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Paul's Perspective



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Hello, fellow Kiwanians.

As another outstanding year for Division 42 comes to a close, we can look back with pride. Together, our clubs increased membership, expanded community service, and strengthened our shared commitment to helping others.

At our most recent DCM, we enjoyed a wonderful gathering with Governor Roy Talley. He inducted our new Lt. Governor, Margaret Sigurdsson, and our new Lt. Governor-Elect, Allen Grizzard-Paul. Both are stepping into important leadership roles, and I am confident they will serve Division 42 well with our full support.

We also enjoyed excellent Italian food from The Pizza Cookery. Special thanks to Bernadette Azidian and her staff for providing such a memorable meal. Bernadette is a member of our Thousand Oaks Club, and we appreciate the care she brought to the event. I am also grateful to Camarillo President-Elect Linda Thayer and Angel Reyes, the new CKI President from Ventura College, for helping serve the meal. Their support reflected the spirit of teamwork that makes our division strong.

Sincere thanks to the Ventura Club for recently agreeing to sponsor Ventura College's CKI club. Current President Mike Powers and incoming President Laura Libby are sure to appreciate the decision and the opportunities it will create for student leadership and service.

During the DCM, John Hays from the Camarillo Kiwanis introduced us to Nathalie Aguina, the current Lt. Governor of Division 42 West and a student at Oxnard High School. Nathalie provided us with evidence of her leadership as she shared updates about the accomplishments of her division.

Thanks also to Thousand Oaks Club member Greig Best, who captured the festivities through a wonderful collection of photos. We appreciate his time and talent in preserving these memories. Madeline Carden, we always appreciate your timely updates on our social media platform and your participation makes a difference.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make this year so meaningful. In particular, I want to thank:

- Our Treasurer, Jim Stephenson, for his steady and reliable service,
- Past Governor Roy Talley for his leadership and encouragement,
- The many dedicated Kiwanis leaders and members whose support helped make this year successful,
- Tony Antonelli, whose wisdom and guidance were especially valuable throughout the year.

On a personal note, I want to thank my home club, Thousand Oaks, and Division 42 for honoring me with the Tablet of Honor. I am deeply appreciative of this recognition and will always remember it with pride. The gesture means a great deal to me, and I am grateful to everyone who made it possible.

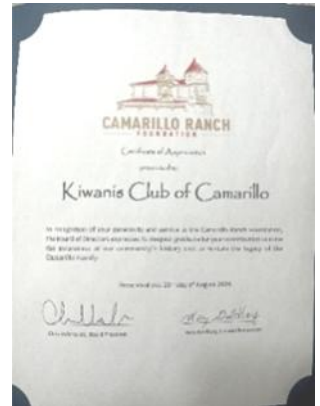
Serving Division 42 has been a remarkable experience. I have learned lessons that will stay with me for years to come, and I am thankful for the immeasurable support of our Division members. And one more time, if not for all of you it would not have been possible to build Kiwanis Division 42, "Together as a team... accomplishing the Kiwanian dream."

Paul Lopez

Camarillo

Allen Grizzard-Paul Reporting

We were back at Camarillo Ranch House for the last of their season's Food Truck and Music Nights. Although we were a little light on numbers from our club, we were well supported by 19 KIWIN'S who came to help. We are so blessed to have such a strong Student Leadership Program. We had our information booth, where we gave out toys to the kids and information to the adults. KIWIN'S manned their Paper Airplane game, which the kids love. The Camarillo Ranch House Foundation presented our club, KIWIN'S Turquoise Div., and Key Club Div. 42W with Certificates of Appreciation.



Our incoming President, Linda Thayer, and outgoing President, Peter Johnson, attended the Club Leadership Education at The ARC of Ventura. George Lange from Monterey Club conducted the training. As a first timer, Linda found the training to be excellent. The new Circle K International club from Ventura College also attended.



At the September DCM we had the changing of the guard, as LTG Paul Lopez was officially retired to become Immediate Past LTG. Paul did an outstanding job and was always there to help the clubs. Margaret Sigurdsson was installed as the 2026-2027 LTG, and I had the honor of being installed as LTG Elect. Club Presidents received their Banner Patches for meeting LTG Paul's goals for the year.



Our monthly social meeting was a blast!



L - R: Welcome to our newest members, Jeff and Eleanor; Gracious hosts Jim and SheriBelle; Mark gives Jeff and Eleanor the unofficial Moorpark Kiwanis pledge.



L: Curt volunteers at the Moorpark Pantry Plus at their Backpack and School Supply event. R: A TERRIFIC Kid sighting!

Santa Barbara

Marsha Gray & Janice Rorick Reporting



At 92 years old, Dr. Art Najera is our most senior member. Having joined in 1967, he is also our longest-serving member. He is a club treasure trove of information.



Our final Music Night, in August, was fun for everyone!



Penelope with the A Capella Santa Barbara singing group called the Thresholds. They are an amazing group that sings for people in residential care homes and hospice. It is all original music and hauntingly beautiful. It was a treat to have them perform for us.



Aktion Club monthly meeting. Lots of new business accomplished. Lauren Loza is the director, and an amazing organizer and supporter of the Santa Barbara Aktion Club.

Santa Susana

Margaret Sigurdsson Reporting



Past President and Lt. Gov. Designate Margaret arranged for this year's CLE (Club Leadership Education) session. George Lange was our trainer. He did a very good job. We had 20 people attend from our division. In addition, we had a total of four Circle K's attending: two from Ventura College and two from Moorpark College. They stayed the whole time. It was a successful event.



At our final DCM, Margaret Sigurdsson was installed as Lieutenant Governor of Division 42. Margaret thanked outgoing Lt. Gov. Paul Lopez, and presented flowers for his wife for allowing him to spend so much time this past year. Club Secretary, Gary White, held up the Santa Susana banner with patches as Margaret explained the patch program. Six clubs received all four of the patches: Moorpark, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, Santa Susana, and Camarillo. Santa Barbara, Ventura Suburban, and Ventura received one patch each. The Lt. Gov. of Div. 42E and her advisor from Santa Susana H. S. spoke briefly.



Our incoming and outgoing Presidents, Greg and Steve, and two of our Moorpark College CKI members attended the CLE, giving it good reviews.



At our Sept. 2 meeting we presented a check for \$3,000 to Joseph Metcalfe and Katie Garibaldi, founders of the Simi Valley Orchestras, for providing live music at our July 4 fireworks. Joseph spoke about the upcoming Simi Film Festival. Our Scout Troop 633 was presented with \$1,000 for their help during our events. Kris Turner, Senior Executive Director of the Simi YMCA, received a check for \$5,000, 25% of the proceeds from this year's Round*Up, to go toward their expansion project, and told us about the new facilities and programs it would provide.



On 9/11 Patriot Day, the Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley paid tribute to the lives tragically lost on this day 25 years ago. We did so by honoring our city's 1st Responders as a token of our love and appreciation for their hard work and dedication to our community. Goody baskets were delivered to twelve agencies: Fire Stations 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47; VC Fire Dispatchers; SV Police and 911 Dispatchers; VC Sheriff; AMR Stations 431, 432. Thank you for your service and commitment.

Thousand Oaks

John Prescott Reporting



The club welcomed two new members on July 22. Those participating in the induction were (left to right), Past President Arnie Rudman, Past President Larry Levine, new member John McIntyre, new member Greig Best, Immediate Past President and Membership Chair Robin Britt, Past President Doug Ryan, and Past President and Past Lt. Governor Bob Engler. John is the newest member of our Club's "Rising Star" wing. Greig recently moved to the area and is a transfer from the Merced Kiwanis Club.



On August 19, the Thousand Oaks Club hit the trifecta of membership growth, installing three new members of our Rising Stars arm. Participating in the ceremony were (left to right), Lanny Arrowsmith, Denise Cortes (sponsor of her daughter Audrey and son-in-law Allen), Past President Mary Sepe, new Rising Stars Morgan Lange, Audrey Cortes, and Allen Chin, Immediate Past President and Membership Chair Robin Britt, Past President Arnie Rudman, Past President Dave Biedebach and Annette Broersma, sponsor of Morgan.



On August 21st, the Thousand Oaks Club cooked a tri-tip and chicken dinner with all the sides for the Conejo Valley Historical Society's annual La Fiesta del Triunfo, as we have many times in the past. This year was special because our own Immediate Past President Robin Britt was honored as Doña Triunfo for her long record of exceptional community service. She was accompanied by this year's Don Triunfo, Wyatt McCrea, as they made their entrance on "Queenie."



Several ladies of Ventura Kiwanis took it upon themselves to hold a huge Garage Sale to raise funds for Scholarships for local high school students going to college next year.



The entire Ventura Kiwanis Club supports the Ventura Chamber of Commerce at its monthly Connection Breakfast.

DIVISION INSTALLATION

September 10, 2026

Photos courtesy of Greig Best





Division 42 THE HUB



The Kiwanis Rose Float Project: 2027 Float Decoration (HAPPENING IN DECEMBER 2026)



This year's Kiwanis International float is titled "Garden of Hope," which gives a whimsical tribute to the global volunteer efforts of our club members and Service Leadership Programs that truly plant the seeds of hope throughout the year to help the children of the world. It represents the values of teamwork and camaraderie that happen when communities come together with a shared goal.

As a service project of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International, the Rose Float Project has been a labor of love for thousands and thousands of volunteers over the last few decades, and continues to be a source of pride and joy as we share the mission of Kiwanis International with the world every year on New Year's Day.

Every year, the Rose Float Project coordinates thousands of volunteers from Kiwanis clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K, AKTION Clubs, as well as friends from outside the Kiwanis world. **EVERYONE OVER 13 IS WELCOME!** In addition to the Kiwanis International float, our team of volunteers will be responsible for decorating up to 13 other floats in the Phoenix Decorating facility and for helping with materials preparation and floral waste cleanup. **SIGNUPS ARE NOW LIVE!** (Click link to access.)

REGISTRATION FEES	\$5 per person per day	No additional fee when working
FOR THE 2026-27 SEASON:	\$3 if paid before 10/1/26	both shifts in the same day

Registration fees help offset the operating costs of the Rose Float Project. *Please note the upcoming deadline for discounted paid registration fees!*



Kiwanis International President's Rose Float InterClub Luncheon

The Cal-Nev-Ha District and the Kiwanis Rose Float Club are proud to welcome Kiwanis International President, Hope Markes, and fellow Kiwanians as we celebrate the 2027 "Garden of Hope" Rose Float at the International President's InterClub Luncheon.

When: December 29, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: The Noor, 300 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena

Cost: \$75/person

(See flyer at the end of this newsletter.)

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

October 8, 2026

Corks and Kegs
Thousand Oaks Kiwanis

October 24, 2026

Charity Poker Tournament
Moorpark Kiwanis

April 10, 2027

Round*Up Country Music Festival
Simi Valley Kiwanis



Division Council Meetings

October 15, 2026

No host club - Div. Leadership Team
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2026

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

December 10, 2026

Hosting Club: Simi Valley
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

January 14, 2027

Hosting Clubs: Santa Susana & Ventura Suburban
Location: The ARC of Ventura, 5103 Walker St.

February 11, 2027

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

March 11, 2027

Hosting Club: Thousand Oaks
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

April 8, 2027

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

May 13, 2027

Hosting club: Moorpark
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

June 10, 2027

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

July 8, 2027

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

August, 2027

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September 9, 2027

Division Installation
Location: Moorpark Presbyterian Church

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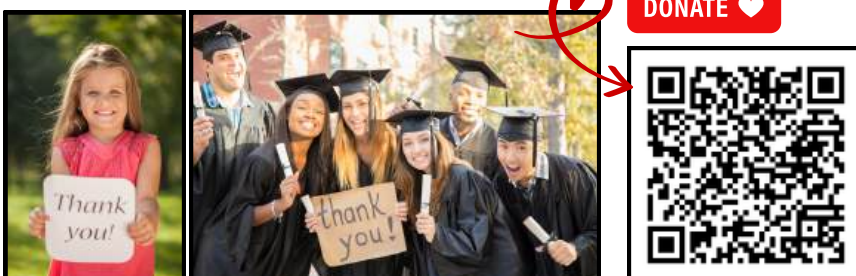
We're excited to begin the 2026–2027 Kiwanis year alongside you! A new year brings fresh opportunities to serve, inspire, and work together toward a better future for children.

Each year, our CNH District Governor establishes goals that help guide and strengthen the Cal-Nev-Ha District of Kiwanis. This year, Governor Dahlquist's theme, **United in Service**, reminds us of the impact we can make when we come together with a shared purpose.

We invite you to [explore Governor Dahlquist's goals](#) and discover how we can make this year one of meaningful service and lasting impact.

A YEAR OF IMPACT!

As we begin the 2026–2027 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 **2025 Annual 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!



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- Madisen Nguyen, 2026 Scholarship Recipient

SCHOLARSHIP APPS OPEN SOON

Scholarship season is almost here! The CNH Children's Fund awards scholarships to outstanding KIWIN'S and Key Club graduating seniors, as well as Circle K members who demonstrate:

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- **Academic Achievement**
- **Service to Their School and Community**
- **Commitment to Kiwanis Values**

[Learn More About Our Scholarship Program](#)

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- [Meet our 2026 scholarship recipients](#) and discover the difference your generosity makes.
- [Support the YES! Initiative](#) and help open doors to a brighter future.

FREE MONEY

New year, new service opportunities! Have a great project idea? The CNH Children's Fund offers [club grants](#) to help bring your new service projects to life. Check out these [grant success stories!](#) for some inspiration! [Apply today](#) and make your next project happen.

SERVICE AWARDS

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2027 ROSE FLOAT



The Kiwanis International Float Theme is "Garden of Hope"

The Rose Parade provides all Kiwanians an opportunity to introduce people to Kiwanis. Kiwanians all over the world work to help every child be happy, healthy, safe and loved so that they can grow to achieve their dreams.

Assisting at the Decorating Site

Every shift requires Kiwanians to help onsite. Checking in our volunteers expediently is essential. A majority of the float decorating duties can be preparation. Every job is important.

Feeding Teams

Kiwanis has various shifts during December. Clubs and Divisions from as far north as Fresno and south from San Diego, come to provide lunch and dinner. This represents over a \$35,000 in-kind contribution to the project.

2027 ROSE FLOAT SPONSOR / DONATION ORDER FORM



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Funding the Float

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