

THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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Carina Sokolich, Laurie Love and Kay Griffith at the PTN Halloween Ball on October 12th.

TODAY'S MEETING: President Carina Sokolich opened the meeting, Kay Grundhaus led the Pledge of Allegiance, Laurie Love chose "God Bless America" as our song, and Tony Goorchenko provided an inspiration. Michelle Harley was today's speaker. Late members were Steve Makshanoff, Kay Griffith and Charlotte Melsh. President Carina thanked Christine Elia, Immediate Past President, and Laurie Love Immediate Past LTG for their service last year and presented them with a "Quick Pick" ticket. The Kiwanis Choir sang ♪ Happy Birthday ♪ to Dave Holper and he received a Quick Pick from President Carina also. Jennifer Frew and GHMP are gearing up for their Harvest Festival on October 19th, lots of fun for families. Steve Makshanoff is selling Lomita Harbor City Pancake Breakfast tickets. It is time for Toys for the Troops Kids. Jennifer Frew asked us to start collecting toys. We will be the host club at the November DCM so help will be needed for collecting toys and doing the raffle and check in. Carina announced the date for Celebration of Community. It will be February 26, 2015. Neslie Akkol reminded us about Counseling 4 Kids bowling next Monday night. If you can attend and support C4K it will be appreciated. Dave Holper won the card raffle but no Joker and Kay Grundhaus won the 50/50.

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.



Christine Elia & Laurie Love for their service to Kiwanis



Photo on Left:
President Carina
with birthday boy
Dave Holper.



Michelle Harley

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Michelle Harley, Lead Employment Consultant, Best Buddies Project Search. Best Buddies® is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Founded in 1989 by Anthony Kennedy Shriver, Best Buddies is a vibrant, international organization that has grown from one original chapter to almost 1,500 middle school, high school, and college chapters worldwide.

Best Buddies programs engage participants in each of the 50 United States, and in 50 countries around the world. Best Buddies' seven formal programs – Best Buddies Middle Schools, High Schools, Colleges, Citizens, e-Buddies, Jobs and Ambassadors – positively impact nearly 700,000 individuals with and without disabilities worldwide. Best Buddies volunteers annually contribute, at no cost to their communities, support services that equate to more than \$164 million USD. As a result of their involvement with Best Buddies, people with IDD secure rewarding jobs, live on their own, become inspirational leaders, and make lifelong friendships.

Although Best Buddies has advanced tremendously in its short existence, many areas of the country and many regions of the world still lack programs to help people with IDD become part of mainstream society. With that in mind, Best Buddies is systematically implementing its 2020 Initiative, which will witness the organization's continued significant growth, both domestically and overseas. *"Hiring persons with disabilities is not charity – just good sense. Let's stress that they have equal rights and are valuable resources that are good for the bottom line."* Ban Ki-Moon To learn more contact: Michelle Harley – MichelleHarley@BestBuddies.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- ✓ *October 21st - David "AFLAC" Holper guest speaker.*
- ✓ *November 11th – BMHS Key Club Takeover Meeting.*
- ✓ *December 16th – Torrance HS KIWIN'S takeover meeting.*
- ✓ *December 16th – Santa Visit to UCLA Harbor General*
- ✓ *February 3^d North HS Key Club Takeover Meeting*

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



Torrance Police Officer and Kiwanis Member Craig Shisaki happy to be at our meeting

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: Neslie Akkol – ☺ Has been at C4K for one year ☺ that the executive director Richard Burrell is stepping down. Gayle CdeBaca– ☺ Girls Night Out great event, PTN Halloween Ball, guests today, enjoyed Columbus Day and had a spa day with her sisters. Christine Elia – 5 ☺ \$ Michelle, she had the opportunity to hire a special person and he was amazing, Jennifer hoping your mom is doing well, Division installation and Tony Molino getting the golden rocking chair, Halloween Ball. Jennifer Frew– 5 ☺ \$ Sunday is GHMP's Harvest Festival, appreciated all the prayers for her mom, learned how many caring people there are, her mom's scans and everything is clear, waiting on a few more things but she may get to go home tonight ☺ missed installation, when her mom and dad returned from Italy, mom did not feel well and they found out her kidneys were not working at full capacity and she had to admitted immediately to the hospital. Tony Goorchenko– ☺ Carina whining at installation about what to wear to the Halloween Ball and needing a prim and proper costume ☺ but then shows up as Snow White and we know about Snow White and the 7 dwarfs. Kay Griffith – ☺ To be here, thank you Michelle ☺ late dollar. Kay Grundhaus – ☺ Halloween Ball, husband will be 70 on November 10th and his 3 sisters are coming for a visit. Milton Herring– ☺ Speaker Michelle, thank you, to be here. Dave Holper – ☺ For his birthday song, had a great birthday party that lasted until 3:30 in the morning ☺ thought he had won the football pool but he had his numbers backwards, not getting to play in Tony's golf tournament. David Kuroda – ☺ The Regional Center is a model program, commend Michelle for what you are doing, it is important work. Laurie Love– ☺ Halloween Ball, Division Installation. Brad Lyon– ☺ Speaker today, helpful to the community, Saturday night was really great, not a Trojan fan but was impressed with the spirit of the band ☺ today would have been his father's 88th birthday, he was always very involved in his community and someone he has looked up to. Steve Makshanoff – ☺ Spaghetti dinner, Installation, Michelle, Neslie's event on Monday, bowling tomorrow, Kiwanis is in the lead. Charlotte Melsh – 5 ☺ Halloween Ball, great event ☺ late dollar. Craig Shisaki - ☺ guests speaker, to be here ☺ missing some meetings. Carina Sokolich– 20 ☺ Michelle, taking care of the future, installation, Halloween Ball, Jennifer there are still many people with huge hearts in this world.



Kay Griffith, Milton Herring, Carina Sokolich



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT: We need your help!!!! The Torrance Police Department continues to receive reports of suspects calling our citizens. With your assistance, we have been successful in reducing the amount of financial loss by either knowing of the scam or using good common sense. To recap, the suspects will identify themselves as **IRS agents, Southern California Edison workers, Law Enforcement personnel, or other governmental agencies**, in an attempt to get the victim's attention. The suspects will then proceed with the scam and tell the victim they owe

money for unpaid taxes, electrical bills, warrants or bail for a family member. If the suspects are successful, they will instruct the victim to put money on a Green Dot card or any Pre-Paid Visa/MasterCard that can be found at any supermarket or drug store. Once the victim gives the suspects the numbers on the back of the card, the scam is complete and the victim will be out the money that was loaded. If you receive a call of this nature, ask the caller for their name and agency, then hang up. Do not call them back at the number they provide, but rather, obtain the agency's official number via the internet or by calling information. When you call this legitimate number, you will likely discover that the call was a scam. If you continue to receive telephone scams, tell the caller to stop calling and that you will be filing a report with your police department. **At no time will ANY** of the above agencies ask for unpaid bills/balances to be paid by a Pre-Paid card.

We want your help in spreading the word of this crime occurring. Talk to your family members, your friends, neighbors and co-workers. We need YOU to be our voice within your own circle of influence to stop this crime from occurring. If someone you know does not get Nixle and is interested in signing up but does not know how, please contact 310-618-6391. If you have any questions or believe you have been a victim of a scam or fraud, please call the Torrance Police Department, Economic Crimes Section, at 310-618-6363.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER'S DINNER: Milton Herring has a table at this event and is looking for Kiwanians to attend this dinner on **Thursday, November 6th, 7:00 PM** at the Crown Plaza Hotel Redondo Beach. If you would like to attend or need more information about this event please contact Milton at 310-891-1525 or herringmilt@gmail.com or you can go to the Pregnancy Help Center web site at www.supportphctorrance.org.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2014

HARVEST FESTIVAL

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

PUMPKIN PATCH CORN MAZE FOOD TRUCKS

**PONY RIDES
PETTING ZOO
HAY RIDES
ARTS & CRAFTS
COSTUME PARADE**
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

TORNADO POTATO
ROCK N ICE RANCHO A GO GO
RAGIN CAJUN
THE GRILLED CHEESE TRUCK

#greenhillshalloween

GREEN HILLS™ 27501 S. Western Ave
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
Event Line (310) 521-4460

WWW.GREENHILLSMEMORIAL.COM

A professional photographer will photograph this event. Attendees consent to being photographed and agree that Green Hills may release and/or publish any and all event photographs. Attendees waive their rights to any and all claims relating to the use of event photographs on the Internet, on television, and/or in print.

Volunteers are needed for this event. For more information please call Jennifer Frew. 310-521-4418 – jfrew@ghmp.com

LaceUp Running Series

Lexus

PALOS VERDES KIWANIS

Half Marathon | 10k | 5k

November 15, 2015

Pelican Cove Park

*31300 Palos Verdes Drive South
Rancho Palos Verdes, California*



If you would like to be an event advertiser or for more information please contact:

John Williams

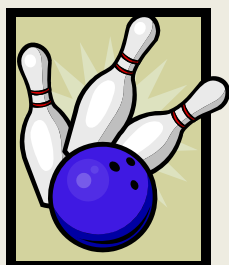
310-408-5124 or jwskrs@verizon.net



Register Now at
www.LaceUpRunningSeries.com

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
- ✓ **Become a Sponsor:** Event sponsors are needed.
- ✓ **Make an in-kind donation:** We are seeking food, beverage & raffle
- ✓ **Support C4K Year Round:** Become a Donor

SPONSORS
NEEDED

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

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



*Counseling4Kids is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The services which Counseling4Kids provides are under an agreement funded by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Mental Health. Federal Tax ID 95-4628412
Phone: 310.817.2177, Ext 219*



Hello Kiwanians, Friends and Family,

I am putting together a GHMP team to help support the Easter Seals of Southern California "Walk with Me", a 3K Family Fun walk or 5K run/walk timed fundraiser for raising awareness and support for children and adults with disabilities! "Walk with Me" take place on Saturday, November 8th. I have attached the flyer, which provides basic information; however, I'm waiting for the official Team Captain packet to arrive with all the information we'll need in order to have a successful team. All participants will be asked to fundraise as well as provide signed waivers.

If you are interested in be a part of the GHMP "Walk with Me" team, please let me know by responding to this email. Green Hills Memorial Park will be covering the registration fee for all participants, so your participation will need to be confirmed. It is a half day event but the Aquarium of the Sea is the central point and I have been informed that they provide discount tickets to all participants and the local restaurants handout coupons allowing families to make a day out of the event.

Thank you for your interest and support with this worthy cause.

Best Regards,

Jennifer L. Frew, CCE





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



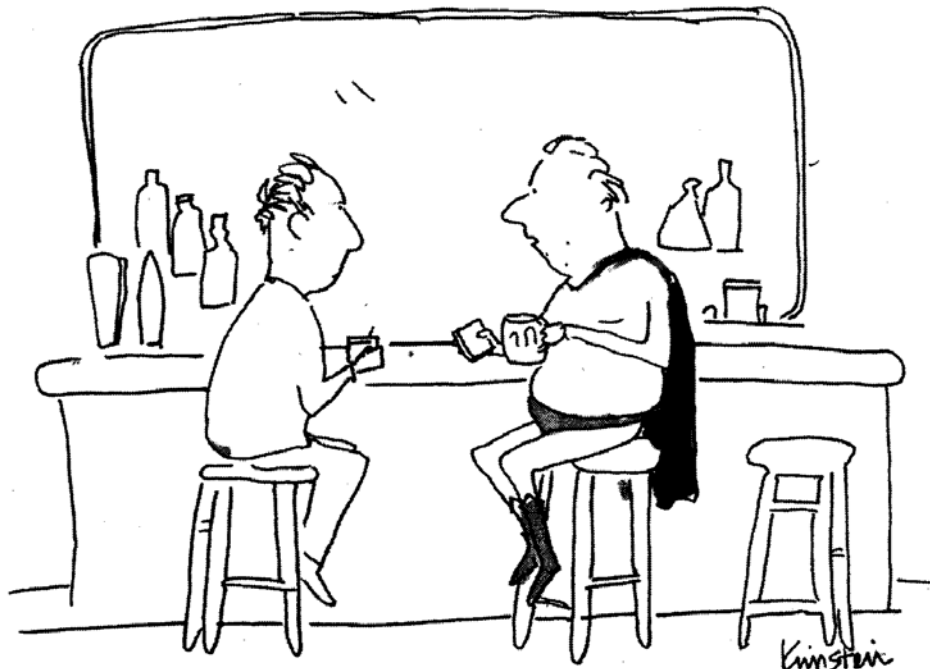
The **ELIMINATE** Project Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of 60,000 innocent babies and 30,000 mothers each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions 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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TOP 10 SIGNS THE SECRET SERVICE IS DOING A LOUSY JOB

10. When a White House intruder tries to jump the fence, they quickly run out with pillows to cushion the landing.
9. Ted Cruz and his interior decorator are regularly seen milling about in the Oval Office.
8. "Okay, Mr. President, I think we've *finally* worked out the logistics for your convertible motorcade through Dealy Plaza."
7. Code names for the President and First Lady are now "Not-Sure-Where" and "Saw-Her-Last-in-the-Laundry-Room."
6. The newest Olympic event is White House Fence Jumping.
5. "Wait a minute, the President has two kids?!"
4. After detaining an unrecognized White House visitor for two hours, they finally confirmed his identity as Joe Biden.
3. They tried to improve agency morale with "Take-A-Colombian-Prostitute-To-Work-Day."
2. They let the President stand in an elevator with Ray Rice.
1. "Mr. President? A 'Mr. Isis' is here to see you, sir."



"My superpowers are mostly beer-related."

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

INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT OFFICERS 2014-2015

- International President Dr. John Button
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 CAL-NEV-HA- District Governor Elect Cherice Gilliam
 Division 19 Lt. Governor Alan Quon
 Division 19 Lt. Gov. Elect..... Jackie Acosta
 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 OFFICERS 2014 - 2015

President Carina Sokolich
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 Vice President. Milton Herring, Jr.
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 Immediate Past-Pres. Christine Elia

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2013-2015 TERM

Charlotte Melsh
 Laurie Love

2014-2016 TERM

Jennifer Frew
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 Brad Lyons

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Santa's Visit Tony Goorchenko
 Texas Hold 'Em..... Gayle CdeBaca
 Inter-Club..... Steve Makshanoff
 Membership..... Kay Grundhaus
 Toys for the Troops Kids..... Jennifer Frew
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