

THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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TODAY'S MEETING: President Christine Elia opened the meeting, Ryoko Mand led the Pledge of Allegiance, Tony Goorchenko provided an inspiration, and Neslie Akkol was our song leader with "Old Macdonald." Guests today, Sylvia Thompson and Sabrina Marasovich were invited by Kay Grundhaus. Cynda Herring came with hubby Milton. Brad Lyon received his Kiwanis badge. Members spoke about their Camp Escapade experience. Pediatric Therapeutic Network provides a camp for children with special needs. Last week, we had lunch and a tour of the camp. The children have one on one buddies and have fun while they are working on social and physical skills. A wonderful program. Kay Griffith won the card raffle but did not find the Joker. Dave Holper won the 50/50.

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.



President Christine Elia presenting Brad Lyon with his Kiwanis member badge



President Christine Elia with Sylvia Thompson

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Sylvia Thompson, president of the National Alliance on Mental Health, West Los Angeles. Sylvia has many interests such as playing the ukulele and baking cupcakes. She works for LIVHome where she is a geriatric counselor for home care. Today, she spoke about her experience speaking in front of Congress in April for bill HR3717. The bill is for helping families with someone who has mental health issues. Her mother had a mental illness which led Sylvia to become an advocate, teacher, and supporter. HR3717 would help in the situation where a person is severely mentally ill but does not think he or she is sick and does not want any help. Sylvia is a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI. She gave a 5 minute personal testimony to Congress and later was asked questions. The hearing was 2½ hours long where people presented the pros and cons of the bill. She talked about the lack of health care where the results were death and injuries. Robin Williams's death was mentioned where people around him were unaware of his feelings. Mental illness needs to be addressed and not be a secret or a stigma.

To read HR 3717 go to: <https://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/3717>

THANK YOU RYOKO MAND FOR FILLING IN FOR LAURIE LOVE AS GUEST EDITOR THIS WEEK

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ✓ *August 19th – Ryoko Mand on her trip to Africa.*
- ✓ *August 19th - Club Board Meeting **NEW DATE***
- ✓ *August 23rd – Torrance Family Literacy Series by Las Candalistas with Counseling4Kids and New Challenge Ministries*
- ✓ *October 3rd – Club Installation Party – Alpine Village (see page 3 of this newsletter)*

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

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: **Bob Abelson** ☺ to spend time in Hawaii with family last week. **Neslie Akkol** - ☺ for our speaker and an important subject. **Lisa Applegate-McGinty**- ☺ Our speaker and a great time at the Summerfest party on Sunday. **Christine Elia**- ☺ very good program, ☹ about Robin Williams. **Tony Goorchenko** – ☺ for new grandchild. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ for speaker and friend that is doing good after quadruple bypass **Kay Grundhaus** – ☺ Speaker and the Summerfest event. ☹ that granddaughter has no housing at the college she is attending. **Milton Herring** – ☺ For our speaker and his wife in attendance. **Dave Holper** – ☺ He had a visit from his daughter. **Nadine Koerner** – ☺ Speaker and Camp Escapades. **David Kuroda**- ☺ Speaker, but ☹ for Robin Williams. **Brad Lyon** – ☺ for our speaker and his new badge. ☹That he will miss the next 2 weeks because he is out of town. **Steve Makshanoff**- ☺ Speaker, guests, Summerfest, our club **Ryoko Mand** – ☺ Our speaker and guests. **Charlotte Melsh** – ☺ Speaker, guests, Camp Escapade, Monday Bingo at Lomita Kiwanis. **Tony Molino**- ☹ missed Camp Escapade and for Robin Williams. **Carina Sokolich**- ☺ Speaker. Guests: Sylvia Thompson ☺ meeting us, HR3717. Sabrina Marasovich ☺ Speaker ☹☹☹ Christine Elia, Kay Griffith, Carina Sokolich, David Kuroda

GROUP PHOTO FROM CAMP ESCAPADES



(Photo by Judith Diamond)



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for the

Kiwanis Club of Torrance Annual Installation & Awards Celebration Friday, October 3, 2014



833 W. Torrance Blvd., Torrance California



5:15 p.m. Social – 6:00 p.m. Dinner – 7:30 p.m. Oktoberfest



- ★ Great Food, Fun and Drink
- ★ Awards Presentation
- ★ Installation of Officers & Directors
- ★ Admission to Oktoberfest Party
- ★ Oktoberfest Attire



RSVP to Tony Molino: 323-692-4010 or molino@molinolawfirm.com

When you RSVP, please let us know your choice of Entrée, Herb Chicken, Grilled Salmon or Sauerbraten (wine marinated beef)

If you do not provide an entrée selection with your RSVP you will receive chicken

\$40 per person

No Host Bar

RSVP PENDING: We need to get RSVP'S from the following members: Eric Harris, John Hernandez, Barbara Heughins, Peter Issa, Nadine Koerner, David Kuroda, Lita Luhrsens, Dolores Lyttle, Nathan Mintz, Michael Norris, Kevin Paul, Patricia Redner, Manny Sousa, Chong Vo and Stephanie Yee.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Seaside Community Church
Presents The 30th Annual Concert By

THE RICHARD SHERMAN TRIO

Saturday, September 20, 2014, 7 PM

Richard's 50th
Benefit Concert Overall



Maria Jacobs,
Vocalist



Bili Redd,
Vocalist
Grammy Award Winner



Ross Chitwood,
Vocalist



Contemporary Jazz Piano
Featuring Original Songs
and Jazz Interpretation of popular Music



Jon Stuart, Adam Cohen,
Drums Bass Richard Bili

Tickets: \$25, Tax Deductible Donation, Payable to Seaside Church

James Armstrong Theatre / 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA

For Tickets & Information Contact Richard Sherman 310-378-5813

WWW.SHERMANPIANOMAN.COM/BENEFIT_CONCERTS_JAZZ_MUSIC.HTM



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



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 TOP 10 THINGS THE CIA LEARNED WHEN THEY SPIED ON CONGRESS

10. Mitch McConnell does the Lambada every morning in the Senate steam room.
9. When Colorado members have a "Joint Session" there is not much discussion going on.
8. The most common help desk request for the IT department is getting the "Minecraft" port opened.
7. There's a cure for cancer waiting their approval but none of them can remember how to pass a bill.
6. Ted Cruz spends an hour after every Congressional session in front of a mirror saying "You talking to me?"
5. Harry Reid corks his gavel.
4. They actually worked really, really hard at not getting any work done.
3. They still don't get that "What's the opposite of progress?" joke.
2. Pixar is in charge of making them all move and talk.
1. John Boehner's Secret Service codename is "Agent Orange."



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
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