

# KATY'S KOUCH



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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** 

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My fellow Kiwanians,

We have reached the Kouch for the last time, in Division 42. August and September round out our 12 months of Kiwanis fun, focus on kids, and foundation work. I have loved every minute of being your representative, and hope that our clubs are both looking back on this year's successes and forward to the shining future. We used the HEART OF A HERO motto to fuel the year, with great success.

We'll close out with some strawberry lemonade, accompanied by some homemade zucchini bread. Put your feet on the ottoman, and let's relax together as we reflect on these two months. We are still striving to make a difference, each and every day.

We completed our final Division Council Meeting (DCM) in July, leaving folks eager to attend either (or both) the International Convention in Orlando, Florida or the District Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

As discussed last time, Orlando in June was memorable, I thought, with the quality of speakers and presenters at every turn. And of course, the lovely venue. But I wanted to add that we had the opportunity to see our international President, Poly Lat. While frail, Mr. Lat never-theless traveled from the Philippines to be at the convention. His message of love and service has resonated with me ever since I first saw him on stage running for Vice President. He has since passed away.

Las Vegas was highlighted by our charismatic leader, District Governor Rocci Barsotti. I liked the Summerland venue – a little less expensive, and gave us a chance to get some steps in, for sure. There were several hospitality suites for members to take advantage of, including one hosted by our own Division 42, by Don Erickson and Debbie Heaslip. At the conference, we elected our next District Governor. Happy to say that Gary Gray will be pulling his boots on and traveling far and wide this coming year. He shared two visions of Kiwanis – an aging group that gives up and shrinks, or a group that revitalizes itself and continues to make a difference for children and communities. Guess which one we are going to be!!!

In September, and spilling into October, clubs are inducting new officers. We always seem to have a good mix of continuing leaders and new blood. Clubs benefit from both. In appreciation of all of you who step up to lead, support, and guide your clubs by volunteering as officers or board members. A thank you too to our many committee chairs, who make the details come alive. It has been wonderful to hear about all the amazing work done in our Division, throughout the year.

As we drink the last drops of our cooling lemonade, we are getting ready to pass the torch in the Division, too. Don Erickson is ready to become the next fearless leader as the Lt. Governor, with Debbie Heaslip an active participant as she prepares for her year in 2020. Best of luck to them, and all of you, too, as we continue this adventure called KIWANIS.







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August has been a fairly quiet month for our club. However, we were not were not idle; we spent the month planning our Installation Dinner, Peanut Day planned for October, and a Night at the Races—where we can bet on 6 races using play money—planned for November 16. Now that TERRI LYNN no longer supports Kiwanis with boxes of Peanuts and Trail Mix, we have had to revamp all our Peanut Day materials and hope that our Corporate Sponsors will still support us with donations for the new products we offer.

To finish out August, one of our members, Marge Leszczynski, opened her house for a games night where we could relax and just have fun. We are hoping that this was the first of many social events that can just be fun for members, families, and guests. We are now planning our next games night.





Marge, along with President Mary, incoming President Doug, and two special guests, Ron and Isa, joined in the fun and hopefully will keep coming back.



Peanut Day-coming in October!



Day at the Races-coming November 16!

#### Roger Klausler Reporting

# Conejo Valley



Our 4th Annual Conejo Uncorked will be held on Thursday, October 10, at Los Robles Gardens. Gold Sponsor Sherwin Williams Paint Co. returns for the second year, joined by Silver Sponsor Oakmont Management. Serving up in the main area are Opolo Vineyards, Sunland Vintage Winery, Ranchita Canyon Vineyard, Bolt To Wines, Dusty Nabor, Giessinger, Kieu Hoang Winery, Four Brix Winery, Sawmill Mountain Vineyards, Treasury Wine Estates, Santa Maria Brewery and McLeod Ale. The VIP area will feature Treasury Winery, Santa Maria Brewery and a scotch tasting by Village Green Liquor. Last call at 8:30. Bottled water will also be available. Pair your tastings with hors d'oeuvres and sweets offered by these local restaurants: Corner Bakery, Mouthful, Freda's Pizza, Julies Cookies, Spumoni, Stonefire Grill, Barone's Pizza, Newbury Candy, Oakwood Management.



Past President 2016-17 Tom Stapleford was our delegate at the CNH District Convention in Las Vegas August 15-17.



We held our officer and Board installation dinner on Saturday, September 7, at Sunland Vintage Winery. Lt. Governor Katy Porter was joined by Lt. Governor Designate Don Erickson and his wife Lorraine, and Lt. Governor Elect Designate Debbie Heaslip. Don revealed that "Ignite Your Passion" will be CNH Governor-Elect Tim Cunning's motto in the coming year.



# Moorpark

#### Ute Van Dam Reporting



President Steve Hoppel and Secretary Paula Driscoll display the Distinguished Club honor awarded to Moorpark Kiwanis for 2017-2018.



Our club supports the Moorpark Education Foundation at their annual Food Truck Meet-Up.



Moorpark High School Key Club officers share all the good things happening with their club.













Our club always has an awesome time at our monthly socials.

Join us at our annual Poker Fundraiser Saturday, October 26, 2019!



Prizes! Splash Pots! Re-Buys! Add-ons! Food! Drinks! FUN!

See www.MoorparkKiwanisPoker.com for tickets and information.

#### Tina Marie Martinez Reporting







Oxnard Kiwanis made lunch for Oxnard High School - LINK CREW instructors .



August 29 Social at Spanish Hills Country Club







On July 13, we sponsored the Kiwanis Tom McFadden Memorial Golf Tournament, benefiting youth golfers via Russ Morrison Junior Golf and The First Tee Central Coast. At right, Brad McFadden reports on the tournament.







On Thursday nights in July and August, the city presented Concerts in the Park at Chase Palm Park. Our Aktion Club was on hand as a sponsor, and collected donations from concert-goers.







On August 3 the Aktion Club helped hand out ice cream to the 3,000 children and parents who participated in the 89th Children's Fiesta Parade., part of Santa Barbara's Old Spanish Days celebration.







The Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara is now the home club of Governor Elect of the California Nevada Hawaii District, Gary Gray. President Elect Matt Moore, President Marsha Gray, and Past President Pete Georgi helped celebrate.

# Santa Susana

#### **Pebbie Heaslip Reporting**







An afternoon of good food and fun was had by all at our Bunco Fundraiser. After enjoying a wonderful buffet lunch, members and guests teamed up to play Bunco, in support of our many children's and community programs.







Santa Susana and Simi Valley hosted the Division 42 Hospitality Suite at the district convention.



Interclub with Simi Valley



At our August Dessert Social, we cut patterns for our Trauma Dolls Program.



Interclub with The South Coast

















On September 14, we had our Installation Breakfast. Thank you Lt. Gov. Katy Porter and Lt. Gov. Elect Don Erickson

# Simi Valley

#### **Shelley Howard Reporting**









Back to School Night at Hillside Middle school. Kiwanis is there helping the PTA with their fundraising - for the kids!















What a great event sponsored by Simi Cares Foundation, which is donating all money raised to the Free Clinic of Simi Valley. Many of our Kiwanis members were there supporting the event as guests or Volunteers!



Members at the District Convention, with LTG Katy and others from Div. 42





Nick presents our newest member, Cameron Schroeck, who is a former Royal H.S. Key Club President. Nick, Marian, Pam, and Nellann inducted Cameron.

# The South Coast

ANGEL FOSTER CARE
CELEBRATES ANOTHER YEAR
OF FINDING FOREVER HOMES
FOR ABANDONED BABIES





The weather was perfect, the families so nice, and they all came together at a BBQ in Solvang at Hans Christian Anderson Park.





Our Club handled the BBQ from chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs to beans, bread and salad. Angel Foster Care invited the Parents and Little Angels of the Foster Families for a day to enjoy.









#### John Prescott Reporting







The Thousand Oaks Club's 8th annual BrewFest fundraiser, held August 22 at Conejo Creek North Park in Thousand Oaks, was a huge success. The event continues to grow, this year attracting more than 55 exhibitors whose beer, wine and food offerings were enjoyed by nearly 700 people. The exhibitors included 24 craft breweries, 11 wineries and 20 food vendors. Approximately 40 Kiwanians worked the event, ably led by co-chairs Theresa Protter and Craig Manning.

#### And the People's Choice winners were:

Best Brewery - Firestone Walker, with newly-opened Tarantula Hill coming in second and Five Threads third.

Best Food - Barone's Pizza, with Twisted Oak Tavern and Brendan's Irish Pub placing second and third.

Best Beverages - Sentivo Vineyards, with Smooth Beverages second and Four Brix Winery third.

Sponsorship dollars increased, led by CID Builders and Pacific Western Bank, and the newly-opened Thousand Oaks Dave and Buster's brought in a fun element. Attendees, sponsors, and exhibitors alike agreed that this year's BrewFest was the best ever, and the Club is committed to grow BrewFest as it is becoming one of the Conejo Valley's signature events.









The Thousand Oaks Club has elected our incoming officers and directors for the 2019-2020 Kiwanis Year. Leading the club will be (left to right) incoming President Steve Weiss, Vice-President Aaron Kitzman, and President-Elect Craig Burns. They and the other incoming officers and directors will be installed at our Installation Banquet, September 29, 2019.



















The Cool Breeze Century, Southern California's Premier Coastal Bike Ride and our big annual fundraiser, was a great success again this year. Co-organized by Ventura Kiwanis and the Channel Islands Bicycle Club, this year's event took place on August 17. We want to thank all our members and SLP's who worked hard all day, and the many riders who came from far and wide to take part and make it all possible.

#### Ventura College Circle K Happenings



Student Life Day (Rush)



First Meeting!



**End of Summer Party** 

# Hatt of Heroes

#### Camaritto



This month's Hero is Marge Leszczynski. Marge is one of our members that quietly goes about doing wonderful service in the local community. She is a docent at the Camarillo House, and she works hard for her church visiting the sick and helping the elderly. When we have a service project to work on you can always guarantee on two to help as she always brings along her husband, Jerry, who was one of our past heroes of the month. She heads up our food committee when our turn comes to feed everyone at the DCM. Marge is our chief card writer if any member is sick, and recently she opened her home up for our first games night, where members can have fun in just a social atmosphere without having to sell tickets, work on projects, or give committee reports.

# Conejo Vátley - August



Our August Hero is the Board of the Children's Services Auxiliary of Ventura County and Lisa Barilone, its Spring Picnic Chair. Left to right: Andrea Kennedy, Leeann Cunningham-Mesa, Lisa, Keri Collins, Teresa Brumit, Leticia Ortiz and Marla Gay.

The Auxiliary is a totally volunteer-run organization whose mission is to meet the needs of Ventura County's court-dependent children who have been displaced from their homes due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. It

provides funds for their medical and dental needs, school activities, youth sports, summer camp, computer scholarships and a graduation incentive program.

For many years our club has served lunch for over 200 people at the Auxiliay's annual Foster Family Picnic in June—a party with arts and crafts, a petting zoo, bounce house, games, raffles, and of course, our Conejo Valley Kiwanis hamburgers and hotdogs!

Our September Hero is Art Castruita. We have worked with him for four years, first with Lutheran Social Services and now Harbor House. The Feeding the Needy program operates 7 days a week and Art coordinates the non-profits that step up to help provide meals. Always with a smile, he is caring, calm, considerate and non-judgmental. He has managed the Feeding the Needy program for many years and has made changes to be sure that everyone is served on a regular schedule. Art is a true hero in our community and cares deeply about those who sometimes get left behind.

# September



# 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 6:00 pm, Tuesdays x-1st 12:00 pm

President: Doug Hill

Email: 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

2nd and 3rd Tuesdays 11:45 am ALSO–1st Mondays, 5:00 pm

@ Los Robles Greens Golf Course, 299 S. Moorpark Road President: Tom Stapleton Email: stapleto@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 405-3086

Secy: Roger Klausler Email: rklausler@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 746-2584 Cell

Moorpark

Meeting: Moorpark Chamber of Commerce, 18 E. High St.,

1st Monday 7:00 pm

President: Steven Hoppel Email: stevehoppel@gmail.com

Ph: (424) 750-1103 Cell

Secy: Paula Driscoll Email: pdriscoll805@outlook.com

Ph: (805) 795-4865

Oxnard

Meeting: The Tower Club, 300 E. Esplanade Dr., 22nd Floor

Thursdays 12:00 pm

President: Kathy Sullivan Email: katgirl826@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 405-8165 Secy: Tina Marie Martinez

Email: tinamarie918@gmail.com Ph: (805) 844-9145 Cell

Santa Barbara

Meeting: Mesa Café, 1972 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara,

Wednesdays 12:00 pm

President: Matt Moore Email: matthew@moorelawsb.com

Ph: (805) 452-4627

Secy: Walter Browne Email: walterbrowne1@yahoo.com

Ph: (916) 817-7584

Santa Susana

Meeting: Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley,

2nd Wednesday 11:45 am

Monthly Dessert Socials - 4th Sunday 2:00-3:30 pm (Call for

location)

President: Ray Dempsey Email: dempsey.r@sbcglobal.net

Ph: (805) 501-5774

Secy: Gary White Email: allstargraphics@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 664-7406

Simi Valley

Meeting: First Street Family Restaurant, 2025 First St., NEW!

Wednesdays x-2nd 7:00 am

After-Hours meeting - 2nd Friday, 6:30 pm

@ Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley, 2850 Lemon Avenue

President: Nellann Wilson Email: nanawilsn@yahoo.com Ph: (805) 338-8062 Cell

Secy: Mary Martin Email: fmmartin7@sbcglobal.net

Ph: (805) 501-5621

The South Coast

Meeting: High Sierra Grill, 521 Firestone Road, Goleta

Tuesdays 6:30 pm

President: Wesley Jackson Email: wesjackson050@msn.com

Ph: (805) 570-6311

Secy: Bill Bailey Email: bill@jwbailey.com Ph: (805) 964-2249

Thousand Oaks

Meeting: Los Robles Greens Golf Course, 299 S. Moorpark Rd.,

Wednesdays 7:15 am

ALSO-Social Mtg. "First Friday" night each month; location varies

President: Steve Weiss Email: steve@kirkjewelersus.com

Ph: (805) 416-4775

Secy: Gloria Dyok Email: gloriadyok@verizon.net

Ph: (805) 402-1297 Cell (Text preferred)

Ventura

Meeting: Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura,

Fridays 12:00 pm

President: Katie Kinnear Email: kkinnear@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 218-9731

Secy: Fred Ziegler Email: ziegler.fairway@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 535-5218 Cell



# Division 42 Calendar of Events

### **Training & Club Events**

#### September 22, 2019

Division 42 Installation River Ridge Golf Club, Oxnard

#### October 3, 2019

Cowboys and Cabernet Simi Valley Kiwanis

#### October 10, 2019

Conejo Uncorked Conejo Valley Kiwanis

#### October 26, 2019

Charity Poker Tournament Moorpark Kiwanis

#### November 2, 2019

Region 10 Training Conference / Election Minami Community Center, Santa Maria

#### November 16, 2019

Night at the Races Camarillo Kiwanis

#### February 8, 2020

Mid-Year Conference South - San Gabriel

#### April 11, 2020

Governor's Visit River Ridge Golf Club, Oxnard

#### June 18-21, 2020

KI Convention - Indianapolis, IN

#### June/July 2020 - Date TBD

CLE Training!

#### August 13-15, 2020

Cal-Nev-Ha Convention - Sparks, NV

#### **Division Council Meetings**

#### DCMs @ The Arc of Ventura 5103 Walker Street, Ventura

#### Thursday, October 10, 2019

Hosting club: Ventura

#### Thursday, November 14, 2019

Hosting club: Simi Valley

#### Thursday, December 12, 2019

Holiday Pot Luck

#### Thursday, January 9, 2020

Hosting club: Conejo Valley

#### Thursday, February 13, 2020

Hosting club: Santa Susana

#### Thursday, March 12, 2020

Hosting club: Moorpark

#### Thursday, April 9, 2020

Hosting club: Oxnard

#### Thursday, May 14, 2020

Hosting club: Camarillo

#### Thursday, June 11, 2020

Hosting club: Thousand Oaks

#### Thursday, July 9, 2020

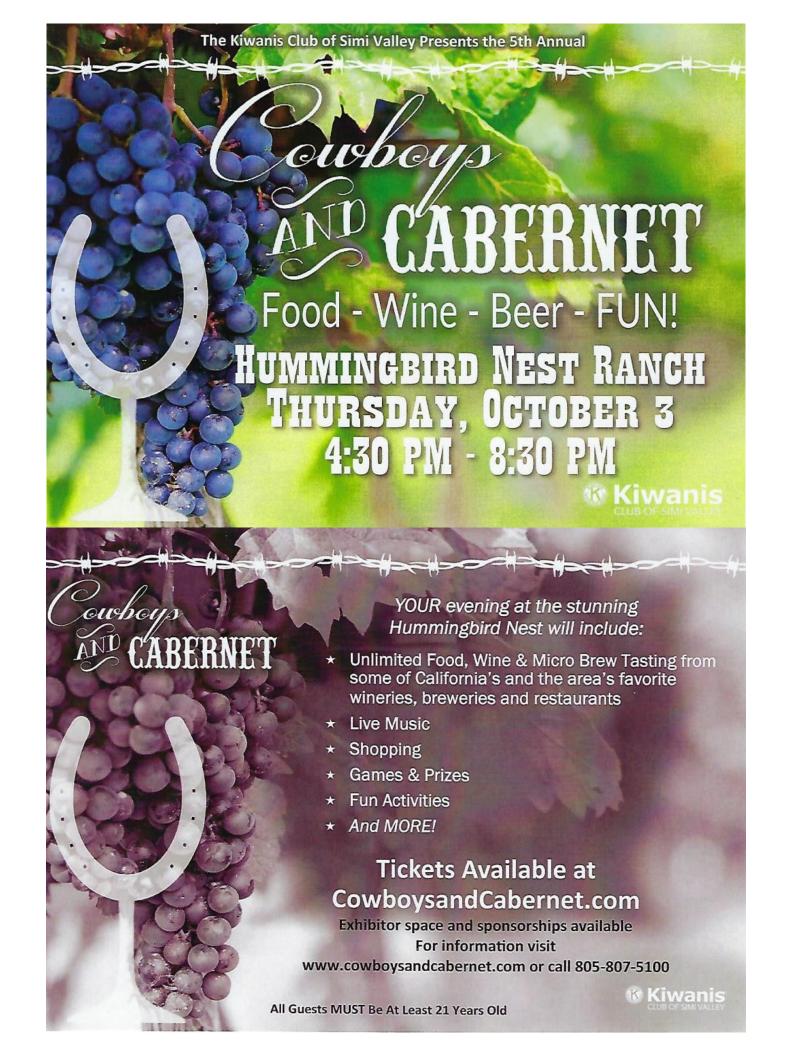
Hosting club: Santa Barbara & The South Coast – Governor Elect Candidates

#### August 2020

No DCM - District Convention

#### September 2020

No DCM - Installations





Each ticket includes a Conejo Uncorked souvenir glass. \*Individual tickets are \$50 per person on or before 9/3, after \$75. Tables of 10 are \$450 on or before 9/3, after \$550. Limited VIP tables are \$600 on or before 9/3, after \$750. VIP: Close by in a separate designated area; with hand passed appetizers; quieter music, separate wine tastings and same access to all tastings.

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# **Charity Poker Tournament**

Saturday, October 26, 2019

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144 W. Los Angeles Ave, Moorpark

Doors Open at 5:00 pm Poker starts at 5:30 pm

\$50 Advance Sales

\$70 at the Door

Heavy Appetizers & 1 Drink included

www.MoorparkKiwanisPoker.con

Moorpark Kiwanis 501(c)3 #82-3557595





California-Nevada-Hawai'i District Region 10 Training Conference



Presented by Trustee, Steven Geraci Saturday, November 2, 2019 Minami Community Center 600 West Enos Lane Santa Maria, CA 93458

Registration Opens at 9:00 AM Conference Begins at 9:30 AM Conference Concludes at 3:30 PM

Please RSVP by October 26, 2019

Cost is \$25.00. Please pay by check made out to Steven Geraci at registration

Club Name:		
Member Name:	Email:	
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Please email to sgeraci@santamariakiwanis.org or Fax to: 805.346.7827 by October 26, 2019.

If you have any special dietary requirements please let me know by October 26, 2019.

If you have any additional questions, please call Steve at 805.863.9512 or 805.354.2060.

If you sign up for the conference and cancel after October 26, 2019, you will be invoiced for the registration fee. However, another member who did not register may take your place.



## **NIGHT AT THE RACES**

PRESENTED BY THE



#### **CLUB OF CAMARILLO**

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16

AT THE SPORTSMAN RESTAURANT, 4426 CENTRAL AVE. CAMARILLO
DOORS OPEN 6PM - FIRST RACE OUT OF THE GATE 7PM
ENTRY FEE \$50 - INCLUDES HORS D'OEUVRES AND PLAY MONEY
TOP THREE PLAY MONEY WINNERS RECEIVE GREAT PRIZES

ALL PROCEDES GO TOWARDS SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE CAMARILLO COMMUNITY

KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO IS A 501 C-3 CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

To purchase tickets, contact Allen Grizzard-Paul 805-795-6279 allengrizzard@msn.com





#### KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO

# 27th consecutive year "PEANUT DAY" fundraiser.

For every \$15 you donate, we will thank you with a one-pound bag of Honey Roasted Peanuts or a one-pound bag of Trail Mix.

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

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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.

#	one-pound(s) bag of Honey Roasted Peanuts \$15 ea.		
#	one-pound(s) bag of Trail Mix \$15 ea. (3 bags of Honey Roasted or Trail Mix for \$40)		
#	box of 48 bags of Peanuts \$20 ea. (3 boxes for \$50)		
	Donation only <u>\$</u>		