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THE PHILIPPINES NEED HELP AFTER TYPHOON HAIYAN



The government has raised the official death toll from the Philippines typhoon disaster to 1,744 people, with the final number expected to be much higher.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council also said in a statement Tuesday that 2,487 people had been hurt after Typhoon Haiyan struck the eastern Philippines four days ago.

But both figures are expected to climb drastically, with authorities estimating that the storm killed 10,000 or more across a vast region of the country, and displaced about 660,000 others.

JOY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL has a shipping container that will send clothing to the Philippines. All clothing you have is needed, especially children clothing items. Donations are needed no later than **Thursday, November 14th**.

Donations can be made at the following locations:

American California Financial Services
3460 Torrance Blvd., Suite 222
Torrance, CA 90503
Contact: Dena Bricker 310-292-0325

PV Bowl
24600 Crenshaw Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90505
Contact: Charlotte Melsh 310-326-5120

Thank you for your help.



TODAY'S MEETING: President Christine Elia opened today's meeting, Peter Issa led the Pledge of Allegiance, Tony Goorchenko had words of inspiration and Kay Grundhaus chose "God Bless America" as today's song. Christine reminded us of the many things that we are doing in the next few months. These important dates and activities can be found in the newsletter. Today's guests were Alex Areyan, our speaker; Rocky Garza, Alex's nephew; Lita Luhrsen, future member; and Dena Bricker, guest of Dave Holper. Christine presented Chuong Vo a check for \$500 for the Torrance Police Officer's Association and Peter Issa matched that with a check of his own. Tony Molino was our only late member. Dena Bricker won the card raffle and Chuong Vo won the 50/50 raffle.

Please read our Newsletter for other important announcements

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ✓ November 18th – DCM - Toys for the Troops Kids collection
- ✓ November 19th – Torrance High KIWIN'S Takeover
- ✓ November 19th – Counseling4Kids Toy Drive, bring toys to our meeting
- ✓ December 7th – Rose Queen Dinner, Pasadena Tournament House
- ✓ December 7th – Salvation Army Bell Ringing, for info see Tony Goorchenko
- ✓ December 12th – Kiwanis night to ride on the TPOA Santa Float
- ✓ December 14th – Western Museum of Flight Santa's visit at PV Bowl
- ✓ December 17th – Santa's visit at Harbor UCLA (don't forget you need a TB test)
- ✓ December 10th – West High Key Club Takeover
- ✓ December 14th – Western Museum of Flight Santa's visit at PV Bowl
- ✓ December 26th – Rose Float Volunteer Feeding
- ✓ January 21st – South High KIWIN'S Takeover

SPECIAL REQUEST TODAY: Dena Bricker – Joy of Hope International is collecting clothes for the Philippines. Donations may be dropped no later than **Thursday November 14th** at American California Financial Services Office, 3460 Torrance Blvd., Suite 222, Telephone 310-292-0325. Donations can be delivered to PV Bowl and Charlotte will get them to Dena. See announcement on page one of this newsletter.



Peter Issa, Chuong Vo and Christine Elia present \$1000 to the Torrance Police Officers Association (\$500 from Kiwanis & matching funds from Peter's bank) for their Santa's Sleigh project



Dena Bricker asking Kiwanians to help send clothing to the Philippines.



HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: Bob Abelson – ☺ Great speaker, all the stuff the club is doing. Neslie Akkol- ☺ To be our social committee chair. Lisa Applegate-McGinty – ☺ Guests, enjoyed the program, very interesting ☺ Philipines. Christine Elia – ☺ Alex and Rocky, she was born in Egypt so she understands what Alex is talking about, speaking Arabic and the importance of knowing another language, Neslie helping with the social committee ☺ Philipines. Michael Friedman–☺ Alex, wonderful speech, enlightening, he grew up in LA ☺ Philipines. Tony Goorchenko– ☺ For the scammers that will take advantage of the needs in the Philipines. Kay Griffith – ☺ Speaker, after trying for 2 years NCM is now on the PV Resale list to receive donations. Kay Grundhaus– ☺ Alex and Rocky. Dave Holper– ☺ Dena here, speaker, great stuff, trip to Myrtle Beach, had a great time. Peter Issa – ☺ Speaker, our club with its diversity and we all get along. Curtis Jones Jr. – ☺ Speaker, getting to know Neslie, our diverse group, his family came to the USA in the 1800's, his father gave him the book "Uprooted" that speaks of the challenges and worries of coming here for the American dream. Laurie Love – ☺ Alex and Rocky, proud of my daughter for completing the Tough Mudder competition and raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project. Lita Luhrsen - ☺ Substantial donation for home rehab, thank you Tony for getting me to speak at Lomita. Steve Makshanoff– ☺ Guests, Saturday's Special Olympics bowling at PV Bowl, USC Trojan victory ☺ Philipines. Ryoko Mand – ☺ Speaker and guests, going to San Jose with Victoria for Key Leader Camp this weekend. Charlotte Melsh – ☺ Guests, speech today, Lomita Kiwanis helping on Saturday. Tony Molino ☺ Glad to be here, understanding the culture growing up in an latino community in Lawndale ☺ late dollar. Chuong Vo – ☺ The donations. Dena Bricker - ☺ Speaker, gracias. Rocky Garza - ☺ Dena helping the Philipines, Uncle Alex, love him, he is a great role model. Alex Areyan - ☺ Recognizes all that Kiwanis does is the community and our people are role models for others.



Michael Friedman, Kay Griffith, Peter Issa, Charlotte Melsh

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

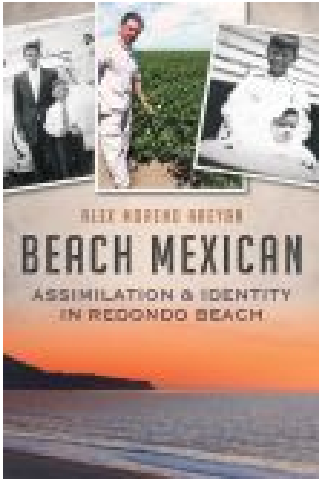
- Toys 4 the Troop Kids and the November Division Counsel Meeting are coming up. Volunteers are needed to help donate raffle items, sell raffle tickets, do the sign in and help with the toys. Please contact Christine.
- Volunteers are needed for the Rose Float Volunteer feeding on December 26th. A sign up will be distributed at the next meeting.

Counseling4Kids Wish List 2013

- Gift cards for teens (Target, Amazon, Starbucks)
- Sports equipment
- University/college clothing
- Art supplies
- Journals
- Hair accessories
- Jewelry
- Lap desks
- Headphones
- Sports jerseys (LA teams)
- Books (Hunger Games, Twilight etc.)
- Beauty and hygiene items
- Make-up brushes
- Skin care products
- "Macy's Boxes" (hoodies, popcorn, etc.)
- Picture frame making kits
- Disposable cameras and albums
- Digital cameras
- Harmonicas
- Board games/travel board games
- Bop-it toys
- Card games
- Cropped sweatpants for girls
- Leggings
- Nail polish and mani/pedi kits
- Sunglasses
- Scarves, hats
- Watches
- Datebooks/planners
- Lego sets
- Wallets
- Purses/bags/backpacks, Messenger bags
- Elite sport socks
- Shoes: crocs/sketchers
- Soft dolls
- Toy cars

TORRANCE KIWANIS TOY DRIVE

We will collect toys at our **November 19th** lunch meeting. Please look at the wish list and donate a few toys to a make these children in Foster Care know that we care.



TODAY'S PROGRAM – Alex Moreno Areyan

Alex was pleased to be speaking to our group and he complimented the work we do in the community. He grew up in North Redondo Beach in a working class community when Redondo consisted of oil fields, jack rabbits, and corn fields. His mother came to Redondo in 1919 and his father came to the United States in 1924 escaping the revolution and civil war in Mexico. Alex remembers that the family would go shopping in Torrance and take the red car to Inglewood and Los Angeles. His grandfather, with a dozen other men, built Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Hermosa Beach. Alex is the only of his family of 7 brothers and sisters to attend college but he was kicked out of El Camino 3



Alex Areyan and President Christine

times for failing history. He then joined the military. After completing his service he went back to El Camino and became president of his class. He continued his education at CSULB and received his Master's Degree at age 55. Alex's definition of the American Dream is a place in the sun, where his kids can get an education, have a nice home and a job, practice his faith, fit in and belong.

The following is the formal information about Alex: Alex Moreno Areyan, is a South Bay writer and regional historian who was born in Redondo Beach, and has written three books. The focus of his books, centers on different dimensions of the Mexican American experience in Southern California. His first book, entitled *Mexican Americans in Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach*, is the first ever documented history of Mexican American families in the beach communities. He is proud to have been awarded a commendation plaque by the former Mayor Mike Gin, and the city council for contributing to the history of these communities, which had largely remained invisible until the book was published in 2007 His Second book, published in 2010, entitled: *Mexican Americans in Los Angeles*, documents the presence, achievements and contributions of Mexican Americans, who played an important part of shaping the history of Los Angeles for more than 100 years. His most recent book, *Beach Mexican*, presents his story of cultural assimilation, which was somewhat different from that of Mexican Americans in larger "ethnic sections" or Barrios, yet he experienced many of the challenges and barriers faced by Mexican Americans on their journeys toward assimilation and acceptance. Beach Mexican proves the journey was not easy. Mr. Areyan resides in Torrance, with his wife Linda, and is the proud father of three, and a new grandson.



Please donate unwrapped toys for children of our armed forces deployed during the Holiday Season. Our club will be collection Toys at the November 18th Division Council Meeting

All of the collected toys will be delivered by the Kiwanis Club of Torrance to Military Bases in Southern California



For more information regarding this project contact Torrance Kiwanis member Jennifer Frew 310-521-4418



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



JIM NORTH CANCER FREE:

Past LTG Jim North and Tony Molino's Father in Law received his Certificate of Achievement from the Central Valley Cancer Center. He has completed his treatment and they have determined that he is cancer free. Congratulations Jim!!!



KIWANIS SPECIAL - 25% OFF ALL ADVERTISEMENT

All Kiwanis Members can save 25% on advertising in the Torrance Tribune. For more information contact:

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KIWANIS SOCIAL EVENT:

The Richard Sherman Trio will be performing this Friday, **November 15th** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel/San Pedro 601 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro from 7 to 10 pm.

Steve Makshanoff would like to have a Kiwanis Social this Friday to support Richard Sherman. If interested meet Steve and other Kiwanians at the Crown Plaza.

Hope to see you on Friday.



Champions for Children, an annual sustaining donor program, enables our donors to partner with the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation in investing in our Kiwanis Family, distributing thousands of dollars each year throughout the District, allowing us together meet the needs of children in our shared communities.

The Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation has long supported the clubs in our District to improve their impact in communities by providing generous club, multi-club and division grants. The Foundation continues to build better futures for our children by providing Pediatric Trauma Prevention grants to our Kiwanis and SLP clubs and through innovative programs like the Partner Hospital Program. And for more than thirty years, our Foundation has championed the next generation of Kiwanis leadership through their support of our Service Leadership Programs, the Kenneth C. Ferror Scholarship Fund and most recently, Key Leader Scholarships. These programs would not be possible without the support of our donors. 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



Kiwanis Members are
Ordinary people performing
EXTRAORDINARY WORK



FUNNY PAGE

TOP 10 NEW FRAGRANCES CREATED WITH FEBREZE

10. Candied Apple Catbox
9. Holiday Halitosis
8. Vanilla Bean Burrito
7. Grandpa's feet
6. Taco Bell Barf
5. Oscar De La Grouch
4. Broken Wind
3. Happy Wet Dog
2. I Can't Believe you showered
1. Dirty Dipper Delight



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 Police Officers Association
- ♥ Torrance YMCA
- ♥ Young Children Immunization Program

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 2013-2014

International President	Gunter Gasser
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CAL-NEV-HA- District Governor Elect	Alan Guire
Division 19 Lt. Governor	Laurie Love
Division 19 Lt. Gov. Elect.....	Alan Quon
Region 8 Trustee.....	Joni Ackerman

TORRANCE KIWANIS SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

North High Key Club..... Weekly Meeting - Fridays at Noon

South High KIWIN'S

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR

2012-2014 TERM

Kay Griffith
 Curtis Jones, Jr.
 Eric Harris

2013-2015 TERM

Charlotte Melsh
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 Santa's Visit Tony Goorchenko
 Texas Hold'em..... Gayle CdeBaca
 Inter-Club..... Steve Makshanoff
 Membership..... Kay Grundhaus
 Toys for the Troops Kids..... Jennifer Frew
 Club Promotion..... Dave Holper
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 Relay for Life.... Charlotte Melsh/Kay Griffith
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