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CAL-NEV-HA District, Division 42 Newsletter

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Fireside with Deb



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A publication for and about the Kiwanis clubs of:

CAMARILLO

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Santa Barbara

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SIMI VALLEY

THE SOUTH COAST

THOUSAND OAKS

VENTURA

VENTURA SUBURBAN

Editor Nick Esser nichorus@pacbell.net Hello Division 42,

By the time you get this, Mid-Year, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day will have passed. I hope you all had a loving Valentine's and maybe a BBQ on Presidents' Day.

I want to thank everyone who attended this year's Virtual Mid-Year. Division 42 once again showed their Kiwanis Pride in great style and numbers. Congratulations to our Clubs who earned their Distinguished Level and to Santa Susana who also earned the Patriotic Patch.

I know it has been a challenge this year, but you have not wavered in your efforts to make a difference in the lives of others, and that is something you should be proud of. Our ten active clubs have been engaging in a variety of activities, but I am most proud of the Interclubs. We can all celebrate how much we have learned and shared. It is wonderful to see the fellowship and comradery. Ten clubs were awarded their Division 42 One Day Banner Patches at this month's DCM, and if you don't already have them, they are on the way.

I hope whoever puts your patches on has nimble fingers because I'm confident they will have a lot more sewing to do before this year is over.

For members reading this, if you have not taken the time to thank your officers and directors, please do this. I keep your Presidents, Secretaries and Interclub chairs pretty busy trying to provide opportunities for your participation in Division and your fellow clubs' activities.

Homework Assignments: I had some wonderful surprises this month. Conejo came through with all three of their "past due" assignments (not a gold star but an A for effort.) Not to be outdone, Moorpark shared their bit of happiness with us. Ute baked a cake for friends, and she and Mark and their dog sat their son's puppy for two weeks. Debbie delivered Valentine treats to Santa Susana members. Lots of happiness all around.

This month's message is, "Take time to say thank you. It costs you nothing but has immeasurable value."

So your homework is to share who you thanked this month, just because you could. And just to see if anyone reads this, I'm going to give bonus points towards your Kiwanis Pride patch to the clubs that do their homework this month.

"What's Your Sign?" Info: If you were born between Jan. 20th and Feb. 18th, you are Aquarius. After the 18th, you are a Pisces. Interested in info about your sign? Here you go: https://www.astrology-zodiac-signs.com.

Truly Canadian: Did you know that a special green ink invented by a chemist in Canada is used to print U.S. money, because it's impossible to copy or erase?

Thank you for taking the time to chat.

Take care until we meet again.

Debbie

Camarillo

Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

Three members of our club attended the Key Club Div. 42W Conclave on Saturday, February 6. This is the first time that the Key Club has had to do this on Zoom, and they handled it like true professionals. Two members contested the position of Lt. Governor for 2021/2022 Key Club year. These were Briana Chhay from Buena High School and Daniella Viorato from Oxnard High School. They both gave excellent speeches, and then each club went to a separate break-out session to decide on who their two delegates should vote for. The next Key Club Div. 42W Lt. Governor is Daniella Viorato from Oxnard HS. Congratulations!



Incoming Lt. Governor Daniella Viorato with current Lt. Governor Rafael Apodaca.



Now that we have completed last year's phase of our signature project—where we supplied five Magic Spun Chairs to the kidSTREAM museum, we have started working on our next project. That is to provide benches for parents to sit and relax while watching their kids experiencing all the outside fun activities that will be provided by the museum. Once the outside design is finalized, we will know how many benches are needed.



On February 18, one of our members reaches an incredible milestone when he celebrates his 100th birthday. Bud Utter is a WWII vet who will tell you that he spent most of the war chasing Rommel, the Desert Fox, but never caught up with him. He has been a Professional Boxer, Airline Pilot, and spent many years working for Howard Hughes, who often visited Bud in his workshop and exchanged gossip. Bud is great to listen to and has no problem talking for hours. Bud first joined Kiwanis in 1993 and joined our club in 2017. We are sad that we can't throw a big party for Bud and will have to settle for a drive-past. He has certainly earned more than that.

Conejo Valley



The Agoura High School Key Club collected 170 items for their food drive on February 7. These items will go to Manna and complement our support of Adelante Comunidad Conejo.

At the invitation of the Ventura club during an interclub, we contributed a bundle of plush footwarmers to their socks-for-the-homeless drive.





Small gestures can make a world of difference to seniors who are house-bound. We brought a little happiness to residents at Mary Health of the Sick by giving them personalized Valentine's Day cards. In April we will send spring cards of support and, in May, Mothers' Day flowers.





There is a dire need for adequate transitional houses run by people willing to help kids land on their feet after years of abandonment, trauma, and neglect. Harbor House, with help from a major donor, has bought a house that will become transitional housing for former foster youth. They will begin by housing six young men ages 18-21, and will open its doors to them on March 1, 2021. Conejo Valley Kiwanis is proud to continue its years-long support of Harbor House and this new, much-needed service to youth.







We salute Sheromie Vittachi and Betty Stapleford who have raised \$2600 for our Foundation through their birthday Facebook fundraisers.







Mindy Yaras, Howard Yaras, and Barbara Eisenberg love making no-sew blankets!



Moorpark member Barbara Eisenberg hugs her foster kitten, Meredith, from PawWorks rescue organization.



Moorpark members have a great time socializing at "The Alley" at their February monthly social.



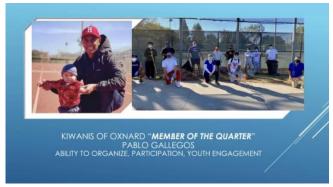






L-R: Debbie and Bryan Lee, Tom and Stephanie Anderson, Ute and Mark Van Dam, Wendy and Bruce Rokos

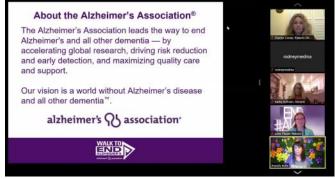
TinaMarie Martinez Reporting



Congratulations to our Member of the Quarter, Pablo Gallegos, Hueneme H.S. Athletic Director.



Posting on Instagram for our blanket drive





Our Feb. 4 General Meeting featured guest speakers Leila Malone and Aracely Avila from the Alzheimer's Association of Ventura County





Our club is happy to announce that we have sponsored a new Key Club in Oxnard, at Santa Clara High School. The new charter was presented by Oxnard President Clarice Couey and Key Club D42 West LTG, Rafael Apodaca.



President Clarice was recently named Key Club Advisor of the Month



The Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara is presenting a donation check for \$5000 to kick off their partnership with the Downtown Organization. This will provide matching funds to pay two youth interns to assist with outreach and marketing, and to gain valuable experience alongside local leaders promoting a community "shop local" market place.





We have a new logo in honor of our upcoming 100th Anniversary in 2022!



Dos Pueblos High School has dedicated a welcoming bench to our Santa Barbara Kiwanis Club in appreciation for the donation of \$500.00 towards their campus improvement projects for students.

Santa Susana

Pebbie Heaslip Reporting



Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner

Debbie and Judy prepared and packaged 24 tasty fried chicken dinners along with utensils and napkins for our delivery to the Samaritan Center. Once a month members donate food or funds to support this 20 year Santa Su tradition of helping those in need.

Zack, our K-Kids President, watched over donations to their Recycle for Charity Program. Last year they donated over \$300 to local charities they voted to support.



Blanket Buddies

This program, started by Santa Susana, has become an amazing service project during these trying times, not just for our club but Division wide. So far over 250 blankets have been donated to Foster Kids, Veterans, Seniors, the homeless, and Operation Smile.



Anastasia, Margaret and Judy met at Debbie's to cut, sort, tie and iron on labels. Lots of work but even more comradery.

SANTA SUSANA KIWANIS HAS A NEW MEETING DATE!!

To better meet the needs of our members, our general meetings have been moved to the 3rd Monday of the Month at 11:30 am.





St. Basil's Cathedral in Red Square

"From the Couch" Travel Log

This fun and educational program continued with an amazing presentation on Russia from Cheryl, our member in Canada.

Did you know that students in Russian schools are taught how not to smile?



Russian Honey Cake - it can take 9 hrs. to make.

Simi Valley

Shelley Howard Reporting

Congratulations are in order...





L-R: Karen Hoyle was named Volunteer the Year by the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce. Nellann Wilson received the Lt. Governor Service Recognition for our club at the February DCM. Our club was recognized as Distinguished for the 2019-20 year under President Nellann at the Mid-Year conference.





Past Lt. Governor Wes Miller celebrated his 80th Birthday, via Zoom and drive-by!









Our club's many sewing projects were featured in Dennis McCarthy's column in the Sunday, Feb. 7 issue of the Los Angeles Daily News. Many of the participating members proudly gathered for the photo-op!

Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting









On January 13, the Thousand Oaks Club's program speaker was Wyatt McCrea, grandson of Joel McCrea, probably the most famous historical person in our valley, and Frances Dee McCrea. Through a video and his story-telling, Wyatt shared great stories about the history of his grandparents and of the area. Joel McCrea spent his youth in Hollywood and with his handsome looks, slid into acting. His dream, though, was to be a rancher—cattle, horses, land, and fresh air. Joel and Frances bought a spread in the Conejo Valley where they settled and lived many years. Later, his family donated many acres to the Conejo Recreation and Park District, which maintains the ranch, including a visitor center, on Moorpark Road at the bottom of the Norwegian Grade.









Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club members performed a week of service at the Thousand Oaks Human Services Center, providing meals to the homeless during Christmas week when Lutheran Social Services was closed. Domino's donated 30 pizzas and McDonald's gave 40 sausage sandwiches. Club members Cristy Warner, Sherrill Hyink, Vice-President Mary Sepe, Secretary Gloria Dyok, and Barbara Green, along with Lila Borowiak and Emily Katz's K-Kids helped out. Member Robin Britt made sure we had what we needed.



Under the guidance of Thousand Oaks Kiwanis members Cristy Warner and Sherrill Hyink, youth from our K-Kids, Builders Club, and Key Clubs, along with the Boys and Girls Club, made a big deposit at Macy's Santa Letter Mailbox on Friday, December 11. They brought a plethora of letters to Santa with them, fulfilling Macy's "Believe" campaign commitment to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For every letter written, Macy's donates \$1.00 to this wonderful organization. Friday was "Double Down Day" and that meant each letter was worth \$2.00. Our youth turned in 1,210 letters to Santa, and Macy's will thus donate \$2,420 to Make-A-Wish.

Just before Christmas, members of the Thousand Oaks Club helped the Safe Passage Youth Foundation distribute toys to needy youngsters. Playing the part of Santa's elves were, left to right, Past President Chuck Huffer, Club Secretary Gloria Dyok, Past President Larry Levine, and Vice-President and Community Services Chair Mary Sepe.



Ventura



President Matt Kohagen with a trunk full of socks and warm clothes for the homeless at a warming shelter in Ventura.

Ventura Kiwanis members Susan Woodward, Michelle Bleuel and Sally Bodine completed five blankets for Div. 42 Lt. Gov. Debbie's Blankets for Foster Children project.





Division 42 THE HUB



NOTICE

Division 42 will be featured in the March issue of Kiwanis Magazine, coming soon.

THE BEST THING WE DO

One of the biggest impacts we can make on kids and adults today is through our <u>Service Leadership Programs</u> (SLPs): K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International and Aktion Club. They're often said to be the best thing Kiwanis does.

WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR PROGRAMS

Even during a global pandemic, members in our student programs have developed their leadership skills and helped others in a time of need. Here are a few of their latest projects:

- Global Leadership Certification. This free pilot program allows <u>Key Club</u> and <u>CKI</u> members to take courses and earn certification in civic responsibility, strategic leadership and applying their personal passions to volunteering for causes.
- Virtual meeting kits. Since September, we've released 10 virtual meeting kits with agendas and activities
 for K-Kids, Builders Club and Key Club members to use regardless of whether they're meeting in person
 or virtually. Topics range from anti-bullying to hunger insecurity to mental health awareness. Watch this
 Lunch with a Leader video to learn more.
- **Networking opportunities.** To prepare CKI members for the workforce, CKI hosted a virtual Kiwanis family networking event with Kiwanians and CKI alumni in various industries.
- **Clean water projects.** Key Club has teamed up with partner Thirst Project to raise money all February long to <u>end the global water crisis</u>. CKI has set a challenge of raising US\$40,000 this year for its <u>WASH project</u> (water, sanitation and hygiene) in collaboration with UNICEF.

TIME FOR A CELEBRATION!

Did you know that each Service Leadership Program has its own week of celebration? In fact, this week is <u>K-Kids Week!</u> It will be followed by <u>Aktion Club Week</u>, March 1-5, and <u>Builders Club Week</u>, March 15-19.

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 <u>kiwanis.org/amplify</u> 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: 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 NEW!

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)

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

April 3, 2021

Kiwanis One Day (District observed)

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





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

MARCH 2021



Have you purchased your Dinner Anywhere raffle tickets yet? From the beautiful beaches in Hawaii, to Napa Valley in Northern California, to the exciting sights and sounds of Las Vegas, Nevada, you can enter for a chance to win dinner anywhere in our threestate district! Contact the CNH Children's Fund office or any CNH Children's Fund Director to purchase your tickets today.

Books spark the imaginations of children and change their lives as they read them. However, with libraries across the nation slowly disappearing and the inability of many families to afford books, many children have no access to books, especially those in underserved communities. **Read how** the Kiwanis Literacy Club of Southern California brought literacy to their community with a Club Grant!



HOPE OF AMERICA

The Hope of America is an ideal award to present to Service Leadership Program members, or any student your club would like to recognize for outstanding achievement. Winning the coveted Hope of America award might well be the first spark in stimulating a lifelong effort of outstanding accomplishment and leadership! Click here to read more about the Hope of America award.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Is there a Kiwanian in your life who has gone above and beyond in their service and dedication to their club and community? Consider honoring them with a Distinguished Service Award (DSA). To make this award even more special, have Governor Gary present the award during his Official Visit to your division! Order your DSA today!

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

If you reached the age of 72 by the end of 2020, you may be required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your traditional retirement accounts by December 31, 2021 - or risk a 50% penalty imposed by the IRS. **Read our FAQs** to learn how you can support the CNH Children's Fund while lowering your taxable income!

YES! INITIATIVE

When you give to the YES! Initiative, you develop leaders and provide scholarships to students like **Mirna Issa**. If you dare to envision a brighter future for students like Mirna, then say YES! with your donation to the YES! Initiative. **Learn more** about the YES! Initiative.

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. **Learn more** about the Legacy Fellowship.







Spring Candy Sale

Order for yourself or send a Spring Candygram to someone special!

Order by March 17, and we will deliver your order to you (in Simi and Moorpark) the last week of March (in time for Easter.)

Thank You! Order Here:

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