

# THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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### KIWANIS CLUB OF TORRANCE

# See's CANDIES

### **FUNDRAISER**

We will need team effort on this to be a great success! Who doesn't want a delicious See's candy for Christmas? We are asking all members to take an order form and sell candy to family, friends and co-workers. All proceeds will go to our Torrance Kiwanis Foundation and help fund our scholarships and other charities. If you did not get your order forms we can e-mail a copy. For more information please call or e-mail President Carina Sokolich.

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All orders are due on or before DECEMBER 5th

Only a few weeks left to sell Candy



TODAY'S MEETING: President Carina Sokolich opened today's meeting, Curtis Jones Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance Cinda Herring chose "American the Beautiful" as our song and Milton Herring provided the invocation. Guests today were Chandra Stovall our speaker from The CITY; her assistant, Tasha Greenberg; Cinda Herring, Milton's lovely wife and Chester Pitts, Torrance Police Officer also with Milton. President Carina presented Bishop Montgomery High School advisor Tony Goorchenko with two checks. One was for their successful Takeover last meeting and the second one was from our Club to support their attendance at DCON. We have many fun and exciting events and fundraising activities happening in December. Don't miss out – we need all Kiwanis members involved. Wrap gifts at Barnes and Noble, stock up on See's candy for gift giving, dine at King's Hawaiian, ring the Salvation Army bell, ride with Santa through the streets of Torrance, visit the hospital with Santa, collect and donate toys for Toys for the Troops Kids. What a month! It's great to be a member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club! Dave Holper won the card raffle but Joker is running wild and refusing to be caught. Grundhaus won the 50/50 drawing.



Tony Goorchenko receives checks for the BMHS Key Club totally \$1,351.00. Great job everyone!!!

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.



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<u>TODAY'S PROGRAM</u>: – Program – Chandra Stovall, The CITY, Community Inspiring Today's Youth Teaching LA Youth to "Think Outside the Block"

Chandra is the Founder and Executive Director of CITY. The pilot program (2006-2009) was held in Echo Park and Watts, Chandra instructed 30-40 students weekly, resulting in youth-produced revenue of over \$6000. Now It is a is a non-profit, 501(c)3 tax exempt organization located near El Camino College. The location was chosen for its proximity to

bus lines and for being in a safe community. They offer a comprehensive, 46 week hands-on business development program, teaching micro-entrepreneurship. Participants develop their own idea and learn how to turn it into a business. While enrolled, students work on developing their product or service under the leadership of an industry professional. Instead of teaching them to take these skills and enter the trade or work for another company, they provide them with the experience of starting their very own small business. Currently The CITY accepts applications from highly motivated young adults from the ages of 14-24 years of age. Exceptions may be made. Half of our enrollment is reserved for youth offenders, re-entering incarcerated and youth on probation. There are no educational requirements. The enrollment in the program now stands at 7 with the goal to grow to 20.

Chandra was born and raised in Orange County. When younger she volunteered weekly in convalescent hospitals, youth facilities and worked for summer camps and educational programs. In addition, Chandra also played an integral role in the development, sustainability and structuring of the state and federally funded Long Beach WRAP After School Enrichment program.

This is a great program and was a very interesting presentation. Thank you Chandra for your dedication to an important segment of our population providing them hope and skills. Want to learn - more visit <a href="https://www.tcpyouth.org">www.tcpyouth.org</a>.

Takeover! Congratulations to all the BMHS Key Club for an excellent job.

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: Gayle CdeBaca – 5 © \$ Got to spend 3 days in Santa Barbara with her husband, Friday her brother Scott was on Shark Tank again for their 100th show, featured his thriving Christmas tree farm, he was backed by Mark Cuban and is doing well and is hiring veterans, guests, Charlotte her mom's best friend. Christine Elia – © DCM, guests and speaker, thanks for helping our kids, belief in the power of prayer. Tony Goorchenko – © DCM, everyone pitched in and helped. **Kay Griffith** – © Charlotte picking me up for the DCM, Chandra's program, leaving tomorrow to spend time with her grandkids. Kay Grundhaus – © Today's program. Milton Herring– © Guests, Chester, they mentoring program they are doing, speaker today, have some ideas for you. Dave Holper – © Playing golf in San Diego on Thursday @ daughter won't be home for Christmas, son won't be home for Thanksgiving, Tony Molino is not here so he can't pay him back his \$ from last week. Peter Issa – © Speaker, very good, DCM, Shark Tank is his and his sons' favorite show. Curtis Jones Jr. – © To learn about today's programs, was a guest lectures in entrepreneurship at Santa Ana College, daughter and 6 month old grandson were here last weekend @ a failed drain that flooded the bedroom. David Kuroda – © Chandra's passion and excitement her vision is impressive, seeing the photos of Curtis and his son fly fishing, it shows that prayer often works. Laurie Love- © To see Chester here today. Brad Lyon- © To be here today, great help for those that might be overlooked, guests, the holiday season ⊕ missed last week because he had to drive his wife to an appointment after her shoulder surgery so he showed up for the DCM at lunch instead of dinner and then didn't make it back, when he got here today the salad bar was moved so he hopes not to miss any more meetings. Charlotte Melsh – ⊕ Learning about CITY, to be here, was able to hire a night manager, DCM. Carina Sokolich – ⊕ The speaker's vision, great for our youth, DCM, walking in and seeing the beautiful Kay and Nadine working the registration table, thank you all who came, Chester and Cinda.

Guests: Chester Pitts - © Great to see Laurie again, meeting Milton and his wife, the program, would like to get his daughter involved, the good people here. Cinda Herring - © Date night with Milton, able to use the auction item they won and attend Quattro at the Nakano Theatre. Quattro included a cellist, violinist, drummer and guitarist playing classical, R & B, and pop music



# Kiwanis



The Torrance Kiwanis Club will again be a part of this great effort to acknowledge the dedication and service of parents serving in uniform. Toys for the Troops' Kids Toy Drive benefits units of the National Guard, Air Force, Army Marine Corps and Navy. The overall goal of Toys for the Troops' Kids is to provide two toys per child of every military parent deployed overseas. With your help, donating new unwrapped toys for children ages 0-16, will give children of deployed parents overseas a happy holiday season.



ifrew@ghmp.com with any questions or to make special drop off arrangements.



Recruitment Command, and in one picture next to him is Capt. Balzano. The primary keynote speaker (not pictured) was MSgt Zachary Pate from LA Air Force Station Family Services to talk about the impact of our Toys for the Troops Kids project and distribution to all five branches of the military.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF TORRANCE ANNUAL SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING December 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am to 6:00 PM



Please join the Torrance Kiwanis Club and their Key Club and KIWIN'S for our Annual Bell Ringing at the Von's Market in the Crossroads Shopping Center in Torrance. Last year we raised several hundreds of dollars to help feed those in need during the holiday season.



A few of our members that participated last year. Charlotte Melsh, Amanda Rieger, Neslie Akkol Curtis Jones Jr.,

To sign up for a 2 hour time slot please call or e-mail Tony Goorchenko Thank you for your service

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# **Kiwanis**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



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 <a href="mailto:newchallengetorrance@qmail.com">newchallengetorrance@qmail.com</a>

www.newchallengeministries.com

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- ✓ December 2<sup>nd</sup> John Hernandez on Fresh Food Bank
- ✓ December 3<sup>rd</sup> Eat at King's Hawaiian for Kiwanis
- ✓ December 4<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis rides the TPOA Santa's sleigh
- ✓ December 5<sup>th</sup> See's Candy Orders Must be turned in
- ✓ December 6<sup>th</sup>- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- ✓ December 9th DeDe Hicks from the Volunteer Center
- ✓ December 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> Barnes & Nobel Gift Wrapping (4 -8 pm)
- ✓ 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 Hospital
- ✓ February 3<sup>rd</sup> North HS Key Club Takeover Meeting
- ✓ March 3<sup>rd</sup> West HS Key Club Takeover Meeting
- ✓ March 19<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Community Luncheon

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



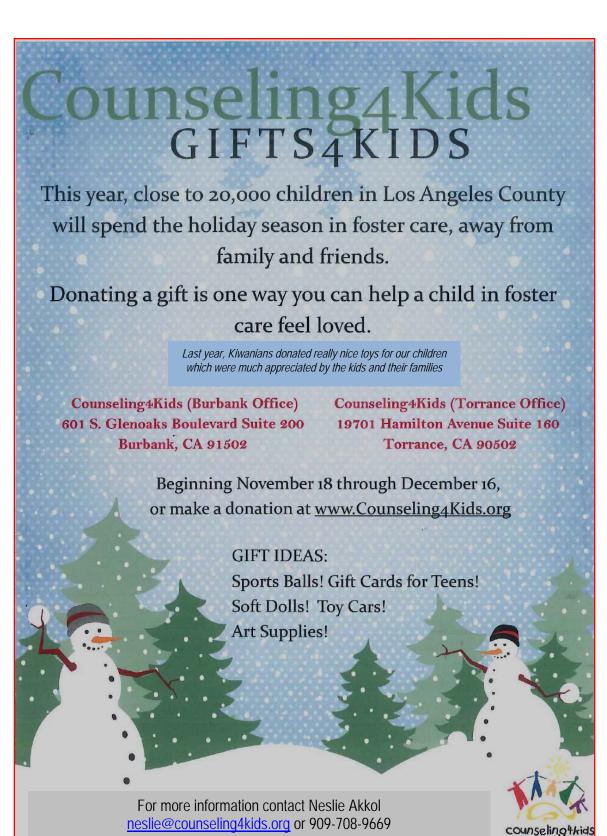
### **NEW CHALLENGE MINISTRIES WARM CLOTHING DRIVE**

On the last Tuesday of the month we support Pastor John and bring items on his wish list to our meeting. Now that winter is here they need jackets, coats, socks, sweaters, sweatshirts and blankets.



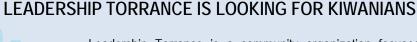
Please bring these warm clothing items to any meeting this month. Thank you.







### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**





Leadership Torrance is a community organization focused on developing effective leaders from across the South Bay. Sponsored by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, it provides opportunities for emerging leaders to take an active role towards building a stronger community. Leadership Torrance was envisioned as a way to create visibility for emerging leaders. The mission of the Leadership Torrance program is to develop effective leaders by encouraging community connections through partnerships with City officials and local businesses.

For more info how you can get involved contact Jonathan Beutler 310- 222-9107, e-mail <u>jonathan.beutler@sunrider.com</u> or go on line <a href="http://torrancechamber.org/leadership-torrance">http://torrancechamber.org/leadership-torrance</a>



## TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SANTA SLEIGH PROJECT

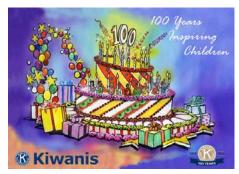
On **December 4th** the Torrance Kiwanis Club members will work the TPOA Santa's Sleigh. We need 16 volunteers to be Santa's helper and bring the Holiday Spirit to the children in Torrance. If you would like to be a volunteer please contact Carina Sokolich and get you name on the list.

Photo on left: 2013 Kiwanis Santa Sleigh volunteers included Andrew Elia, Christian Elia, Amanda Elia, Peter Issa – Kiwanian, Roula Issa (wife), Ramzy Issa, Adam Issa, Charlotte Melsh, Amanda Rieger, Ava Barr, Olivia Barr, Gayle CdeBaca, Megan CdeBaca, Audrey CdeBaca, Kay Griffith, Det. Choung Vo





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KIWANIS ROSE PARADE FLOAT: Your Kiwanis International Rose Float promotes Kiwanis to approximately 450 million television viewers worldwide every New Year's 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 plague, 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





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. Forror 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 Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus 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 YOU'RE TOO OLD TO PLAY THE HERO IN AN ACTION MOVIE

- 10. Filming must stop daily at 4:30 pm for your dinner break.
- 9. The director changes your character's nickname from "Indiana Jones" to "Florida Goldstein".
- 8. In the next "24" movie, three of the hours are just Jack Bauer napping.
- 7. James Bond is trying to get away from the villain in the most epic Rascal scooter chase ever filmed!
- 6. Your catch phrase is "Yippee ki-yay, whippersnapper!"
- 5. Incontinence means a quick end to the Wicked Witch of the West.
- 4. "But being this is a .44 Magnum, the most powerful handgun in the world and would blow you head clean off, you've gotta ask yourself one question: "CUT, I gotta pee."
- 3. The Transporter's left turn signal has been on for half the movie.
- 2. Instead of ordering a martini, 007 he orders a Kailua & Assure, "thickened, not stirred."
- 1. Your leading lady reveals she wearing Depends.

### Good News/Bad News

Lawyer: "I have good news and bad news. What do you want to hear first?"

Client: "I've had an awful day, let's hear the good news first."

Lawyer: "Your wife invested \$20,000 in five pictures that are worth a minimum of \$2 million."

Client: "Well done, that's very good news indeed! You've made my day; now what's the bad news?"

Lawyer: "They're pictures of you in bed with your secretary."



(submitted by Bob Abelson, CPA)



### 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**

#### THESDAY

TOLODAT	
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

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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
International President –Elect	Susan Petrisin
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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
South High KIWIN'SWeekly Meeting -Friday at Noon
Torrance High KIWIN'SWeekly Meeting -Friday at Noon
West High Key Club Weekly Meeting – Friday at Noon
Bishop Montgomery High Key ClubWeekly Meeting – Wednesday 11:50 AM
Richardson Middle School Builders Club Weekly Meeting – Tuesday 3:00 PM



**CLUB OFFICERS 2014 - 2015** 

President ...... Carina Sokolich

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