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CAL-NEV-HA District, Division 42 Newsletter

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Rodney's Reflections



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Camarillo

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OXNARD

Santa Barbara

SANTA SUSANA

SIMI VALLEY Rodney

THOUSAND OAKS

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Get Out!

As Ventura County residents, we are so lucky to have the weather, the ocean, and the beautiful nature nestled in the hills that surround us. Spring writes its invitation to us all to get out and enjoy what it has to offer.

We've probably all used that expression "When the streetlights came on we knew it was time to go home". Almost daily, we didn't see our parents for hours and we knew where all our friends were by where the bikes were "parked".

I urge you to reclaim your youth and go outside and spend some quality time with your family or friends in the great outdoors. It could be as simple as a game of chess on the patio with a relative or friend. Or perhaps you can participate in a local community cleanup. In Oxnard, we have organizations like Coastal Keepers who regularly schedule Saturday cleanups on our local beaches. (@coastalkeepers on Instagram).

If you know youths who have never experienced a few hours on a ranch with horses, reach out to the Seaside Cowboys for a day of horse therapy. Our fellow Kiwanians Sergio and Tina Marie Martinez offer a great Saturday morning program that teaches horsemanship to youth. (@seasidecowboys on Instagram).

For you anglers, Kevin Brannon can help you and your family "Catch a Memory" at one of his fishing outings on the pier in Port Hueneme. You'll be amazed at the little creatures a crab net can bring up from the ocean floor. All fishing gear and bait is provided. (@reelguppyoutdoors on Instagram).

These are all activities that can be enjoyed locally, and just as important, they involve wholesome mentorship opportunities for the children in your life.

Saturday, April 6th is National Play Outside Day, but all of these activities are available year-round.

Catch some sun. Catch some memories!



Camarillo

Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

Sadly, I must report the passing of another of our aged members. Bud Utter, who was an active member until 2021 when he was made an honorary member, died at the grand old age of 103. Bud served in WWII, where he spent most of the time chasing Romel around the desert. He was once a professional boxer and ended his career working for Howard Hughes, spending many a lunch break chatting with him. Bud had many great stories to tell and was never shy to share them. Although he has not been able to attend a meeting for a while, he will be sorely missed.



A true veteran and great Kiwanian, Bud Utter

We held our first Food Drive of 2024, where we set-up outside the Grocery Outlet in Camarillo and handed a list of items to shoppers as they entered the store. These were items that the local Food Pantry was desperate for, as their stocks have been drained by hundreds of residents who are struggling to make ends meet. We ended up filling 8 shopping carts that filled both the bed and cab of their truck. Our relationship with the Grocery Outlet has generated much interest at corporate level; they sent a representative to see how this event not only helps the community, but is a big win for the store as we must have collected about \$2,000 worth of goods, plus some small donations of cash.







Great support from KIWIN'S and the store employees

Ice cream break-wood spoon!







Linda Thayer loading up carts; John, Linda & Marge ready to roll the carts to load the truck; truck full!

Ute Van Dam Reporting













Moorpark has TERRIFIC Kids, and Moorpark Kiwanis has TERRIFIC Volunteers!

Our February Social Meeting was a smashing success!







Hostess Cat, Wendy, Bruce, and Traci; Ute, Bryan and Debbie; Barb, Steve, Emily, Janey, Mark, Stephanie, Tom, and Joanne







Mark and Cat set up; Tom, Joanne, Mark, Barb, Steve, Wendy, and Bruce; Bryan, Janet, Danielle, Emily, Cat, Steph, Traci, and Deb



SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

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FRI STERLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

Come join Kiwanis Oxnard and many of our family and friends at our 2nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament to benefit local high school students. This promises to be a Friday filled with fun, competition, food, and entertainment at one of Ventura County's premier golf courses.



Oxnard Kiwanis will be having our 2nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday, May 3 at Sterling Hills Golf Club in Camarillo. We hope you can come out and join us for what promises to be a fun event to raise money for scholarships and other community projects.

Santa Barbara

Marsha Gray and Lauren Loza Reporting





The Aktion Club of Santa Barbara celebrated its 10 year anniversary! We had a fun party during our meeting. We welcomed some new members and gave them their membership cards and pins. We tended to business and promoted the Spring Fling dance which we sponsor. Then we sang happy birthday, took pictures, and had a raffle. Each member shared their favorite memory about the club. It was a great celebration!





Dean Noble, the director of Santa Barbara's Elings Park spoke to our club. Elings Park is 100's of acres of a converted land fill. The land has been transformed into a wonderland of sports fields, wedding venues, and local events.













Our adopted school, Cleveland Elementary, has 3 Bringing Up Grades (BUG) presentations a year. The Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara is there every time, providing frozen yogurt and treats to the recognized students. We are grateful to Principal Gabe Sandoval and his staff for their cooperation and assistance.

Santa Susana





Debbie, Judy, Katie, and Maureen assisted the Civic Leadership Students at Hollow Hills Elementary School, hosting a Food Drive for Easter Baskets to be made by local food banks. Over 300 items were donated.





Santa Susana teamed up with the students from the Hollow Hills Civic Leadership Program to host a "We Vote Wednesday." Civic Leadership students set up voting booths, passed out and collected ballots, assisted fellow students with the voting process, and handed out "I Voted Today" stickers.

Students and staff cast their votes on the style of music that would be played by the Principal in her Music Session later that week.

Leadership students then gave up their lunch hour to empty the ballot boxes and sort and count the hundreds of votes. Pop and Disney turned out to be the most popular.

Simi Valley

Shelley Howard Reporting







Simi Kiwanis is donating P.E. equipment to our elementary schools. The first are Township, Parkview, and Sycamore.











It was heartwarming to see Kiwanis and others spread joy and help celebrate Mardi Gras at the Senior Center.









We rolled our Chuckwagon to the Simi Library for Reading Across America, selling hot dogs and chips to families.













Members and guests gathered for food, fun, and prizes at our LCR Admin Fundraiser

Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting











Thousand Oaks is proud and honored to salute member Cristy Warner on her selection as Queen of the Mardi Gras Ball by Conejo Valley Community Conscience, a nonprofit that owns and manages the "Under One Roof" building in Thousand Oaks. Community Conscience provides office space rent-free to thirteen local non-profits that provide direct services to people in need. Each year Community Conscience honors two community volunteers with exceptional records of service as King and Queen of the Mardi Gras Ball, its annual gala fundraiser. Cristy is pictured with King David Catlin and, in the other top photo (third from right in front row), with a group of fellow Kiwanians, K-Kids, and Key Clubbers at one of the many service projects that Cristy organizes as chair of our Service Leadership Program Committee. This project involved gathering water, food, socks, and snacks for clients of Lutheran Social Services in Thousand Oaks. Another recent Cristy-led service project featured K-Kids delivering Valentines to residents of Silverado Memory Care. In turn, the residents loved interacting with the kids and treated them to snacks and story time.



Pictured here are thirty kids' jackets and 151 pairs of socks that we collected and turned in at the January DCM for the Lieutenant Governor's drive.









The Thousand Oaks Club, led by Youth Services Chair Teta Van Ommeren, played a big part in the annual Mentorship Expo at Thousand Oaks High School on Leap Day, February 29. More than 20 Club members participated by providing one-on-one information and advice to high school students on their prospective careers, and in making sure they were all well-fed with pizza. More than 70 high schoolers attended, and we're sure that they will all "leap" into fulfilling careers.

Ventura





Ventura members listen as David Schmutte gives a presentation about the Ventura Homeless Prevention Fund.



The Ventura AKtion Cub visits Ventura Kiwanis every month.







The "Busy Builders Club Bees" at Data Middle School work on this year's quilts for chemo patients in Ventura.



Division 42 THE HUB





GROW AS A KIWANIAN IN DENVER

Registration is now open for the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention!

Wherever you are in your Kiwanis journey, you'll find the motivation and mentorship to help you succeed — and to prepare you for the next levels of servant leadership — at the 2024 convention in Denver, Colorado.

Join Kiwanians from all over the globe and learn how your club can make a greater impact on its community and the world. New workshops will help you be the best club president, vice president, secretary or treasurer you can be. Or choose from workshops on topics such as membership growth, fundraising and more. Special sessions are also available for membership chairs and for district and divisional leaders.



GET INSPIRED!

From the triumph of love over hate to the power of perseverance, our <u>captivating speakers</u> will motivate and move you. Our kickoff speaker, Chris Singleton, a former professional baseball player, was 18 when his mother died in a racially motivated mass killing. He has dedicated his life to sharing his message of resilience, forgiveness and unity. In 2015, Diana Nyad achieved her 35-year quest of becoming the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida. Her post-swim words "Never, ever, give up" inspired a cheering crowd then, and her keynote will help you find your way through whatever challenges you face.

NEED MORE REASONS?

The 2024 Kiwanis International Convention won't be complete without you! Register now to join your fellow Kiwanians for the most dynamic event on the Kiwanis calendar. Read this blog on 10 reasons why you won't want to sit this one out — and watch this new video highlighting what's in store for Denver!

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.

Tuesdays: 1st, 3rd, & 4th - 5:30 pm 2nd Tuesday via Zoom, 12:00 pm

President: Darryl Millner Email: devonven@yahoo.com

Ph: (559) 920-4242

Sec'y: Allen Grizzard-Paul Email: allengrizzard@msn.com

Ph: (805) 795-6279 Cell

Moorpark

Meeting: Contact 805-433-3306 for location. 3rd Monday: 6:00 pm Board Meeting, 6:30 pm Business Meeting, 7:00 pm Social

President: Mark Van Dam Email: vandamage@roadrunner.com Thousand Oaks

Ph: (805) 433-3305 Cell

Sec'y: Barbara Eisenberg Email: itsmebje@att.net

Ph: (805) 390-1770 Cell

Oxnard

Meeting: The 1901 Restaurant, 740 S. B St.

3rd Wednesday 6:00 pm; 2nd Thursday at DCM;

2nd Wednesday Business Meeting via Zoom 5:30 - 6:30 pm President: Marsha Cordes Email: largouch@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 760-3138

Sec'y: Marco Valencia Email: marcovmail@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 616-2771

Santa Barbara

Meeting: Cody's Café, 4898 Hollister Ave.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 12:00 pm

4th Wednesday Evening Social 5:30 pm (Location varies.) President: Richard Brown Email: RGB.SBC@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 896-0808

Sec'y: Josh Kane Email: josh.kane@edwardjones.com

Ph: (805) 966-9902

Santa Susana

Meeting: (Call for location)

Last Tuesday 5:30 pm

President: Margaret Zoetowey

Email: margaret.sigurdsson@yahoo.com Ph: (805) 340-7673

Sec'y: Gary White Email: garywhiteallstar@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 660-7446



Simi Valley

Meeting: 99.1 The Ranch Studios, 1555 Simi Town Center Way,

#730, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30 pm; Denny's, 5197 E. Los Angeles Avenue,

4th Wednesdays 7:00 am

5th Wednesdays, Club Social - various locations

Co-Presidents: Donna Smith Email: 3smitties@sbcglobal.net

Ph: (818) 281-4372

Randy Sundeen Email: lawrandy@aol.com

Ph: (805) 304-1307

Sec'y: Mary Martin Email: fmmartin7@sbcglobal.net

Ph: (805) 587-2235 Cell

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

Wednesdays 7:15 am HYBRID: Live + Zoom

Social Mtg. "First Friday" night each month: location varies

President: Paul Lopez Email: lopaul60@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 499-7259

Sec'y: Lori Olbrich Email: tulipp78@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 428-7704

Ventura

Meeting: Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd.

1st & 3rd Fridays 12:00 pm

President: Scott McDougall Email: spinsam@aol.com

Ph: (805) 444-2210

Sec'y: Bart Bleuel Email: bbleuel1@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 816-8646

Ventura Suburban Meeting: via Zoom

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

President: Brendan Hendrick Email: kiwinsda2000@aol.com

Ph: Home: (805) 642-8661

Sec'y: Tracey Hendrick Email: tnbhen@aol.com

Ph: (805) 642-8661



Division 42 Calendar of Events

Training & Club Events

October, 2023 - April, 2024

Socks & Tops - Clothing Drive Division 42 Signature Project

March 23, 2024

Mid-Year South Education Conference Riverside, CA

April 26 - 28, 2024

KIWIN'S DCON Wyndham Hotel, Visalia

April 12 - 14, 2024

Key Club DCON Sacramento Convention Center

May 3 - 5, 2024

Key Leader Weekend Camp Whittier, Santa Barbara

July 3 - 6, 2024

Kiwanis International Convention Denver, CO

July 4, 2024

Rock 'N Country Jam and Fireworks Celebration Simi Valley Kiwanis

August 8 - 10, 2024

District Education Conference Kona, HI

September 7, 2024

Governor's Visit and Division Installation (Location TBD)



Division Council Meetings

October 12, 2023

No host club - Div. Leadership Team Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

November 9, 2023

Hosting club: Camarillo

Location: kidSTREAM Museum, Camarillo

December 14, 2023

Hosting Club: Simi Valley

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

January 11, 2024

Hosting Clubs: Santa Susana & Ventura Suburban Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

February 8, 2024

Dark

March 14, 2024

Hosting club: Ventura

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

April 11, 2024

Hosting club: Oxnard

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

May 9, 2024

Hosting club: Moorpark

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

June 13, 2024

Hosting club: Santa Barbara

Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

July, 2024

Dark

August 8, 2024

Hosting club: Thousand Oaks Location: Art Trek, Newbury Park

September, 2024

No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation





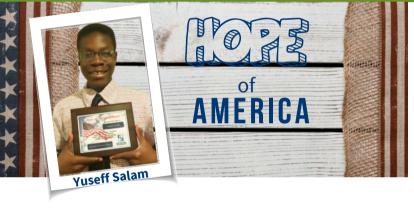


April 6th National Play Outside Day



Chess is a great indoor and outdoor activity for children and adults. Check out how the <u>Kiwanis Club of Redondo Beach</u> brought the fun and challenging game of chess to 62 youth in their community utilizing a PTP <u>grant</u> from the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's. Feeling inspired? Consider hosting a fun, new service project in your community that will take kids outside, and be sure to apply for a grant from the CNH Children's Fund!





As the school year comes to an end, now is an excellent time to acknowledge exceptional students, such as <u>Yuseff Salam</u>, for their remarkable achievements. For many young people, being honored with the <u>Hope of America award</u> is a significant milestone, and can set the stage for a future marked by exceptional leadership and successes. Don't hesitate; submit your award order today!

YES! INITIATIVE

By contributing to the YES! Initiative, you are directly impacting students through scholarships and leadership training, while also supporting our clubs such as the <u>Kiwanis Club of Redondo Beach</u> with grants. Regardless of the amount of your gift, your generosity truly <u>changes lives</u>. Text **YES2YOUTH** to **71777** or <u>make an online donation</u> today!

SERVICE AWARDS: YSA-DSA-CSA

Our club members and community leaders work hard year-round to improve the lives of children across our district. Consider recognizing their service while supporting our clubs and rewarding youth by making a \$200 donation to your Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund in the form of a <u>Distinguished Service Award</u>, <u>Community Service Award</u>, and/or <u>Youth Service Award</u>. And remember, your donation for these awards may come from a club's service account or foundation. Make the award presentation memorable by having Governor Carole present it during her Official Visit to your division! It's a win-win!





Two exciting raffles are back! You can purchase tickets for both raffles at the Mid-Year South Educational Conference in Riverside, or email us at foundation@cnhkiwanis to have tickets mailed to you.

DUNLAPS ARE ON SALE

Sending a HUGE thank you to the incredible members of our Service Leadership Programs (SLP)! Thanks to their unwavering dedication and support, you can **save \$250** when you order a <u>William A. Dunlap Fellowship award</u> (or upgrade to the next level). Simply submit an application with your \$750 donation to the CNH Children's Fund. Order your Dunlaps today and have them presented by the Governor during her Official Visit! Remember, the Dunlap will return to its regular pricing on October 1st so act now!



KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO FUNDRAISER





Thursday, April 25, 2024 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To be held at Painting with a Twist, 2298 E. Ventura Blvd., CAMARILLO, Ca 93010

You receive a 2-hour art class while you enjoy a beverage (not included) and have lots of fun. When registering there are a number of prices depending on what size and what material you would like to paint on. These range from \$40-\$52 per person.

To register for this event please go to:

https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/camarillo/event/3618449/

There will also be a raffle with some great prizes.

You will get to take home a Masterpiece of Artwork that you can proudly hang on your wall at home or in the office.

All proceeds from this event will go towards the Kiwanis Club of Camarillo Foundation to support local events such as: Scholarships, Youth Activities, and under privileged kids in our community.

Must be 21 or over.



GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP

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FRI STERLING HILLS MAY 3 GOLF CLUB

Scholarship Golf Tournament to benefit local high school students. This promises Come join Kiwanis Oxnard and many of our family and friends at our 2nd Annual to be a Friday filled with fun, competition, food, and entertainment at one of Ventura County's premier golf courses. Sign up toda<u>y!</u>

Shotgun Start: 8:00 a.m. Check-In: 6:45 a.m. Scramble Format

Register Now Online:



\$700 per foursome: Early Bird until 3/31/24 \$175 per golfer: Early Bird until 3/31/24 \$900 per foursome after 3/31/24 \$225 per golfer after 3/31/24

- Includes:
- Round of golf
- Range balls before start of play
- Breakfast
- **BBQ** lunch and entertainment
- drive competition for all golfers Closest to the pin and furthest
 - Prizes and giveaways



2ND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

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Please help our Kiwanis Club invest in our community's future by considering having your firm participate, please consider a tax-deductible donation to support the scholarship and other be a sponsor or donor of our golf tournament. Your participation will provide much needed community projects. Now more than ever, we need to support the education dreams of our financial support for this fun and rewarding event. Even if you and your company cannot oung people. <u>Sign up today!</u>

Tee Sponsor

Birdie \$2000

Eagle

Mulligans

\$1000 Par

- 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20

Hole in One



New Key Leader Ojai Camp Site! Camp Whittier-Santa Barbara

May 3-5, 2024

REGISTER TODAY: OJAI.CNHKEYLEADER.COM

WHAT IS KEY LEADER?

Key Leader is designed for today's young leaders. This lifechanging event focuses on service leadership as the first, most meaningful leadership-development experience. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership--it comes from helping others succeed.



WHO CAN ATTEND KEY LEADER?

Key Leader is designed to open doors to all student leaders and those with leadership potential. The focus is to serve from 14 to 17 years of age.

FIVE KEYS TO EXCELLENCE

The Key Leader program is built on five essential principles. These principles reflect our mission to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership:

Personal Intergrity: Doing the right thing

Personal Growth: Developing in mind, body, and spirit

Respect: Showing consideration for self, others, and property

Building Community: Developing relationships to achieve positive goals

Pursuit of Excellence Expecting and achieving the best

How Do You SIGN UP?

Go to <u>ojai.cnhkeyleader.com</u> or scan **QR code**, and click on **REGISTER** button. Students and adults attending a Key Leader weekend complete a form with basic information. Contact roy.talley@gmail.com for additional information.

















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CAL-NEV-HA KIWIN'S KEY CLUB

Dear Sponsor,

The Cal-Nev-Ha KIWIN'S District is hosting "DCON 2024" or our **48th Annual District Leadership Convention** (DCON) on April 26th - 28th in Visalia, California. DCON 2024 provides leadership workshops for our high school students, as well as acknowledge and reward outstanding members for their hard work throughout the year. Our mission is to raise funds in order to hold these leadership workshops, training, recognition, and to assist our students in traveling to Visalia. **We are asking for your support by being a sponsor.** Your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law, as we are a 501 (c)3 non-profit charitable organization, and we are happy to provide a tax receipt. Donors will be recognized in different ways to assist in promoting their business or organization.

We accept sponsorships at 7 levels, level 1 (\$2000+), level 2 (\$1000+), level 3 (\$500+), level 4 (\$250+), level 5 (\$100+) offers, level 6 (\$50+), and level 7 (\$25+).

Levels 1-4 sponsors' names will be **featured on all event publications**, different sized **ads in our event programs**, a **social media thank you** post, and their **logo featured on a backdrop**.

Our level 1 includes a **5 minute promotional video or speech**, logo feature on **main** backdrop (approximately 8ft by 20ft), as well as an **attached link** to on our social media thank you.

Levels 6 and 7 include a sponsorship name feature in our event brochure.

Our different sized ads for our event program are, levels 1 or 2 for full page, level 3 for half page, level 4 for quarter page, and level 5 for a business card sized ad.

Thank you in advance for your support in making this event happen. To donate please fill out this link: bit.ly/SponsorKIWINS23. If it's more convenient for you, you can mail a check to 2033 Montera Dr. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745, made payable to **Kiwanis Club of Gemstones**, please include your contact information. For additional information on ways to donate please contact our sponsorship advisor Anna Wu at 626-348-9705

Together, let us make a positive impact on the lives of these aspiring young leaders for a brighter future.

Yours in Service.

Amanda Lau

CNH KIWIN'S District Sponsorship Chair 23-24 (510)-399-3057