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THIS WEEKS' MEETING: President Christine Elia opened today's meeting, Kay Griffith led the Pledge of Allegiance, Tony Goorchenko provided an inspiration, and Dave Holper chose "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" as our song. Charlene Nishimura from the Torrance Tribune was our guest today. Carina Sokolich was our only late member. The Kiwanis Choir sang ♪ Happy Birthday ♪ to Michael Friedman. Jennifer Frew printed the tickets and flyers for Texas Hold Em which will be held at Samba Brazilian Steak House on May 18th. Thank you to Tony Molino for designing the flyers. She also printed some thank you cards for our use. Lisa McGinty won the 50/50 and Kay Griffith won the card raffle but did not find the Joker. **Please read the newsletter for other important announcements**



Birthday boy Michael Friedman

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ✓ **March 13th** – Inter-Club with Gardena Valley Kiwanis
- ✓ **March 17th** – Division Council Meeting - Sponsored Youth Night at Buffalo Fire Dept. Restaurant
- ✓ **March 18th** - *Bishop Montgomery High School Key Club Take Over Meeting*
- ✓ **March 19th** – Inter-Club with Carson Kiwanis
- ✓ **April 12th** – Kiwanis One Day, we will be volunteering at the Special Needs Sports –Bocce Festival see page 4.
- ✓ **April 26th** – Governor's Official Visit, Depot Restaurant
- ✓ **April 26th & 27th** – Relay for Life, We are putting together a Kiwanis Team. For more info contact Kay Griffith.
- ✓ **May 17th** – Armed Forces Day Parade.
- ✓ **May 18th** Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, Annual Fund Raiser (Italics – meeting information, non-italics other activities)

THE TORRANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT

43rd ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

To Benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch California Burn Foundation

Saturday, March 8th

4:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Ken Miller Recreation Center
(Torrance Blvd. at Madrona Avenue)

One Big Night Featuring Good Food and Fun

Adults \$6, Children (under 8) \$4



HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: **Lisa Applegate-McGinty** – 5 ☺ \$ Got to see her mom and sisters, Texas Hold Em, will invite Major of Redondo Beach Steve Aspel ☹ missing a few weeks and a takeover and Celebration of Community. **Christine Elia** – ☺ Jennifer, interesting talk, Jennifer, Tony M. and Laurie for work on Texas Hold Em, Charlene, Chris and Andrew's successful basketball season. **Jennifer Frew** – ☺ Guests ☹ sat next to Chuong. **Michael Friedman**– ☺ Last week was his lucky week so after winning all the raffles and finding the Joker he went to Vegas, put all \$50.00 on roulette number 16 and doubled his money so he put all of it on 32 and doubled it again and then he woke up, guests ☹ Ukraine. **Tony Goorchenko** – ☹ The passing of PLTG Al Hoagland. **Kay Griffith**– ☺ Guests, everything Jennifer has done. **Dave Holper**– ☺ Plans are set for Spring Training, 2 rounds of golf and 4 baseball games ☹ former TPD's golf tournament is scheduled on Mothers' Day. **Peter Issa** – ☺ Beginning of Lent ☹ bounced check from Celebration. **Nadine Koerner** – ☺ Jennifer's talk. **David Kuroda** – ☺ Grateful for Green Hills, speaking at USC on "Children and Divorce" ☹ Ukraine. **Laurie Love** – ☺ Jennifer's work on Texas Hold Em. **Lita Luhrsen** - ☺ Youth Renovation being recognized at Celebration of Community, reading at Harbor City Elementary School for Dr. Seuss' birthday. **Steve Makshanoff** – ☺ Attended Day of Remembrance with Gladys, reading at Eshelman School ☹ Al Hoaglund. **Tony Molino** – 5 ☺ \$ On time today. **Carina Sokolich** –☺ Charlene, thank you Jennifer ☹ late dollar. **Chuong Vo** – ☺ The rain and snow ☹ Opening Day cancelled because of the rain.



Guest Charlene Nishimura from the Torrance Tribune.



Michael Friedman, Kay Griffith, David Kuroda

TORRANCE KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Laurie Love circulated a sign-up for reading this year's applications. The following is the information and requirements:

The Kiwanis Club of Torrance will be awarding one Judge Benjamin Aranda, III Scholarship to a graduating senior from each Torrance High School. In addition, we will be awarding one student the Ralph X. Thompson Community Service Award and one student the Art Callen School Athletic Award.

- Students must have been a member of one of our sponsored youth groups while in high school (Key Club or KIWIN'S).
- Students should attach a copy of their official high school transcript.
- Students should use their school's local scholarship application to apply. In addition they should answer one of the following questions/statements, based on the scholarship for which they are applying.
- Students may apply for one or all three scholarships.
 - Ben Aranda Scholarship
 - Who or what has made a difference in your life and why?
 - Ralph Thompson Service Award
 - Respond to the quote by Winston Churchill and relate it to your experiences "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."
 - Art Callen School Athletic Award
 - Being actively involved in your school is important. How did you get involved in athletics and what impact did it have on your school or on others?





TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Jennifer Frew Community Events Coordinator, Safety & Claims Administrator, and Customer Service Manager for **Green Hills Memorial Park**

Since 1948, Green Hills Memorial Park has been serving individuals and families of San Pedro and Palos Verdes Peninsula with compassion, competence and a full complement

of memorial properties to honor the lives who have built, served and enriched our community. In that time, our region has continued to expand and evolve. When we first opened our gates over sixty years ago, San Pedro and Palos Verdes Peninsula were growing post-war communities in need of more expansive cemetery options. In a partnership between local business owners and community members, 120 acres of property were acquired and transformed into an extraordinary park-like setting overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Palos Verde Peninsula and the Los Angeles skyline. This property became known as Green Hills Memorial Park.

Green Hills Memorial Park was among the first to introduce our community to the substantial benefits — financial and emotional — of pre-planning and pre-selecting interment property. Within a few years of opening, thousands of residents had secured memorial locations, as well as peace of mind, for their families. Since 1948, over 100,000 families have chosen Green Hills Memorial Park to help them secure a lasting, dignified and picturesque memorial property for loved ones. Today, we operate as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting the original vision of our founders, by protecting the natural beauty and meticulous landscaping of our park.

Whether you currently have a loved one memorialized on our grounds, or are considering Green Hills for yourself or your family, we welcome you to the peace and tranquility of Green Hills Memorial Park. Jennifer coordinates many special events at Green Hills. These include Memorial Day and Easter Sunrise Services, a Halloween Harvest, Holiday Festival and they are looking at a Shakespeare Festival. Green Hills is home to beautiful memorials such as the Statue of St Michael, a police and fire memorial, a San Pedro WWII memorial and one for the 1st soldier killed in Afghanistan. The historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church was moved to Green Hills. They have completed the refurbishing and beautification for all to enjoy. Jennifer is more than happy to take people on tours so please give her a call if interested.



Jennifer Frew and member Chong Vo

Thank you Jennifer for a great program.



The Torrance Kiwanis 8th Annual

TEXAS HOLD 'EM

Charity Poker Tournament

All Proceeds go to the Torrance Kiwanis Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Charity

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

11:30 Lunch ♦ 12:15 PM Practice Play ♣ 1:00 PM Sharp Tournament Starts

♥ \$100 Per Player (Pre-Sale) ♠ \$125 Per Player (at the door)



New Tournament Location

SAMBA

Brazilian Steak House

207 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach CA 90277

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact
Laurie Love 310-729-3676 or by e-mail: laurielove@socal.rr.com

If you do not want play but join us for lunch the cost is \$30

TEXAS HOLD'EM FUNDRAISER:

The tickets have been printed and distribution to our members will be the next 2 weeks. We ask each member to sell or buy 4 tickets to the event. We are also requesting silent auction and raffle items. This year we are asking for table sponsors. If you would like to be a table sponsor the cost is \$150. You will receive your name & logo at the table. You will also receive free advertisement in our weekly newsletter for up to a month. For more info about table sponsorship please contact Jennifer Frew (310) 521-4418.

We are looking for:

- Table Sponsors
- Silent Auction Donation
- 100+ Players

Please sale your tickets



KIWANIS ONE DAY: We will be assisting the Torrance Parks and Recreation with their BOCCE Festive. We need volunteers from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We are also ordering Torrance Kiwanis T-Shirts. To sign up and order a T-Shirts please contact:

John Hernandez

310-490-9439 or e-mail: ncmprez@gmail.com

City of Torrance
Community Services Department
RECREATION DIVISION
"Creating and Enriching Community through People, Programs and Partnerships"

Torrance Special Needs Sports

BOCCE FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 12, 2014
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wilson Park
2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance.

Schedule of Events	
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Team Check In
9:45 - 10 a.m.	Welcome
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Bocce Competition
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Lunch

*The Bocce Festival will take place on
Field 4 of Wilson Park*

Bocce Teams B, C and D divisions are welcome!
Please note teams may include peer partners!
Please confirm your participation by April 7, 2014.

Awards will be given at the completion of each Division!
Lunches are provided for registered athletes and coaches. Spectator lunches may be purchased at Torrance Certified Farmers' Market located in the parking lot adjacent to the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park. Athlete lunches and awards are provided by Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes (FTEA)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL

Mardi Gras Celebration

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014 5:30-8:30 P.M.

hosted by **MIYAKO HYBRID HOTEL** 21381 So. Western Ave. Torrance, CALIFORNIA

Live jazz music
New Orleans-style cocktails!
Gourmet food stations



Pediatric Therapy Network

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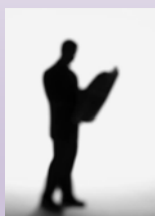
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Champions for Children, an annual sustaining donor program, enables our donors to partner with the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation in investing in our Kiwanis Family, distributing thousands of dollars each year throughout the District, allowing us together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



SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

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 Things Overheard During the Winter Olympics' Closing Ceremonies

- 10 "Man I can't wait to get home. I haven't been to the toilet in two weeks."
9. "Anyone figure out why the Russians keep putting 'gold' in quotes?"
8. "The Jamaicans are going home with less 'gold' than they have in their teeth."
7. "The Finns aren't even going to wait for the plane. They're just going to ski home."
6. "It finally got cold; Putin's wearing a shirt."
5. "Why are all the female Russian athletes are wearing matching rainbow ribbons on their mustaches?"
4. "Instead of stealing stuff from the hotel, I actually left them shampoo and soap I brought with me."
3. "Who could have guessed that dare for me to shoot a spit wad at Costas' eye at the airport would have had such a lasting impact?"
2. "The Ukrainian president called. He said he would like to borrow the Olympic flame for a civic clean-up project."
1. **"The fastest time you'll see at this Olympics is the race to be first to the airport."**



NEW RUSSIAN WINTER OLYMPIC SPORT – OUTDOOR ICE BALLET



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 – Wednesday 11:50 AM
Richardson Middle School Builders Club.	Weekly Meeting – Tuesday 3:00 PM



CLUB INFORMATION

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2012-2014 TERM

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2013-2015 TERM

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