

## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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**THIS WEEK'S MEETING:** President Charlotte Melsh opened today's meeting, Carina Sokolich led the Pledge of Allegiance, Dave Holper was excited for us to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" in anticipation for baseball season and Charlotte Melsh provided the inspiration. Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Michael Friedman for the second week. Late soon to be member LaShanda Maze looked stunning in the late chapeau. Ryoko Mand won the card raffle but could not find the Joker. Kay Grundhaus won the 50/50 raffle. Guests today were Rama J St. James with Kay Grundhaus, LaShanda Maze, and our speaker Cristian Vasquez. Harvey Horwich shared that the Kick-Off Dinner for Special Needs People in Torrance went very well. Phil Duthie handed out 100 awards to start the season. And special congratulations to Phil for being named Torrance Employee of the Month. Kay Griffith announced that our Relay For Life team is close to making its monetary goal of \$1500. We are currently at \$1200.

Please check announcements in the newsletter to keep informed about important upcoming events.



Birthday Boy Michael Friedman



Cristian Vasquez & President Charlotte Melsh

### **PROGRAM:**

**Cristian Vasquez, Independent Contractor – News Reporter**

Cristian began his journalism career while a student at El Camino College where he wrote for the student newspaper for two years. His first reporting was usually about sports but now he focuses on features and news writing for Herald Publications. He also does some sports writing for the Daily Breeze and the PV News. Cristian has been published in a local magazine "New Identity" and his last article for them was on stem cell research. His full time work with the Herald allows him to write stories that connect with the community and he enjoys getting to know the people the Herald covers. The contributions that are reported have a ripple effect in touching others in the community. He states that he enjoys that papers keep people connected and that he is doing what he loves. We appreciate Cristian's coverage of Kiwanis in the Torrance Tribune and look forward to future coverage.

### **CLUB PROGRAMS FOR MARCH:**

- ★ March 20<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting – No Speaker
- ★ March 27<sup>th</sup>, Torrance Police Lt. Mike Jezulin, Special Investigations



President Charlotte with Rama J. St. James

## GET TO KNOW:

**Rama J St. James** – J works for Independent Capital Management, Inc. and his specialty is life insurance. He attended Rutgers, Pepperdine, and finished his degree at Concordia. He loves to bake and cook and is soon to be married. J is interested in joining Kiwanis.

**LaShanda Maze** – LaShanda is looking to be a service member. She grew up mostly in Santa Monica but was a military brat and lived for a while in Germany. Her career path began with an interest in broadcast journalism to music consulting and then to the world of non-profits. We look forward to LaShanda joining us in our April projects.



LaShanda wearing the late hat? Hey that's not right

**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS:** Lisa Applegate-McGinty - ☺ to be at our meeting. **Christine Elia** – ☺ not wearing late hat. **Michael Friedman**– ☺ \$ Last week was his birthday, thank you for the card, our guests, today's speaker, our members, Harvey for his recognition for community service. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ J and LaShanda, thank you Cristian for speaking, this is a great club. **Kay Grundhaus** – ☺ Rama J, happy that everyone is happy. Dave Holper– 5 ☺ \$ Going to Spring training Thursday in Phoenix, will see 4 baseball games, play 2 rounds of golf. **Harvey Horwich** – 2 ☺ \$ Dinner Friday night was successful, they have a new sport, snowshoeing and they practice at the beach. **Peter Issa** – ☺ Speaker and guests, his bank is sponsoring Relay For Life. **Curtis Jones Jr.**– ☺ Grandson attended his 1<sup>st</sup> Gamecock baseball game, Cristian for the interesting talk. **Nadine Koerner** – ☺ Still playing tennis, won their match in 3 sets. **Laurie Love** – ☺ Our guests. **Ryoko Mand** – ☺ Our speaker, now wants to go to the library, happy birthday Michael, guests, interesting talking with Harvey and learning about all his years of service. **Charlotte Melsh**– 5 ☺ \$ Guest speaker, new members, Harvey attending the dinner Friday night, good time today with the laughter. **Cecilia Paschner** – ☺ Twin sister with Carina, both are Geminis and born in the Year of the "Horse", for many blessings. **Carina Sokolich** – 5 ☺ \$ Happy happy happy, Cristian thank you, Rama J St. James for speaking, LaShanda looks great, for the birthday boy, nephew got a 4.0 at BMHS. ☺ migraine. **Bob Zappelli** - ☺ Speaker, new members, USC Coaches Club dinner where he got to see both the baseball and football teams practice. Guests: **Cristian Vasquez** - ☺ To be here, one year away from finishing graduate school, living in Torrance. **LaShanda Maze** - ☺ to be here, the hat, fun club to be a part of.

# KIWANIS

One Can Make A Difference

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ★ March 19<sup>th</sup> – DCM at Lomita Kiwanis Hall
- ★ March 21<sup>st</sup> – Carson Inter-Club
- ★ April 14<sup>th</sup> – Sports Festival, Kiwanis 1-Day & Torrance Centennial Beautification at Wilson Park
- ★ April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – Relay For Life, South High School
- ★ **May 1<sup>st</sup> – Torrance Kiwanis Scholarship Luncheon at Doubletree Hotel (NEW DATE)**
- ★ June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Texas Hold Em



**RELAY FOR LIFE: Relay For Life** – Kay Griffith – It is time to sign up to participate as a member of the Kiwanis Relay Team. Relay will be at South High School April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Opening Ceremonies are at 9:00 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies is the Survivor Lap followed by the participating team lap. Team members should try and be present for the team lap as we show our Kiwanis spirit. Luminaries are available for a suggested donation of \$15.00. These can be purchased in memory of a loved one, for a caregiver or a survivor. Go to [www.relayforlife.org/torranceca](http://www.relayforlife.org/torranceca) to sign up as part of our team. Registration has already been paid so all you need to do is sign up.



- Average annual salary of American workers in 1912 was \$646. Unskilled workers averaged .20 cents an hour; union workers got up to .40 cents.
- Electricity and indoor plumbing, including bathtubs, were prized features of early bungalows. The homes' garages housed buggies, since cars were not yet common.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF CARSON 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY RAFFLE:** Feeling lucky? This might be your year to win the \$2000 grand prize in the Kiwanis Club of Carson's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Raffle. The odds of winning are 1 in 8. Those are the best odds around, better than the lotto or Vegas. Tickets cost \$100 each. \$7500 in cash prizes will be awarded on Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>. The first 15 tickets drawn each win \$200 each. The 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> tickets drawn win \$500 each. The 19<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn wins \$1000 and the 20<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn wins \$2000. For more information, call or email Jackie Acosta at 310.738.1691 or [dodgergirl15@verizon.net](mailto:dodgergirl15@verizon.net).







Tony Molino and Phil "TUNA" Cook have been appointed by our Board of Directors as our Delegates for Convention. We would love to have more members attend this convention. For more information and to register on line at [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.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 an \$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 info go to [www.cnhfoundation.org](http://www.cnhfoundation.org)





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pacific Audi Quattro Cup Golf Tournament

**MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 a.m.**  
**Los Verdes Golf Course**  
**7000 W. Los Verdes Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA**

- ▶ **Players have two options:**
  - 2-Person Alternate Shot\* (*handicap required*)
  - 4-Person Scramble\*\* (*no handicap required*)
- ▶ **Shotgun Start • Lunch Included**
- ▶ **Putting Contest • Long-Drive Contest • Closest-to-the-Pin Contest**
- ▶ **Hole-In-One Contest—Take your best swing to win a new 2012 Audi A6 from Pacific Audi**
- ▶ **\$100 per player or \$400 per foursome if registered by April 1st**
- ▶ **\$125 per player if registered after April 1st**



Supporting the educational efforts of  
**John Adams Elementary School and  
 the Torrance Education Foundation**



\*The winning 2-person team will be entered to play in the 2012 Audi Quattro Cup U.S. Final at Pebble Beach Resorts. Scheduled for August 23–26 on the fairways of both The Links at Spanish Bay and Pebble Beach Golf Links.  
 \*\*The winning 4-person team will receive a \$800 gift card for the team, plus prizes for 2nd and 3rd place 4-person teams.

**Registration:** To download registration form, please visit [www.adams.tusd.org](http://www.adams.tusd.org)  
**Questions?** Please feel free to contact James Han at (213) 447-1187 or email [JamesHan@msn.com](mailto:JamesHan@msn.com)



[pacificaudi.com](http://pacificaudi.com)  
**LACAR GUY**  
 Family of Dealerships

Detach this portion and submit with your check

Register by April 1st and pay \$100 per individual or \$400 per foursome



**Registration Form**  
**Deadline: April 30, 2012**

Make checks payable to "TUSD" and mail completed form to:  
 John Adams Elementary School; Attn: Kumi Smart  
 2121 238th Street, Torrance CA 90501

I would like to:  Play in the Audi Quattro Cup Tournament  Play in the Scramble Tournament  Donate item(s) for the raffle  
 (Foursome with handicap)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd player
3rd player
4th player



## FUNNY PAGE

### TOP 10 WORDS OF NO WISDOM

10. Beauty is in the eye of the beergogglor.
  9. A Rolling Stone gathers Kate Moss.
  8. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it surf.
  7. Do one thing each day that scars you for life.
  6. You can't reach for the future if you're holding onto the pants.
  5. There's more than one way to trim a rat.
  4. Winning isn't everything – unless you're in a gun fight.
  3. You can fool some of the people some of the time, but the Kardashians make it way too easy.
  2. It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved a troll.
  1. **There's a thin line between rust and paint.**
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### WHY SOME PEOPLE HAVE ISSUES LATER IN LIFE



## KIWANIS CLUB INFORMATION



### DIVISION 19 WEEKLY MEETINGS

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

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

#### FRIDAY

<b>Hawthorne-</b> Nat's Airport Café, Hawthorne Airport .....	12:10 PM
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### 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.....	Michael Friedman
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 Pro

## 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  
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Club Promotion..... Dave Holper

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