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DIVISION 42



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## Temo Talk



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A publication for and about the  
Kiwaniis Clubs of:

**CAMARILLO**

**MOORPARK**

**OXNARD**

**SANTA BARBARA**

**SANTA SUSANA**

**SIMI VALLEY**

**THOUSAND OAKS**

**VENTURA**

**VENTURA SUBURBAN**

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### Division 42 Kiwanians-

As my term comes to a close, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your Lieutenant Governor. This year has been a testament to the power of service, fellowship, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of children and families in our CommUnites.

Special thanks go to all the dedicated Presidents, Officers, and SLP's who worked tirelessly to ensure another successful year. Together, we accomplished so much. Highlights include the Camarillo Kiwanis Club receiving a proclamation from the City of Camarillo, and the Thayer family, led by Lynda Thayer, being honored for their years of service and dedication to their community. Special recognition and thank you to Nick Esser for his dedicated contribution to our award-winning newsletter.

We continued our tradition of honoring and supporting students through the TERRIFIC Kids program and by hosting the Annual Oxnard Track Meet. Our youth shined brightly, with KIWIN'S proudly bringing home the first place Spirit Stick from Knott's Berry Farm and Division 42W Key Club placing in the Top 3 at Magic Mountain. These achievements reflect the strength, energy, and enthusiasm of our student leaders.

Fellowship was equally important this year. From cheering together at a Dodgers game alongside our former Governor to volunteering side by side at community events such as Relay for Life, Wheels to the Sea, the Groundhog 5K, the Turkey Run, working on the Rose Parade float, blood drives, community beautification projects, and sock donations. WE made lasting memories while giving back.

We also recognized community members whose unwavering service continues to inspire us all. Perhaps most importantly, we invested in the future by providing over \$25,000 in scholarships to deserving students across our Division.

As I pass the torch, I want to wish the incoming Lieutenant Governor, Paul Lopez, the very best for the year ahead. I know you will continue to build on our vision and mission of service and community. Thank you, Division 42, for trusting me with the privilege of serving as your Lieutenant Governor. Let us always keep the community first as we work together to provide children and families with opportunities, resources, and hope.

Please keep Past Lt. Gov. Debbie in our thoughts and prayers!

In service and gratitude,

*Temo Solorio*



It sounds like we had a wildlife meeting in August, as we had three Lions and two Robins in attendance. Three members of the Ambers Light Lions Club visited us to discuss the possibility of joining forces on a future project. We had two ladies, Robin Cermola, a potential new member, and Robin Moler, our guest speaker. Robin Moler is Director of Philanthropy for HealthRIGHT 360, an organization that gives hope, builds health, and changes lives for vulnerable people in need throughout California. She gave a presentation on Prototypes' Oxnard Women's Center which is one of their premier facilities. It is a lifeline to women who are struggling with addiction and other serious issues such as domestic violence and mental illness.



The three Lions



The two Robins



Women's Center presentation

Also in August, we were back at kidSTREAM, joining other volunteers providing labor to move exhibits and clear outside areas to allow the construction work to continue.



L - R: Peter, Linda & Pat at kidSTREAM; cleaning up; things are starting to come out of the ground.

We are working on another project for kidSTREAM, which is providing backpacks full of sensory toys and equipment for autism kids. These will go into the autism room, for kids to use during their visits.



Linda and Mira sewing on the Kiwanis Logo



Welcome to our new member, Doug Bloise.



Our SLP's were also busy holding their DCMs. In addition to conducting business, they started preparing for Club Rush and their upcoming Fall Rallies.



Key Club DCM



KIWIN'S DCM





# Moorpark

Ute Van Dam Reporting

**Our monthly social was a great meeting with a spectacular view!**



**L - R: Danielle, Cat, Bruce, Traci and SheriBelle; Debbie, Joanne, Janet, Barb, and a lurker in the back; Bryan and Tom**



**L - R: Delicious dinner! Mark and Janet; Hostess Janet takes the "Kiwanis Questionnaire" with President Mark; Ute with another lurker in the background; we should have every meeting here!**



**Ute and Debbie attended the Div. 42 Installation. Thank you, Lt. Gov. Temo! Congratulations, incoming Lt. Gov. Paul!**



**Builders Club members and sponsors attend Back to School Night to promote their great club!**



**Our first TERRIFIC Kids assembly of the year! Campus Canyon has TERRIFIC Kids and TERRIFIC Kiwanians!**





Division 42 Lt. Governor Temo Solorio holds his last DCM at the new Art Trek in Thousand Oaks. It was a great turnout for his swan song as LTG.



Governor Doug Frost and First Lady June Frost joined our outgoing and incoming Lt. Governors Temo Solorio (Kiwanis Oxnard) and Paul Lopez (Kiwanis Thousand Oaks) for a delicious dinner at Bandits' in Thousand Oaks. Other Division 42 members also attended our Saturday night dinner where we got to know our Governor and the First Lady.



The Oxnard Kiwanis were proud to be part of the Division 42 Governor's Visit in Thousand Oaks at Cal Lutheran the following day, where Temo passed the banner on to Paul Lopez. Temo gave an impassioned presentation about his history as a troubled student and how he overcame various obstacles to eventually graduate from Cal Lutheran and also from USC. It was a proud day for Oxnard Kiwanis.



# Santa Barbara

Marsha Gray Reporting



We have wonderful lunch speakers. Heather Calderwood with the Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department talked about one of our wonderful urban parks, The Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden. The garden was given to our city in the 1970's. It is a square city block in the downtown. Ms. Calderwood was in charge of a recent renovation creating a more accessible park for everyone.

Danny Angel was our speaker on August 20th. Danny is a native Santa Barbaran who is the Crew Chief for our local Trader Joe's on Calle Real. He has worked there for 20 years, and couldn't be more positive about his company and how they treat their employees. Plus Danny brought all sorts of TJ goodies to our meeting!



President Marsha announced our CSA and DSA awards at the Gov's. Visit, but they were presented at our club installation. With Past Pres. Nancy is our community partner David Stengel of Old Navy (CSA), and with Past Gov. Gary is our incoming President Josh Kane and his DSA.



Also at our club installation, (L - R) Roger Deck was presented with our Kiwanian of the Year award; LTG Designate Paul Lopez installed our new club President, Josh Kane; Dave Samson was installed as our Aktion Club's new President; Dave was also recognized by the Aktion Club as Member of the Year.





**Our Simi Su Aktion Club held a picnic in August.**  
**Governor's Visit and Div. 42 Installation**



**Left: The trio sings us in, two of whom are members of Santa Su.**  
**Right: Santa Susana members enjoy the Governor's Visit.**



**President Margaret and Lt. Gov. Elect Paul Lopez are installed as Lt. Gov. Elect and Lt. Gov. for 2025-26.**  
**The Lt. Gov. Elect banner will now find its home with Santa Susana!**





Deliveries of new equipment selected by 4 of the Simi elementary schools served by our P.E. Enhancement Program.



Donations to past speakers' organizations: Operation Gratitude, Youth Employment Services, and for Key Clubbers to attend a Cal. Assoc. of Student Councils convention. The latter (\$1,400) was matched so even more kids could go.



Several of our members enjoyed the Div. 42 Governor's Visit and Installation



Each Sept. we honor our first responders by bringing goody baskets to all our fire, police, EMT and dispatch stations.



# Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



Incoming Lieutenant Governor Paul Lopez and Past Lieutenant Governor Katy Porter represented the Thousand Oaks Club at this year's Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention in Las Vegas. They are shown here with Allen Grizzard-Paul of the Camarillo Kiwanis Club.



The Thousand Oaks Club cooked hot dogs and burgers for the MANDO Youth Foundation celebration on August 9. MANDO is a non-profit that works with social services, local law enforcement, and other community organizations to provide long-term ongoing support for youth of all ages, helping them to avoid negative influences and grow up successfully.



The Thousand Oaks and Moorpark clubs joined forces to host the August Division 42 DCM at Art Trek, a local non-profit with a large studio. And we filled the room as about 80 Kiwanians joined the meeting, including members of the Simi Su Aktion Club and KIWIN'S members.



On August 16th, the Thousand Oaks Club cooked a tri-tip dinner for the Conejo Valley Historical Society's annual La Fiesta del Triunfo. Each year, the Society honors a man and woman for their community service. This year's honorees were Denise Cortes and George Lange, both of whom have previously been members of our club.





# Division 42 THE HUB



## Div. 42 Governor's Visit and Installation



## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

The Division 42 October DCM will be NOT be on the usual second Thursday, due to a conflict with Lt. Gov. Paul's schedule. Instead, it will be held one week early, on **Thursday, October 2, 2025**. Please take note!

## **2024-2025 Distinguished Clubs Recognition**

As this administrative year comes to a close it is time for those Kiwanis clubs who have fulfilled the Distinguished Club criteria to submit their applications. The criteria are (achieve any 4):

- Increase club membership by 3 (net)
- Contribute to KI Children's Fund
- Contribute to CNH Children's Fund
- Send delegate to KI Education Convention Pittsburgh, PA, June 2025
- Send delegate to CNH Education Convention Summerlin, NV, August 2025
- Participate in Division/Region Club building committee that builds a club

The submittal process is simple. Please follow [this link](https://ko2.site.kiwanis.org/distinguished-club-award-application/) to access the online form. Once you are done filling out the form, please click SUBMIT and you are done! Note: If the link is not functional, copy this address into your browser: **ko2.site.kiwanis.org/distinguished-club-award-application/**

After the submission period, all applications will be reviewed and verified. The Distinguished Clubs will be announced at the Mid-Year Education Conference South, on January 31st, 2026 and the Mid-Year Education Conference North, on February 28, 2026.



# 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: hpncopy@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: Ute Van Dam Email: utevandam@roadrunner.com

Ph: (805) 433-3306

## 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 Sigurdsson

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.org

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





# Division 42 Calendar of Events

## Training & Club Events

**October 9, 2025**

Corks and Kegs Wine and Beer Festival  
Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

**October 19, 2025**

Charity Poker Tournament  
Moorpark Kiwanis

**April 18, 2026**

Round\*Up Country Music Festival  
Simi Valley Kiwanis

**July 4, 2026**

Star Spangled Rock & Country Jam  
Simi Valley Kiwanis



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

## Division Council Meetings

**October 2, 2025 NOTE: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday!**

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: Cal. Lutheran U., Thousand Oaks

**January 8, 2026**

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

**February 12, 2026**

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

**March 12, 2026**

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

**April 9, 2026**

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

**May 7, 2026**

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

**June 11, 2025**

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

**July, 2025**

Dark

**August 13, 2025**

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

**September, 2025**

No DCM - Gov. Visit and Div. Installation

**#KidsNeedKiwanis**





*Thank you CNH Children's Fund and Key Club International for your support throughout my High School journey and beyond.*

- Corey Umamoto, 2025 Scholarship Recipient



## WELCOME STEVEN GERACI

We are thrilled to kick off the 2025–2026 Kiwanis year with you! As we join forces to build a better future for our children, let's celebrate the fresh energy and opportunity this new year brings.

Each year, our CNH District Governor sets goals to help guide and support the mission of the CNH Children's Fund. This year, Governor Geraci invites us to stay **HUNGRY FOR SERVICE** - a powerful reminder of our commitment to making a difference! Check out Governor Geraci's goals [here](#).



As we begin the 2025–2026 Kiwanis year, take a moment to reflect on the incredible difference you helped make. Your dedication, time, and passion for service have touched countless lives - and it shows. Check out our [2024 Impact Report](#). Whether it was through fundraising, volunteering, or simply showing up with a heart for helping others, you've moved mountains for the children and communities we serve. Thank you!

## SCHOLARSHIP APPS OPEN SOON

Scholarship season is almost here! Did you know the CNH Children's Fund (serving the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District) awards scholarships to outstanding members of SLP clubs who demonstrate:

- **Servant Leadership**
- **Academic Achievement**
- **Financial Need**
- **Commitment to Kiwanis Values**

[Learn More](#)

## YES2YOUTH

Your gift helps Circle K, Key Club, and KIWIN'S members achieve their college dreams.

[Meet our 2025 scholarship recipients](#) and see the impact of your support

[Click here](#) to invest in our future leaders with a gift to the YES! Initiative

## FREE MONEY

It's a new Kiwanis year - the perfect time to start fresh with new service projects! The CNH Children's Fund offers [club grants](#) to help bring your ideas to life, just ask the Kiwanis Club of Redondo Beach, which used a grant to host a community chess championship. Your club could be next! [Apply today](#) - it's free money for service!

## SERVICE AWARDS

Who doesn't love recognition?! The CNH Children's Fund makes it easy for clubs to recognize a deserving member or community leader. With three great options - [Distinguished Service Award](#), [Community Service Award](#) or [Youth Service Award](#) - you can place your order today then relax and enjoy the holiday season.





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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