

THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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The Kiwanis Club of Torrance

Cordially invites you to our

Kiwanis Wine Tasting & Social



Thursday, June 26, 2014

5:30 PM

AMORE VINO

Wine Bar

1441 Marcelina Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501

310-783-0209

*Everyone
Invited*



- ✓ Complimentary Olive and Cheese Hors d'oeuvre
- ✓ Wine flight of Six varietals and Four are Premium Wines
- ✓ Complimentary tasting for Guests that are interested in membership
- ✓ Complimentary tasting for Kiwanians that bring a guest *

Please RSVP by calling or e-mailing

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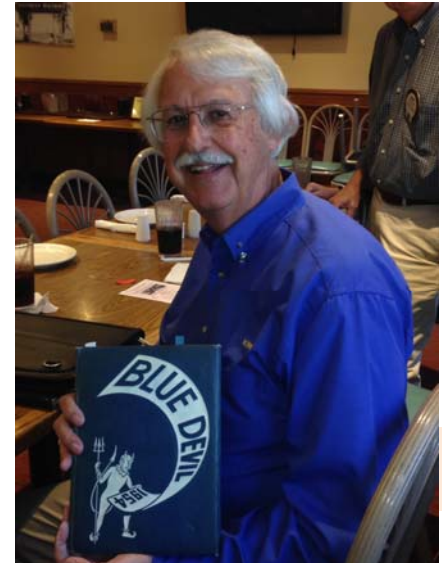
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\$15 per person for Kiwanis members and guests that are not potential Kiwanis members

** Complimentary for Kiwanians that bring a potential Kiwanis member to event*

TODAY'S MEETING: Past Lieutenant Governor Tony Molino opened the meeting, Curtis Jones, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance, David Kuroda provided an inspiration, and Dave Holper chose "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" as our song. Guests today were our speaker Pam Branam and her mother Aileen. Brad Lyon was back for his 3rd visit and is looking forward to being inducted as a member. President Christine Elia arrived and assumed her duties. Neslie Akkol circulated a sign up for the upcoming Wine Tasting and Social to be held on June 26th at Amore Vino. Please contact her if you are attending. This was Tony Molino's lucky day. He won the 50/50, the card raffle and found the Joker. He was seen running out of the meeting to buy lotto tickets.

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements



Curtis Jones, Jr. became a Key Club member in 1954, Curtis wore his Key Club pin from 1954 and had two Blue Devils high school yearbooks to share with our members

TODAY'S PROGRAM – Pam Branam, Vistas for Children:

Vistas for Children, Inc. (formerly Vistas for Blind Children, Inc.) was founded by Tom and Patty Sullivan and is a distinguished philanthropic organization comprised of a 100% volunteer group of 200 women from the Greater South Bay area. Since their inception in 1978, the hallmark of Vistas has been its unconditional commitment to children. This includes, but is not limited to, children who are multi-disabled, abused, homeless, terminally ill, suffer from pediatric illnesses, or born with retinoblastoma (cancer of the eye). Vistas for Children wants to be there for children who are in need through no fault of their own.



Pam Branam on right with her mother Aileen

In June of 2000, Vistas for Children founded a co-ed junior philanthropy program, the Junior Vistas. All Vistas for Children members' children between the ages of six and eighteen are eligible for membership. The Junior Vistas meet throughout the year and participate in both fund-raising and community service projects. The Junior Vistas are also given the opportunity to decide how to distribute charitable gifts to deserving groups.

Vistas operates by hosting annual fall and spring fund-raising events. In the fall they hold a fashion show, supported by South Coast Plaza, at Terranea and in the spring a golf tournament is held.

As a result of their hard work, they have appropriated over \$7,000,000 to these very deserving charities. Some of these are: Center for the Partially Sighted, Institute for Families, Pediatric Therapy Network, Trinity Kids Care, Thelma McMillen Center, Richstone Center, and the Jr. Blind.

Pam is passionate and enthusiastic about her work with Vistas for Children. She will be serving as their president in the upcoming year. Thank you Pam for an informative program.

Our Mission

The mission of Vistas for Children is to raise funds to help special needs children and to be a system of support for these children and their families.



HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: **Bob Abelson** – ☺ To learn about Vistas, son took him to L.A. Zoo on Sunday. **Neslie Akkol**- ☺ June 26th event, hope to see everyone there. **Lisa Applegate-McGinty** – ☺ Speaker, Curtis amazing, David says the greatest things, if you make a donation to El Camino foundation they will match the funds. **Gayle CdeBaca** – ☺ Daughter's sand soccer team has won 20 games straight, Curtis, went to the Dodger game last night and had a great time. **Christine Elia** – ☺ Curtis wonderful story, Pam and what you do, great to see what other organization do to make a difference, Andrew is graduating middle school, Neslie and Tony and their work on Special Guest Day ☺ hopeful \$ for her brother-in-law who had an aneurysm, is stable but on a ventilator. **Tony Goorchenko**- ☺ Christine showed up. **Milton Herring**- ☺ All the support for his campaign, even though came up short feels he won because of all the people he met and new friends, speaker and her mom, the Ohio Buckeyes, Father's Day was wonderful, to be part of this cub and Curtis sharing. **Dave Holper**- ☺ Speaker, wonderful, for all the fathers in the room. **Curtis Jones Jr.** – ☺ Speaker and what you do, newest grandson is now a month old, son coming for a visit for a few days and 5\$ for a milestone year for him, June 1954 was his 1st year associated with Key Club 60 years ago, he wore his Key Club pin from 1954 and had two Blue Devils high school yearbooks to share. **Nadine Koerner** – ☺ Wonderful program, Curtis sharing was fascinating. **David Kuroda**,- ☺ When he first met Curtis he was reading Jack Welch's book and he asked Curtis if he knew him and of course he did because he worked very closely with him and shared handwritten notes from him, Pam and Vistas and the great job you do, commend your work and efforts ☺ sad that his wife had told him that their sons did not think he was proud of them but ☺ because on Father's Day he spoke with them and shared how proud he is of them and they shared their pride for him. **Laurie Love**- ☺ Proud \$ for my daughter who is retiring from the Air Force. **Tony Molino** – ☺ Joined Kiwanis 33 years ago when there were more adult members than Key Clubbers and now it is the opposite, story for our Ohio visitor, the Reds George Foster grew up in a poor area of Hawthorne but his mother always had a new Cadillac parked in her driveway. When he asked him why he didn't buy a new house for her he said that she would not move. **Brad Lyon** - ☺ Speaker, hearing 3 great speakers, looking forward to more. **Pam Branam** - ☺ Being at our meeting, thrilled about our great work. **Aileen** (Pam's mom) - ☺ Thank you for all your hard work.

 Milton Herring

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ✓ **June 24th** – Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for PTN Clubhouse and PTN Annex (*see announcement on page 4*)
- ✓ **June 26th** – Kiwanis Wine Tasting & Social, Amore Vino Wine Bar, 5:30 PM
- ✓ **June 28th** – Rhythms of Nature at the Madrona Marsh
- ✓ **July 1st** – *Craig MacDonald, author and Pulitzer Prize nominee*
- ✓ **August 5th** – *Meeting at Camp Escapades*

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



KIWANIS DODGER NIGHT – AUGUST 23rd

Division 19 Kiwanis Clubs are planning a Dodger trip as a fundraiser for Project ELIMINATE. Jennifer Frew is event chair. Please save the date – **Saturday, August 23rd**. Dodgers vs. Mets. More information coming soon. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Frew at: jfrew@ghmp.com



PEDIATRIC THERAPY NETWORK – RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

For their new sites, PTN Clubhouse and PTN Annex

New Clubhouse Location

1518 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501

June 24, 2014

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

RSVP to karlan@ptnmail.org or at 310.328.0276, ext. 212.

The **Annex** is the new home of the fifth Leaps and Bounds classroom. Leaps and Bounds is an early-intervention program for children 18 months – 3 years of age that combines educational and therapeutic approaches to foster growth and development of children in preparation for preschool and community-based programs.

The **Clubhouse** is the new home of the Social Skills and Community Integration department. The Social Skills and Community Integration department includes Buddy Club and My Place, which are after-school groups for children and teens between the ages of 4 – 18 years. These programs are designed to create opportunities for positive peer interactions and successful community integration experiences.

Please Join us at the

94th CAL-NEV-HA KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

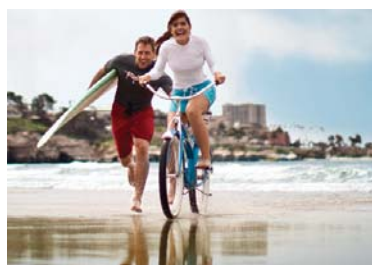
August 14th -16th, 2014



Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA, 92108

Register on line now at: <http://www.cnhkiwanis.org/kiwanis-district-convention.html>



- ✓ Discount Hotel Rooms
- ✓ Seminars
- ✓ Exhibitors
- ✓ Key Note Speakers
- ✓ Kiwanis Golf



For More Info call the CAL-NEV-HA District Office 866-539-8430

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. Ferror Scholarship Fund. The Foundation also provides support of our annual Aktion Club District Convention, and scholarships for attendance at Key Leader camps.



John Brummer
2013-14 CNH District
First Gentleman

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. 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

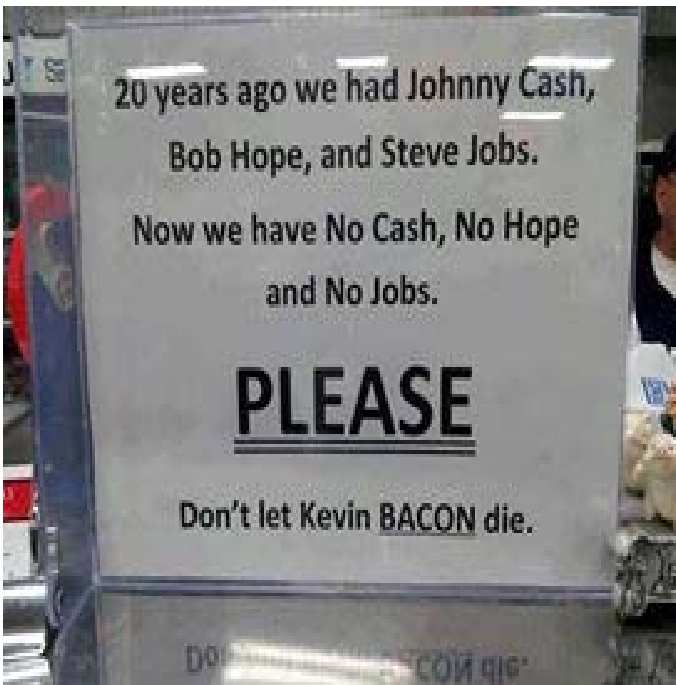
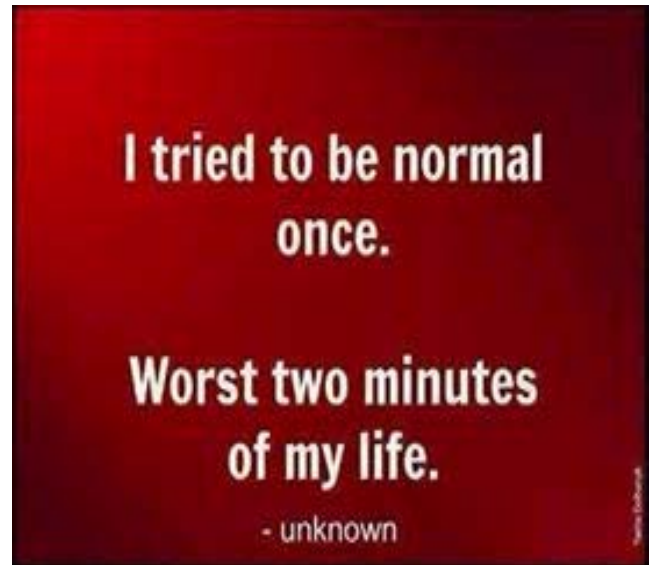
Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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



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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
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
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 Relay for Life.... Charlotte Melsh/Kay Griffith
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♦ Past Lt. Governor/Past Club President, *Past President, + Life Member, H Honorary, () Member's Spouse

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