



## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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President Charlotte with money collected for our food server Ruby

**THIS WEEK'S MEETING:** President Charlotte Melsh opened today's meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tony Molino. Dave Holper was the song leader and to get in the spirit of the season we sang "Jingle Bells." The inspiration was provided by Jennifer Frew. Bob Zappelli arrived late and was fortunate to be able to pass the dreaded "late chapeau" to Kevin Paul who arrived even later. Bob announced the winners from the USC 50 vs. UCLA 0 football game: 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Dave Holper, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Bob Z., 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Peter Issa, and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter WHS. Charlotte presented our amazing server Ruby with a card and Holiday collection. Eric Harris got a second dose of Happy Birthday warbling from less than in tune members. Welcome to our guests Dawn Pond with Dad

Art "Gator" Callen; Robert Piccioni, our speaker; and

Karen and Kelly Miller, guests of Cecilia Paschner. Kevin Paul had the winning raffle ticket but could not find the Joker and Kay Griffith won the 50/50. Be sure and catch up with all other important announcements and important updates in the newsletter.



Cecilia Paschner with guests Karen and Kelly Miller

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

#### **Dr. Robert Piccioni "Can Life Be Merely An Accident?"**

Dr. Piccioni graduated from Caltech and has a Ph.D. in high-energy physics from Stanford University. He was on the faculty at Harvard. Now retired, he teaches at the Osher Institute at UCLA and California State Channel Islands, where students voted him teacher of the year. He ran eight high-tech companies and hold patents in medical equipment, microelectronics and smart energy. He is the author of 5 books that won national and international competitions. Dr. Piccioni's talk was extremely interesting and focused on the conditions necessary for life which are: a viable universe, atomic life, a habitat, and a genetic code. He states you do not have to be a great musician to appreciate great music and the same is true in science. Everyone can enjoy the exciting discoveries and mysteries of our universe. Visit Robert's website to learn more about this fascinating topic and this interesting man. [www.guidetothecosmos.com](http://www.guidetothecosmos.com).



Dr. Robert Piccioni, our great guest speaker today

**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS:** Art "GATOR" Callen – ☺ to have his daughter with him. **Christine Elia**– ☺ Speaker and guests, husband will now know she is complex, seeing the late hat move quickly ☹ a friend's husband passing. **Jennifer Frew** – ☺ Phoenix for Thanksgiving ☺ or ☹ not wearing her boot because she is determined to wear heels for her holiday party on Saturday. **Michael Friedman**– ☺ Guest speaker and guests, remembers his physics class at CAL taught by Edward Teller, class in a huge auditorium with 1200 students but a great class, going to seeing his grandkids in Maui. **Tony Goorchenko** – ☹ Being chastised for not showing interest in his daughter's boyfriend. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ for our guests. **Eric Harris** – ☺ the birthday song and program. **Dave Holper** – ☺ Guests and speaker, his trip to Dallas and the Cowboys won, bars were rowdy after the Texas – Texas A&M game ☹ couldn't take his family. **Harvey Horwich** – ☺ Speaker ☹ UCLA lost a close game. **Peter Issa** – ☺ and ☹ Soccer tournament, they did well winning 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Curtis Jones Jr.**– ☺ Brother is doing well, USC and USC victories, speaker and guests. **Laurie Love** – ☺ USC, seeing Dawn here with Art, our daughters have been best friends since they were in elementary school. **Dolores Lyttle** - ☺ Guests and speaker. **Charlotte Melsh** – ☺ Thanksgiving Day and helping at the Salvation Army, finishing her computer work, guests and speaker ☹ the passing of one of her bowlers, greatest man ever. **Tony Molino** ☺ WHS winning the pool, he bought the ticket for them, being on time, the speaker. **Cecilia Paschner**– ☺



Dawn Pond, daughter of Art "GATOR" Callen

To be here, flying to the Philippines next Monday, will be visiting Kiwanis, guests. **Joe Powers** – ☺ Guest speaker. **Bob Zappelli** - ☺ Our guest, USC, and the 49ers. **Carina Sokolich** – ☺ Guests and speaker, for many blessings. **Stephanie Yee** – ☺ Thanksgiving weekend camping, son and daughter riding motorcycles. **Bob Zappelli** - ☺ USC, Kevin being later, NBA playing starting on Christmas. **Guests:** **Karen Miller** - ☺ Cecilia inviting us ☹ UCLA score. **Kelly Miller** - ☺ To be here. **Dawn Pond** - ☺ To be here with her Dad.



Kevin Paul had to wear the late hat this week. Christen Elia was happy



\$'s –Michael Friedman, Kay Griffith, Dave Holper, Cecelia Paschner



President Charlotte with Birthday boy Eric Harris

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ★ **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Toys for the Troops Kids – Stephanie Yee – Toys will be delivered to Los Alamitos on. If you can help transport the toys please let her know.
- ★ **December 7<sup>th</sup>** We will travel to Lawndale. February 14<sup>th</sup> we will be dark so all may attend an Inter-Club. March we will visit Carson. For info call Michael Friedman.
- ★ **December 10<sup>th</sup>** Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Von's Crossroad Center. For info call Tony G
- ★ **December 13<sup>th</sup>**- Santa's Visit to UCLA Harbor General, Stork Club & NCM. Make sure to have you TB vaccination papers.
- ★ **December 19<sup>th</sup>** Division Council Meeting at Lomita Kiwanis Hall, 6:00 PM Social, Dinner 6:30PM.
- ★ **December 26<sup>th</sup>** Rose Float Feeding of Volunteers
- ★ **December 30<sup>th</sup>** Kiwanis International President Rose Float Luncheon. (see pg. 4 for more info.)
- ★ **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**- CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY We will be hosting the event for the City and Mayor.

## TORRANCE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

- Torrance's founding father was wealthy businessman, Jared Sidney Torrance (1859 – 1921), whose financial group bought 3500 acres of the old Dominguez land grant.



Counseling4Kids

**Volunteers Needed!** Join Counseling4Kids at their Annual Holiday Gifts4Kids Wrap Party on Saturday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at our offices. Volunteers will wrap gifts that will be given to children in foster care. Come in and join the fun and brighten the holidays for a child in need. Gifts are still being accepted. Special requests include balls (soccer, basketball, footballs), Justin Beiber and Willow Smith memorabilia. For more information contact LaShanda Maze, Community Liaison, at (310) 817-2177 ext. 219 or via e-mail at [lashanda@counseling4kids.org](mailto:lashanda@counseling4kids.org).

## KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

### ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



The **ELIMINATE Project** Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of 60,000 innocent babies and 30,000 mothers each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth by 2015, 129 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. Eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care. The end of this one disease means The beginning of better health for so many families. For more info go to [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)

## CAL-NEV-HA KIWANIS AND KI FOUNDATION

**The “Kiwanis Doctor” Program:** With the backing of a \$186,000 grant from the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation trains doctors in the field of Pediatric Emergency Medicine. The doctors that have gone through this program then collaborated with Kiwanis Clubs to provide training in the field of pediatric trauma to paramedics, nurses and physicians in rural areas of the Cal-Nev-Ha District. The goal of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship is simple: Save the lives of children by training doctors about the latest in pediatric treatment. For more information go to [www.cnhfoundation.org](http://www.cnhfoundation.org)



# KIWANIS

One Can Make A Difference



KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO CHANGING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME





Alan Penn

2011-12 Kiwanis International President

The Kiwanis Club of Pasadena and  
The Kiwanis Rose Float Club of Pasadena

**Proudly present the**

International President's Interclub Luncheon

Featuring

**Kiwanis International President 2011-2012**

**Alan Penn**

**Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

University Club of Pasadena

175 North Oakland, Pasadena, CA

Luncheon Price: \$45.00 per person, Sponsored Youth \$35.00 per person  
Please respond by December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and provide the names of attendees

**Seating is limited and tables reserved on a first paid basis**

Please send payment (payable to Kiwanis Club of Pasadena) and RSVP to Craig Wallace, Treasurer, at 626-449-3466, ext 241 Fax to 626-577-9361 or e-mail [cWallace@m-k-m.com](mailto:cWallace@m-k-m.com) P.O. Box 50484, Pasadena, CA 91115



## New Challenge Christmas Toy Drive

Last year we were able to give 260 toys to boys and girls who wouldn't have had anything to open. Because of you, we were able to put smiles on their faces. What a joy that was. This year we need your help again.

**Toys will be collected up to December 17th, 2011**

How are you able to help? Donate one or two new toys for a boy or a girl between the ages of 1 to 12 years old, or send a donation and we'll buy the toys for you. Get your family, friends and company involved. Let's once again bring joy to a child this Christmas Season!

If you have any questions.

Pastor John Hernandez: 310-490-9439 - [jhncmprez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhncmprez@sbcglobal.net)

Laura Hernandez: 310-702-2441

New Challenge is a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit organization



## FUNNY PAGE

### TOP 10 PROVISION IN THE NEW NORTH POLE HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN

10. Only Santa gets EKG (Elf Kick in the Groin) benefits.
9. Free Clinic now has a \$40 per visit co-pay.
8. Preventive healthcare: Backup lights and beep horn installed on Santa's butt.
7. Still no coverage for any animal-related STDs.
6. Co-plays up from 10 to 15 minutes.
5. Eggnog detox, and unlimited rehab visits for hot coco addiction.
4. Every kid on earth gets a "Junior Doctor" kit in his or her stocking this year!
3. After years of labor negotiations, workers can finally see someone besides Hermei for dental problems.
2. Post Traumatic Stress coverage for Elfs that see Santa naked in the shower.
1. **Still can't get Viagra covered without trying mistletoe first.**



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## KIWANIS CLUB INFORMATION



### DIVISION 19 WEEKLY MEETINGS

#### TUESDAY

**El Segundo**- Hacienda Hotel, 525 Sepulveda Blvd. .... 12:10 PM  
**Lomita/ Harbor City**- 24822 Narbonne Ave. Lomita ..... 6:30 PM  
**Manhattan Beach**- Tin Roof Bistro, Manhattan Village Mall..... 12:10 PM  
**Torrance**, Sizzler Restaurant 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. .... 12: 10 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

**Carson**- Double Tree Hotel-. (1st & 3rd Wed. Only) ..... 12:10 PM  
**Hermosa Beach**- 2515 Valley Drive Hermosa Bch. ....12:10 PM  
**Lawndale**-Hanks Bistro, 14406 Hawthorne Blvd.(1st & 3rd Wed.) ..... 12:10 PM  
**San Pedro**, The Whale & Ale Restaurant..... 12:10 PM

#### THURSDAY

**Eastview**- Sheraton Hotel, Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro..... 8:00 AM  
**Gardena Valley**-Elks Lodge, 1735 W. 162 Street. Gardena ..... 12:10 PM  
**LAX**- Renaissance Hotel, 9620 Airport Blvd., at LAX ..... 12:30 PM  
**Rolling Hills/PV**- Red Onion Restaurant Rolling Hills Estates..... 12:10 PM

#### FRIDAY

**Hawthorne**- Nat's Airport Café, Hawthorne Airport ..... 12:10 PM

### INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT OFFICERS 2011-2012

International President ..... Alan Penn  
 CAL-NEV-HA District Governor ..... Richard Olmsted  
 CAL-NEV-HA- District Governor Elect ..... Gary Jander  
 Division 19 Lt. Governor ..... Tim McDannold  
 Division 19 Lt. Gov. Elect..... Mark Waronek  
 Region 8 Trustee..... Richard Huhn

### TORRANCE KIWANIS SPONSORED LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member Advisor</u>
North High Key Club.....	John Hernandez Weekly Meeting - Fridays at Noon
South High KIWIN'S .....	Eric Harris Weekly Meeting -Friday at Noon
Torrance High KIWIN'S.....	Carina Sokolich/Bob Zappelli Weekly Meeting -Tuesday at Noon
West High Key Club.....	Tim Pollard Weekly Meeting – Friday at Noon
Bishop Montgomery High Key Club.....	Tony Goorchenko
Richardson Middle School Builders Club. ....	Tony Goorchenko

## THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

- **TO GIVE** primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than material values of life
- **TO ENCOURAGE** the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- **TO PROMOTE** the adoption and the application of social, business and professional standards
- **TO DEVELOP** by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship
- **TO PROVIDE**, through KIWANIS Clubs a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- **TO COOPERATE** in creating and maintaining sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase in righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

## Torrance Kiwanis Charities

Since 1988 several local charities and service programs have benefited from the Torrance Kiwanis Fund raising efforts. These charities are as follows:

- ♥ Aging In Place Seniors Program
- ♥ Angels for Sight
- ♥ American Cancer Society
- ♥ American Heart Association - Heart Walk LA
- ♥ Children's Miracle Network
- ♥ Counseling 4 Kids
- ♥ Disaster Relief (Tsunami & Hurricane Katrina)
- ♥ Harbor UCLA Medical Center Santa's Visit
- ♥ Key Leader
- ♥ Kiwanis/Benjamin Aranda III Scholarship Fund
- ♥ Kiwanis CAL-NEV-HA Foundation
- ♥ Kiwanis International Foundation
- ♥ L.A. Dept. of Child Services, Christmas Party
- ♥ Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- ♥ New Challenge Ministry – Food Bank
- ♥ Pediatric Therapy Network
- ♥ Red Ribbon Week
- ♥ Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing
- ♥ Salvation Army Health Faire
- ♥ Special Olympics
- ♥ South Bay Children's Choir
- ♥ St Patrick's Day Charity 10 K Run
- ♥ Switzer Education Center
- ♥ Torrance Coordinating Council Scholarships
- ♥ Torrance Education Foundation
- ♥ Torrance Memorial Hospital Pediatric Unit
- ♥ Torrance YMCA
- ♥ Young Children Immunization Program



## CLUB INFORMATION

### CLUB OFFICER 2011-2012

President ..... Charlotte Melsh  
First V.P. .... Jennifer Frew  
Second V.P. .... Open  
Treasurer..... Peter Issa  
Secretary..... Kay Griffith  
Foundation Treasurer..... Phil Cook  
Immediate Past-Pres. .... Kevin Paul

### BOARD OF DIRECTOR

**2010-2012 TERM**  
Michael Freidman  
Laurie Love

**2011-2013 TERM**  
Christine Elia  
Curtis Jones, Jr.  
Carina Sokolich

### COMMITTEE CHAIR

Newsletter ..... Laurie Love/Tony Molino  
Santa's Visit ..... Tony Goorchenko  
Community Service..... Gayle CdeBaca  
Inter-Club..... Michael Friedman  
Membership..... Open  
Toys for the Troops Kids..... Stephanie Yee  
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