sure to be a grand slam!



**RED
WHITE OR
BREWS**

A virtual tailgate, auction and post-show concert benefiting youth

FEBRUARY 13, 2021

Tailgate Begins @ 5:30 pm
Program Begins @ 6:00 pm



"I am grateful to Kiwanis and Diamond Division KIWIN'S for teaching me how to place myself in social situations in order to make an impact in my community. But, above all, I am grateful for the sense of family that was given to me in my hardest years of life."

- Terra Duron

LEGACY FELLOWSHIP

Many Kiwanians give both their money and time to worthy causes; however, many of us are unaware that by making a gift in our will or trust we can continue to help people in need or to promote a favorite cause long after we are gone. Watch our [latest video](#) to learn how you can leave an enduring impact by joining our Legacy Fellowship.

SERVICE AWARDS: DSA-CSA-YSA

The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund offers three distinctive ways your club can recognize Kiwanians and community members for their outstanding service: the [Distinguished Service Award \(DSA\)](#); [Community Service Award \(CSA\)](#); and [Youth Service Award \(YSA\)](#). From teachers who have gone above and beyond in distance learning to Kiwanians who have tirelessly served their communities during the ongoing pandemic, consider honoring a deserving individual today.

YES! INITIATIVE

The [YES! Initiative](#) prioritizes three areas: **Youth, Education, and Support**. With your generous contribution, you award scholarships to our student leaders like [Terra](#) and [Naomi](#); you provide grants to our Kiwanis family clubs so they can [give bikes to children in need](#) and [host Easter celebrations](#), and you can help us move our mission forward. Say YES! to building a better future for our children!

SLP SCHOLARSHIPS

Have you heard? Scholarship applications for our [Key Club, KIWIN'S](#), and [Circle K](#) members are due **Friday, February 12, 2021**. Last year, we were honored to award \$112,00 in scholarships to our Service Leadership Program (SLP) members. [Spread the word](#) to the SLP members in your life and help them complete their applications to ensure they don't miss out on this huge opportunity to score **free money** toward their education and their dreams!

DINNER ANYWHERE

Dinner Anywhere tickets have arrived! Contact our office to purchase your raffle ticket today!