

THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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THIS WEEK'S MEETING: President Jennifer Frew opened the meeting, Chuong Vo led the Pledge of Allegiance, Carina Sokolich chose "America the Beautiful" as today's song, and John Hernandez provided the inspiration. 🎵 Birthday wishes were sung, only as we can, to Christine Elia. 🎵 Peter Issa and Bob Zappelli arrived late. Curtis Jones, Jr. won the card raffle but could not find the joker and Jennifer Frew won the 50/50 raffle. Amanda Elia was in attendance with her mom on her birthday.



Amanda & Christine Elia

👉 **DON'T FORGET:** Bring your silent auction items for Celebration of Community next week. We will be dark on Feb. 5th. Please note that your dues will cover the cost of the Celebration of Community Luncheon and we are hoping for everyone's participation.

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Celebration of Community – February 7th

- Bring raffle items to our next meeting.
- Let LaShanda Maze know if you are attending.
- Volunteer to help at the event.
- Invite a friend to attend with you.
- This is a great event and opportunity for us to introduce the community to Kiwanis

Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ **January 29th** – Club Board Meeting immediately following regular meeting
- ✓ **February 7th** – Celebration of Community at Double Tree Hilton Hotel Torrance
- ✓ **February 12th** – NHS Key Club Meeting Takeover
- ✓ **March 2nd** - Mid-Year Training Conference South, Burbank Airport Marriott
- ✓ **April 23rd** – Scholarship Luncheon
- ✓ **May 19th** – Texas Hold EM



Tracy Duke

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Tracy Drake, Manager of the Madrona Marsh

"Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center 'A Success Story'": The Madrona Marsh Preserve is the last remaining vernal marsh in Los Angeles County. A vernal marsh is a depression flooded by runoff water from surrounding upland slopes. Vernal means spring, thus by connotation the marsh is fed by winter and spring storms. After the rainy season passes, evaporation, percolation and transpiration reduce the water depth by about one fourth inch per day. By the end of August, the wetland is dry and remains dry until the next rainy season.

The preserve is a valuable habitat for birds, insects, reptiles and small mammals. During winter and spring seasons, one can observe the ducks and coots on the water, redwinged blackbirds in the tules, meadowlarks and shrikes in the uplands. Finches and warblers appear in the willows during the fall and spring, Hawks arrive in the eucalyptus trees in fall and winter. A variety of insects like dragonflies, butterflies, grasshoppers as well as Pacific tree frogs can be seen in the spring and summer seasons.



The preserve as a back dune habitat has a wide variety of plants, shrubs, herbs. The native species are cultivated and the non-natives are weeded out. Some of the native plants found in the preserve are Dune Lupine, Bladderpod, Mock Heather, Beach Primrose, Deerweed and Dune Wallflower.

When the Palos Verdes Peninsula was geologically uplifted, it blocked off the Los Angeles River. The natural drainage to the sea was halted and created a large inland drainage area as the river proceeded to shift to the east to its existing course. Historians say that during the early 1800s when the Gabrielino Indians inhabited the South Bay area, Torrance was part of the extensive marshlands north of the San Pedro and Long Beach area.

The local Indians knew the marshlands as "cienegas". The largest of the nearby villages was called sunga, "place of the rushes," and was located on a plain near a cienegas. Older Californians today reminisce about their youth and being able to canoe from Wilmington to the sand dune area in Redondo, through the remaining systems of wetlands. These marshlands provided the early California inhabitants with a rich food source of game birds, fish, fresh water clams and shrimp.

After floods of 1824-25 and 1832 the greater part of the marshland north of Wilmington and Long Beach drained away through these defined channels. In the stage coach era travelers wrote of crossing the plains between San Pedro and Los Angeles. The Madrona Marsh, although geologically relatively young, is reminiscent of the natural state of much of the South Bay area. The Marsh preserve is a remnant of once extensive natural systems that existed along the coastal plain and coastal terraces of Southern California. The preserve is situated on land that has been in oil production since 1924. This is why it was never developed as commercial or residential uses.

While the area had gone unnoticed to many there have been some citizens who have been actively aware of the area for many years, For example, the local Audubon Society has used the area since 1967 in their annual bird census, and for years bird watchers parked along nearby streets and watched the area through the fence for their recreation. Biologists teach at El Camino College have used the site as a resource to botany, zoology and geography classes for over 30 years.

Tracy is more than happy to give tours and have visitors at the Marsh. In 2011 they had 30,582 visitors and in 2012 they had 35,403. Volunteers are important to the Marsh. In 2011 they had 7,706 volunteers and in 2012 6,985. The total volunteer hours for the two years were more than 37,000 hours. You can also take classes at the marsh. In the last two years 19,000 people have taken advantage of this opportunity to learn in a beautiful setting. **Great Program Today!**

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: *Because of the length of our fantastic program, happy/sad were postponed until next week*



DIVISION 19 NEWS – Last night the DCM was held at Chef Shafer’s Depot Restaurant. It was a great meeting. We had Tony Goorchenko, Laurie Love Kay Griffith, Pastor Dan Keeton, Jenifer Frew and Tony Molino. Used cellphones are being collected for our soldiers deployed overseas. If you have one or more to donate please bring them to our meeting and give them to Tony Goorchenko.

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE: Tony Molino is the District Education Chair and has put together a new exciting TraK seminar training program. Several seminars will be offered at this one day event on **Saturday, March 2, 2013** Marriott Hotel-Burbank Airport. Tentative schedule below.

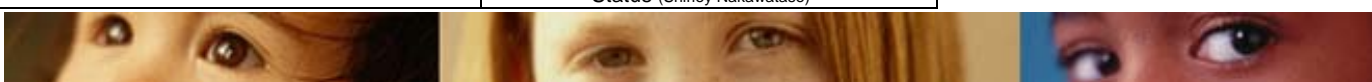
Morning Seminars	Afternoon Seminars
MEMBERSHIP & CLUB PROMOTION <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping and Engaging Members (Steve Dreyer & Dave Schmitt) Women in Kiwanis (Ann Isaacs) New Ways to Build Kiwanis Clubs (Karina Sousa & Dave Schmitt) Marketing Your Club to the Outside World (Steve Dreyer) Getting the Message to your Members with FaceBook/Twitter (Karina Sousa) Club Newsletter (Karina Sousa) 	OUR SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> K-Kids (Jeff Ott) Builders Clubs (Emma Rogers) Key Leader (Natalie Galt) KIWINS are Here to Serve (Margo Dutton) Cali-Nev-Ha Key Club (Lisa Lotito-Byers) Circle K (Camille Goulet) Aktion Clubs (Howard Jackson)
SERVICE PROJECTS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Young Children Priority One (TBA) New Ideas on Serving Your Community (Betty Parker) Service Projects to Engage your Community (Shirley Nakawatase) Working with your SLP (Betty Parker) Kiwanis One Day (Shirley Nakawatase) Service Project and Liability (R. Kolstad) 	KIWANIS FOUNDATIONS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kiwanis District Foundation (Lanie Wheeler) First Lady’s Project (Donna Jander) Eliminate Project (Rocci Barsotti) Kiwanis International Foundation (Ken Umbarger) How to Form A Club Foundations (Pat Liddell)
CLUB LEADERSHIP TRAINING <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Public Speaking (Tony Molino) Making your Meeting Great (Bob Erikson) Using Kiwanis Tools (Roy Talley) How to Run a Board Meeting (Gary Gray) Strategic Planning (Roy Talley) How to Deal with Difficult Members (Tony Molino & Bob Erikson) 	GOVERNOR’S CONFERENCE Governor Gary Jander <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Members in Black (2012-13 Lt. Governors Team) Club Presidents and Leaders Club President’s- Elect (Rae Whitby-Brummer) Future Leaders
LT. GOVERNORS-ELECT Governor-elect – Rae Whitby-Brummer 2012-13 Lt. Governors-elect	CLUB MANAGEMENT <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Club Secretaries – The Basics (Pete Horton) Kiwanis Insurance (Robert Kolstad) Club Treasurers (Shirley Nakawatase) How to Manage a Club Foundation (Tony Molino) Tax Returns & Other Legal Requirements (Greg Mason) How to Reinstate Your Exempt Status (Shirley Nakawatase)

SIGN UP NOW
MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

March 2, 2013
Marriott - Burbank Airport

Please Check with President Jennifer Frew

- ★ Registration Fee paid for by our club.
- ★ Car Pooling
- ★ Seminars to help our club grow and serve
- ★ TraK seminars are fast, fun and educational
- ★ For more Mid-Year Conference info go to www.cnhkiwanis.org



CAL-NEV-HA DISTRICT KIWANIS 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 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



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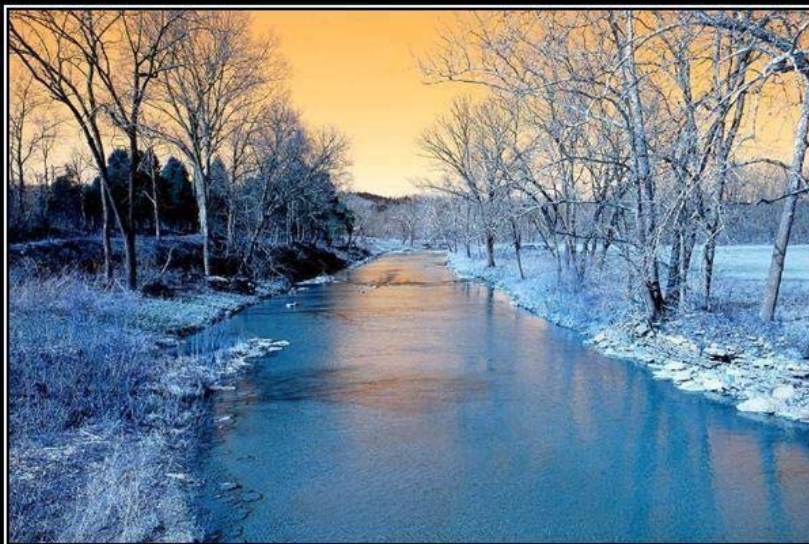
One can make a difference



FUNNY PAGE

TOP 10 INSINCERE APOLOGIES

10. *"ExxonMobil is truly sorry about the high gas prices you have been paying. Hopefully, you're a stockholder so you can share some of our record profits."*
9. Arnold Schwarzenegger *"I am immensely sorry that the press decided to print these stories and cause my wife and children such distress."*
8. *"I apologize for not allowing myself to sink to your level."*
7. A person under oath at a Congressional hearing *"I'm sorry for whatever contrived slight you're imagining, as long as I don't have to be force-fed another leading line of questions that permit you to feel you are remotely justified in your offended-ness."*
6. *"I deeply apologize for sleeping with your wife. By the way, your monthly spousal support check is late."*
5. Phil Cook at home when in-laws arrive *"Pardon my flatulence. My culture dictates that one should always try to make the atmosphere more pleasant when guests arrive."*
4. Michael Friedman after a courtroom victory *"If I've somehow offended you, my euphoric rush of gleeful triumph is tempered ever-so-slightly by concern that perhaps you may have been an intellectually unworthy opponent."*
3. Letter to editors of the Talk of Torrance Newsletter. *"I'm sorry I criticized you. The truth is I marvel at the unique grammatical liberties you take and abuse."*
2. Soon to be Ex-Husband *"Please forgive me for saying you look fat in that outfit. You look fat in everything."*
1. Lance Armstrong *"Sorry, I wasn't aware you were within earshot when I was laughing about how stupid you are."*



IT'S SO COLD ...

I was at court and saw Lawyers with their hands in their own pockets

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 -Community Center, Brown Bag Lunch.(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 - Western Credit Union, 14500 Aviation Blvd. ...	12:10 PM
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INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT OFFICERS 2012-2013

International President	Tom DeJulio
CAL-NEV-HA District Governor	Gary Jander
CAL-NEV-HA- District Governor Elect	Rae Whitby-Brummer
Division 19 Lt. Governor	Mark Waronek
Division 19 Lt. Gov. Elect.....	Laurie Love
Region 8 Trustee.....	Richard Huhn

TORRANCE KIWANIS SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

North High Key Club.....	Weekly Meeting - Fridays at Noon
South High KIWIN'S	Weekly Meeting -Friday at Noon
Torrance High KIWIN'S.....	Weekly Meeting -Tuesday at Noon
West High Key Club.....	Weekly Meeting – Friday at Noon
Bishop Montgomery High Key Club	Weekly meeting -
Richardson Middle School Builders Club.	



CLUB INFORMATION

CLUB OFFICER 2012 - 2013

President Jennifer Frew
 First V.P. Christine Elia
 Second V.P. Carina Sokolich
 Treasurer..... Peter Issa
 Secretary..... Ryoko Mand
 Foundation Treasurer..... Phil Cook
 Immediate Past-Pres. Charlotte Melsh

BOARD OF DIRECTOR

2011-2013 TERM
 Michael Freidman
 Laurie Love
2012-2014 TERM
 Kay Griffith
 Curtis Jones, Jr.
 Eric Harris

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Newsletter Laurie Love/Tony Molino
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 Inter-Club..... Michael Friedman
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