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ART "GATOR" CALLEN - IN MEMORIAM

1921 - 2012

Arthur L. "Gator" Callen

Born May 27, 1921, Syracuse, New York
passed May 14, 2012, Torrance, California.

Graduated Syracuse High School with track &
boxing scholarship to University of Florida.

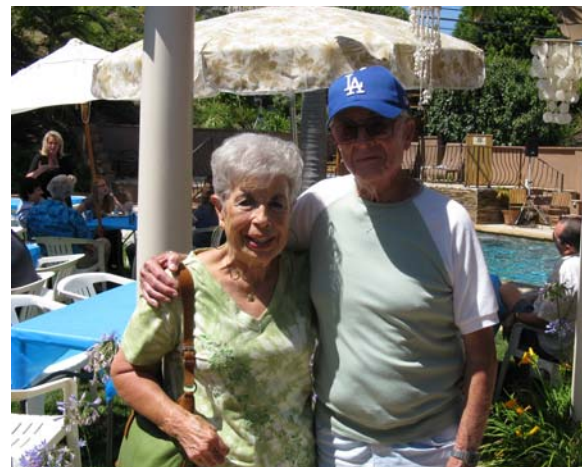
Boxed & won Golden Gloves. Was in ROTC
and served in World War II with US Army Tank
Corp and then 101st Paratroop Division. After
his service he earned Master's Degree and
coached at Bronson HS in Florida. During a
visit to Hollywood, CA. he met the love of his
life, Barbara (Bobbie) shortly thereafter they
were married. They moved to Torrance and were
married for 61 years.

Art coached at Monroe Jr. HS in Inglewood in
1954 and later became Vice Principal at
Morningside High School, where he trained and
announced at basketball games.

Art retired in 1982 and became the Torrance
Senior Commissioner for 20 years where he
produced and hosted "Senior Scene" for
Torrance City Cable for 18 years. He was a
Kiwanis member for 40 years in Inglewood and
the last 20 years in Torrance

Art loved fishing, the Lakers and spending time
with his family. Art is survived by his wife
Bobbie, 3 daughters; Candy Callen, Dawn &
Russ Pond, Heidi Ward, 3 grand-children; Kelly
Pond, Kevin & Michelle Pond & Kari Ward
& 2 great grand-children Maddison & Kaden
Pond.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to
Torrance Memorial Hospital.



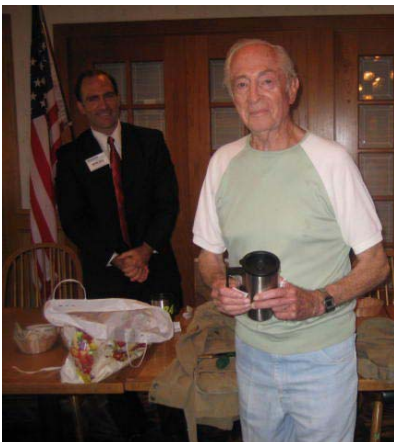
Bobbie and Art Callen, married 61 years



Art with Michael Norris



Art with granddaughter Kelly Pond



Art as a speaker at the Torrance Kiwanis with Kevin Paul

THE DASH POEM

By Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to
the end. He noted that first came her date of birth And spoke the
following date with tears, 1964-1994 But he said what mattered
most of all Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on
earth. And now only those who loved her Know what that little
line is worth. For it matters not, how much we own; the cars, the
house, the cash, what matters is how we live and love and how
we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to
change? For you never know how much time is left, that can still
be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough to consider
what's true and real, And always try to understand The way other
people feel.'

And be less quick to anger, And show appreciation more And
love the people in our lives Like we've never loved before. If we
treat each other with respect, And more often wear a smile.
Remembering that this special dash Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to
rehash. Would you be proud of the things they say about how
you spent your dash?

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Art "GATOR" Callen lived a wonderful life, full of love of family, a commitment of service to others and his community. The "Dash" in Art's life is full with accomplishments and success.

From all the members of Torrance Kiwanis family, we are saddened by Gator's passing but we are thankful and blessed to have been part of his life.

6th ANNUAL TORRANCE KIWANIS



CHARITY TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Palos Verdes Bowl, 24600 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance CA 90505

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner. Please sell your tickets.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO TORRANCE KIWANIS CHARITIES

For More Information Contact Laurie Love 310-729-3676 or laurielove@socal.rr.com

THIS WEEK'S MEETING: President Charlotte Melsh opened today's meeting. Bob Zappelli led the Pledge of Allegiance. Charlotte Melsh led our singing of "God Bless America." Dan Keeton provided the inspiration. Laurie Love won the card raffle but did not find the Joker. Kay Grundhaus won the 50/50 raffle. Today's guest was Laura Bednar, from the Torrance Fire Department. Charlotte shared the latest edition of the Torrance Tribune that highlights Kiwanis members at Relay For Life. She also announced that the Celebration of Community earned \$3,230.89. Thank you to Dolores Lyttle and Carina Sokolich the chairs of Celebration. Please check announcements in the newsletter to keep informed about important upcoming events.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ May 21st – Division Council Meeting: Lomita Kiwanis Hall 5:30 PM
- ✓ June 3rd – Texas Hold Em Tournament
- ✓ June 28th – July 4th – Fireworks Booth Fundraiser
- ✓ September 16th – Torrance Centennial Hometown Parade and dedication of the Torrance Centennial Plaza
- ✓ October 6th & 7th – Blocktoberfest in Old Town Torrance.
- ✓ October 28th – Torrance Centennial Birthday Bash

TODAY PROGRAM – Laura Bednar, Torrance Fire Department



Laura has been a firefighter for 15 years, the last year and a half with Torrance. She serves as their Public Education Officer. TFD provides many services such as: CPR training for high school students, fire safety awareness at schools, and teaching businesses how to use a fire extinguisher. They also offer CERT classes for free three times a year. Laura reminded us of the importance of earthquake preparedness. The three basics to consider are: 1 gallon of water per person per day, food to last 5 – 7 days, and gallon bags with baby wipes for sanitation needs. During an earthquake the safest thing to do is to “Drop Cover and Hold” and stay inside. Laura also brought numerous handouts and informational pamphlets.

Some history –On the night of November 12, 1912, local businessmen met at the tent belonging to D.W. Gregory, the general foreman for the Dominguez Land Company. These men felt that protection from fire was of prime importance to this new community. At 8:00 p.m. that evening, the businessmen and residents established the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department. The first men to sign the roll of the membership were Harry McManus, elected as chief; Al Kirby, hoseman; O.M. Erickson, hydrantman; George Blake, hoseman; Charles Callahan, hydrantman; and D.W. Gregory for a total of seven men. Within two days the ranks had swelled to 40 men. The Chamber of Commerce would act as an advisory board to this new service until the city was incorporated.



Torrance Fire Department's mission:

We are dedicated to protecting the community and providing for Life Safety, Environmental Protection, and Property Conservation through Education, Hazard Reduction, and Emergency Response. We are committed to the highest standards of Professionalism and Integrity that are the tradition of the Fire Service. Programs developed to perform our mission include:

- ★ Fire Suppression Services
- ★ Hazardous Materials Emergency Services
- ★ Emergency Medical Services
- ★ Rescue Systems Services
- ★ Specialty Emergency Response Services
- ★ Fire Prevention (Link to future fire prevention site)
- ★ Public Education



Torrance Firefighter Laura Bednar with club president Charlotte Melsh

Thank you Laura for a very interesting program.

OUR KIWIN'S AND KEY CLUB BEING HONORED: The Molina Foundation Volunteer Award Banquet is being held Friday June 1st at the Lomita Kiwanis Club from 5:30 – 8:00. They will be recognizing the volunteers who made it possible for them to get books into the hands of children who need them. Many of our KIWIN'S and Key Club members are being recognized. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Dawn Bayer (Lomita Kiwanian) at 424.477.4080 or 313.375.6813 ext. 3003.

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: **Lisa Applegate-McGinty** – ☺ New member, luncheon last week, guests and the cupcakes. **Michael Friedman** – ☺ Dan, Don, Dan thanks for joining us, any club having me may not be worth joining. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ Hearing things we all need to know, son was honored as the outstanding graduate student at the University of Arizona. **Kay Grundhaus** – ☺ Reminder to sign up for CERT training. **Eric Harris** – ☺ Thanks for the presentation, my Dad bought me all the emergency supplies and wanted me to get a motorcycle. **Dave Holper** – ☺ Speaker, great stuff, teams in LA advancing. **Harvey Horwich** – ☺ New member and the excellent presentation. **Peter Issa** – ☺ Having to leave early. **Curtis Jones Jr.** – ☺ Good presentation, Dan joining the club. **Dan Keeton** - ☺ To be part of this club ☺ not sure he wants to be a member if they let people like him in. **Nadine Koerner** – ☺ Daughter took the CERT class and raved about it. **David Kuroda** – ☺ Speaking at NHS next week, for our fire fighters and the work you do, it is an honor to have you here. **Laurie Love** – ☺ Dan and the Torrance Fire Department. **Dolores Lyttle** - ☺ Things the club is doing, Harvey's sense of humor, saw him at the department store at the Lancome counter and he was sitting in one of the chairs, when she saw him he said he was getting a makeover, note from her daughter that said she has loved her longer since she has loved her since the day she was born and Dolores only since she was born. **Ryoko Mand** – ☺ Dan welcome, speaker, attended the Senior Faire and was encouraged to join CERT. **Charlotte Melsh** – ☺ Guest speaker, welcome Dan, leaving Thursday for Las Vegas to celebrate granddaughter's 21st birthday, daughter gave her a note thanking her for letting her participate in our Kiwanis volunteering. **Tony Molino** - ☺ Torrance Fire Department, many of his high school friends are with the TFD. **Bob Zappelli**- ☺ Dan, the speaker and Harvey's makeover.



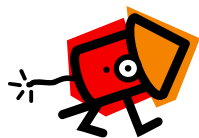
\$'s – Michael Friedman, Kay Griffith, David Kuroda, Lisa McGinty



DID YOU KNOW?

- Torrance High's still-existing eight-room main building, built in 1917, served all grades K – 12.
- Periodic recessions slowed Torrance's growth, and factory layoffs were not uncommon. One early merchant took in only .35 cents for a whole day.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED:



LAWNDALE KIWANIS FIREWORKS STAND: Bob Zappelli – We need everyone to work 3 hour shifts from **Thursday June 28th to Wednesday July 4th**. We will get a percentage of the profits based on our participation. Please sign up for shifts, family members 18

years of age and older can volunteer for our club.

TEXAS HOLD EM POKER TOURNAMENT: **SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd**, Please Sale Tickets, get silent auction items and please attend our biggest fundraiser of the year on Sunday, June 3rd. For more information call Laurie Love or Gayle CdeBaca .



INTER-CLUB COMMITTEE: The Interclub Committee is back in action. Now we need your participation. If you have not yet attended an Interclub this year, now is your chance. If you have attended one or more, now is your opportunity to expand your experiences. We do EXPECT each member of our Club to attend at least one interclub each year. The full details will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars now.

- ✓ **Wednesday, May 23, 2012**, at San Pedro Kiwanis Club. They meet at noon at the Whale & Ale restaurant.
- ✓ **Friday, June 8, 2012**, at Hawthorne Kiwanis Club. They meet at Nat's Cafe.

TORRANCE KIWANIS AT COUNSELING 4 KIDS BOWLING TOURNAMENT



Torrance Kiwanis Bowling Team with their families



Stephanie Yee with son



Kay Grundhaus getting ready to bowl a strike



Amanda bowled a 200 game and was the high woman's score



PHOTO ON LEFT
Hawthorne Kiwanis members Dick Huhn and Doug Herbst. Doug won highest Kiwanian score contest

PHOTO ON RIGHT
Kay and Les Grundhaus



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 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



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

FUNNY PAGE

TOP 10 RESTAURANT GOOD SIGNS/BAD SIGNS

10. Good sign: The restaurant says they serve children.
Bad sign: Their special is Bay Back Ribs
9. Good sign: You see your waitress washing her hands after using the bathroom.
Bad sign: You are in the men's room.
8. Good sign: The restaurant constantly advertises their meat as the "freshest available."
Bad sign: The roadkill cleanup truck always seems to be out front.
7. Good sign: No sign of cockroaches in the kitchen.
Bad sign: They were all eaten by the rats.
6. Good sign: They have fois gras on the menu!
Bad sign: No, seriously, there's stinky goose liver smeared all over this thing!
5. Good sign: The restaurant's signature dish is Crepes Suzette flambe.
Bad sign: Suzette is the name of the owner's missing wife.
4. Good sign: Photos of "celebrities" all over the walls.
Bad sign: They're nothing but the idiots in the Jackass movies
3. Good sign: Considered the best Iranian restaurant in the area.
Bad sign: All the food is nuked.
2. Good Sign: The Michelin Guide rates it as the best restaurant in Paris!
Bad sign: That's Paris, Texas.
1. **Good sign: The delightful "salade de poulet" has raisins!**
Bad sign: Them ain't raisins.



What our
office needs...



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

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.....	Michael Friedman
Weekly Meeting – Friday at Noon	
Bishop Montgomery High Key Club.....	Tony Goorchenko
Richardson Middle School Builders Club.	Tony Goorchenko

CLUB INFORMATION

CLUB OFFICER 2011-2012

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR

2010-2012 TERM
 Michael Freidman
 Laurie Love

2011-2013 TERM
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 Curtis Jones, Jr.
 Carina Sokolich

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