

## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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Torrance Kiwanis members and family bowl in Counseling4Kids Bowl4Kids event

### Counseling4Kids 4<sup>th</sup> Annual TORRANCE BOWL4KIDS

#### TORRANCE KIWANIANS BOWL:

On Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> Torrance Kiwanis members and their family bowled to support Counseling 4 Kids. It was a fun filled night for foster children and their families



Counseling4Kids

**TODAY'S MEETING:** Immediate Past President Christine Elia opened the meeting, Bob Abelson led the Pledge of Allegiance, Steve Makshanoff chose "You're A Grand Old Flag" as our song, and Tony Gorchenko provided an inspiration. Guests today were Ben Allen, Senate candidate and our speaker; Aimee Brown Nelson, with Ben; and former member, past president and past LTG Larry Madick. Larry had information announcing the new Kiwanis International Rose Float Holiday Ornament. The Kiwanis Choir sang 🎵 Happy Birthday 🎵 to Tony Molino. Counseling4Kids had a great fundraiser last night at PV Bowl with good Kiwanis presence. Thank you Steve and Gladys Makshanoff, Brad Lyon, Charlotte Melsh and Carina Sokolich for representing us. Your Board has decided to hold a yearlong fundraiser to support New Challenge Ministries (NCM). On board meeting Tuesdays (the last Tuesday

of each month) we will be asking members to bring items that are needed by NCM. These will be listed in the newsletter. Next Tuesday will be our first collection. Please see below for needed items. Kay Griffith won the card raffle but could not find the Joker and Tony Molino won the 50/50.



Tony Molino receive Kiwanis Birthday card and gift from Christine Elia

*Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.*



Ben Allen with Christine Elia

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Program – Ben Allen “2014 California Children’s Report Card: Ben Allen is currently a member, and former Board President, of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education and was elected as the top vote-getter in both his 2008 election and 2012 reelection. He is also an attorney with the law firm of Richardson & Patel LLP and he is a lecturer at UCLA Law School, where he teaches education law and policy. Ben received his post-secondary education at Harvard, Cambridge and UC Berkeley Law School. While a law student he served as a voting member on the University of California’s Board of Regents.

Ben’s presentation covered the key concerns and issues related to California education, students and the challenges faced by local school districts. His updates included the importance of investing in children’s lives, the challenge of minimum wage earning parents, income based school readiness gap, kindergarten ready students and the

meeting of standards in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, economically disadvantaged students and college enrollment, funding of CA schools, new CA funding formula Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), Common Core State Standards and why they are critically important, staffing of low income schools, lost summer learning opportunity and afterschool summer programs, technological needs of schools, and chronic absenteeism. This was an excellent presentation. The slides are available by contacting Laurie Love or Carina Sokolich. Thank you Ben for attending our meeting and presenting.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- ✓ *October 21<sup>st</sup> – Ben Allen*
- ✓ *November 4<sup>th</sup> -David “AFLAC” Holper guest speaker*
- ✓ *November 11<sup>th</sup> – BMHS Key Club Takeover Meeting.*
- ✓ *November 18 - Shandra Stovall on Youth city project*
- ✓ *December 2<sup>nd</sup> – John Hernandez on Fresh Food Bank*
- ✓ *December 6<sup>th</sup>- Salvation Army Bell Ringing*
- ✓ *December 13- Museum of Flight*
- ✓ *December 16<sup>th</sup> – Torrance HS KIWIN'S takeover.*
- ✓ *December 16<sup>th</sup> – Santa Visit to UCLA Harbor General*
- ✓ *February 3<sup>rd</sup> North HS Key Club Takeover Meeting*

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

**NEW CHALLENGE MINISTRIES**  
**OCTOBER**

- Diapers
- Soups
- Chicken Broth
- Pumpkin Pie Mix
- Muffin or Corn Bread Mix
- Cans of Vegetables
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing Mix
- Sweet Potatoes or Yams
- Evaporated Milk
- Cans of Fruit
- Boxed Pie Crust
- Dried Mashed Potatoes
- Jars of Gravy

**PLEASE BRING NEXT TUESDAY,  
 OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS:** **Bob Abelson** – ☺ Took his car in for service and it is going to cost \$2000 to repair ☺ gave him a loaner, a new Lexus hybrid. **Christine Elia** – 5 ☺ \$ Happy Birthday Tony, got excused from jury duty and it was a murder trial for a gang member, to see Ben's happy dance ☺ missing Neslie's and Jennifer's events. **Tony Goorchenko** – ☺ Richardson's Builders Club has its date for Rose Float decorating. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ Daughter is presenting in Finland, 4 different talks in 5 days, Ben's happy dance. **Milton Herring** – ☺ Spending time with his grandkids, 5 and 7, at Mulligans, USC, UCLA and Laker victories, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> fundraiser still has room at his table, appointment to the Planning Commission. **Dave Holper** – ☺ To get to do the happy/said dollars. **Laurie Love** – ☺ Babysitting her 3 granddaughters last night. **Brad Lyon**– ☺ Event last night, good to bowl and have a good time, to be here. **Steve Makshanoff** – ☺ - Neslie's event, great bowling with Brad and Carina, speaker today. **Charlotte Melsh**– 5 ☺ \$ Neslie's event went very well, Pat providing the food, Jennifer's event was great, waited an hour for her grilled cheese, spent 4 days with her grandkids and they did not spill on her new carpet. **Tony Molino** – ☺ To be here ☺ will be gone for the next two. **Pat Redner**– ☺ Wellbrook Community is coming along well, very excited. Her son got a promotion, to be here. Guests: **Ben Allen** - ☺ Thank you for your flexibility today with the scheduling as they got the projector up and working



Kay Griffith



**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:herringmilt@gmail.com) or you can go to the Pregnancy Help Center web site at [www.supportphctorrance.org](http://www.supportphctorrance.org).







Help New Challenge Ministries Food Bank this Christmas by adopting a family to brighten their Christmas



For more information about the Adopt a Family Program please contact Pastor John Hernandez 310-320-4171 or e-mail: [newchallengetorrance@gmail.com](mailto:newchallengetorrance@gmail.com)

[www.newchallengeministries.com](http://www.newchallengeministries.com)

New Challenge Ministries, Inc. is a recognized 501(c) 3 non-profit organization

LaceUp Running Series

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**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](mailto:jwskrs@verizon.net)



Register Now at

[www.LaceUpRunningSeries.com](http://www.LaceUpRunningSeries.com)

Green Hill Memorial Park is putting together a 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 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Green Hills Memorial Park will be covering the registration fee for all participants, so your participation will need to be confirmed. Thank you for your support.

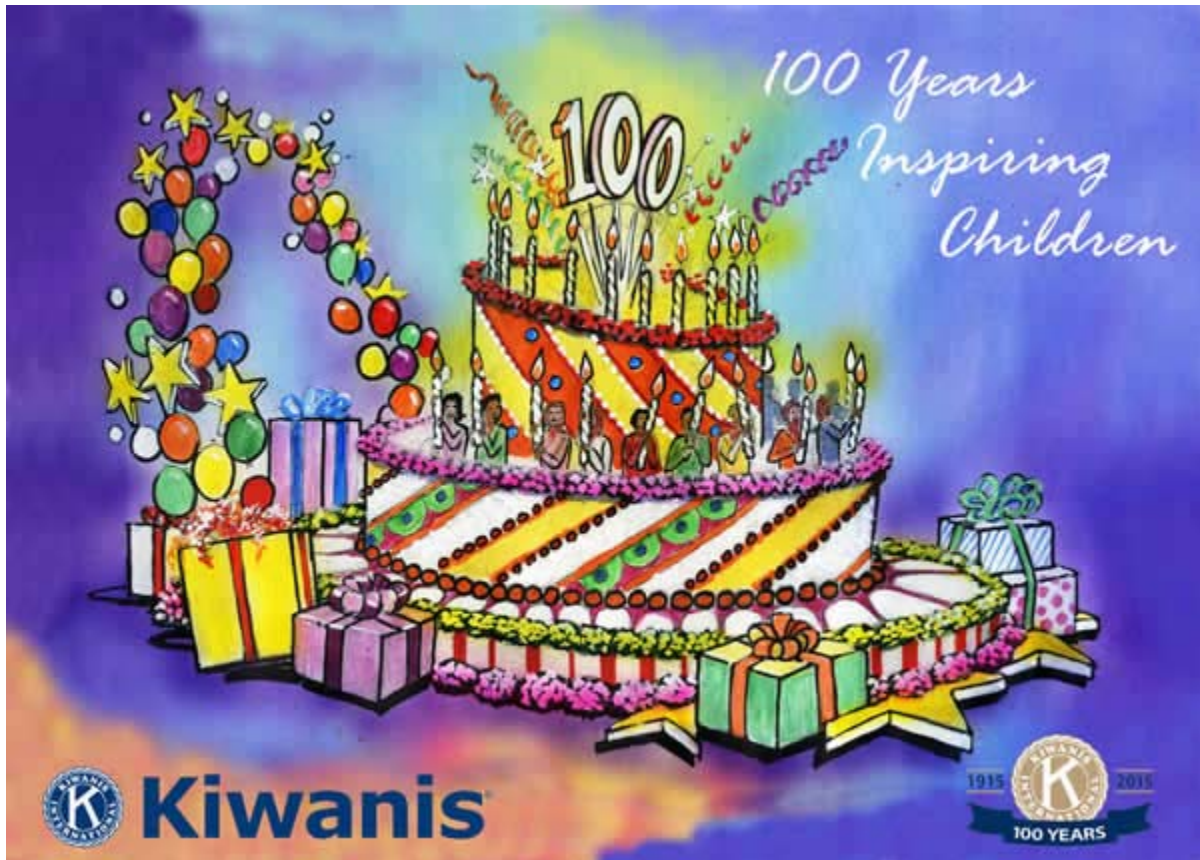


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Your Kiwanis International Rose Float promotes Kiwanis to approximately 450 million television viewers worldwide every New Years Day, clearly a significant public relations tool. Your Kiwanis International Rose Float Committee invites Kiwanians, clubs, divisions and districts to share in the excitement of the project. Opportunities are available to decorate the float and feed the volunteers. Every club, division or district in the Kiwanis family can help by becoming a 2014 Kiwanis International Rose Float Sponsor, and by doing so may actually generate a profit for themselves.

A sponsorship program is available which will provide a unique banner patch, a commemorative plaque, a quantity of lapel pins, and tickets for an opportunity drawing, for various levels of contribution. The drawing prize is 4 of the best seats for the Rose Parade, 4 seats for the Rose Bowl Game, a VIP luncheon, and reserved parking for the Parade and Game. For more information how you can get involved please contact Larry Madick [mad4ucla@gmail.com](mailto:mad4ucla@gmail.com)





*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](http://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](http://www.kiwanis.org)





## FUNNY PAGE

### TOP 10 QUOTES

1. Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.' (Lillian Carter, mother of Jimmy Carter)
2. Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement. – (Mark Twain)
3. The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. (George Burns)
4. Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. (Victor Borge)
5. I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. (Groucho Marx)
6. I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. (Zsa Zsa Gabor)
7. Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. (Alex Levine)
8. My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. (Rodney Dangerfield)
9. I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. (Bob Hope)
10. By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. (Billy Crystal)



## 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

<b>El Segundo-</b> Hacienda Hotel, 525 Sepulveda Blvd. ....	12:10 PM
<b>Lomita/ Harbor City-</b> 24822 Narbonne Ave. Lomita .....	6:30 PM
<b>Manhattan Beach-</b> Tin Roof Bistro, Manhattan Village Mall.....	12:10 PM
<b>Torrance,</b> Sizzler Restaurant 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. ....	12: 10 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

<b>Carson-</b> Double Tree Hotel (1st & 3rd Wed. Only) .....	12:10 PM
<b>Hermosa Beach-</b> 2515 Valley Drive Hermosa Bch. ....	12:10 PM
<b>Lawndale-</b> Community Center, Brown Bag Lunch.(1st & 3rd Wed.) .....	12:10 PM
<b>San Pedro,</b> The Whale & Ale Restaurant.....	12:10 PM

#### THURSDAY

<b>Eastview-</b> Sheraton Hotel, Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro.....	8:00 AM
<b>Gardena Valley-</b> Elks Lodge, 1735 W. 162 Street. Gardena .....	12:10 PM
<b>LAX-</b> Renaissance Hotel, 9620 Airport Blvd., at LAX .....	12:30 PM
<b>Rolling Hills/PV-</b> Red Onion Restaurant Rolling Hills Estates.....	12:10 PM

#### FRIDAY

<b>Hawthorne-</b> Western Credit Union, 14500 Aviation Blvd. ...	12:10 PM
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### INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT OFFICERS 2014-2015

International President .....	Dr. John Button
International President –Elect.....	Susan Petrisin
CAL-NEV-HA District Governor .....	Alan Guire
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  
 President-Elect ..... Steve Makshanoff  
 Vice President. .... Milton Herring, Jr.  
 Treasurer..... Peter Issa  
 Secretary..... Open  
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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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#### COMMITTEE CHAIR

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