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TORRANCE KIWANIS ANNUAL SANTA'S VISIT TO UCLA HARBOR GENERAL HOSPITAL



On Tuesday, December 17th we made our Annual Hospital Santa Visit to UCLA Harbor General Medical center. Along with Santa (Manny Sousa) we had as Santa's Helpers, Christine Elia, Charlotte Melsh, Tony Goorchenko and Tony Molino. We handed out more than 300 gift packages and children's books.



From the hospital we went to the Stork Club (Options for Recovery) at the North West corner of the campus and delivered another 15 wrapped toys. Then on to New Challenge Ministries/Food Bank where another 20 underprivileged children received gifts from Santa. Thank you to all the Torrance Kiwanians for supporting this project.



THIS WEEKS MEETING: President Christine Elia opened the meeting and lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Gayle CdeBaca was our song leader with "Jingle Bells" and David Kuroda provided our prayer. Our guests today were Ryan Garajena and Kelsey Wright, both invited by Kay Grundhaus. We presented Ruby our food server with money we collected from our members. Winning raffle: Ryoko Mand and the 50-50 winner was Kay Grundhaus.

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.

SANTA INDUCTS OUR NEWEST MEMBER IN KIWANIS:



Santa Claus inducted our newest member Lita **Luhrsen** to the Torrance Kiwanis club. Santa told Lita and our members that Kiwanis is like Santa, always taking care of the kids around the world. Congratulation Lita and welcome to the Kiwanis Family.



President Christine presents Ruby with a Christmas bonus from our members for her excellent service at our club meetings



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Guest Kelsey Wright with her Kiwanis application with member Gayle CdeBaca



Santa at the Stork Club handing out wrapped toys to the children



Santa with a new baby at the Stork Club.

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS AT OUR MEETING: Neslie Akkol: ☺ badge, ☹ missed meeting. Gayle CdeBaca: ☺ Santa float, Peter Issa's family, healthy children ☹ El Segundo float did not compare to Torrance float. Christine Elia: ☺ Manny Sousa, Chuong Vo, Kelsey Wright, Ryan Gagajena. Michael Friedman: ☺ for being a member, Happy Holidays. Tony Goorchenko: ☺ Harbor UCLA parking, community events, Torrance Tribune. Kay Grundhaus: ☺ Neslie Akkol, guests, events. Dave Holper: ☹ daughter is not coming for Christmas, can't cash mother's check. Peter Issa: ☺ float, Manny Sousa and daughter, Karina, bank manager in Seal Beach, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Curtis Jones, Jr.: ☺ son's promotion at Price Waterhouse, Kelsey Wright, 30 family members will gather together ☹ wife lost her diamond ring. David Kuroda: ☺ Manny Sousa, son is photographer in Washington, D.C., his photo was in the Washington Post. Lita Luhrsen: ☺ good group. Steve Makshanoff: ☺ new members, Saturday's event at PV Bowl,

DCM. Ryoko Mand: ☺ Lita Luhrsen, being a member. Charlotte Melsh: ☺ float, Saturday's event at PV Bowl, Harbor UCLA, Manny Sousa. Tony Molino: ☺ Lita Luhrsen, Kelsey Wright, Harbor UCLA. Chuong Vo: ☺ float, vacation, ☹ will no longer be TPOA president next year. Nathan Mintz: ☺ be here, new baby, new job at Boeing, back home from flood in house. Manny Sousa: ☺ being part of this club, Harbor UCLA, to be Santa. Guest: Ryan Garajena: ☺ invitation, will be back. Kelsey Wright: ☺ wants to join. Fish dollars: Michael Friedman, David Kuroda

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ✓ December 26th – Rose Float Volunteer Feeding
- ✓ December 28th – Kiwanis International President's Inter-club Luncheon
- ✓ January 21st – South High KIWIN'S Takeover
- ✓ January 7th - Melissa Hebert and Ron Wildermuth from Environmental Service speaking about water conservation
- ✓ January 21st – SHS KIWIN'S Takeover Meeting
- ✓ January 28th - Board Meeting
- ✓ February 4th - Cameron Walz -Coalition Coordinator for the Rescue California Educational Foundation
- ✓ February 11th – NHS Key Club Takeover Meeting
- ✓ February 18th - Meeting at PTN
- ✓ February 20th – Celebration of Community
- ✓ February 25th - Board Meeting

(Italics – meeting information, non-italics other activities)

THANK YOU TO RYOKO MAND FOR FILLING IN AS CO-EDITOR THIS WEEK

TORRANCE KIWANIS HELPING SANTA OUT



Andrew Elia, Christian Elia, Amanda Elia, Peter Issa – Kiwanian, Roula Issa (wife), Ramzy Issa, Adam Issa, Charlotte Melsh, Amanda Rieger, Ava Barr, Olivia Barr, Gayle CdeBaca, Megan Cdebaca, Audrey Cdebaca, Kay Griffith, Det. Choung Vo helping Santa out on the Torrance Police Officers Association Santa's Sleigh project. On 12th they spent 4 hours driving around Torrance bringing Santa to the children.



GIFTS FROM THE DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING

Steve Makshanoff and Christine Elia tied in the word scrabble contest at the DCM. Steve gave his winnings, a bottle of wine to Christine.

Photo on left: Steve is in the scary Santa Hat and beard.



CHRISTMAS ON CRENSHAW

The Western Museum of Flight along with the Torrance Kiwanis sponsored Christmas on Crenshaw. Several vendors at the event along with the F-5 Fighter jet that was towed to the PV Bowl parking lot. Charlotte Melsh did a great job managing the event. Tony Goorchenko maned the Kiwanis booth and help from the Torrance High KIWIN'S.

Photos by Steve & Gladys Makshanoff

Santa Claus (Manny Sousa) and his helper Karina Sousa worked all day visiting with the children at the event



Kay Griffith and Charlotte Melsh waling the grounds



The Model A club brought several cars for display during the event

TOYS FOR THE TROOPS KIDS



Sgt. Jeremy Carney receives check for \$500 towards Toys for Troops Kids



Christine Elia, Charlotte Melsh, Sgt. Carney, Jennifer Frew & LTG Laurie Love



Gunter Gasser, Kiwanis International President

Kiwanis International President's Interclub Luncheon

The Kiwanis Club of Pasadena and The Kiwanis Rose Float Club of Pasadena, Host the Annual Kiwanis International President Interclub Luncheon. \$45 per person.

Saturday, December 28th, 2013

11:30 AM to 2:00 P.M.

University Club of Pasadena, 175 North Oakland, Pasadena

Please send payment (payable to Kiwanis Club of Pasadena) and RSVP by 12/23/13 to Craig Wallace, Treasurer, at 626-449-3466, ext 241 or e-mail cWallace@m-k-m.com
P.O. Box 50484, Pasadena, CA 91115



TORRANCE KIWANIS TOY DRIVE: Please bring toys/gifts to our lunch meetings the next few weeks for Counseling4Kids. Please look at the wish list and donate a few toys to make these children in Foster Care know that we care. For more information contact Neslie Akkol 310-436-8931 or e-mail: neslie@counseling4kids.org



Counseling4Kids

HERMOSA BEACH KIWANIS TREE LOT OPEN FOR BUSINESS

At the corner of Pier Avenue and PCH is the Hermosa Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot. All proceeds go to Kiwanis Charities and scholarships. If possible, please buy your tree at this lot to help kids in our communality and around the world.

FRESHLY CUT NOBLES, DOUGLAS AND NORDMAN FIRS PLUS... DECORATED WREATHS, CEDAR GARLAND, ROSEMARY TREES TREE LIGHTS, WREATH HANGERS, AND MANY MORE TREE ACCESSORIES



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

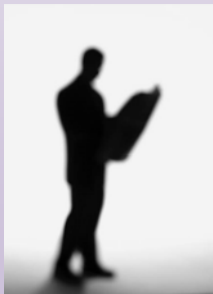
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THE RICHARD SHERMAN TRIO

Rolling Hills Estate Kiwanian Richard Sherman and his Trio will be at the Holiday Inn – Ginger Café, every Thursday from 6 pm to 9 pm and every Friday night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel/ San Pedro, 7 – 10 pm. They are also at Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes on December 14th and 28th from 7 pm to 11 pm. If you have not seen Richard and his Jazz trio you are missing some of the best live jazz you will ever hear.

For more info contact Richard Sherman 310-378-5813 – shermanpianoman@social.rr.com



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



FUNNY PAGE

TOP 10 FROSTY THE SNOWMAN COMPLAINTS

10. Two words: Global Warming
9. Picking up hot chicks is life threatening.
8. The never-ending onslaught of "snow balls" jokes.
7. He REALLY hates the smell of carrots.
6. Mrs. Frosty? Frigid.
5. Thanks to the old silk hat and corncob pipe, everybody thinks I'm homeless
4. "Obamacare" doesn't cover melting.
3. Never seems to get a corncob pipe from Colorado.
2. The dogs keep making him look like a Lemon Italian Ice.
1. "At his age, he's leaking more than just snow."



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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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	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

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 Secretary..... Ryoko Mand
 Foundation Treasurer..... Phil Cook
 Immediate Past-Pres. Jennifer Frew

BOARD OF DIRECTOR

2012-2014 TERM

Kay Griffith
 Curtis Jones, Jr.
 Eric Harris

2013-2015 TERM

Charlotte Melsh
 Laurie Love

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Newsletter Laurie Love/Tony Molino
 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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