

## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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### MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR GARY JANDER

It is indeed an honor to announce that the Torrance Kiwanis Club has been designated as a distinguished club for the year 2012-13. This is indeed a great honor as it demonstrates your club's commitment to excellence, dedication to serving your community and to follow the six objects of Kiwanis. It also demonstrates your superior leadership in connecting and inspiring your members to render altruistic service in building better communities. Your club can truly take pride in the fact that it is helping fulfill our Kiwanis mission to improve the world, one child and one community at a time.

Congratulations on a job well done and thank you for your continued commitment to Kiwanis and the Children of your community and the World.



**THIS WEEKS' MEETING:** Past President Jennifer Frew opened today's meeting for President Christine Elia who got tied up in a meeting, Curtis Jones, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance, John Hernandez provided an inspiration, and Dave Holper chose "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" as our song. Brad LaVerne, our new webmaster, and Mikail from New Challenge Ministries were our guests today. Late members were Lita Luhrsen, Gayle CdeBaca and Christine Elia. Congratulations to Jennifer Frew and all the Torrance Kiwanis members for earning Distinguished Club for 2012 - 2013. John Hernandez is putting together a Kiwanis t-shirt order. Please contact him if you are interested. Peter Issa and CapitalSource Bank have donated \$500 for our Relay for Life Team. Neslie Akkol announced that Counseling4Kids is having their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bowl4Kids at PV Bowl on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Two important volunteer opportunities are in April - Kiwanis One Day April 5<sup>th</sup> and Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes Bocce Tournament on April 12<sup>th</sup>. John Hernandez won the 50/50 and Brad LaVerne won the card raffle.

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



President Christine and Jennifer Frew

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- ✓ **March 17<sup>th</sup>** - Division Council Meeting - Sponsored Youth Night at Buffalo Fire Dept. Restaurant
- ✓ **March 18<sup>th</sup>** - *Bishop Montgomery High School Key Club Take Over Meeting*
- ✓ **March 19<sup>th</sup>** - Inter-Club with Carson Kiwanis
- ✓ **April 5<sup>th</sup>** - Kiwanis One Day, Clean up at Madrona Marsh
- ✓ **April 12<sup>th</sup>** - Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes - Bocce Festival see page 4.
- ✓ **April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Governor's Official Visit, Depot Restaurant
- ✓ **April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** - Relay for Life, We are putting together a Kiwanis Team. For more info contact Kay Griffith.
- ✓ **May 17<sup>th</sup>** - Armed Forces Day Parade.
- ✓ **May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, Annual Fund Raiser (Italics - meeting information, non-italics other activities)



President Christine with our Club Webmaster Brian LaVerne

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Brad LaVerne – Our Website Host** Brad is now hosting our website. Go to [TorranceKiwanis.org](http://TorranceKiwanis.org) and have a look at all the different features and information that will be kept up and have current and pertinent information. There are pull-down menus to take you to members, sponsors, what we do, who we are and more. This should prove to be very useful for us in the future. Our website will also link to our Facebook page.

A sample of what you will find:

Ordinary People Performing EXTRAORDINARY WORK

Kiwanis, through guidance and example, works to develop future generations of leaders.

We are a global organization of volunteers dedicated to CHANGING the world of one child, one community at a time.

### **One can make a difference...**

This truly is an exciting time to be a part of the Torrance Kiwanis. Our club is increasing the service to our youths and community with many success stories to share.

### **Are YOU the one to make a difference?**

Make a difference today.

Make a difference right now.

Visit one of our weekly club meetings, Tuesdays, 12 noon at [Sizzler Restaurant](#), 2880 West Sepulveda Blvd in Torrance

**Come Join Us in our Next Torrance Kiwanis Project:** Thank you Brad for moving us forward with our ability to communicate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS:** Neslie Akkol - ☺ Gayle sponsoring a child at Counseling4Kids. Lisa Applegate-McGinty - ☺ Brad and his work and to be here. Gayle CdeBaca - ☺ Trail ride with her youngest daughter this weekend, Hopeful \$ for her oldest who is finally getting better with her concussion ☺ late \$ and a lazy \$ for not shaking hands. Christine Elia- ☺ Jennifer and the Distinguished Club award, introducing us to Brad and all he is doing ☺ late\$. Jennifer Frew - ☺ 2012 - 2013 Distinguished Club recognition, thank you to everyone, Brad and being a better person because he is in my life ☺ knee is giving her problems. Michael Friedman - ☺ Brad's work, almost joined the modern world, going to Maui next week ☺ will miss the takeover and DCM. Tony Goorchenko- ☺ Christine showed up, John ordering t-shirts and the SLP night at the DCM. Kay Griffith - ☺ Our website, Peter and the donation for Relay, used to getting calls from sales people but did not appreciate the walk in bathtub call. John Hernandez - 5 ☺ \$ Collecting cellphones, 7<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt, will be bringing kids that live under the bridges, this organization that cares and to be part of the Kiwanis family, thank you. Dave Holper - ☺ Our website and webmaster ☺ late \$s for Gayle and our President. Peter Issa- ☺ Brad, website much needed ☺ Malaysian plane. Curtis Jones Jr - ☺ Construction work is done, Brad, website is great ☺ being gone a couple of weeks. David Kuroda - ☺ 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the tsunami in Japan, went last year to help with the continued relief effort, webmaster, impressive, thank you. Laurie Love - ☺ Women of Troy Pac-12 Tournament winners. Lita Luhrsen ☺ Youth Renovation doing well, finished 6-week program at Gardena HS, asking for transportation to get the kids to their project. Steve Makshanoff - ☺ Brad and the website, Toberman Gala coming along ☺ relapse with this throat and the Ukraine. Ryoko Mand- ☺ Brad and feeling good today.



## 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?



### MADRONA MARSH CLEANUP:

Jennifer Frew our Kiwanis One Day Chair has organized a Madrona Marsh Clean up on April 5<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming next week.



The Torrance Kiwanis 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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*

### FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES:

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](mailto: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)



*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

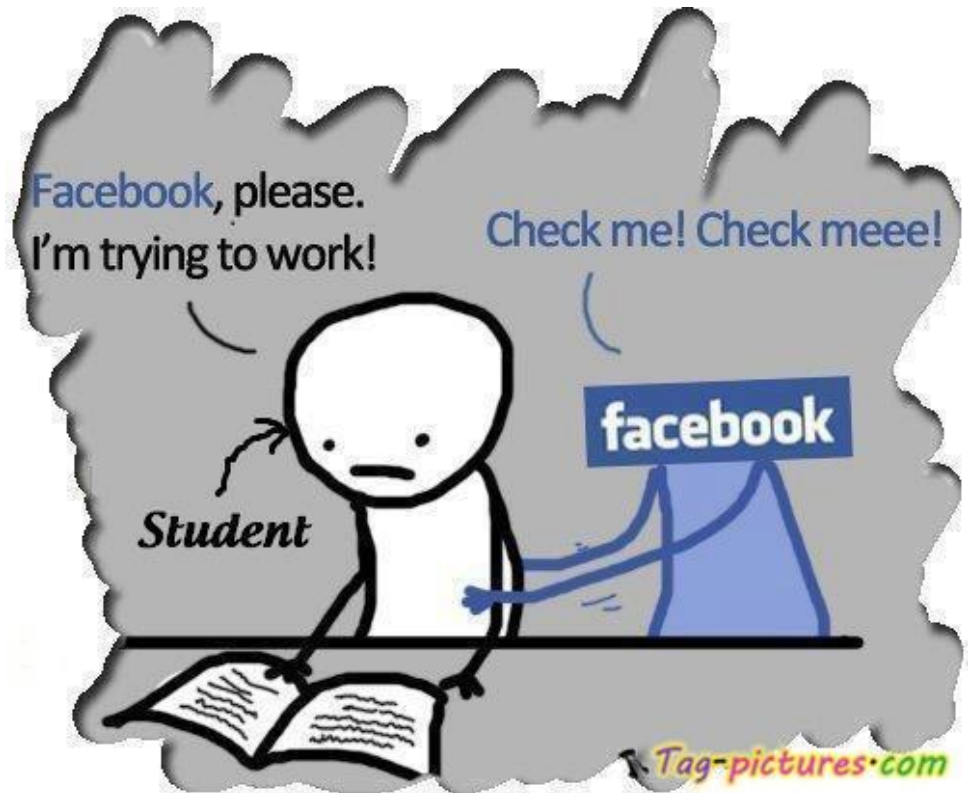
Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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)



## FUNNY PAGE



Nice way to text message in class.

## 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 .....	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

### 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  
 FTEA (Special Olympics)...John Hernandez

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

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