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Paul's Perspective



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A publication for and about the
Kiwanis Clubs of:

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Dear Kiwanians,

As I approach the month of February, I am struck by the fact that I am so close to the midterm of my Lt. Governor service. I continue to be proud to meet and learn of each of our clubs' focus and commitments. Don't miss the opportunity to read all about our nine clubs' focus and accomplishments in this edition!

This month Our Division Council Meeting (DCM) took place on February 12th at the Presbyterian Church in Moorpark. I would like to extend sincere appreciation to Ute and Mark Van Dam for arranging such an excellent venue.

Prior to the general session, the presidents met to discuss the Lt. Governor's budget and related finances. Moving forward, this process will become standard procedure for future Lt. Governors in our Division. Further discussions are planned, after which we will formally implement this protocol. I wish to thank Tony Antonelli and Roy Talley for their valuable expertise, and Mark Van Dam for his thoughtful input. It is important that all club presidents fully understand and approve the budget during forthcoming meetings.

The DCM was hosted by the Thousand Oaks club and was well attended. Thank you to President Brian McMahon for organizing and sharing our wonderful meal from Country Harvest in Newbury Park.

The program included a presentation by the K-Kids from Weathersfield Elementary School in Thousand Oaks, under the mentorship of advisor Cristy Warner. Their achievements were inspiring, exemplifying our commitment to developing future leaders. Thank you, Cristy, for your dedication to fostering growth and citizenship among our youth.

We acknowledge that travel logistics and traffic may present challenges for some clubs attending the DCMs; nevertheless, we strive to keep all members informed about club activities. Thank you for always being in touch should you have any questions or concerns.

On Saturday many of us took time to remember our good friend and leader, Debbie Heaslip. Her memorial service provided us a chance to celebrate her contributions and generosity to so many members and clubs. It was special to see so many of us in attendance.

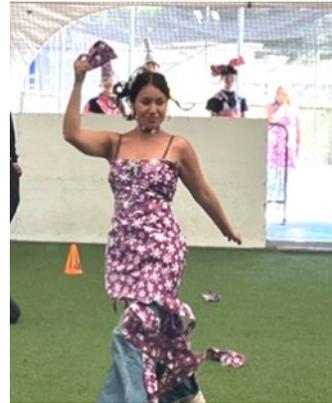
I am grateful to everyone who contributes to this bulletin, ensuring timely and relevant information reaches all our groups. Although in-person meetings may not always be possible, this publication keeps us connected and aware of our collective efforts.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you next month in Ventura during the official visit of our Governor and the First Lady. That event is Thursday, March 12th at 5:30 at the ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker Street in Ventura. As the presidents meet with the Governor at 5:30, please feel free to join one another for a social hour, and dinner will be served at 6:15.

I'm sincerely looking forward to the second half of my service and wish each of you continued success and enjoyment in your capacity with your Kiwanis club.

Together as a team, accomplishing the Kiwanian Dream,

Paul Lopez



Cal-Nev-Ha KIWIN'S held their very first Kiwi Fest at West Covina Sportsplex. This was a fundraiser for the KIWIN'S Governor project, the Challenged Athletes Foundation. Over 70 KIWIN'S from Southern California participated in a fashion show using up the Christmas wrapping paper, some challenging games, service projects, and sold food where all the money went to charity. There was also a guest speaker from the Challenged Athlete Foundation who has won medals for canoeing.



Our Builders Club worked on a project where they made cards for seniors and then went on a field trip to hand out the cards and play BINGO with the seniors. They also painted rocks that they hid in the garden of the senior's home.



At the end of January, Div 42E and Div 42W held their Conclave at ARC in Ventura. Outgoing Division 42E LTG Jaslene passed the banner onto incoming LTG Harpreet, while Division 42W outgoing LTG Keanu passed the banner onto incoming LTG Nathalie. On the same day Turquoise Div. KIWIN'S held their Conclave at Allen's house, where they not only elected a new Lt. Governor, but they also endorsed a candidate to run for District Treasurer at their DCON in March. There were two great candidates from Camarillo HS, Mason Asperin and Grace Ta. Once their campaign managers introduced them, the candidates went on to give their speeches. Both candidates presented themselves extremely well and then it went to the vote. Mason was elected KIWIN'S Turquoise Div Lt. Governor for 2026/2027.

Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting



Left: Moorpark Kiwanis members volunteer at the annual MHS Groundhog 5K Run.
Center: Ute, Denise, and Steph attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Moorpark Library.
Right: New members, Ryan, Jenny, and LeeAnn are now official Moorpark Kiwanians!



Moorpark has TERRIFIC Kids and TERRIFIC Volunteers at the weekly ceremonies.



Our monthly social meeting was fantastic and delicious at the beautiful home of Denise and Curt.



President Marian Walluks presents handmade hats to Beckie Cramer, Executive Director of the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation at their Camarillo office, for distribution to their needy veterans.



Santa Susana Kiwanis members Gary White, Marian Walluks, Judy Bertoniere, and John Absmeier assemble their monthly meal for the needy at the Simi Valley Samaritan Center.

Members enjoy our monthly meeting at The Junkyard Café in Simi.

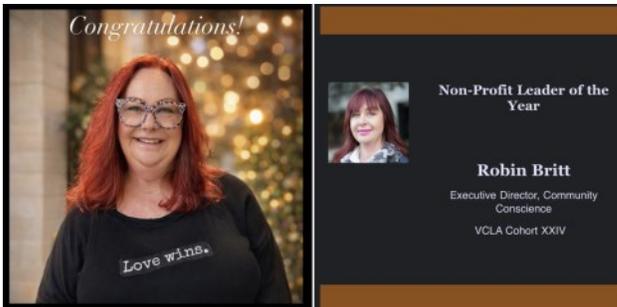


Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



On January 27, the Thousand Oaks Club held the inaugural social gathering of potential members for our new satellite club focused on young community-minded professionals. About 25 people interested in the club met at the Pizza Cookery for drinks and appetizers in a welcoming setting. Club leaders shared information about our service projects and benefits of membership, and City of Thousand Oaks Deputy City Manager Akbar Alikhan was our guest speaker. We've already recruited two members and more are interested.



The Thousand Oaks Club is proud to acknowledge that our Immediate Past President, Robin Britt, has been recognized as the Nonprofit Leader of the Year by the Ventura County Leadership Academy.

President Brian McMahon (left) gladly accepts a \$21,000 check from Janelle Achenbach and Kyle Jorrey as our Foundation's share of the net proceeds from the 2025 Turkey Day Dash, held Thanksgiving morning at CLU. Our Club provided many volunteers to help make the event a success.



The Thousand Oaks Club's Youth Services Committee provided a \$2,000 grant to Walnut Elementary School, an agricultural magnet school in the Conejo Valley, to build and stock a chicken coop on the school grounds. The chicken coop ties to the school's curriculum as the children learn about farms and farm animals.



The Data Builders Club received a presentation from the Ojai Raptor Center in thanks for the contribution of needed supplies delivered to the center.



The Data Builders Club begins their Quilt Project.

Ventura Kiwanis was honored for its 35 years' membership at the annual meeting of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce.



At a recent meeting, we hosted speakers from Spectacular Services. Also attending were members of the Ventura Action Club.

Ventura Kiwanis, 805 Community for Children, and Ventura Downtown Lions acted as 3 communities to make a house habitable for 2 children who had witnessed their father murder their mother, and then the destruction by fire of the home of their ailing grandparents who had taken them in, and then the death of another relative who provided the house with a see-through roof, rats, and other vermin. It takes a village, and we were able to assist.



Our club enjoyed a White Elephant exchange as its quarterly social.



Division 42 THE HUB



LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

As a trauma nurse, I've seen more than my share of heartbreak.

Every injury I treat leaves a mark, but nothing compares to the pain of caring for a child whose life has been shattered by a preventable injury. The cries of a frightened child, the anguish of helpless parents, the silence that sometimes follows - these moments stay with you forever. That's why I'm partnering with the **Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund** to raise both awareness and critical funding for their Pediatric Trauma Program (PTP). With your help, we can reduce the number of heartbreaking scenes that trauma nurses face every day. We can give children the safe, full lives they deserve. I invite you to join me in supporting my First Lady's Focus - and together, let's prevent pediatric trauma before it happens.

Every year, an estimated **8,000 families in the U.S. lose a child to a preventable injury**. Let that number sink in. That's more than 20 families - *every single day* - whose lives are forever changed. Unintentional injury remains the **leading cause of death for children under 14** in the U.S. But here's the hopeful part: **90% of these injuries can be prevented** through education, awareness, enforcement, and community outreach. Because injuries are not accidents. They are often predictable - and preventable.

Your gift to the Pediatric Trauma Program helps fund:

- **Life-saving education and safety projects** led by our Kiwanis and Service Leadership Program clubs.
- **Grants to Partner Hospitals** for pediatric trauma care and prevention efforts.
- **Tools and training** that empower families and communities to protect their children.

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~ First Lady Eileen Geraci



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cnhfoundation.org/ptp

Division 42 Clubs & Meetings

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

Camarillo

Meeting: Contact Secretary for location.

Tuesdays: 1st, 3rd, & 4th - 5:30 pm

President: Peter Johnson Email: peterwyattj@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 443-0189

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

Ph: (805) 795-6279

Moorpark

Meeting: Contact Secretary 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

Ph: (805) 433-3305

Sec'y: Ute Van Dam Email: utevandam@roadrunner.com

Ph: (805) 433-3306

Oxnard

Meeting: Tradewinds Cafe, 4308 Tradewinds Drive

2nd Tuesdays 6:30 pm

President: Rodney Medina

Email: rodney@themediaprofessionals.com

Ph: (805) 535-8154

Sec'y: Pablo Gallegos

Email: pablo.gallegos@oxnardunion.org Ph: (805) 901-3798

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: Josh Kane Email: joshkanesb@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 966-9902

Sec'y: Gary Gray Email: gary@gvgraycpa.com

Ph: (805) 966-9778

Santa Susana

Meeting: The Junkyard Cafe, 2585 Cochran St.

3rd Wednesday 11:30 am

President: Marian Walluks

Email: marianwalluks@outlook.com Ph: (608) 338-8062

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,

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:00 am

5th Wednesdays, Club Social - various locations

President: Steve Trocino Email: calif3trocino1sv@yahoo.com

Ph: (805) 304-9353

Sec'y: Mary Martin Email: martin.mary1226@yahoo.com

Ph: (805) 587-2235

Thousand Oaks

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

Wednesdays 7:15 am

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

President: Brian McMahon Email: pt4ucla@yahoo.com

Ph: (805) 236-0190

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: Mike Powers Email: mbpowers21@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 901-2355

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

February 21, 2026

Region 10 Training Conference
Santa Barbara, CA

March 6 - 8, 2026

Circle K District Convention
Rancho Cucamonga

March 8, 2026

Sip, Step, Stomp Dancing
Simi Valley Kiwanis

March 12 - 15, 2026

KIWINS District Convention
Burbank, CA

March 15, 2026

Pre-Round*Up Battle of the Country Bands
Simi Valley Kiwanis

April 9 - 12, 2026

Key Club District Convention
Sacramento, CA

April 18, 2026

Round*Up Country Music Festival
Simi Valley Kiwanis

May 15 - 17, 2026

Key Leader Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA

June 23 - 28, 2026

Kiwanis International Convention
Manila, Philippines

July 1 - 5, 2026

Key Club International Convention
Circle K International Convention (July 1 - 3)
Dallas, TX

July 4, 2026

Star Spangled Rock & Country Jam
Simi Valley Kiwanis

August 13 - 15, 2026

District Education Conference
Sparks, NV

Division Council Meetings

October 2, 2025

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

November 13, 2025

Hosting club: Camarillo
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

December 11, 2025

Hosting Club: Simi Valley
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

January 8, 2026

Hosting Clubs: Santa Susana & Ventura Suburban
Location: 99.1 Radio Studios, Simi Valley

February 12, 2026

Hosting Club: Thousand Oaks
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2026

Governor's Visit
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

April 9, 2026

Hosting club: Oxnard
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

May 14, 2026

Hosting club: Moorpark
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

June 11, 2026

Hosting club: Ventura
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

July 9, 2026

Hosting club: Santa Barbara
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

August, 2026

Dark

September 10, 2026 *Note New Change!*

Division Installation
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

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The prize includes, and is limited to, dinner at any restaurant within California, Nevada, or Hawaii, plus round-trip coach airfare for two, two nights standard hotel accommodation, and a three-day standard rental car.

Proceeds benefit our mission of building a better future for children and will support a select group of California-based children's hospitals.

Draw Date: September 2, 2026
Winner need not be present!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY CNH CHILDREN'S FUND DIRECTOR!
Or contact our office @ (909) 736-1707; foundation@cnhkiwanis.org

Dinner Anywhere for Two in CNH is Back!

Win dinner at any restaurant within the Cal-NeV-Ha District, plus round-trip coach airfare for two, two nights standard hotel accommodations, and a three-day standard rental car.

Proceeds support our mission of building a better future for children and benefit select California children's hospitals. For tickets, contact a CNH Children's Fund Director or email foundation@cnhkiwanis.org. Good luck!

Safety Lights!

We're excited to introduce a new addition to our [PTP Catalog](#), bike safety light sets designed to help keep riders visible and safe on the road. Each set includes a white front light and a red rear light, conveniently attached to an English/Spanish safety card to promote safe riding practices in every community. [Place your order today!](#)





Kiwanis

Region 10 Training Conference

Welcoming Members from Divisions 29 and 42

Saturday, February 21 2026
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Activities Include:
Training, Next Trustee Vote,
Games and Entertainment

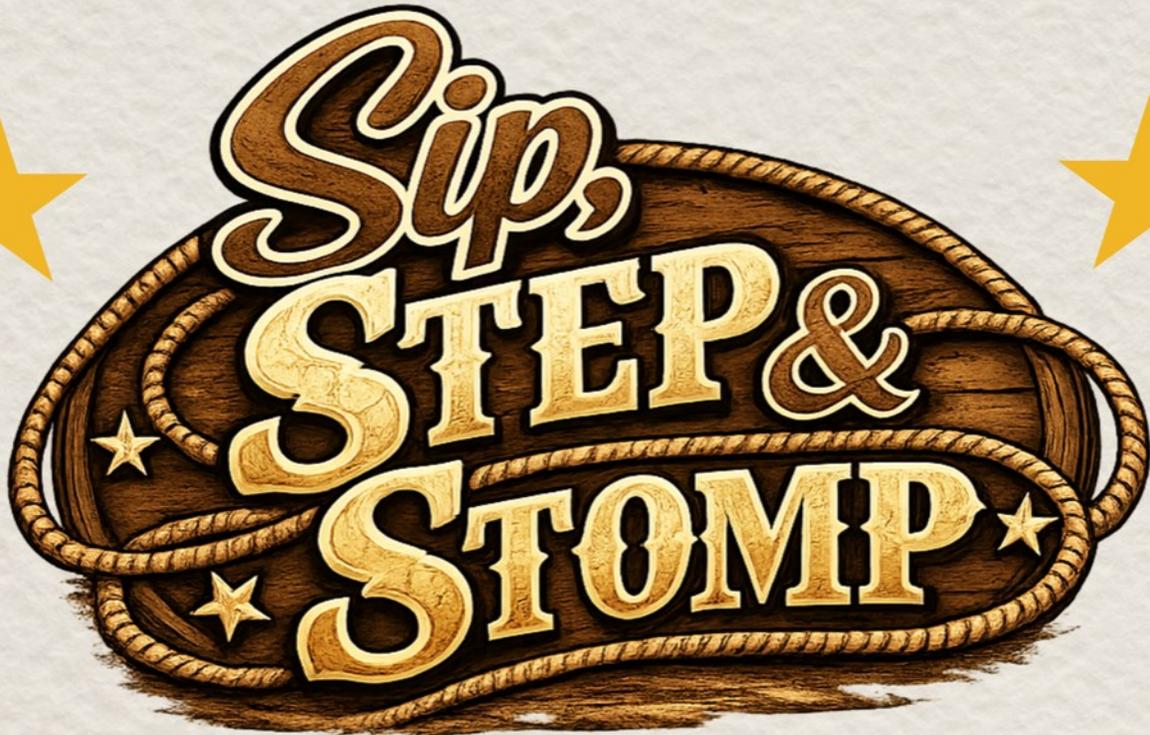
Mackenzie Center
3111 State Street,
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

\$20 at the door (includes lunch)

RSVP TO YOUR LT. GOVERNOR

It is extremely important that each club send a representative (and as many Kiwanians as possible.) We need a quorum to vote on the next trustee for Region 10.

The Producers of Round-Up Country Music Festival Bring You...



Grab your boots, bring your friends, and come ready to **SIP, STEP, & STOMP** at this fun-filled afternoon of line dancing and two-stepping with DJ Rick and the Ventucky Stompers, complete with lessons for beginners and seasoned dancers alike!

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8 | 2-5 PM

on the Patio at St. Francis Church

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BANDS

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SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Starting at 4:00 PM

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ROLL
PIZZA**