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My fellow Kiwanians,
Here we are in May already! Step in and tell me all about what is happening at your club. Today we have orange / mango juice with ice or Mimosa's for those who like a little tingle. Help yourself to homemade banana bread also. You've been working hard, so relax.

I'm so proud to be a member of Division 42, where generous Kiwanians are helping graduating High School seniors prepare for their next academic adventures, by providing scholarships.

Thank you to all who helped make the Key Leader Camp a success again this year. Stacie Marotta's vision and her indefatigable band of helpers created a space in Ojai where teens and adults came together to have a weekend of learning and fun. Our May 9th Division Council Meeting (DCM) was hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Oxnard. President TinaMarie Martinez brought along almost her whole club, as the caravan strode in carrying trays of homemade goodies, to serve and entertain us. Thank you for the wonderful hosting job! Heart of a Hero for the Division was Debra Cordes, a retired teacher and administrator, whose love of children and the community wins her the respect and love of Division 42. Congratulations Debra!

Our project of the month was simple - Thank you notes to deserving members of community. We completed 36 cards of appreciation, surprising 36 special people. May is elections month for the Division and for many of our clubs. Nominations were reopened by immediate Past Lt. Governor Ed Cue, and the election commenced from there, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Don Erickson was elected as Lt. Governor effective October 1. Debbie Heaslip was elected as Lt. Governor Elect. Thank you to the clubs for turning out their members such that we had a quorum at this busy time.

Don Erickson passed the microphone to allow members to contribute their Happy and Sad moments with us. Lots of family and club info, as we continue to learn about each other.

Wipe the last of the banana bread crumbs off of your mouth, and swallow the last of your orange drink. We have lots to accomplish in our communities, as well as preparations fall, as SLP's are having their last meetings of the 2018-2019 school year. Keep membership on top of your list, and encourage members to invite guests to help out at events. Leave time for family time, and fun at home and at your clubs. Now turn the page to see what our awesome members have been up to. See you June 13th when my home club will be the host!

## Autism Race Pancake Breakfast



The cooks and servers getting ready for action.

On Sunday April 28 we joined forces with Thousand Oaks Club to provide a Pancake Breakfast for around 2,000 runners and volunteers at the Aut2Run fundraiser at CSICI. This year we also had help from CSUCI Circle K, and Rancho Campana KIWIN'S. Aut2Run is a yearly event and raises a great deal of money for the Autism Society.
Camarillo Kiwanis working alongside Thousand Oaks Kiwanis providing a pancake breakfast to all the runners and anyone else that looks hungry.


Getting the syrup and butter ready for the rush


You have heard of a drum line; this was the griddle line.

CSUCI Circle K club


One of our helpers. It did not look like a messy job, but she proved me wrong. We told her not to get too close to the griddles as she may end up as one of the pancakes.


## Conejo Valley

In April we inducted Alan Fisch as our first new member of the club this calendar year. He lives in Calabasas and is currently developing software for an education non-profit. He said, "I have retired from more occupations than I can
possibly count."


Members Sheromie Vittachi, Tom Stapleford and Sue Bartley delivered Mothers Day flowers to the residents of Atria Hillcrest's Memory Care Unit.

We were pleased to award a $\$ 1000$ Conejo Valley Scholarship to Newbury Park High School's Kyle Yasui. Kyle is President of the Key Club, has done multiple fundraisers for the CNH

Pediatric Trauma Program and the Thirst Project, and has been named as a CNH Member of the Year, a Division 42E Member of the Month, and a Top Fundraiser for the UNICEF Eliminate Project. He will attend the University of Washington.


Tom and Betty Stapleford chaperoned at the Key Club DCON in Ontario last month. They were impressed by the kids' creative, flamboyant costumes but found doing check-in at 11:00 and 11:30 to be a bit of a challenge. Top row: Jarod Narag and Audrey Washington; bottom row: Carter Kawaguchi, Sally Lee, and K.C. Calamba


Our 12th Annual Trivia Night on April 25 netted $\$ 800$. Our thanks to caller Bonnie Hames, PhD, to our 52 guests, and to BJ's for donating to our Foundation 20\% of the sales of food and soft beverages.

# Moorpark 

Ute Van Dam Reporting


Our honorary members

Our monthly social events are always fantastic. This month, members and sisters Barb and Joanne provided a delicious taco (and margarita) bar for all to enjoy.

Key Club officers invited Jason Momoa to join the club!


## Oxnard

Tina Marie Martinez Reporting
Strawberry Festival May 18-19


Track meet may 11 Oxnard with Key club from Oxnard high school


Our congratulations to Ed Cue and Gary Gray who were honored for their Distinguished Community Service by Cal-Nev-Ha Division 42.


Calla Gold gave one of the most entertaining talks about her introduction to the internet in the early days and how it has increased her business contacts through blogging and targeted newsletter to customers. She shared her recently published book on beautiful rings and how to restore them


Aktion Members Debra Day (standing) Nicole Turufsky and Steve Glick can always be counted on at the Division Council Meeting in Ventura selling the raffle tickets.


Jay Sullivan our green construction speaker came with a plaque of an award he received with his hero conservationist president Teddy Roosevelt.


Andres Nunez, the Event Coordinator came with Easton (in carriage) to give an update on the Buckles"N"Brew event. Easton was one of them most well behaved person of the group!!.

## Santa Susana



## "We Care Friday"

On the last Friday of each month, Madera K Kids oversee a Food Drive to collect canned goods from students and staff for the local Food Bank. Our goal was to collect 1200 items from September to May. After the April drive we are only 100 items away and sure to surpass our goal. On We Care Friday, members collect, sort, count and items as they are dropped off before school. In addition they give out "We Donated "stickers.


## Our Annual Spring Car Show

was held at the Junkyard Cafe on April 27th. With almost
 30 entries including a 1938 Packard from Simi Kiwanian Jim Lightfoot. With 1st and 2nd place ribbons in 8 categories for grabs, the judging was tough. Trophies were awarded for Best in Show, Peoples Choice, Sponsors Choice and the Simi Youth Choice (with lots of voting done by Snap Chat). Junkyard patrons were happy to participate in the voting , trying to pick their favorite while visiting with owners,


Township Elementary K-Kids made blankets for Project


Linus (blankets for children in foster care)


We had 2 spaces at the Simi Valley Street Fair on May 4th. We sold delicious burgers, nachos, and Chips. Members were out
talking and handing out information about Kiwanis.


The Kiwanis Family Picnic at Rancho Tapo Park was well attended. Pam Smith, Debbie Heaslip (of the Santa Susana Kiwanis Club), and their committee did a great job! AKtion Club, Circle K, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, and KKids were all represented, and their advisors were honored. Hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, water, and delicious cupcakes were on the menu. The games were fun, and there was lots of mixing with young people and their parents.


On April 27 the Huck Finn Fishing Derby gave young fishers a
 chance to enjoy the sport. The Rancho Duck Pond was planted with fish. Kiwanis sold coffee, hot chocolate, and Krispy Kreme doughnuts!

## Thousand Oaks

## John Prescott Reporting



The Thousand Oaks Club had to bring in extra griddles to serve the 3,500 participants in the Aut2Run fundraiser benefitting the Autism Society of Ventura County, held April 28 at Cal State Channel Islands. The Society's fund-raising goal was $\$ 50,000$.

Thousand Oaks Kiwanian Bob Engler was elected to the Thousand Oaks City Council last November. He was a recent program speaker and updated the Club on City goals and projects. Keeping the Rams in town is the number one priority - they're a billion dollar business with a huge positive impact on the



The Thousand Oaks Club's "Paint Rangers" have been painting over graffiti in local flood control channels for many years. On April 26, the Rangers rode again. Club President Chuck Huffer gets down and dirty as he sizes up the "canvas." With the job completed, Rangers (from left) Bob Smith, Chuck Huffer, Mary Sepe, Sherrill Hyink, and Arnie Rudman came out relatively unpainted themselves. Photos by Head Ranger, Bob Engler.

Thirty Thousand Oaks Kiwanians and guests were treated to a "behind-the-scenes" private tour of the Reagan Presidential Library archives. The tour was led by Randy Swan, curator of the archives, who was the program speaker at our April 3 meeting. Member Jack Talbot (furthest right in the photo) arranged the tour.


## Ventura



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## Camaritto



This month's Hero for the Kiwanis Club of Camarillo is Jerry Leszcznski. Jerry is not actually a member of our club; his wife Marge is. However, he is one of the hardest workers to be found at all of our club events, especially when it involves cooking or serving food or drinks. He is one of those wonderful volunteers who turns up, does his work, then quietly disappears. If you ask him to do something then you can walk away knowing it will be done. If something does not work, he will find a way to make it work. A special thanks to Marge for volunteering Jerry for all our events, he is certainly an unsung Hero.

Agoura HS Key Club Advisor and teacher of mathematics Russell Stephans is our Hero of the Month, shown here with his assistant Alex Ozar, also a teacher of mathematics. Mr. Stephans is a passionate and motivating force in helping the club to grow. President Ariana Simms said, "I am excited to have found such a great advisor for the club. And even though I am graduating this year, I know that the club will continue to improve under the faculty advising of Mr. Stephans."

## Meorpark



Howard Yaras has been a Moorpark Kiwanian since 2016. He and his wonderful wife, Mindy, are leading the team in organizing our annual Wine and Moonlight fundraiser. Howard's energetic personality and his love of wine makes him the perfect chairperson for our annual event which takes place on June 7, 2019. He also was the founding sponsor for K-Kids club at a local elementary school and is a champion for our students. Howard is always willing to jump in and help where needed. In his free time, he enjoys traveling with Mindy (they just returned from a fabulous Italian vacation). He also loves spending time with his grandchildren, and often coaches their sports team. Howard is an asset to our club!

Debra Cordes Please visit the Division Hero section to see what Debra has done for us!


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Cordes was born and raised in Oxnard and is truly proud of our city. Debra worked for 30 plus years as an educator for the Oxnard School District. She began her career as a teacher and later became an Assistant Principal and then retired as a Principal at Harrington Elementary School. This was the very
school.in which she began her teaching career. Debra continues to serve the community through her involvement with the Kiwanis track meet, member of AMAE, and she is currently the treasurer for

Kiwanis Club of Oxnard, Oxnard- Ocotlan Sister Cities, and
LULAC. She is also serving her second term on the Oxnard School District board of trustees.

# Division 42 Clubs $\varepsilon$ Meetings 

## Camarillo

Meeting: Sportsman Restaurant, 4426 Central Ave, 1st Tuesday 6:00 pm. Tuesdays x-1st 12:00 pm
President: Mary Grizzard-Paul
Email: marygrizzard@msn.com Ph: (805) 482-6279
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 11:45am
President: Amy Hastings Email: amybeuthel@yahoo.com
Ph: (805) 405-4303
Secy: Roger Klausler Email: rklausler@gmail.com
Ph: (805) 746-2584 Cell

## Moorpark

Meeting: Moorpark Chamber of Commerce, 18 E. High St. 1st Monday 7:00pm
President: Steven Hoppel Email: stevenhoppel@gmail.com Ph: (424) 750-1103
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: Tina Marie Martinez Email: tinamarie918@ gmail.com
Ph: (805) 890-4799
Secy: Tracy Carroll
Email: mpcrec@aol.com ph: (805) 484-2107

## Santa Barbara

Meeting: Mesa Cafe, 1972 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara
Wednesdays 12:00 pm
President: Marsha Gray Email: marshagraysb@gmail.com Ph: (805) 563-1458
Secy: Walter Browne Email: walterbrowne1@yahoo.com Ph:

## Santa Susana

Meeting: Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley, 2nd Wednesday 11:45 am
Monthly Dessert Socials - 4th Sunday 1:30-3:00 pm (Call for location)
President: Debra Heaslip Email: sskiwanisinfo@gmail.com

## Simi Valley

Meeting: Best Western Pasada Royale Hotel, 1775 Madera
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Wednesdays x-2nd 7am
After-hours meeting 2nd Friday 6:30pm
@ Boys \& Girls Club of Simi Valley, 2850 Lemon Ave, Simi Valley
President: Marian Walluks
Email: marianwalluks@outlook.com Ph: (608) 338-8062
Secy: Mary Martin Email: fmmartin7@sbcglobal.net
Ph: (805) 527-0760

## The South Coast

Meeting: High Sierra Grill, 521 Firestone Rd, Goleta
Tuesdays 6:30pm
President: Wesley Jackson Email: wesjackson050@msn. com
Ph: (805) 967-7417
Secy: William Bailey Email: bill@jwbailey.com
Ph: (805) 964-2249

## Thousand Oaks

Meeting: Los Robles Greens Golf Course
299 S. Moorpark Rd.
Wednesdays 7:15am
Social Meeting: 1st Friday - Call for location
President: Chuck Huffer Email: chuffer123@gmail.com
Ph: (805) 807-2911
Secy: Gloria Dyok Email: gloriadyok@verizon.net
Ph: (805) 402-1297 Cell (Text preferred)

## Ventura

Meeting: Poinsetta Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd, Ventura Fridays 12:00 pm
President: Brad Dykes Email: braddykes@gmail.com Ph: (310) 422-8064 Cell
Secy: Fred Zielger Email: ziegler.fairway@gmail.com Ph: (805) 535-5218 Cell

## Ventura-Suburban

Meeting: Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave.
1st \& 3rd Wednesdays 6:30 pm
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Secy: Tracy Hendrick Email: tnbhen@aol.com
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Secy: Gary White
Email: garywhiteallstar@gmail.com
Ph: (805) 660-7446 Cell

## Training \& Club Events

June 27-30 2019
KI Convention - Orlando, FL
July 20, 2019
CLE Training! - ARC 8AM
August 15-17, 2019
CNH Convention - Las Vegas, NV

## DCM

DCM @ The Arc - Ventura
5103 Walker Street, Ventura, CA 93003

Thursday, May 9, 2019
Hosting club: Oxnard
Thursday, June 13, 2019
Hosting club: Thousand Oaks
Thursday, July 11, 2019
Hosting club: Santa Barbara and the
South Coast

August 2019
No DCM - DCON

September 2019
No DCM - Installations


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