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CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT  
DIVISION 42



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## Paul's Perspective



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A publication for and about the  
Kiwanis Clubs of:

- CAMARILLO**
- MOORPARK**
- OXNARD**
- SANTA BARBARA**
- SANTA SUSANA**
- SIMI VALLEY**
- THOUSAND OAKS**
- VENTURA**
- VENTURA SUBURBAN**

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Dear CNH Division 42 Kiwanians,

As we face the wonderful spring season it is a pleasure to be hearing from everyone and knowing of your continued focus on your special programs within your clubs and communities.

On Thursday, April 9, 2026, our division gathered for an engaging Division Council Meeting. It was encouraging to witness strong representation from nearly all club presidents across our division. The meeting featured an insightful program led by Mari Tejada from VC Plant Swap. Mari shared her motivation for starting her business and her dedication to helping people connect through their shared appreciation of plants. Her presentation resonated with attendees and inspired thoughtful discussion among us. A special thanks to the Thousand Oaks Club member, Rick Herrera, for donating multiple succulents to share with the members during the fun game of Mexican Bingo (Loteria.)

I would like to extend sincere thanks to Rodney Medina, President of the Oxnard Club, for providing an outstanding meal that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Rodney was also responsible for the Bingo/ Loteria game which fostered camaraderie among members and contributed to a memorable evening. Special attention to all Dodger fans!!!! Rodney is arranging a bus for us to attend the upcoming Los Angeles Dodgers game on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> featuring the distribution of a bobblehead doll of Yoshinobu Yamamoto, last year's baseball World Series MVP. More information about this exciting event will be shared soon.

We were also pleased to welcome three members from the Moorpark CKI: Nolan Turner, Adrian Tirado, and Cameron Nezakagy. Adrian shared his plans to attend the Circle K International convention in Dallas, Texas, this July. Additionally, we had two visitors, John and Alicia Snarr, from the Thousand Oaks Club. Their presence enriched our gathering, and we were delighted to have them join us.

Looking ahead, I will be participating with the Simi Valley Club at the Round Up Country Music Festival on Saturday, April 18. I encourage all clubs to support each other's fundraising and service initiatives whenever possible.

On Saturday, April 25, the Camarillo Club will host a Bunco Picnic & Garden Party from 1 PM to 4 PM at 1612 Sevilla Street, Camarillo. This event will benefit their community and support their Student Leadership Program. I invite you to join them for this enjoyable occasion. For reservations, please call Linda at 805-390-9877 or email [lindalthayer@gmail.com](mailto:lindalthayer@gmail.com)

In the early hours of Sunday, April 26, several Thousand Oaks Kiwanians and Camarillo Club members will participate in the renowned Aut2Run at California State University Channel Islands, where we will prepare pancakes for approximately 3,000 runners. This tradition offers both enjoyment and an opportunity to serve. For information about volunteering and the schedule, please call Gloria Dyok at 805-402-1297 or email [gloriadyok@verizon.net](mailto:gloriadyok@verizon.net).

Finally, I always hope that we are all calendaring our next DCM which will take place on May 14 at Moorpark Presbyterian Church, located at 13950 Peach Hill Road in Moorpark. The event will be hosted by our Moorpark Club. I look forward to seeing you there!

*Paul Lopez*

Another great month for our SLPs. Our Builders Club is working on two service projects. They made a Power Point presentation to show classes information about the Lighthouse women's and children's shelter, to raise money to buy needed items. They also made flyers placed around campus to raise money for the animal shelter. They want to buy and collect donations for treats for cats, dogs, and rabbits.



Builders Club members work on their two projects.

We set up an information booth at an event put on by the Recreation and Parks District to promote our activities. Two of our potential Aktion Club members came along to help. Sadly, due to another event in town, this one was poorly-attended.



Marietta and Ned, potential Aktion Club members, came to help promote Kiwanis and our SLP and sports programs.

Last weekend, the Key Club held their District Convention in Sacramento. Regional Advisor John Hayes chaperoned the three LTGs from Region 10 along with two of the outgoing LTGs. Each incoming LTG was presented with their golden tie.



Get to know our 2026-2027 Key Club LTGs - Lotus Katzoff: Div 29, Harpreet Gill: Div 42E, and Nathelie: Div 42W.

Also at the weekend, the Turquoise Div. KIWIN'S held their Banquet to thank and say "Goodbye" to the graduating seniors. Members from three additional Divisions also participated—Emerald Division (traveling from Dan Diego), Jet Division, and Crystal Division. Lt. Governor Mason started with a short DCM, and then they had some sporting games before tears started to flow during farewell speeches.



Friends forever



Seniors presented with gifts



Retired LTG Lauren's final speech

# Moorpark

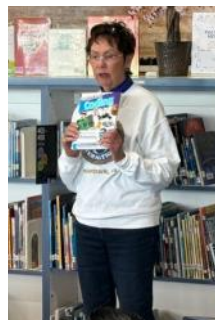
Ute Van Dam Reporting



Our monthly social meeting was a success at the beautiful home of Emily!



Mark and Ute attended the Governor's visit at our monthly DCM.



Moorpark has TERRIFIC Kids and TERRIFIC Kiwanians!



Kiwanis Oxnard had the pleasure of hosting our Div. 42 DCM at the ARC in Ventura. The aroma of freshly made street tacos filled the air as division members arrived. The menu included choice of chicken, marinated pork or carne asada tacos. Quesadillas and bacon wrapped hot-dogs were also part of the fare.

The program presenter was Mari Tejada from VC Plant Swap who holds cultural events where plant lovers from across the county can exchange plants as a way of educating and sharing their appreciation for plants. For more information on Mari's program and upcoming events, you can follow her on Instagram @vc.plant.swap.



Oxnard Kiwanis will also be hosting a bus to the Dodgers vs. Colorado Rockies on Wednesday, May 27th. The cost is \$250 per person and includes the bus ride and ticket to the game, and also includes adult beverages. For more information, you can contact Rodney Medina at [KiwanisOxnardPresident@gmail.com](mailto:KiwanisOxnardPresident@gmail.com). Game time is 7:10 p.m. Bus will pickup in Oxnard and in Thousand Oaks at the Rancho Conejo Park and Ride. Reserve your tickets as soon as possible as this event will be sold out.

# Santa Barbara

Lauren Loza, Gary & Marsha Gray Reporting



Our March 19th meeting featured Julie DeAngelis, a speech therapist who spoke about her many travels with the medical staff of Project Smile. She has traveled to dozens of countries helping the children learn to speak after their cleft palate surgeries. Miss Gitte received her Distinguished Service Award, and Past President Richard presented his Member Moment.



At our April 1st meeting, our guest speaker, Kai Tepper Jahnke of the Children's Creative Project, talked about the upcoming I Madonnari Italian Street Painting Festival at the Old Mission, which raises money for art in our schools. The event will be in May over Memorial Day weekend. Lauren Loza, the club supporter and facilitator for our active Aktion Club, gave her Member Moment.



The Kiwanis and Aktion Clubs of Santa Barbara sponsored the Parks and Recreation Spring Fling dance for the disabled community. There were many Aktion Club members in attendance! In the kitchen are the caterers from Work Inc., a program for disabled adults started by our club over 50 years ago. The DJ is Chris Benedict, the DJ of Ability.



At our March 18 meeting, the Simi High Key Club entertained us with a game of Kiwanis Trivia Bingo. On April 1, we presented two more scholarships, to Makayla Arellano and Lilliana Baker, Simi Adult School cosmetology students.



On March 29 we treated our SLPs and their parents to an Ice Cream Social picnic. We owe a huge thanks to our Moorpark College CKI club, who led all the activities and games, and even scooped the ice cream!



Our annual Easter Breakfast for Seniors was a huge success. We whipped up the eggs, sausage, pancakes and fruit, and our SLPs served the seniors. The event included live music, which prompted a bunny-led conga line.

# Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



The Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club helped organize this year's Thousand Oaks High School Career Expo, where students could meet with members who could offer advice about career choices. About sixty students attended. Of course, we also offered pizza and more - that's Lieutenant Governor Paul Lopez ready to serve. Teta Van Ommeren headed up our volunteers and proudly displays the event poster. President Brian McMahon and Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Engler were among the mentors who gave career advice.



Dolly Parton made an "appearance" at our Club meeting on March 18. Actually, Kathleen Turner brought along a life-size cutout of Dolly for her program about the Ventura County "branch" of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Kathleen is the Program Director of the local affiliate of the international program, which focuses on literacy needs of kids up to five years old. They are in the fundraising stage, and the Thousand Oaks Club's Foundation gave Kathleen a check for \$2,000 to help make the Imagination Library a reality for local kids. Vice President Kathy Smiley (center) posed with Dolly and Kathleen after the presentation.



On March 26, several members of the Thousand Oaks Club volunteered to stuff duffel bags for kids at My Stuff Bags. Our Club also awarded the non-profit a grant of \$1,000 to help it provide support to children who have been rescued from abuse, neglect, and homelessness and enter shelters or crisis centers with very little or nothing of their own. Kiwanians Steve Coyne, Rick Herrera, Lynn Burdick, Gloria Dyok, Jerry Westby, Sharon McMahon, Lieutenant Governor Paul Lopez, and Lori Olbrich participated. My Stuff Bags representative Lisa Fisher accepted our check from Gloria.



The Thousand Oaks Club inducted two more Rising Stars members at our regular breakfast meetings on March 25 and April 1. Left: On March 25, Alyson Berg (holding her certificate) is joined by - (from left) President Brian McMahon, Past Presidents Steve Weiss, Katy Porter, Paul Lopez, Robin Britt, and Bob Engler. Right: On April 1, Justin Dyer (holding his certificate) is joined by - (from left) President Brian McMahon, Past Presidents Paul Lopez, Larry Levine, Dave Biedebach, Doug Ryan, and Robin Britt.



**Left: Michelle Bleuel of Ventura Kiwanis received the Distinguished Service Award at the Governor's Visit. Right: Ventura Kiwanis is happy to have inducted Marcie Youtz of 805 Community for Children as its newest member.**



**Ventura Kiwanis continues with its joint project with DATA Builders Club creating quilts for cancer patients.**



**Data Builders Club sent attractive and creative cards to first responders - just because they could.**



**Data Builders Club works with Ventura Kiwanis members to create a thank you poster for their teachers. The poster features butterflies and says "Thank You For Helping Find Our Wings."**



**Ventura Kiwanis participated in the Ventura Chamber of Commerce monthly Connection Breakfast.**



# Division 42 THE HUB



## **District and Foundation Awards - May 31st Deadline!**



**District Awards** (Click titles to access entry forms.)

**Club Website Award:** Due to the explosive growth in club and division Websites, and recognizing that an increasing number of clubs now publish their newsletters electronically, the club and division Website contest was created. Among the features considered in judging the Websites are whether they are attractive, easy to navigate, current, interesting, contain links to District and International Websites, and contain information on meetings, membership club history and the community. The winning clubs and divisions receive a specially designed banner patch at the District Convention.

**Club Newsletter Awards:** Five perpetual trophies were presented to the District by Past Governor Clyde L. Hurley and are on display in the Kiwanis District Office inscribed with the winners' names. They are awarded for the best club newsletter in each of the five sections based on club membership: Gold Section: 101 or more members; Silver Section: 71 to 100 members; Orange Section: 46 to 70 members; Blue Section: 31 to 45 members; White Section: 30 or less members. A club mails or emails three (3) best newsletters to the District Chair. The winning clubs are presented with a banner patch at the District Convention.

**Children's Fund Awards** (Click titles to access entry forms.)

**Bert Shoemaker Award:** *Is there a "Mr. or Ms. Kiwanis" in your club?* The Bert Shoemaker Award is presented annually at the Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention to one Kiwanian who has best exemplified the spirit of Kiwanis. Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to submit candidates who have earned the love and respect of their fellow members by virtue of exceptional contribution to their clubs and their communities. This award gives clubs a unique opportunity to give recognition to a Kiwanian who has given much to Kiwanis without ever asking anything in return.

**Nathan Hale Award:** *Not all heroes wear capes!* Somewhere in your community there may be SOMEONE who performs a deed of heroism "above and beyond" what is considered the norm. Kiwanians throughout the Cal-Nev-Ha District are urged to seek out nominees for the prestigious Nathan Hale Award for heroism. Please note the competition is not a contest, nor is it limited to any number of individuals who may receive the award in any year. The successful nominee(s) will be honored on stage and presented with a Nathan Hale award at our District Convention.

**Special Olympics Athlete of the Year:** *Let Me Win, But If I cannot Win, Let Me Be Brave In The Attempt!* The athletes of Special Olympics have a tremendous devotion to competition. They make a commitment each and every day to make the best of their ability. As Kiwanians, we need to recognize the remarkable achievement that people with developmental delays have made in our society. Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual or physical disabilities. Any club that has a qualified applicant may submit an application for K-Team Special Olympics "Athlete of the Year." The winning applicant will receive \$250 for their use in Special Olympics. The award will be presented at our District Convention.

**Kiwanis International: Ruby K Award** (No deadline!)

Honor Kiwanians who invite five or more new members during their Kiwanis career with a Ruby K Award, free of charge. Ruby K pins recognize members for inviting new members — from five to 100 people. (Further Ruby K awards are given for multiples of 25 over 100.) The award is cumulative, so previous recipients are eligible for a new Ruby K when they invite additional members. **Submit an application.**

# 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: utevandamage@gmail.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

**April 18, 2026**

Round\*Up Country Music Festival  
Simi Valley Kiwanis

**April 25, 2026**

Bunco Picnic Garden Party  
Camarillo Kiwanis

**May 2, 2026**

Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash  
Simi Valley/Glendale Kiwanis

**May 15 - 17, 2026**

Key Leader Santa Barbara  
Santa Barbara, CA

**May 27, 2026**

Bus to Dodgers Game  
Oxnard Kiwanis

**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**

Division Installation  
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

**#KidsNeedKiwanis**



# NEWS YOU CAN USE



The Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund is excited to announce nominations are open for our Special Athlete of the Year, Nathan Hale and Bert Shoemaker awards.

To be considered, applications must be submitted by May 31, 2026. Learn more and apply today by [clicking on this link](#), or scan the QR codes below.

**Special Athlete of the Year Award** - celebrates athletes with intellectual, developmental and/or physical disabilities.

**Nathan Hale Award** - awarded to an individual who has performed an act of courage and/or personal involvement beyond the ordinary call of a citizen's responsibility.

**Bert Shoemaker Award** - awarded to a Kiwanian who best exemplifies the spirit of Kiwanis.

Ernest "Ernie" Patterson  
2025 Bert Shoemaker Recipient



Special Athlete of the Year Award



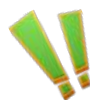
Nathan Hale Award



Bert Shoemaker Award

## JUST SAY YES!

Your support of our [YES! Initiative](#) helps shape tomorrow's leaders by funding scholarships, empowering students, and providing meaningful grants. [Hear directly from the students](#) whose lives changed when you choose to Just Say YES! Click below to make your gift today.



## GRANTS = FREE MONEY



Spring has arrived, making it the perfect time for clubs to organize their next, new service project. With assistance from the CNH Children's Fund, clubs can turn their service project concept into a reality! Whether it's hosting a safety fair, providing care packages to underserved communities, or enhancing your community, we invite clubs to explore our grant options and [apply for a grant](#) today!

Need inspiration? Browse our [grant success stories](#) and check out these [service project ideas](#).

## DUNLAP FELLOWSHIP

Is your club searching for a special way to pay tribute to an extraordinary member, then look no further than the [William A. Dunlap Fellowship](#)! Gifting or upgrading a Dunlap Fellowship truly does transform lives.

**[Download an application!](#)**



## FOUNDER'S DAY

For 60 years, the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund has been committed to building a better future for children. We are sincerely grateful for our clubs' ongoing support through donations to our [Founder's Day program](#). Consider helping us continue this crucial work by making your annual [Founder's Day gift](#) today, providing crucial resources to children and their families.



The Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley Presents

# ★ ROUND UP ★ COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

## SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

RANCHO SANTA SUSANA COMMUNITY PARK



Featuring

### KENNY & LUKE'S COUNTRY BEACH PARTY

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### THE JUSTIN HONSINGER BAND

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### THE MIGHTY CASH CATS

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

THE WINNER OF THE BATTLE OF THE COUNTRY BANDS

## GATES OPEN AT 11:30 MUSIC AT NOON



25% of the net proceeds  
will benefit the Simi  
Valley Family YMCA's  
Expansion Project

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Ticket Prices: Adults: \$30 (\$35 at Gate), Kids: 12 & Under FREE w/Paid Adult. No outside food or beverages, ice chests or re-entry. Subject to search. No pets. Rain or shine. Rancho Santa Susana Community Park-5005 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley. Line-Up subject to change



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CAMARILLO



# BUNCO PICNIC GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Don't Miss This Special Fun Filled Afternoon

1612 Sevilla Street, Camarillo

\$25 Donation

Includes

**Lunch, Bunco & Prizes**

There will also be a Fun Raffle

Cash, Check or Credit

You Make A Difference

\*Kiwanis and the Thayer residence are not serving spirits.  
However, you may bring your own.

Your donations benefit our community & the Student Leadership Program  
For information about the programs or to make reservations  
(Limited seating to 40 participants)

Contact Linda at [lindalthayer@gmail.com](mailto:lindalthayer@gmail.com) 805-390-9877 or

Allen at [allengrizzard@msn.com](mailto:allengrizzard@msn.com) 805-795-6279



# KIWANIS CLUB OF SIMI VALLEY

in partnership with



**Kiwanis**  
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**21st Annual**

# KIWANIS INCREDIBLE DUCK SPLASH

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**Verdugo Park, Glendale, CA**

**11:00am to 2:30pm**

**Yeehaw!**  
**First race starts at 11:15am!**  
**Be there or be square!**

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