

## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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**THIS WEEKS MEETING:** President Christine Elia opened the meeting, Jennifer Frew led the Pledge of Allegiance, John Hernandez had words of inspiration and Carina Sokolich led the singing of "You Are My Sunshine." Christine thanked Carina Sokolich for taking over the meeting duties in her absence and Charlotte Melsh for Santa on Crenshaw which raised \$504.00. Kay Grundhaus informed us that professional clothing for veterans is being collected at the Chamber lunch honoring the Torrance Police Department. This is a good time to clean out your closets and help with this great effort. John Hernandez and New Challenge Ministries are collecting used cell phones as a fundraiser. Charlotte Melsh reminded everyone about Celebration of Community. Guests today were Juliet Jakosalem with Bob Abelson and Milton Herring attending his last meeting as a guest. The Kiwanis choir sang 🎵 Happy Birthday 🎵 to Tony Goorchenko. Kay Grundhaus won the 50/50 and Bob Abelson won the card raffle but did not find the Joker.



Birthday boy Tony Goorchenko is recognized by President Christine.

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Bob Abelson, CPA

#### **TODAY'S PROGRAM: Bob Abelson, CPA and Kiwanis Member**

Bob has been a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 1974 and has owned his own CPA practice since 1994, emphasizing taxation, especially estate and gift taxation and planning. In January, Bob merged into Fong & Associates, CPA's in Torrance. Bob has a B.S. in Accounting and an M.S. in Business Administration. He has been an instructor of taxation and accounting at CSULB and CSUDH. He is a member of Board of Directors for H.E.L.P., the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce and of course our Club. He worked in the Finance Department at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. He was the controller of a real estate development company in Los Angeles, and was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy serving as an air traffic controller aboard an aircraft carrier. Bob is a member of the American Institute of CPA's, the California Society of CPA's, the South Bay Estate Planning Council and the Kiwanis Club of Torrance. Bob presentation was titled "Income Taxes: Odds and Ends." He cleverly introduced different topics using hysterical letters from the IRS. Topics included the definition of a qualifying child, the definition of a qualifying relative, a checklist for medical expenses, and federal requirements for most taxpayers. Bob had an outstanding presentation that all members enjoyed. He presented with humor and clarity. Thanks Bob!

## CA-NEV-HA KIWANIS DISTRICT - MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

*Saturday, February 1, 2014*

Hyatt Regency

11999 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, California

### SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Rose Float Breakfast
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Eliminate Project Walk
7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Registration Open
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	District Store and Exhibit Booths Open
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	General Session
9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	First Seminar TraK
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Inter-club Lunch
1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Second Seminar TraK
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Closing Session
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Eliminate Project – Super Bowl Dinner & Auction



Early Registration \$45, save \$10. Register on line at [cnhkiwanis.org](http://cnhkiwanis.org), click on conventions and the Mid-Year South in the drop box. Also information on housing and the Super Bowl Party on Sunday when you register. For more information contact:

### **Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District Office**

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- ✓ *January 20<sup>th</sup>* – Division Council Meeting, The Depot Restaurant
- ✓ *January 28<sup>th</sup>* – Club Board Meeting
- ✓ *February 1<sup>st</sup>* – Kiwanis District Mid-Year Conference, Hyatt Regency Garden Grove
- ✓ *February 4<sup>th</sup>* – Program is Cameron Walz -Coalition Coordinator for the Rescue California Educational Foundation
- ✓ *February 11<sup>th</sup>* – North High School Key Club Takeover Meeting
- ✓ *February 18<sup>th</sup>* - Meeting at Pediatric Therapy Network
- ✓ February 20<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of Community
- ✓ *February 25<sup>th</sup>* - Board Meeting

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



**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS AT OUR MEETING:** **Bob Abelson** – ☺ Today's excellent speaker, Juliet coming and did not throw anything at me. **Gayle CdeBaca** – ☺ Bob, nice to learn more about our members, Young Americans and her daughters' participation. It happens once a year and 50 of them come. The students practice and learn songs and routines and then perform with the Young Americans. The money raised supports the music program in El Segundo. **Christine Elia** – ☺ Bob and Juliet, Carina last week, all our members and especially Charlotte and Kay Grundhaus for the speakers, missing last week and was in her kitchen when a pipe burst, luckily she knew how to shut off the water. **Jennifer Frew** – ☺ Bob and his presentation, Company party last weekend, hoping the 49ers beat Seattle, oldest nephew home from college for the holidays and he gives the best hugs and has grown up to be the nicest person. **Michael Friedman** – ☺ Just because, plumbing issues are almost over. **Tony Goorchenko** – ☺ Quick board meeting voting on Milton as a new member. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ Thank you Bob, certainly made it fun and to be happy. **Kay Grundhaus** – ☺ Enjoyed Bob's talk. **John Hernandez** – ☺ Had to leave early but is happy. **Milton Herring** - ☺ Had to leave early but is happy. **Dave Holper** – ☺ Bob appreciated your talk ☺ Cubs new mascot. **Peter Issa** – ☺ Hates taxes but enjoyable presentation, beautiful weather. **Curtis Jones Jr.**, – ☺ Echo what Bob said, very entertaining, after his recognition here last week, he was recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution for 50 years of service, Gamecocks 4<sup>th</sup> in the rankings. **Nadine Koerner** – ☺ To learn she can deduct the Y. **Laurie Love** – ☺ Bob's presentation, nephew just got engaged. **Steve Makshanoff** – ☺ Guest and speaker, great weather, can drive with his top down. **Charlotte Melsh**– ☺ Thanks Bob, hoping Celebration of Community goes well. **Carina Sokolich** – ☺ Wonderful Bob.



Juliet Jakosalem Guest of Bob Abelson



Michael Friedman, Kay Griffith, Peter Issa, Carina Sokolich

## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY



February 20<sup>th</sup>,

Noon to 1:30 PM

Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance



Mayor Frank Scotto

Please join Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto and other community leaders at this event Mayor Scotto will acknowledge and Honor the many Service and Non-Profit Organizations who work together to answer the needs that challenge our community. For more information contact Charlotte Melsh.

*Kiwanis Members, We need Silent Auction and Raffle Prizes for the event.*

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

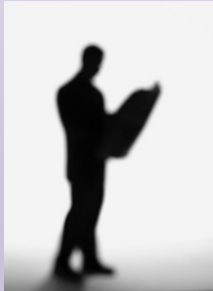
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### **THE RICHARD SHERMAN TRIO:**

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. They are also at Terranea Resort in Palos Verdes on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
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**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](http://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](http://www.kiwanis.org)



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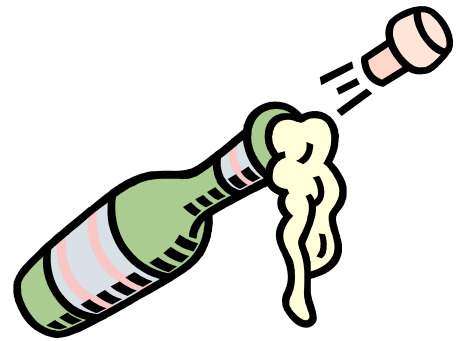


### A GOOD PARTY

That's how I look like when I come home after one.



HOPE YOU HAVE A DOG GONE GREAT NEW YEAR



## 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

<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 2013-2014

International President .....	Gunter Gasser
CAL-NEV-HA District Governor .....	Rae Whitby Brummer
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

#### CLUB OFFICER 2013 - 2014

President ..... Christine 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 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  
 TACC Business Expo ..... Carina Sokolich  
 Relay for Life.... Charlotte Melsh/Kay Griffith  
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