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Dear Kiwanis Colleagues and Friends,

As we are nearing the end of our 2025–2026 year, our final DCM will be held on September 10th, 6:00pm at Moorpark Presbyterian Church, 13950 Peach Hill Road, Moorpark, CA. I invite you all to join us as we wish our division's new leadership success in the upcoming year. This will be my final DCM as your Lt. Governor. We will welcome our new Lt. Governor for 2026–2027, Margaret Sigurdsson, and induct our new Lt. Governor-Elect, Allen Grizzard-Paul.

Let's take a brief look back at a year that is now becoming part of Division 42 Kiwanis history.

We held our first DCM at CLU last October. I still remember the excitement of beginning a new year filled with hopes, dreams, and fresh ideas. I sincerely believe we had a successful year. Several clubs inducted new members, and many worked hard to grow their membership, resulting in a welcome influx of new members across most of our clubs. However, our work is not done; we will continue striving to bring new members into Kiwanis. As new presidents begin serving in many of our clubs in August, I wish each of them a wonderful year. Let's continue working together as a team to fulfill the Kiwanis dream.

As most of you know, we recently held DCON, the District Education Conference, in Reno. I was unable to attend, but appreciated receiving excellent reports about the conference. My sincere thanks to Katy Porter, Allen Grizzard-Paul, and Margaret Sigurdsson for sharing their insights with me.

To begin, our incoming Lieutenant Governor, Margaret Sigurdsson, and Katy Porter shared that they attended several valuable seminars and learned how to use AI safely and effectively in our clubs. They emphasized that using this technology requires precision and careful review, including double- and triple-checking details such as dates, years, days, and other important information.

They also attended a workshop on SLPs and learned that, in some cases, the county or local Elks Club may be able to provide a bus at no cost to transport children to needed activities or events. This may be worth exploring further to see whether our local Elks clubs could assist us.

They also learned strategies for attracting new members. Personally, I would encourage anyone interested in membership growth to speak with our Thousand Oaks president, Brian McMahon. At last week's club meeting, Brian shared that the Thousand Oaks Club has inducted 21 new members this year, which I believe is a record for us. Congratulations, Brian, on a job well done.

Finally, Allen Grizzard-Paul informed me that our new District Governor for 2026–2027 will be Brian Dahlquist, and the new Governor-Elect will be Michele Hock. Congratulations to all, and best wishes for a successful year. Thank you to all the dedicated members of our Kiwanis family.

Reminder: incoming CLE (Club Leadership Education) will be held at The ARC of Ventura on August 29, 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Breakfast coffee and donuts and Jersey Mike's lunch will be provided. Cost is \$15 per member. I look forward to seeing you there.

Paul Lopez

Camarillo

Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

In July we worked on the Heritage Days Festival, which was a five-day event where our club volunteered to take charge of Maintenance, which turned out to be a polite word for collecting trash. With help from Key Club and KIWIN'S members along with the high school football team, we filled two 40-yard roll-off bins. On Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday we manned a "Meet and Greet" booth, entertaining the kids and telling adults about Kiwanis.



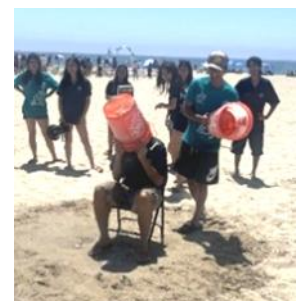
On the following Thursday we were back at Camarillo Ranch House for their second Food Truck Music Night. Along with Key Club and KIWIN'S members, we set up the event and did another "Meet and Greet," while the SLP entertained the kids making and flying paper airplanes. It was not all work, as some of our members got to join in the fun dancing to a great band.



The following weekend, John Hayes and I chaperoned four SLP LTGs to Rancho Cucamonga for their Summer Board Meeting. This is where all the Key Club and KIWIN'S leaders from Cal-Nev-Ha District get together to make plans for their year. They also held their version of the Summer Olympics, including the Viking Row made famous by Norway at the World Cup.



August started with the KIWIN'S Beach Palooza in Santa Monica. Five divisions got together for games and service (beach clean-up), and they always end up with dares - where the board members raise money for the children's fund by getting a bucket of water on their heads.



The Moorpark club is dark in July, but that doesn't mean we stop volunteering, celebrating, and having fun!



Cindy and grandson of Curt and Denise helping at the Food Pantry. Bob serving at the Pantry Plus.



Mark and Ute celebrating the wedding of their son Tyler and Holly! Bruce and Wendy celebrating summer! Cat and daughter Josette celebrating the USA!



SheriBelle and son Chadman cruising together!
Emily's neighbor, Alex, helps her deliver Meals on Wheels to 102 year old James!

Oxnard

TinaMarie Martinez & Rodney Medina Reporting



Oxnard Kiwanians met at Oxnard's Heritage Square, supporting Havana Nights during our monthly social.



Kiwanis of Oxnard loaded up some baseball fans and took a bus to Dodger Stadium to watch newly-acquired pitcher Tarik Skubal take on the Kansas City Royals in his Dodger Stadium debut. The bus ride was rambunctious and fun. We had raffles along the way with prizes including gift cards, hats, bottles of craft añejo, Rodney Strong and Coppola wine, concert tickets for Pete Escovedo and his Orchestra, and Dodgers game tickets. The weather was warm and the skies were clear. It was Max Muncy Game 7 World Series Home Run bobblehead night. The Dodgers beat the Royals 6-5. A number of us ventured to the Gold Glove Bar and to the Speak Easy for a unique game experience. Thank you to all of our sponsors including Pipiripau Brand, The Q Club Sports Lounge, and Medallion Events. The motor coach was provided by Executive Limousine and Coach in Ventura.

Santa Barbara

Marsha Gray " & Friends" Reporting



Thursday July 16 was our second Kiwanis Music Nites for 2026. This Thursday August 20 is the final one for the year. (L - R:) Pete Georgi, Dr. Art Najera and Past District Governor Gary Gray. Past President Nancy Butterfield was wearing two hats that night. Her quilt guild had a booth selling their signature quilted postcards. USPS approved for mailing! Super popular. Kiwanian Roger Deck and his wife Joann at their vendor's booth. The band setting up for an evening of great music.



Members of the Kiwanis and Aktion Club of Santa Barbara handed out ice cream to children at the end of the Fiesta Children's parade. We partnered with the Parks and Recreation department and Rotary for this fun event.



In its fifth year, a partnership between the Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara and Old Navy invited children from Cleveland Elementary School to have a shopping trip in time for the start of school. 100 students received a \$100 gift card and special discounts. On top of that, the Kiwanis provided a backpack loaded with school supplies. Volunteers from Kiwanis, Sunrise Rotary, Explore Ecology and New House were on hand to assist families with everything from finding the right sizes to checking prices.

Santa Susana

Margaret Sigurdsson Reporting



Santa Susana had a dessert social in July. We bowled with 10 plastic pins and two bowling balls. Our winner was Lorraine Erickson. There were 8 of us; we had a lot of fun, and the dessert was delicious. Gary White was our pin boy.



Margaret attended the DCON at Sparks, NV. The Thousand Oaks club hosted a dinner with T.O. Pres. Designate Jim Westby and Treas. Jim Stephenson, Region 10 Trustee Katy Porter, Margaret, and Lt. Gov. Elect Designate Allen Grizzard-Paul. Margaret poses with Katy, and Gov. Designate Brian Dahlquist at her induction as Lt. Gov. Designate.



Our Aktion Club finishes their pizza dinner at a recent Tuesday evening meeting. They had a great time!



We held a Special Guest Night on July 29. A total of 50 people came, including nine potential members. Many of our SLPs and several members gave testimonials. Two people joined on the spot, with several more very interested.



On August 4, we had a booth for National Night Out. Two members of our Moorpark CKI club were a big help there. Our August 5 speaker was Raquel Kanalz, Past President of Moorpark CKI, who then founded a CKI club at CSUN. She talked about her trip to the CKI Convention in Texas. With her was Anjel Garcia, current CKI President at CSUN.



At our last meeting, Lt. Gov. Paul Lopez gave Nick and the club awards from DCON: Runner-Up for Club Website and Div. Newsletter, and winner for Div. Website. Nick presented the 50-year Legion of Honor Award to John Absmeier.



On Sept. 12, our multi-talented member EP McNight will give a personal growth presentation at the Simi Library. One week later on Sept. 19, her film, "A Dollar's Worth of Hope," will be screening at the Simi Film Festival, between 3 PM and 4:45 PM in Theatre 4 at Studio Movie Grill. Go to www.simiff.com for more information on the festival.



Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



Lieutenant Governor Paul Lopez and Past Lieutenant Governor Katy Porter, members of the Thousand Oaks Club, attended the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention in Manila. Both Paul and Katy thoroughly enjoyed meeting other Kiwanians from all over the world and learning at the various educational seminars held during the convention. The Keynote Speaker, Lei Wang, was very inspirational, and the breakfast buffet on the opening day was a culinary delight.



The Thousand Oaks Club was actively involved in planning and conducting the Key Club Officer Training program at Adolfo Camarillo High School on June 27. Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Engler, Sherrill Hyink, Cristy Warner, Rita Phillips, and Greig Best participated on behalf of the club.



The club welcomed new member Rita Phillips on July 1. Those participating in the induction ceremony were (left to right), Past President Steve Weiss, Past President Larry Levine, Past President Mary Sepe, Rita Phillips, Immediate Past President Robin Britt, and Past President Arnie Rudman. Rita is already well on her way to earning her permanent member badge.



The Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club cooked hamburgers for participants and volunteers at the Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara chapter's fourth annual Caravan for Cancer on July 26 in Westlake Village.

Ventura

Bart Bleuel Reporting



Ventura Kiwanis partnered with Channel Islands Bicycle Club to conduct the Cool Breeze Century ride on August 15. This is our primary fundraiser. 35 members and friends filled 95 four-hour volunteer slots to make it all work.

DISTRICT EDUCATION CONVENTION

Sparks, NV / August 13-15, 2026

Photos courtesy of Katy Porter and Marsha Gray





Division 42 THE HUB



Meet Your Incoming Trustee



Greg Heath currently serves as Lieutenant Governor of Division 29, supporting clubs along California's Central Coast from Lompoc to Atascadero. His leadership philosophy centers on strengthening communication, encouraging collaboration, developing future leaders, and helping clubs increase their impact in the communities they serve.

A major focus of Greg's Kiwanis service has been **"Connect the K's"**—building stronger relationships throughout the Kiwanis family. He is passionate about connecting Kiwanis clubs with K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International, and Aktion Club, creating opportunities for members of all ages and abilities to serve together, learn from one another, and develop the next generation of servant leaders.

Greg's Kiwanis journey continues as he moves into service as Region 10 Trustee, where he looks forward to supporting Lieutenant Governors and clubs throughout Central California, sharing successful ideas across the divisions, encouraging membership growth, and helping develop tomorrow's Kiwanis leaders.

For Greg, leadership in Kiwanis has never been about a title. It is about expanding the opportunity to serve. His message to fellow Kiwanians is simple: **Raise your hand. Get involved. Mentor someone.** Take the next step. Every Kiwanis leader began as a member who decided to say, "yes."

Through service, connection and leadership, Greg remains committed to the mission at the heart of Kiwanis: **serving children and strengthening communities—one child and one community at a time.**

Salvation Army Needs Help:

The Ventura and Ventura Suburban clubs have been working with the Salvation Army for years, volunteering on Tuesdays to bag non-perishable staples for needy families. With that said, they are looking in the very near future for additional volunteers to help bag the food staples, hand them out, and/or help deliver. They also need assistance in moving cases, as a lot of their volunteers are working with medical restrictions on lifting. Each activity can take up to two hours on a given day. The time is usually mornings from 10-12 noon.

Now the Ventura Salvation Army has been asked to extend their mission to include the entire county. They are currently looking at locations in Fillmore, Santa Paula, Port Hueneme, and Simi Valley. If your club is interested in being on the ground floor of this expansion, please contact Captain Juan Torres at 805.659.3598.

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



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Division 42 Calendar of Events

Training & Club Events

August 20, 2026

Kiwanis Music Nites
Santa Barbara Kiwanis

August 29, 2026

Club Leadership Education (CLE)
The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

October 8, 2026

Corks and Kegs
Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

October 24, 2026

Charity Poker Tournament
Moorpark Kiwanis



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Division Council Meetings

October 2, 2025

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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

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