

THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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Manny "SANTA" Sousa at our meeting after being our Santa at the Hospital and NCM

THIS WEEK'S MEETING: Jennifer Frew, 1st Vice President, opened today's meeting since many of our members were still on tour with Santa "Manny" Claus. Stephanie Yee led the Pledge of Allegiance, Joe Powers provided the inspiration, and Michael Friedman attempted to have us sing "God Bless America." The merry Kiwanis elves, including our President Charlotte Melsh, returned from delivering presents and cheer and continued the giving by presenting Phil Duthie \$500 to support the Torrance Special Needs programs. This check was passed on to Morrie Rice, the president of the Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes. Attending our meeting with Phil and Morrie were exceptional athlete Jenny Bleidistel and her parents Adrian and Elmer. Pastor John Hernandez humbly spoke of New Challenge Ministries and the work they do. Just in the last month they have helped 5000 people with food. With the help of the North High School Key Club, they received \$3300 to provide turkey dinners. He reminded us that they are a small program that receives no State or Federal funds and are grateful for the contributions made by the many Kiwanis members. Attending with Pastor John was his guest Adopto Garcia, Jr. And not to be forgotten Santa "Manny" Claus who reminded us of the importance and reward of giving of

yourself. Santa gave many a hug and a ho ho ho to all the deserving kids and their grateful

parents. Continuing with the spirit of giving President Charlotte gave Joe Powers his membership badge, birthday cards to Peter Issa, Stephanie Yee, and Christine Elia (who reported 15 minutes early for elf duty) and she tried to give the Joker away to raffle ticket winner Jennifer Frew. Lt. Gov. Tim McDannold wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked the Torrance Kiwanis members for their generous outreach in the community. Be sure and catch up with all other important announcements and important updates in the newsletter. *Be sure and catch up with all other important*

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Joe Powers finally gets his badge from President Charlotte Melsh



TORRANCE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

- In the early days of Torrance, dust storms and drought were major problems for residents and farmers.
- Developers brought in more than 50,000 trees and 100,000 shrubs as windbreaks for the young city of Torrance.

MEETING NOTES:

White Elephant Gift Exchange – Next Tuesday! Bring a gift and participate in the fun. If you want to bring your kids or grandkids (not as gifts), please let President Charlotte Melsh know in advance.



David Kuroda – David is up and around and doing well after his triple bypass heart surgery. His address is 29444 Stonecrest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at a meeting soon. He is definitely in our thoughts and prayers.

Happy/Sad Dollars: Deferred to next week



Birthday Wishes: The Kiwanis Choir sang Happy Birthday to Christine, Stephanie Yee and Peter Issa as Charlotte presented birthday cards .



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ **Inter-Clubs** – February all may attend an Inter-Club and in March we will visit Carson. 14th has us going dark so
- ✓ **Division Council Meeting** – December 19th and Hawthorne will be the host Club.
- ✓ **Rose Float Decorator's Lunch** – Tony Goorchenko – December 26th is the day we feed the decorators of the Kiwanis Float. If you can help, please let Tony know.
- ✓ **Celebration of Community** – This is one of our major fundraisers and important time for us as we partner with the Mayor Scotto and thank the numerous non-profits and community groups in Torrance. Torrance Memorial Medical Center is our first sponsor. Please save February 2, 2012 and plan to be present.

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.

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes ("FTEA") and the Torrance Special Needs Program. Morrie Rice; Phil Duthie, and Jenny Bleidistel FTEA is a nonprofit, fund-raising organization formed to support and supplement various sports and recreational programs for persons with intellectual disabilities. These programs run year round and include cycling, flag football, snowshoeing, basketball, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, aquatics, and bocce. FTEA and the City of Torrance are planning the Torrance Centennial Special Sports Festival to be held April 14th at Wilson Park with the theme "Let's Play." In addition to the games for the exceptional athletes, there will be community games at noon. The community games will feature Kiwanis vs. Rotary snowshoe races and bocce ball competition. You can learn more about FTEA at www.friendsoftorra.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ★ **December 19th** Division Council Meeting at Lomita Kiwanis Hall, 6:00 PM Social, Dinner 6:30PM.
- ★ **December 26th** Rose Float Feeding of Volunteers
- ★ **December 30th** Kiwanis International President Rose Float Luncheon. (see pg. 4 for more info.)
- ★ **February 2nd** - CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY We will be hosting the event for the City and Mayor.
- ★ **February 7th** – THS Takeover
- ★ **April 14th** – Torrance Sports Festival
- ★ **April 28th & 29th** – Relay For Life



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING:

On Saturday December 10th many Kiwanis and Key Clubber volunteered to ring the Salvation Army bell at the Cross-roads Center. The Kiwanians included, Tony Molino, Tony Goorchenko, Laurie Love, Curtis Jones Jr., Kevin Paul, Charlotte Melsh, Amanda Rieger, Jennifer Frew, Kay Griffith, Ruyko Mand, Eric Harris, Laura Hernandez, Jennifer Hernandez, John Hernandez, Joe Powers, West High Key Club Faculty advisor Carsten Cheung, the West High Key Club and the North High Key Club. Thank you to everyone for your support.

(Back Row) Curtis Jones Jr. and President Charlotte Melsh with the West High Key club ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. (Photo by Jennifer Frew)

ANNUAL SANTA'S VISIT TO HARBOR –UCLA MEDICAL CENTER: Santa Visit consisted of Tony Molino, Manny "Santa" Sousa, Tony Goorchenko, Charlotte Melsh, Ryoko Mand, Nadine Koerner, Kay Griffith, Carina Sokolich, Peter Issa and Christine Elia, (who was 15 minutes early.) We started at 10 AM in the Harbor General Hospital Child Life Center, went through the clinics and ER treatment room and upstairs to the Pediatric wards. From there, we stopped by the Stork Club Options for Recovery day care center, and finished up at New Challenge Ministries



Santa with a little girl at the Harbor UCLA medical Center pediatrics Clinic



Santa with Melissa Hebron, CCLS
Director of Child Life Services at
UCLA-Harbor General Hospital



Santa with one of the Stork Club
babies



Photo on Left: Santa visits a little girl
who ask for a popcorn maker. Michael
Friedman picked one up and it will be
delivered to her

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

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



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 30th, 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 27th, 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 P.O. Box 50484, Pasadena, CA 91115

FUNNY PAGE

TOP 10 SIGNS AN ELF IS LOSING IT

10. Mounted reindeer heads line the walls of his room.
9. Feeding Rudolph venison is kind of creepy.
8. Refuses to wear green because global warming is a hoax.
7. He's up in the clock tower armed with a Red Rider BB gun.
6. Surprises Mrs. Claus with a gift from "Frosty's of Hollywood."
5. Suggests that this year, all the presents be delivered by Predator drones.
4. Puts fully loaded revolvers in the Wild West costume sets. (never mind it's going to Detroit)
3. All of the Etch-a-Sketches are filled with beautifully crafted drawings of middle fingers.
2. His 4th dress code violation this week involves a pointy piece of clothing from the Madonna collection.
1. Starts the "Occupy Santa's Village" movement.



LAWYERS ARE USUALLY ON THE NAUGHTY LIST



**Santa's sexual harassment trial
takes a dramatic change for the worse**

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 Airport12:10 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

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First V.P. Jennifer Frew
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Secretary..... Kay Griffith
Foundation Treasurer..... Phil Cook
Immediate Past-Pres. Kevin Paul

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2010-2012 TERM
Michael Freidman
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2011-2013 TERM
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