



## Nick's Notes

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A monthly publication for  
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of:

**Camarillo**  
**Carpinteria**  
**Conejo Valley**  
**Moorpark**  
**Oxnard**  
**Santa Barbara**  
**Santa Paula**  
**Santa Susana**  
**Simi Valley**  
**South Coast**  
**Thousand Oaks**  
**Ventura**  
**Ventura Suburban**

Editor: Lenore Lewis

Last month, as I was outlining to a friend some of my preparations to serve as your Lt. Governor, he asked, "Have you chosen a theme, yet?" That took me by surprise; I really hadn't even thought about it up until then. I had set some goals, I had in mind some changes I wanted to try and some initiatives from the past that I wanted to continue, and of course there was already the District motto for the year: "Rock Stars of Service." But the question got me to thinking, "Was there some simple phrase that might summarize, encompass, and provide motivation for it all?"

In a way, it shouldn't have seemed such an out-of-the-blue suggestion, because back when I was elected president of my club, one of the first things I did - and it was a first for my club - was to select a theme for the year! At that time, my overall goal was for my club to improve its presence in the community, to get the word out about our service projects, to be the "go-to" organization in town, and for the members to take increased pride in being identified with our club. And so the theme that year became, "Kiwanis Everywhere."

As I thought about that, it occurred to me that as a division, our theme ought to speak to a broader spectrum including strengthening our clubs, helping each other, sharing ideas, nurturing our SLP's, and internalizing the precepts of The Formula: Kiwanis - Love It, Share It, and Live It - which to me means to make and keep Kiwanis a priority in our lives. With that in mind, I chose as the theme for this year, "Kiwanis Now."

Kiwanis Now, Kiwanis -- Now, (singing:) You're in Kiwanis Now... It speaks of an organization that lives in the present - and looks to the future, it expresses a certain sense of urgency - even of primacy, it is a call to action, and it conveys that we are all in this together as Kiwanians -- today and every day. Let's all pitch in this year and re-dedicate ourselves to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. KIWANIS! NOW!

Nick Esser

# LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

# Kiwanis of Camarillo

Alan Grizzard-Paul reporting

In 2016 the Kiwanis Club will celebrate their 50th Anniversary and we will be celebrating this under the leadership of our youngest President in the history of this great club. On September 26, Peter Johnson was installed by Lt. Governor Nick Esser.

## President Peter Johnson

One of our Club's main focus for this year is to complete our Playground Project and install a much needed Special Needs Playground with wheelchair access. We are well on our way to raising the initial \$50,000 and have another Pancake Breakfast coming up at Applebee's on Saturday October 24th from 8:00am to 10:00am. Tickets are \$10 for all a wonderful breakfast and 50% of the takings goes towards the project. *Contact Don Medley 805-482-8761 if you are interested in supporting this event.*



Secretary Cecilia Rexford, Linda Thayer-Gaboury, Don Medley, President Peter Johnson and Immediate Past President Allen Grizzard, reinforcing our commitment to the Special Need Kids in Camarillo.

# Kiwanis of Carpinteria

Dorinda Macias reporting

Once again, our Annual BIG Avocado Run/Walk was a great success. On a cool and somewhat wet Sunday morning (October 4th), 144 runners participated in the 38th 5k Run/Walk. With runners from cities like Arroyo Grande, Santa Clarita, Newbury Park and San Luis Obispo, the scenic course on the Carpinteria Bluffs (which overlook our beautiful Pacific Ocean) was enjoyed by runners and walkers of ALL ages.



As a race sanctioned as a Grand Prix event for the Santa Barbara Running Club, there was a true mix of the 'professional' runner and those who just wanted to challenge them self for a personal best and to enjoy the morning view.

No matter one's time, each participant received a beautiful bouquet of flowers, succulent and a Locally Grown reusable bag, which were graciously donated by two of Carpinteria's many nurseries.

A big shout out to the Carpinteria High School Cross Country team members for their help with the race timing! Always a great fundraiser, with proceeds benefitting our high school scholarship fund and most important, a lot of fun. Until next year.....

# Conejo Valley Kiwanis

Roger Klausler reporting

On August 28, we kicked off the second year of our AYSO mister bottle project. Justin Kawaguchi of the Newbury Park High School Key Club attended the parent meeting and spoke to 55 parents about SLP's and raffled off 25 large mister bottles for the team parents. On September 12 and 19 at Pepper Tree and Dos Vientos fields we sold the smaller bottles to anyone who wanted one and netted \$500.



We held our second annual *PizzaFest* on September 17 at Conejo Creek North Park, featuring participating local restaurants and 321 Ignition playing rock classics from the 60's through the 90's.



As we do every other month, on September 24 we prepared and served dinner for about 40 people at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church for the Lutheran Social Services Meal and Shelter Program.

On September 26 we participated in the College and Service EXPO at the Region 10 Training Conference at Oxnard College, showcasing The Eliminate Project and local service projects that our club has done.

# Moorpark Kiwanis

Ute Van Dam reporting



The Moorpark 2015-16 Board Left to Right: Ute Van Dam-Past President; Howard Yaras-Board Member; Margarita Assael-Vice President; Debbie Lee-Board Member; Bryan Lee-President; Bob Pratt-Board Member; Margaret Stafford-Treasurer; Tom Anderson-Secretary; John Thompson-Board Member; Barbara Eisenberg-Board Member.



Lt. Governor Bob Engler presents the John R. Hermann Membership Increase Award to a very excited past president!



Lt. Governor Nick Esser (2015-2016) congratulates newly-installed Moorpark President, Bryan Lee!



LEFT: Installation Brunch at the Secret Garden Restaurant in Moorpark

# Kiwanis of Oxnard

Sheila Estaniel reporting

- Firefighter of the Year - The Oxnard Kiwanis Club would like to invite you to attend this year's Firefighter of the Year event to be held on October 22, 2015. The event will honor the firefighters and staff of the City of Oxnard who have served during the past year. The event will be held at noon at the Tower Club, 300 East Esplanade Drive, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Oxnard at a cost of \$35 per person. Please notify Francine Gutierrez, Fire Administration Assistant, 385-7702, regarding your attendance for this event.
- We had our installation at Strey Cellars this month. Welcome to all of our new officers and new member Clarice Couey!
- Debra Cordes has been awarded Kiwanian of the Year for stepping up to the plate and taking over some serious responsibilities in the club this past year.
- Our 2016 Tower 2 Tower fundraiser will be held on June 4, 2016... please save the date! If your chapter is interested in having a booth at the event, please let us know.



# Santa Barbara Kiwanis

Anita Dominocielo



## Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara Installation Dinner



Kiwanian **Josh Kane** was awarded the Distinguished Service Award. Josh works tirelessly for the community. He attended with his wife **Elke**, children **Ellie** and **Amelia**.



**Ed Cue**, (right) was installed as our new president. Ed is shown here with outgoing Lt. Governor **Bob Engler** (center). To the left is Division 42 incoming Lt. Governor **Nick Esser**.



**Pete Georgi** (right) is our **Kiwanian of the Year**. Pete joined the club in 1979 as a "merelad" and has been a valuable asset since. This is a long overdue and well deserved award.



**Rafael Bobadilla** had the honor of being inducted at the Installation dinner before 70 people. **Gary Gray** (center) is his sponsor and Membership Chair, **Marsha Gray** provided the official welcome. In the audience were his wife **Jacqueline**, and his employer (and our sponsor) **Paul Cashman**.



The **Aktion Club** members were well represented at the Kiwanis Installation Dinner.



Scoutmaster **Jacques Benoit** (left) from Troop 2 accepted a donation from our Club. Several scouts accompanied him. This is the troop that stays up all night at Alameda Park during Friday of the Pancake Breakfast to protect our inventory.



**Debra Day** (left) is the Aktion club Member of the Year. She brought in many guest who became members. She also made community presentations to recruit members to the Aktion Club. **Nannette Clark** (right) received the Aktion Community Service of the Year. She has already accumulated 400 hours helping at Goleta Cottage Hospital!



**Brian Mays** (center) was awarded the Casey Award. This is given to a Kiwanian serving less than 2 years, but has made a significant difference in service to the community and truly understands the mission of Kiwanis.

# Santa Paula Kiwanis

Yesenia Gonzales reporting



On August 28<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis of Santa Paula and The ARC Aktion Club of Santa Paula came together to enjoy a luncheon at Las Piedras Park in Santa Paula. Bill Grant, Carol Wood, and Yesenia Gonzales attended along with the Chief of Police, Firefighters from our local fire department and several city officials. The Aktion Club and Kiwanis members always enjoy coming together whether it's for the community or socializing. The Aktion Club is looking forward to future events the Carol Wood has planned.





# Sunday, September 27, 2015—Lt. Governor Installation



Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor (2015-16) Cherie Gilliam was on hand to install Division 42 Lt. Governor Nicholas Esser. The capacity crowd at the River Ridge Golf Course in Oxnard was all smiles as Governor Cherie did the honors. It was a terrific day filled with heartfelt speeches, well-deserved honors and a beautiful passing of the torch. Governor Cherie told outgoing Lt. Gov. Bob Engler that he wasn't being De-Installed... she was "promoting him." Our PDO Treasurer, Past Lt. Gov. Tony Antonelli

was on hand to ensure that as always, things ran smoothly. With emcee-extraordinaire Past Lt. Governor Irish John Gore at the helm, a superb installation was well in hand. As Governor Cherie Gilliam introduced newly installed Lt. Governor Nick Esser, near-pandemonium broke out as in true Rock Star fashion, members of Nick's large and enthusiastic Simi Valley home club (aka "Groupies") were ready to cheer him on.



# Party Like a ROCKSTAR!



**Lt. Governor Nick's Groupies ready to rock out!**

**A very surprised REGION 10 Key Club Advisor Stacie Marotta shows off her well deserved Zeller Award**

**Past, Present and Future As Governor Cherice Gilliam looks on, Lt. Governor Nick Esser (2015-16) and Lt. Governor Bob Engler 2014-15 show off Outgoing Lt. Governor's special 100th Anniversary Kiwanis Afghan.**



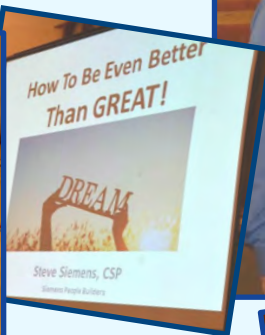
# Simi Valley Kiwanis

Chris Keuther Reporting

On Friday August 28th the Simi Valley Club with the help of our Sponsored Youth served a spaghetti dinner to about 400 seniors who participated in the Senior Games at the Senior Center. Volunteers who arrived around 3pm began serving at 6:05pm and they were done serving at 6:30pm.



On Saturday August 29th our club was fortunate to participate in a Club Retreat where the focus was to move our club from "Great to Greater". Past International President Steve Siemens facilitated the meeting. The retreat helped members and the new leadership team focus on the coming year.



## Cowboys & Cabernet



On Sunday September 13th the Simi Valley Club held the 1st Annual Cowboys & Cabernet on the grounds around Sitting Bull at Hummingbird Nest Ranch. The event is part of our Round Up series to promote our music festival in April. Guests sampled wine, micro brew and food from local establishments. Guest took home a complimentary wine glass with the Round Up logo.



# Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

Lenore Lewis reporting  
Chuck Rogers, photographer

# Four New Members!



From Left: President Mike Mathews (2015-16), Newly Inducted Members Mary Sepe, Donna Orraj, Craig Orraj and 2014-15 President San Lee.

Newly Inducted Sue Engler, flanked by husband Lt. Governor Bob Engler (2014-15) on the left, and President San Lee on the right.



Sue Engler is "pinned" by husband, Lt. Governor Bob Engler (2014-15) to wild applause, moments before she was deployed by the Red Cross to assist with the Lake County fires.



Husband and wife members Craig and Donna Orraj get to pin each other!



Mary Sepe receives her Kiwanis pin from President San Lee. Mary, wife of the late Past Lt. Governor, Sergio Sepe, seems like she's always been a Kiwanian. Now she's made it official.

# Division 42 Clubs & Meetings

Please confirm the meeting place and time with the Club Secretary if you are planning a visit.



## Camarillo

**Meeting:** Round Table Restaurant, 880 Arneill Rd.,  
1st Tuesday 6:00 PM; All Other Tuesdays 12:00pm  
President: Peter Johnson  
Email: petewj@verizon.net Ph: 805) 443-0189  
Secy: **Cecelia Rexford** P.O. Box 533 (club address), Camarillo, 93011  
Email: aachskiwinsadvisor@gmail.com Ph: (805) 766-3534 Cell  
(Text preferred)

## Carpinteria -

**Meeting:** Memorial Bldg., 941 Walnut Avenue,  
2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
President: Dorinda Macias  
Email: dorim@cox.net Ph: (805) 680-4581  
Secy: Rosana Swing  
Email: rsrdswing@gmail.com Ph: (805) 680-2670

## Conejo Valley

**Meeting:** Bandits Grill and Bar  
589 North Moorpark Road , Thousand Oaks  
Tuesdays 11:45am  
President: Dee Talley Email: detalley@pacbel.net  
Ph: (805) 660-2839 Cell (Text preferred)  
Secy: Roger Klausler Email: rklausler@gmail.com

## Moorpark

**Meeting:** Moorpark Chamber of Commerce, 18 E. High St.,  
1st Mondays 7:00 pm  
President: Bryan Lee Email: bdlnotary@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 402-0177 Cell  
Secy: Tom Anderson Email: tqanderson@roadrunner.com  
Ph: (805) 708-6454

## Oxnard

**Meeting:** The Tower Club, 300 E. Esplanade Dr., 22nd Floor  
Thursdays @ 12:00 pm  
President: Sheila Estaniel Email: Sheila.Estaniel@gmail.com  
Ph: (818) 642-3963  
Email: Sheila.Estaniel@gmail.com  
Secy: Daniel Martinez—call to schedule visit  
Email: Daniel.martinez@ci.oxnard.ca.us Ph: (805) 844-9145 Cell

## Santa Barbara

**Meeting:** Mesa Café, 1972 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara,  
Wednesdays 12:00 pm  
President: Eduardo Cué Email: ecue@cadassb.org  
Ph: (805) 563-1594  
Secy: Anita Dominocielo  
Email: vol@volunteersb.com Ph: (805) 451-2928

## Santa Paula

**Meeting:** Zapparelli's Pizza, 598 W. Main St., Santa Paula,  
Thursdays 12:00 pm  
President: Carol Wood Email: trukncar@aol.com  
Ph: (805) 535-8323  
Secy: Ken Stock Email: kwstock85@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 407-7446

## Santa Susana

**Meeting:** Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley,  
Wednesdays 12:15 pm  
President: Judy Bertoniere Email: bonniebrae@sbcglobal.net  
Ph: (805) 583-4663  
Secy: Gary White Email: bflatgary@sbcglobal.net  
Ph: (805) 660-7446 Cell

## Simi Valley

**Meeting:** Junkyard Café, 2585 Cochran St., Simi Valley,  
Wednesdays 7.00 am  
K-Too Meetings - 2nd Friday Night of Each Month, 6:30pm  
@ Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley 2850 Lemon Avenue—Simi Valley  
President: Michele Bennett Email: michy7777@msn.com  
Ph: (805) 732-3103  
Secy: Mary Martin Email: fmmartin7@sbcglobal.net  
Ph: (805) 527-0760

## South Coast

**Meeting:** IHOP Restaurant, 4765 Calle Real, Santa Barbara,  
CA 93105, Tuesdays 6:30 pm  
Co-Presidents: Joe Bailey Email: joe-fisherman@hotmail.com  
Ph: (805) 729-2644  
Rich Ayling Email: richayling@mac.com Ph: (805) 453-1258 Cell  
Secy: Bill Bailey Email: bill@jwbailey.com Ph: ((805) 687-0843

## Thousand Oaks

**Meeting:** Palm Gardens, 495 Ventu Park Rd. , Thousand Oaks  
Wednesdays 7:15 am;  
ALSO—Social Mtg. "First Friday" night each month; location varies  
President: Mike Mathews Email: mathews.mike@yahoo.com  
Ph: (805) 492-2133  
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: Judy Mullins Email: judymullins0604@gmail.com  
Ph: (805) 648-1733  
Secy: Matt Kohagen Email: revmrk@aol.com  
Ph: (805) 795-1445 (cell)

## Ventura Suburban

**Meeting:** Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave.,  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30 pm  
President: Brendan Hendrick  
Email: kiwinsda2000@aol.com Ph: Home: (805) 642-8661  
Secy: Tracey Hendrick Email: tnben@aol.com Ph: (805) 642-8661



# DIVISION 42 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **OCTOBER 2015**

**Thursday, October 8th**

**DCM @The ARC—Ventura**

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

Thanks to Simi Valley Kiwanis for providing dinner this month!

## **NOVEMBER 14, 2015**

**REGION 10 TRAINING CONFERENCE**

**LOCATION: Ventura**

## **NOVEMBER 2015**

**Thursday, November 12th**

**DCM @The ARC—Ventura**

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

*Moorpark Club hosting*

## **DECEMBER 2015**

**Thursday, December 10th**

**DCM @The ARC—Ventura**

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

*Santa Susana/Santa Paula Clubs hosting*

## **JANUARY 2016**

**Thursday, January 14th**

**DCM @WWII Aviation Museum**

**Camarillo, CA**

*Camarillo Club host*

**SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 6TH**

**Mid-Year Conference - Long Beach**

**(Queen Mary)**

## **FEBRUARY 2016**

**Thursday, February 11th**

**DCM @The ARC—Ventura**

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

*Oxnard & Conejo Valley Clubs hosting*

## **MARCH 2016**

**Thursday, March 10th**

**DCM @The ARC—Ventura**

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

*Thousand Oaks Club hosting*

## **APRIL 2016**

**Thursday, April 14th**

**DCM @The ARC—Ventura**

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

*Santa Barbara Club hosting*

## **MAY 2016**

**Thursday, May 12th**

**DCM @The ARC—Ventura**

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

*Ventura & Ventura Suburban hosting*

## **JUNE 2016 - Date TBD**

**No DCM—CLE training!**

## **June 23 - 26, 2016**

**Kiwanis International Convention**

**Toronto, Ontario**

## **JULY 2016**

**Thursday, July 14th**

**DCM @The ARC—Ventura**

5103 Walker Street—Ventura, CA 93003

*Carpenteria & South Coast hosting*

*Governor-Elect Visit*

## **AUGUST 11-13, 2016**

**Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention -**

**Las Vegas, NV**

## **SEPTEMBER 2016**

**No DCM—Installation**

