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Fellow Kiwanians-

As I prepare to conclude my year of service as Lieutenant Governor, I am filled with gratitude and reflection on the journey we have shared together. Serving in this role has been one of the greatest honors of my Kiwanis experience, and I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to walk alongside such remarkable leaders and members who have dedicated themselves wholeheartedly to our mission of service.

This year has been a reminder of what it truly means to be a civil servant. It has been through your actions, your time, and your commitment that has embodied the essence of Kiwanis, helping others in need, providing opportunities where they may not otherwise exist, and ensuring that children and communities have a brighter tomorrow. Together, we have stood as a collective force for good, not for recognition, but for the simple and profound desire to make a difference.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to our club Presidents, Officers, and Board Members who have carried the torch of leadership with integrity, vision, and dedication. Your tireless efforts to guide your Clubs, support your Members, and lead service projects have left an impact that will last well beyond this year. To All our Members, thank you. Without your consistent participation, generosity, and passion for service, our accomplishments would not be possible. Every hour volunteered, every dollar raised, and every act of kindness you have extended has added up to something truly powerful.

I am also grateful for the spirit of fellowship and cooperation that has been so evident throughout our Division. We are not simply individual Clubs working in isolation; we are a Family of servant leaders united by a common purpose. This Unity is what strengthens our ability to create lasting change, and it is what makes Kiwanis such a special organization to be a part of.

As I pass the baton to Lt. Governor Paul Lopez, I do so with great confidence in the future of our Division. I know that the same passion and dedication that carried us through this year will continue to guide and inspire in the years ahead. Though my term in this role is ending, my commitment to Kiwanis and to each of you remains steadfast. I look forward to serving alongside you in new ways, continuing to build upon the strong foundation we have created together.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude once more, thank you for your trust, your encouragement, and above all, your commitment to serving others. The work we do is not always easy, but it is always meaningful. When we look back at what has been accomplished, we can take pride in knowing that we have lived out the true Kiwanis spirit: to serve, to lead, and to make the world a better place for children and CommUnites everywhere.

Thank you for a remarkable year. It has been my privilege to serve as your Lieutenant Governor!

Temo Solorio



Camarillo

Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

In July, Camarillo held their Heritage Days Festival in the Old Town. Our Kiwanis Club put on the BINGO on Thursday and then staffed an information booth over the weekend where we made some good contacts from the community. We were well supported by our Key Club and KIWIN'S who worked all five days alongside the event organizers.



BINGO night at the Heritage Days Festival



Kiwanis Information Booth

Cal-Nev-Ha District Key Club and KIWIN'S held their Summer Board and Training weekend in Rancho Cucamonga. Turquoise LTG Lauren Valenzuela was officially made a board member by Incoming Governor Steven Geraci. On Saturday afternoon they had their fun version of Summer Olympics. On Sunday morning a check for \$24,750 was presented to Loma Linda Pediatric Hospital. This is money raised for the Children's Fund.



LTG Induction



Summer Olympics with a winning team



Check Presentation

The Div. 42W Key Club and Turquoise KIWIN'S helped the Camarillo Ranch Foundation hold their second fundraiser for the summer. This enabled our Kiwanis Club to set up an information booth to promote Kiwanis.



SLP volunteers taking a break



Promoting Kiwanis at Camarillo Ranch House



Katie Porter and Paul Lopez from the T.O. club, Gary Gray from Santa Barbara, and myself represented Div.42 at the District Convention in Las Vegas. Steven Geraci was elected Governor for 2025/2026, and Brian Dahlquist was elected Governor-elect. The SLP presenters were excellent, and Past International President Dave Curry was the Keynote Speaker.



L - R: Div. 42 attendees, KIWIN'S Gov., Key Club Gov., Circle K Gov., Past International Pres. Dave Curry



Ute and Emily attend the Thousand Oaks meeting for an interclub.

Moorpark and Thousand Oaks hosted the biggest DCM this year at Art Trek.



Moorpark is in the house at DCM!



The Moorpark boys at DCM



The Moorpark Spice Girls at DCM



Congratulations to Bruce for receiving the Lt. Gov. award presented by President Mark and LTG Temo. Looks like Bruce is tired of hearing about all the wonderful things he does for our club and community!



Santa Barbara

Marsha Gray Reporting



Kiwanis and Aktion Club of Santa Barbara members volunteered at the annual Old Spanish Days Fiesta Children's parade. Aktion Club had a great time handing out ice cream. We were asked to do a Fiesta Barbecue for 500 people at the Santa Barbara Carriage Museum after the parade. This was twice as many hungry people as we usually cook for!! Tri-tip, chicken and lots of work poured into it. The Fiesteros loved it. Three residents from Santa Barbara Newhouse came and gave us their invaluable help which we really appreciated.



Left: On August 6 we had Adam Burrridge with Santa Barbara Newhouse as our speaker. Newhouse is a residential facility for recovering addicted men. Adam, a former resident, is now the director of Newhouse.

Right: Thursday August 7th was our 4th and last Kiwanis Music Nite. So much fun! We will be back next year. Barbara Najera helped set up our refreshments center, while Dan Montello and Bill Childs prepared hamburgers and hotdogs.



Our 4th annual Back to School event was amazing. We work in conjunction with the Old Navy store and the Sunrise Rotary. Both clubs purchased the \$100 gift cards distributed to 100 elementary students at Cleveland School, and each student received a backpack with supplies inside. Old Navy manager David Stengal was an integral part of our event, and Cleveland School principal Gabe Sandoval was there to help. Nancy Butterfield was the project lead.



Left: We inducted 2 new members in the past month: (L) Dr. EP McKnight and (R) Danielle Carl (both second from the right). Right: On July 19 our Moorpark College Circle K Club helped clean up the trail to the cross atop Mt. McCoy.



We were invited to have an information booth at the Simi Valley PD's National Night Out event at the Town Center.



L - R: Our recent speaker presented her new book on Social and Emotional Literacy; members of our new Friends of Kiwanis colored hospital gowns for Operation Smile; we had a great turnout for our July social at Grill on the Green.



The Simi Su Aktion Club had a picnic and also attended the August DCM, where Sigrid got an award from LTG Temo.



Also at the DCM, Nick was presented with Cal-Nev-Ha's Division Newsletter and Club Website Awards.

Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



In late spring, Kiwanians Robin Britt, Sean Leonard, Bob Engler, and others began collecting children's books to "stock" the supply of children's books at Manna, our local food bank. Soon donations exceeded Manna's needs, so additional destinations for the books were found at Conejo Creek Community Center, Conejo Elementary School, Boys and Girls Club, and Westminster Free Clinic. While setting up donation areas, Kiwanians also donated bookcases at Conejo Creek Community Center. The project goal is to continue to provide free books for children in spaces where the children or parents may be regularly present. So far, over 700 books have been distributed, and all books are provided with "Donated by Kiwanis" stickers! The target audience is children in low-income families, but all children are welcome to take home a book. The project is spearheaded by Teta Van Ommeren and Sean Leonard, pictured.



President-elect Brian McMahon represented the Thousand Oaks Club at the Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Brian met and posed with Kiwanis International President Lee Kuan Yong of Malaysia, and was impressed by Keynote Speaker Terry Bradshaw's knowledge of and admiration for Kiwanis.



The Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club welcomed Kelly Cannan as a new member on July 9th. Those participating in the induction ceremony were (left to right) Immediate Past President and Lieutenant Governor-elect Paul Lopez, Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Katy Porter, Past President Doug Ryan, Kelly Cannan, Past President Arnie Rudman, Past President Chuck Huffer, and Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Engler. That's Doug Ryan injecting a little humor into an otherwise solemn ceremony, as he educates Kelly on the tasks required to earn her permanent member badge.



Left: Mike Powers presented his experience attending the KI convention. Right: Ventura Kiwanis installed Alex Ayala of the Autism Society of Ventura County as its newest member. This celebrates a recent partnership between ASVC and Ventura Kiwanis to enhance ASVC presence in the City of Ventura.



Ventura Kiwanis celebrated an historic event: honoring Morgan Mack, who in August will have the first ever baby of a sitting Ventura Kiwanis president: Andy Mack.



Ventura Kiwanis joins with Channel Islands Bicycle Club to conduct the Cool Breeze Century bike ride each year. This year it included 850 bicycle registrants, served by over 100 volunteers. It is our only fundraiser.



Division 42 THE HUB



District News - New SLP Coordinator



Patricia Larrigan has been named as the new Service Leadership Programs Coordinator by the California - Nevada - Hawaii District. She will begin this position on September 1st, 2025.

Patricia has been a member of the Glendale Kiwanis Club for 18 years and is a member of the Rose Float Kiwanis Club. She is a past Lieutenant Governor, a past District Trustee from 2020 through 2023, a current Key Club Region Advisor, and current Key Club Assistant District Administrator. Patricia has proven herself to be a valuable asset to the district.

Meet New SLP Leaders



Members of Circle K International and Key Club International — two of Kiwanis' Service Leadership Programs — elected their 2025-26 boards at their respective conventions.

Jonathan Huang of the New England District was elected CKI president for 2025-26 during the program's convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in June.

At the Key Club International convention in Orlando, Florida, in July, delegates elected Isabella Baldisseri of the Pacific Northwest District to serve as 2025-26 Key Club International president.

Congratulations to our new student leaders!

Get Started With Kiwanis Engage!



Kiwanis Engage is now available to clubs, districts and members. The new online membership platform provides essential tools, offering you the ability to:

- Manage club rosters.
- Update club officers.
- Generate dues invoices.
- Prepare monthly reports.
- Process financial transactions.

And much more! You can get started with a webpage of learning resources — including brief training videos that take you step-by-step through common tasks. Find out all the ways Kiwanis Engage can enhance your member and club experience!

Celebrate Community Is Next Month!

Is your club ready for Celebrate Community? It's our annual week of collaboration with Lions Clubs International, Optimist International and Rotary International — and it takes place September 14-20. This is your chance to amplify the power of service with a local club from one or more of the other organizations.

And it's not too late to get started! Find more information and resources on our webpage, including links to the other organizations' websites and a sample news release that you can download and customize.

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: John Hayes Email: hpnccopy@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 233-4601

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: Bruce Rokos Email: brucerokos@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 320-2094

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: Pablo Gallegos

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

Sec'y: TinaMarie Martinez Email: tinamarie.918@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 844-9145

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: Marsha Gray Email: marshagraysb@gmail.com

Ph: (805) 252-7093

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

Ph: (805) 966-9902

Santa Susana

Meeting: Szechuwan Garden, 484 Los Angeles Ave., Moorpark

3rd Wednesday 11:30 am

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,

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:00 am

5th Wednesdays, Club Social - various locations

President: Donna Smith Email: 3smitties@sbcglobal.net

Ph: (818) 281-4372

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 HYBRID: Live + Zoom (through Dec. only)

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

President: Robin Britt Email: rbritt@tokiwanis.org

Ph: (805) 824-9381

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: Andy Mack Email: amack@arcvc.com

Ph: (805) 539-8060

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



MAKE SOMEONE SMILE TODAY.



Division 42 Calendar of Events

Training & Club Events

September 7, 2025

Governor's Visit and Division Installation
California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks

September 17, 2025

Kiwanis Dodgers Night (C-N-H Children's Fund)
Dodger Stadium

October 9, 2025

Corks and Kegs Wine and Beer Festival
Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

October 19, 2025

Charity Poker Tournament
Moorpark Kiwanis



**WORK FOR A CAUSE,
NOT FOR APPLAUSE.**

Division Council Meetings

October 10, 2024

No host club - Div. Leadership Team
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

November 14, 2024

Hosting club: Camarillo
Location: kidSTRONG Museum, Camarillo

December 12, 2024

Hosting Club: Simi Valley
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

January 9, 2025

Postponed to Feb. due to power outage

February 20, 2025

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

March 13, 2025

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

April 10, 2025

Hosting club: Oxnard
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

May 8, 2025 Cancelled

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

June 12, 2025

Hosting club: Santa Barbara
Location: Cal. Lutheran U., Oxnard Center

July, 2025

Dark

August 14, 2025

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

September, 2025

No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation

#KidsNeedKiwanis

N E W S YOU CAN USE



"This scholarship helped support my educational goals by alleviating the financial burden of college . . . My experience in the Kiwanis family has been life-changing . . ."

- Ryan Lenart

2025 DCON RECAP . . .

Missed us in Las Vegas for District Convention? Catch up on the latest updates and news from the past weekend by checking out the official Facebook pages of the [CNH Children's Fund](#) and the [Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District](#).

We're still floating on air after listening to Jade Wong share with us how your gifts to the CNH Children's Fund allowed her to say YES! to new opportunities. Watch her motivational keynote address from our Honors Breakfast to learn how your gifts provide leadership training opportunities and support students like Jade in pursuing a higher education. This video is available on YouTube and would make a great program at your next club or division meeting!



SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Did you know the contributions you make to our [YES! Initiative](#) help our scholarship recipients attend University? [Ryan Lenart](#) shares how your donations helped support his educational goals and how his time in the Kiwanis family was a life-changing experience. Support our youth, their education, and our Kiwanis family with your [YES! Initiative gift](#).

SIGN UP TO STAY IN TOUCH

As the 2024-2025 Kiwanis year draws to a close, it doesn't have to mean farewell! If you're stepping down from your role as division editor, let us know by email if you'd like to keep receiving this newsletter. You can also stay updated with all CNH Children's Fund news by subscribing to our [weekly emails here](#).

DUNLAP ROSEFLOAT PACKAGE

Have you been considering joining the W. Reid Allen, Jr., Memorial Rose Float Fellowship? Are you interested in recognizing someone with the William A. Dunlap Fellowship? Do you want to build a better future for children? The [Rose Float Fellowship & Dunlap Fellowship Award Package](#) will accomplish all three objectives! For a limited time, you can order both awards for just \$1,250; that's a \$750 savings! Act fast as this opportunity won't last forever.

DINNER ANYWHERE WINNER!

Have you heard the news? Our Dinner Anywhere drawing took place on August 10th and this year's lucky winner is Richard Andrews! Thank you to everyone who participated in our raffle and congratulations to Richard. We can't wait to hear about your Dinner Anywhere adventure!



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CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT
DIVISION 42



Governor's Visit & Division 42



Lt. Governor Installation and Recognitions

Sunday September 7, 2025

Cal Lutheran University Lundring Center
130 Overton Court, Thousand Oaks, CA. 91360



Governor Doug Frost

Social Hour: 11:30am

Program Begins at 12pm

Please RSVP to Temo Solorio @
temocsolorio22@gmail.com or by using QR code by
September 1, 2025

RSVP QR Code



\$30.00 per person

All Clubs are asked bring a raffle basket



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VS.



Wednesday, September 17, 2025

7:10pm

Dodger Stadium

Download:



Ballpark



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Available on the
App Store

A Kiwanis group picture on the field (warning track) will become available to the first 75 that sign up for \$5. Ticket purchase is required! All proceeds are for the CNH Children's Fund! (Waiver & early arrival required. Player in picture is not guaranteed)



Raising Funds For:



**CAL-NEV-HA
Children's Fund**

Who: Kiwanis Clubs, Service Leadership Programs, Friends, Guests, and Baseball Fans

What: Kiwanis Dodgers Night

When: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Where: Dodger Stadium (1000 Vin Scully Ave., LA)

Time: 7:10 first pitch, recommend arriving at 6:00pm

Cost: \$45, Outer Reserve Level Seating
(12 of fee goes towards the Children's Fund)

* Parking is not included

Kiwanis Group Picture, First 75 (Optional): \$5

1st Deadline: May 30, 2025 (Prices may go up after!)

How To Get Tickets:

Email cnhkiwanis13@gmail.com for questions and to reserve your tickets! You can purchase individual & group tickets! You must purchase a ticket to add the on field group picture option.
*Tickets will be sent through the MLB Ballpark App (Download)!

Payment

(Payment must be received to secure RSVP)

Zelle: southgatekiwanis@gmail.com

Venmo: @CAYPKiwanis2 (Last 4 digits 2018)

Check: Made out to South Gate Kiwanis

Mail Check to :

South Gate Kiwanis

3848 Tweedy Blvd.

Suite B2 #561

South Gate, CA 90280

(Make sure to confirm availability before submitting payment)



SAVOR THE EXPERIENCE, SUPPORT THE CAUSE.

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 9, 2025
5:30PM - 8:30PM
THE GARDENS AT LOS ROBLES GREENS

**SCAN
FOR TICKETS**



Join us for the inaugural Kiwanis Corks and Kegs! This premier event is the exciting evolution of The Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks' annual charity fundraiser, merging two of our most successful events—Conejo Uncorked and BrewFest—into one unforgettable celebration.

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