

## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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Charlotte Melsh receive Distinguished Club Award from 2012-13 LTG Tim McDannold. At the Division Council Meeting

### KIWANIS CLUB OF TORRANCE RECEIVES 2012 – 13 DISTINGUISHED CLUB AWARD

The Torrance Kiwanis Club received the Distinguished Club Award from Kiwanis International for our service to our community, the children in our community and around the world. The Distinguished club is only given to clubs that meet the strict criteria including

- ✓ Participate in the Eliminate Project
- ✓ Complete the Education Project
- ✓ Participate in a SLP Project
- ✓ Attend CLE Training
- ✓ Interclub with all Clubs in our Division
- ✓ Promote Kiwanis with social media
- ✓ Induct new club members

***Congratulations Charlotte and the entire Torrance Kiwanis membership for a job well done.***

**TODAY'S MEETING:** Immediate Past President Charlotte Melsh opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, Tony Goorchenko had words of inspiration and Lisa McGinty led the singing of "Old MacDonald." Guests today were Sharon O with Kay Grundhaus and our presenters Jamie Alcroft and Bennett Liss from Community Funding Solutions. Laurie Love shared a recap of our Texas Hold Em Tournament. We made a profit of approximately \$10,690.00, our best tournament ever! Thank you to all that sold tickets, donated raffle items and money, and helped at the tournament. This was a team effort! Charlotte Melsh won the card raffle but the Joker was not to be found. Kay Grundhaus won the 50/50.

**Please read the newsletter for other important announcements**

### CLUB ELECTION RESULTS:



#### 2013-14 Slate of Officers

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

#### Board of Directors

2013 - 2015 Term

Charlotte Melsh  
Laurie Love

*3 seats on board will be up next election*



Bennett Liss and co-founder, Jamie Alcroft of Community Funding Solutions

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** **Jamie Alcroft – Co-Founder and President of Community Funding Solutions.** Community Funding Solutions was founded by Bennett Liss and co-founder, Jamie Alcroft. The idea is simple, pick a real estate agent who supports the cause in which you believe and a donation will be made to that deserving cause. Just one real estate transaction can result in a substantial gift as each of our giving network of real estate professionals has pledged to donate up to 20% of their sales commission in your name to your charity. We call our business model “NO COST GIVING” because the dollars given are donated directly by a business entity in exchange for patronage. This is a market driven gift, meaning the consumer directs the gift through a professional who is aligned with their cause. In Torrance the first check went to Arnold Elementary School. It is all about doing business with people who demonstrate they care about their community. Great idea! Great program! For more info go to [www.communityfundingsolutions.com](http://www.communityfundingsolutions.com)

**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS:** **Bob Abelson** – ☺ Tony keeping us on the straight and narrow, Christine, on his cruise he attended a Kiwanis meeting. **Lisa Applegate-McGinty** – ☺ Texas Hold Em and all the work, Charlotte. **Gayle CdeBaca** – ☺ Texas Hold Em, lot of work, good job, soccer in Irvine and softball in La Mirada this weekend. **Christine Elia** – ☺ Happy for the election and your support, will do my best, guests today, Charlotte and Distinguished Club, Texas Hold Em ☺ missing Texas Hold Em because it was her niece's engagement party. **Michael Friedman** – ☺ New officers, Tony M. ☺ Oklahoma and sorry he missed Texas Hold Em. **Tony Goorchenko** – ☺ Charlotte's recognition last night as Distinguished Club. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ Daughter spending 3 days with her for a belated Mother's Day, Texas Hold Em great job ☺ Oklahoma, thinking of the many times she spent in cellars with the spiders. **Kay Grundhaus** – ☺ Guests, Charlotte, and Texas Hold Em. **Harvey Horwich** – ☺ Armed Forces Day Parade and Luncheon and great dinner and concert, speakers for the good work you do, our elected officers, good luck and to see Dolores. **Curtis Jones Jr.** – ☺ Success of Texas Hold Em, guest speakers and what you are doing, going back to South Carolina to visit his mother, daughter and grandson. **Nadine Koerner** – ☺ Great time at Texas Hold Em. **David Kuroda** – ☺ Texas Hold Em great event, commend everyone, leadership for this group, courageous incoming President, Memorial Day and honoring those that have given for our country. **Laurie Love** – ☺ Texas Hold Em. **Dolores Lyttle** – ☺ Fabulous Texas Hold Em, all the work the club does. **Steven Makshanoff** – ☺ Having faith in me, only club that received Distinguished Club, wife's son graduating university. **Ryoko Mand** – ☺ Speakers and guests, Texas Hold Em, had a great time with Eva from Carson ☺ Oklahoma. **Charlotte Melsh** – ☺ This group, we are fantastic in action, great group, Texas Hold Em went well, Christine as president ☺ Oklahoma, heart goes out to anyone who loses a child. **Tony Molino** – ☺ Texas Hold Em committee, Charlotte and Distinguished Club ☺ lost all my money and have a cold. **Jamie Alcroft** - ☺ Honor of speaking, the wonderful work you do, great agent Ed Kim and Kimberly Dorner. **Bennett Liss** - ☺ A \$ to hear Jamie do his impression of George Burns, having us here today.



Sharon Okonieski guest of Kay Grundhaus



The Torrance Kiwanis Annual  
**TEXAS HOLD 'EM**  
Charity Poker Tournament



Kevin Paul & Jennifer Frew sold Re-Buys & Buy Ups



Kay Grundhaus didn't make it to the finals this year, but did good.



The Final 4 Table



2013 Champion  
David Radlein



2013 Runner up  
Massimo Infante



3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chet Steward

The Texas Hold 'Em Tournament was a success. Thank you for everyone that participated in the event. A special thank you to our fundraising committee, Charlotte Melsh, Gayle CdeBaca and the committee chair Laurie Love. We will have approximately \$10,690 for our foundation to fund Kiwanis Scholarships and our Key Club/KIWINS activities.



## ELIMINATE

### KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

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)

**what if**  
YOU COULD SAVE  
A BABY'S LIFE?

**what if**  
YOU COULD KEEP  
A FAMILY WHOLE?

**what if**  
YOU COULD CHANGE  
THE WORLD FOREVER...

**AGAIN?**



### 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 our 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)

## KIWANIS

One can make a difference





## GIGANTIC OPPORTUNITY win a New 2012 Mini-Cooper S Coupe



Generously donated by South Bay MINI

### SOUTH BAY MINI

Please join South Bay MINI in supporting the services and programs of Pediatric Therapy Network. Proceeds from the MINI-Cooper Opportunity Drawing provide vital support for children with special needs and those at risk for developmental and learning issues due to socio-economic conditions.

#### Rules & Regulations of the Pediatric Therapy Network (PTN) Brand New 2012 MINI-Cooper S Coupe Opportunity Drawing

Winner of drawing will be notified by Wednesday, June 5, 2013. Winner must be available for presentation of vehicle and for photo opportunity at South Bay MINI Grand Opening on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Pediatric Therapy Network Executive and Development Department employees (and their immediate family members) are not eligible. Only official opportunity drawing tickets will be accepted. No photocopies permitted. Void where prohibited. Entrants must be legal residents of the continental U.S., at least 18 years of age with a valid driver's license and able to present evidence of adequate insurance. Winner subject to verification of compliance with rules and may be required to execute liability release and affidavit of eligibility/publicity release. The donated vehicle must be picked up at the South Bay MINI dealership in Torrance,

CA within delivery period designated by South Bay MINI. No delivery arrangements of vehicle will be considered. Winner is responsible for income and other taxes, license, title, registration, and other expenses associated with receiving the prize. Prizes are non-transferrable (i.e., winner must take title to vehicle) and no substitutions for cash or other prizes are permitted by winner (although South Bay MINI may substitute vehicle of equal value at their discretion). Prizes over \$5,000 are subject to withholding tax at 25% (subject to change), which will be collected by

Pediatric Therapy Network. Participants agree to release PTN and South Bay MINI from any liability, including without limitation, property tax, injury or death resulting from participation in opportunity drawing or use of any prizes. No purchase or donation required. Participants agree to be bound by complete rule available by request. Pediatric Therapy Network is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Federal Tax ID# 33-0706273. Phone: 310.328.0276. Fax: 310.328.7058.

## Pediatric Therapy Network



**LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS**

### New 2012 Mini-Cooper Opportunity Reply Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

I wish to purchase \_\_\_ 30 tickets (\$500) \_\_\_ 15 tickets \$300 \_\_\_ 10 tickets (\$200) \_\_\_ 5 TICKETS (\$100) \_\_\_ 1 TICKET (\$25)

Make Check Payable to  
Pediatric Therapy Network

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bill my credit card \$ \_\_\_\_\_  MASTER CARD  VISA  AMEX  DISCOVER

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (CVV 3 or 4 Digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holders Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Form and full payment must be received by noon, May 31, 2013 to be eligible. Please mail this entry form along with payment to: Development Office, Pediatric Therapy Network 1815 W. 213<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Torrance CA

## FUNNY PAGE

### TOP 10 YOUR MAYOR SMOKING TOO MUCH MEDICAL MARIJUANA

10. He just got termed out, the city is bankrupt and he wants them to name a LAX terminal after him.
9. Tries to sneak a "tobacco only" amendment onto the city law that bans office smoking.
8. Keeps passing all kinds of crazy rules, like regulating the size of soft drinks.
7. Requests his pay in small, unmarked bills.
6. Replaces key to the city with giant Bong.
5. Proposes changing the town's motto to "Winning!"
4. Abolishes sugary drinks, legalizes bath salts.
3. Took the entire 2013 city budget to Vegas and bet on the Dodgers.
2. Renames George Washington High School to Marion Barry Incredibly High School.
1. Replaced President's Days with Bob Marley Day



Phil "Tuna" Cook's Baby Photo

## 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/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

## 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> Community Center, Brown Bag Lunch.(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> 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 -Friday 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 Friedman  
 Laurie Love  
**2012-2014 TERM**  
 Kay Griffith  
 Curtis Jones, Jr.  
 Eric Harris

### COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

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♦ Past Lt. Governor/Past Club President, \*Past President, + Life Member, H Honorary, ( ) Member's Spouse

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