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Smiles!

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Kiwanis clubs put smiles on the faces of children by providing fun activities, mentoring, and providing for their needs.

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DIVISION 12

DIVISIONWIDE The division staged "Special Games XXX" in May at De Anza College. The event featured 850 athletes assisted by members of Kiwanis, Key Club, Circle K and Builders Club, and school and community volunteers. These 30th annual games began with a formal opening ceremony and Parade of Athletes.

The events were tailored to fit the limitations of these athletes, ranging from the 100-yard dash, to dropping a bean bag on a target by signaling a volunteer who actually dropped the bag. Every athlete was presented a T-shirt.

Kiwanis: Making the leap from good to great

Good to Great is a recurring theme expressed by our Kiwanis International CEO Rob Parker. Part of his vision is to move Kiwanis from Good to Great!

Rob constantly emphasizes that "good" is the enemy of "great," because when we are "good" we don't always see the need to be great. 'Good' is good enough.

Gladys and I are pleased to have completed our 44th official visit. As we met with you we were constantly reminded of how good we are in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. We were always amazed at the great things that are done in the District under the banner of Kiwanis. We need to tell our story. We need to engage others in joining with us to make the world a better place for our children.

We are on the cusp of greatness. Just think of the changes that have been made this year in how we operate in Cal-Nev-Ha. Future governors will only have to make 18 official visits instead of 44, and hopefully these visits can be combined with a Regional Training Conference where we can engage in Kiwanis education and move from good to great.

Also, a trustee system has been established that will be strategic in its approach to governance. The trustees will be responsible for developing a 5-year plan to help Cal-Nev-Ha move from good to great.

As we move into the new model for the District, the new Board of Trustees will focus on the strategic rather than operational. There's a continuity with the new model. The importance of these changes was recognized by Rob Parker when he came out to Cal-Nev-Ha to give the new Board the best training available.

I think we are well on the way to great. Cal-Nev-Ha has an opportunity to establish a model that all of Kiwanis International will be watching to determine if it is the replacement for the governance package our organization has had in place for 93 years. We can, in fact, help move the Kiwanis Family from good to great.



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DIVISION 34

DIVISIONWIDE Kiwanians sponsored the 2008 Kiwanis Special Games event held at DeAnza College in Cupertino in May. Approximately 120 buses transported 900 athletes from 60 schools to DeAnza College. The games began with a formal opening ceremony and Parade of Athletes. Each athlete was placed in a group with similar abilities, and four events appropriate to those abilities were chosen for each group. The Kiwanis Special Games were created to address the physical and emotional needs of challenged children in schools of the region.