

THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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Camp Escapades

Today the Kiwanis Club of Torrance had the privilege of attending Camp Escapades. What a powerful and meaningful trip for us all!

Camp Escapades is an innovative two-week summer day camp for children with special needs and developmental delays who are 5 to 14 years of age. Campers participate in activities including arts and crafts, cooking, dance, moon bounces, sports, yoga, waterslides, special events and more! Activities are geared and adapted so that every camper can have fun regardless of their age or ability. Camp groups are staffed with pediatric occupational, physical or speech therapists, paraprofessional educators, and one-on-one teen volunteers who are the child's camp "buddy" throughout the week.

Camp Escapades is considered one of the most popular youth volunteer activities in the South Bay. Many of their camp volunteers sign up year after year to participate in a rewarding and enjoyable opportunity to become a "white shirt" that serves as a camper's buddy during camp. Volunteers are over the age of 15 and receive an orientation as to what they can expect during their time at Camp Escapades. Volunteers not only enjoy a meaningful experience that gives back to the community but they also enjoy opportunities to build better leadership and social skills. Many of our youth volunteers are from South Bay high schools, volunteer organizations and summer groups.

See everyone back at the Sizzler next week!



Charlotte Melsh, Judith Diamond from PTN and Carina Sokolich



TORRANCE KIWANIANS AND FAMILY AT CAMP ESCAPADES



Front Row: David Kuroda, Amanda Elia, Kay Grundhaus, Andrew Elia. Second Row: Steve Makshanoff, Carina Sokolich, Laurie Love, Christine Elia, Nadine Koemer, Ryoko Mand and Barbara Heughins. Back Row: Brad Lyons, Lisa Applegate-McGinty, Charlotte Melsh, Tony Goorchenko and Milton Herring.

Photo by Curtis Jones, Jr.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ✓ August 7th – Kiwanis Club of Carson KABOOM playground at Scott Park, Carson CA. (see page 5)
- ✓ August 10th – SummerFest for Toberman Center (see page 4)
- ✓ August 12th – *Sylvia Thompson program at meeting*
- ✓ August 19th – *Ryoko Mand on her trip to Africa*
- ✓ August 23rd – Torrance Family Literacy Series by Las Candalistas with Counseling4Kids and New Challenge Ministries
- ✓ August 26th - *Club Board Meeting*

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

Please Join us at the
94th CAL-NEV-HA KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION
August 14th -16th, 2014

**BRING
THE
FAMILY!**



**Register
Now**

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

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





OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2014
SUMMER FEST**
PRESENTED BY CHEF SHAFER & DEPOT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
4:00PM TO 9:00PM**
In front of The Depot Restaurant
1250 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance 90501

- Dancing in the Streets
- Martini Wine and Beer Bar Included
- Chef's Dinner Buffet
- Live and Silent Auction
- and MORE

Tickets: \$125
To purchase tickets
call (310) 832-1145 x119
or visit www.toberman.org

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For More Information contact Steve Makshanoff 310-415-1394 or e-mail smakahanoff@hotmail.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued from page 5)



YOU'RE INVITED TO BUILD A PLAYGROUND!

Community PRIDE in building a dream playground!

Did you know that every KaBOOM! Playground is unique and designed by kids? At Community Build Day, you can help build a playground for children which will provide a great place to play. Please join the City of Carson, Mercer Human Resource Management, Marsh Insurance Broker, The Kiwanis Club of Carson, Scott Park Volunteer Association and KaBOOM! to help make the kids' playground dream a reality.



When: Thursday, August 7, 2014, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Scott Park, 23410 Catskill Avenue, Carson, Ca. 90745

Info: City of Carson Recreation and Human Services (310) 847-3570

FUND, FOOD, MUSIC, REFRESHMENTS, AND MORE FUN!

Visit kaboom.org to learn how you can ensure healthier kids and stronger communities through the power of play.

TrojanFest

USC Alumni and friends are invited to join the inaugural **TrojanFest**

South Coast Botanic Garden

Sunday, August 10, 2014.

12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

TrojanFest is a family summer SCelebration to bring together old and new friends and to strengthen the South Bay connection to USC. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day with the Trojan Marching Band, Traveler, special guests, and fellow Trojans.

Kids will have a blast with games and activities while you connect with fellow alumni and friends. Food truck bites, wine tasting, and beer will be available for purchase. The first 200 attendees on Aug. 10 will receive a Fight On t-shirt!

Adult Admission: \$25, Child Admission (5-17 years old): \$15, Trojan Tot Admission (0-4 years old): Free

Included with your ticket purchase:

- ✓ Admission to the 87-acre South Coast Botanic Garden
- ✓ Fun activities for kids
- ✓ Performances by the Trojan Marching Band, Song Girls, and Dance Force
- ✓ Parking and much more!

For more information contact Laurie Love : laurielove@socal.rr.com or **310-729-3676**



Counseling4Kids
4th Annual
TORRANCE BOWL4KIDS



Monday, October 20, 2014

6-8 pm

Palos Verdes Bowl

24600 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance



How you can help:

- ✓ **Get Involved:** Put together a team and bowl for a cause!
- ✓ **Tell a Child You Care:** Sponsor an afternoon of bowling for a child in foster care.
- ✓ **Become a Sponsor:** Show your support by becoming an event sponsor.
- ✓ **Make an in-kind donation:** We are seeking food, beverage and raffle donations.
- ✓ **Support C4K Year Round:** Become a donor

Sponsor Level

- ♥ Presenting Sponsor \$1,500
- ♥ Perfect Game Sponsor \$750
- ♥ Strike Sponsor \$500
- ♥ Spare Sponsor \$250
- ♥ Sponsor a child for \$30
- ♥ Individual Tickets \$35 each

**SPONSORS
NEEDED**

For more information about being a sponsor for this event please contact
Neslie Akkol: Neslie@counseling4kids.org or call 909-708-9669

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



FUNNY PAGE

THE TOP 10 SIGNS A WATERPARK IS TOO EXTREME

10. The wave pool doubles as a shark tank.
9. You have to go down face first with your eyes taped open.
8. Rogue waves periodically sweep through the parking lot.
7. Only some of the piranhas are vegetarians.
6. Two of the rides start in an airplane.
5. The inside of your barrel still has bloodstains from previous riders.
4. You can't bring a parent who is a lawyer.
3. If you make it through every ride, a Navy SEAL recruiter will contact you.
2. The disclaimer says "You must be this tall and suicidal to ride this ride."
1. The kiddie pool is called Crocodile Lagoon where employees greet you "Good day Bate" in an Aussie accent.



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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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
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