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TORRANCE KIWANIS AT RELAY FOR LIFE



RELAY FOR LIFE:

Charlotte gave an overview of Relay For Life that was held on Saturday, April 26th at South High School. It was wet, windy, and cold, but we had several Kiwanians and family members attend. Thousands of dollars were raised to benefit cancer research. Mayor Frank Scotto told Charlotte he was impressed with all the Kiwanis members do our community.



TODAY'S MEETING: President Christine Elia opened the meeting, Bob Abelson led the Pledge of Allegiance, Tony Goorchenko provided an inspiration, and Carina Sokolich chose "You Are My Sunshine" as our song. 🎵 Birthday wishes were sung magnificently to Jennifer Frew and Laurie Love 🎵. Eric Harris was our only late member. Laurie Love thanked all who attended the Governor's visit and all that helped make the evening a success. Congratulations to Jennifer Frew and Charlotte Melsh on receiving the Distinguished Service Award. President Christine presented them with flowers. She also had flowers for Laurie for chairing the Scholarship Program. Texas



Hold Em is our next big event and our largest

fundraiser of the year. Please keep selling tickets!!! This money is what funds our scholarship program. Dave Holper won the 50/50 raffle and Bob Abelson won the card raffle but did not find the Joker. No Program due to Board Meeting.

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.



President Christine wishes Happy Birthday to Jennifer Frew and Laurie Love

PHOTO ON LEFT: Charlotte Melsh and Jennifer Frew received the Distinguished Service Award. President Christine presented them with flowers at our meeting.

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: **Bob Abelson** – ☺ The end of tax season, celebrated with a week-long cruise, ran into Richard Gaines who was our first president in 1988 ☺ name tag is missing, missed the scholarship lunch. **Neslie Akkol** - ☺ Gayle's daughter, Relay For Life ☺ the world is full of ignorant people. **Gayle CdeBaca** – ☺ This is a great club, Jennifer and Charlotte, daughter was able to play sand soccer this weekend after 10 weeks out with her concussion ☺ missing the scholarship luncheon because work has been insane. **Phil "TUNA" Cook** – ☺ To be here, thank you all who do so much ☺ Bob running off on his cruise after he paid him. **Christine Elia** – ☺ Charlotte and Jennifer, Happy Birthday Laurie and Jennifer ☺ Toyota leaving. **Jennifer Frew** – 5 ☺ \$ Charlotte and her DSA, recognition for hers, Laurie's birthday, asked to be on the Board of the Torrance Chamber. **Michael Friedman** – ☺ Robert is not the only one without a name tag, proud to be a member and everybody, no one supported Don Sterling. **Tony Goorchenko** – ☺ Good buddy Bob here. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ Charlotte and Jennifer's DSAs, Charlotte and all she did for Relay, bought and brought everything, Charlotte's family ☺ missing the scholarship lunch but it was her granddaughter's birthday in Arizona **Kay Grundhaus** – ☺ Charlotte made me go to the Governor's Visit, always getting in trouble, her HOA told her she could not put up a campaign sign but she checked with David Sterling who says it cannot be enforced so she is going to put up a sign for Milton. **Eric Harris** – ☺ Don Sterling fiasco, historically people banded together for protection but the world should be beyond hating, except for the Rotary Club. **Milton Herring** – ☺ Fine for Don Sterling, scholarship lunch, the Governor's dinner, proud to be a member with so many wonderful people, Christine as president. **Dave Holper** – ☺ Scholarship luncheon, Shery winner's Dad is a golf friend of his and he will be bringing him to a meeting ☺ missing so many events. **Curtis Jones Jr.** – ☺ Jennifer and Charlotte, the scholarship lunch, about to have his 11th grandchild. **David Kuroda** – ☺ The support for African-Americans, how far we have come ☺ Don Sterling and the Clippers. **Laurie Love** – ☺ Jennifer and Charlotte, thank you for the birthday wishes. **Ryoko Mand** – ☺ Scholarship lunch and Relay For Life. **Charlotte Melsh** – 5 ☺ \$ We are a team with support of everyone, kids have been with me every weekend this month, John, his friends at Special Olympics learning that we all have the same heart ☺ doctor says she has to give up some work time. **Carina Sokolich** – ☺ Happy Birthday Laurie, Charlotte and Jennifer, family enjoyed Relay For Life.

KIWANIS CAL-NEV-HA DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DINNER



Governor Rae Whitby Brummer and First Gentleman John Brummer

On April 26th more than 100 Kiwanis members and guests from Divisions 1, 13 and 19 came to the Depot Restaurant in Torrance to honor our Governor Rae Whitby-Brummer and the first Gentleman John Brummer. Torrance Kiwanis Charlotte Melsh and Jennifer Frew received the Distinguished Service Awards for their service to the Torrance Kiwanis and our community. A great event, thank you Laurie Love for your hard work

Congratulations Jennifer and Charlotte



Cinda and Milton Herring, Kay and Les Grundhaus



Charlotte Melsh, Christine Elia and Jennifer Frew



Steve Love, LTG Div. 19 Laurie Love, LTG Division 1 Ted Lim & CNH District Governor Rae Whitby-Brummer



Governor Rae presenting Charlotte Melsh and Jennifer Frew with the Distinguished Service Award.



Photos by Laurie Love, Christine Elia, Jennifer Frew and Vicky Goorchenko

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

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We are looking for:

- *Table Sponsors*
- *Silent Auction Donation*
- *100+ Players*

Please sale your tickets

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. 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 will have 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. Remember, this is our major fundraiser for the year that will help support all our charitable projects and our scholarships. For more info about table sponsorship please contact Jennifer Frew (310) 521-4418.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ✓ *May 6th – Meeting Program is Brenda Carillo from Alliance Human Services, a Foster Family and Adoption Agency*
- ✓ *May 13th – Meeting Program is Carter Calhoun from Toberman Neighborhood Center*
- ✓ *May 17th – Armed Forces Day Parade.*
- ✓ *May 18th – Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, Annual Fund Raiser*
- ✓ *June 3^d – Meeting Program is Helen Dolas from Arts and Services for the Disabled.*
- ✓ *June 28th – Rhythms of Nature at the Madrona Marsh*

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



John Brummer
2013-14 CNH District
First Gentleman

FOCUS ON THE (Kiwanis) FAMILY: Do you remember a special moment mentoring a Key Club member? That heart-warming Aktion club project? The excitement of a Circle K convention? Watching with amazement as a K-Kids or Builder's Club president leads his or her first meeting? Have you experienced a Key Leader camp? These are just a few reasons why the First Gentleman's Focus for 2013-14 will be "Our Kiwanis Family." In the 30 years I have been a member of our great organization, I have had the opportunity to volunteer with and observe the growth of our Service Leadership Program members. The Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation builds better futures for our children. Did you know that for more than 30 years the next generation of Kiwanis leadership has been supported by our own District Foundation? This support includes: Service Leadership Program (SLP) grants, SLP leadership training support for Key Club and Circle K board members, and the Kenneth C. Forror Scholarship Fund. The Foundation also provides support of our annual Aktion Club District Convention, and scholarships for attendance at Key Leader camps.

You ask, "How can I help?" The answer is simple: Individuals who wish to donate \$5 will receive a 2013-14 First Gentleman's Focus Commemorative Pin. Club donations of \$150 or more will receive the 2013-14 First Gentleman's Focus Banner Patch. The proceeds directly benefit the programs of the Foundation including Key Leader scholarships and SLP Leadership Training. You can also help support the Foundation by becoming a "Champion for Children" with a regular monthly donation. Your donation to the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation & the First Gentleman's Focus will enable our Kiwanis family to meet the needs of children in our shared communities. Your partnership creates opportunities and provides the pathway to a brighter future for those we serve.

Thank you! I look forward to serving as your First Gentleman



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. Forror 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



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



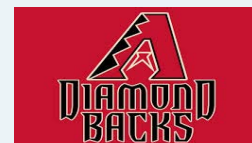
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Los Angeles Dodgers

vs.



Arizona Diamondbacks

Friday, June 13th, 2014

Dodger Stadium

- ◆ *Luxury Bus Leaves Torrance Court House at 5:15 p.m.*
- ◆ *Refreshments and snacks will be provided on the bus*
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- ◆ *Everyone invited, Members, fans, kid and kids at heart*
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Presents the Fourth

Fashion Extravaganza and Fundraiser

Saturday, May 3rd at 5:30 pm

Grand Annex
434 West 6th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

- A fashion show of Maral Clothing Designs exquisite selections
- A showcase of local artisans
- Tastings of San Pedro's finest restaurants and Afghan food
- Middle Eastern dance by Dr. Robyn Friend and students of her School of Silk Road Music and Dance
- Belly Dancing by Perizad
- Silent auction and Raffle (100% of the proceeds will be donated to the following charities)



Toberman Neighborhood Center
<http://www.toberman.org>
and
Afghan Women's Center for Excellence (AWCE)
<http://www.afghanwce.org>



Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door for an evening of food, fashion and entertainment

For more information and tickets, contact Maral at (310) 418-0109

FASHION SHOW TO BENEFIT TOBERMAN CENTER

This is a great local San Pedro event which will help support the Toberman Neighborhood Center of San Pedro. All proceeds from the silent auction and raffle will go to Toberman and one other charity.

Tickets are only \$35. Kiwanis Members can contact Torrance Kiwanian Steve Makshanoff smakshanoff@hotmail.com, and he will personally deliver tickets

Tickets are \$40 at the door. That includes an authentic Middle Eastern dinner, a Middle Eastern dance troupe, belly dancing, a fashion show, and other fun things.

Thank you for your interest and support.



Toberman Neighborhood Center is a non-profit community-based organization committed to assisting Harbor Area families and individuals by delivering life-changing services that encourage, inform, educate and empower them to live healthy and purposeful lives.

FUNNY PAGE

LAWYER AND CHARITY

The United Way realized that it had never received a donation from the city's most successful lawyer. So a United Way volunteer paid the lawyer a visit in his lavish office.

The volunteer opened the meeting by saying, 'Our research shows that even though your annual income is over two million dollars, you don't give a penny to charity. Wouldn't you like to give something back to your community through the United Way?'

The lawyer thinks for a minute and says,

'First, did your research also show you that my mother is dying after a long, painful illness and she has huge medical bills that are far beyond her ability to pay?'

Embarrassed, the United Way rep mumbles, 'Uh... no, I didn't know that.'

'Secondly,' says the lawyer, 'did it show that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair and is unable to support his wife and six children?'

The stricken United Way rep begins to stammer an apology, but is cut off again.



"And if you don't have an attorney, we've got millions of them."

'Thirdly, did your research also show you that my sister's husband died in a dreadful car accident, leaving her penniless with a mortgage and three children, one of whom is disabled and another that has learning disabilities requiring an array of private tutors?'

The humiliated United Way rep, completely beaten, says, 'I'm so sorry. I had no idea.'

And the lawyer says, 'So, if I didn't give any money to them, what makes you think I'd give any to you?'

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
CAL-NEV-HA District Governor	Rae Whitby Brummer
CAL-NEV-HA- District Governor Elect	Alan Guire
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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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2013-2015 TERM

Charlotte Melsh
 Laurie Love

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 Texas Hold'em..... Gayle CdeBaca
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