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TODAY'S MEETING: President Carina Sokolich opened today's meeting, Steve Makshanoff led the Pledge of Allegiance, Nadine Koerner chose "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" as our song and Milton Herring provided the invocation. Guests today were Teresa Scott, with Steve Makshanoff, and; DeDe Hicks, our presenter. Teresa is the Palos Verdes Queen of the Hill for her outstanding fundraising and DeDe is from the Volunteer Center. Exciting reports were heard about our recent activities: Salvation Army Bell Ringing, TPOA Santa float, See's candy and Kings Hawaiian fundraisers, and a great party at Lisa and Pat McGinty's collecting Toys for the Troops Kids. Next Tuesday is a BIG day for us. Torrance High Kiwins will be taking over our meeting. Prior to that members will accompany Santa as he visits NCM, the Stork Club and Harbor General Hospital. Kay Grundhaus won the card raffle and will need to draw at a later date. Brad Lyon won the 50/50.



Steve Makshanoff with Teresa PV Queen of the Hill

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SOLD SEE'S CANDY

Tony Molino Kay Griffith Kay Grundhaus
Craig Shiosaki David Kuroda Lisa
McGinty Charlotte Melsh Ryoko Mand
Curtis Jones Laurie Love Steve
Makshanoff Peter Issa Jennifer Frew
Brad Lyon John Hernandez Phil Cook
Carina Sokolich Gayle CdeBaca



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- ✓ **December 10 & 11th** – Barnes & Nobel Gift Wrapping (4 -8 pm)
- ✓ *December 16th* – Torrance HS KIWINS takeover.
- ✓ *December 16th* – Santa Visit to UCLA Harbor General Hospital
- ✓ *February 3^d* North HS Key Club Takeover Meeting
- ✓ *March 3^d* - West HS Key Club Takeover Meeting
- ✓ *March 19th* – Celebration of Community Luncheon

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

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: Lisa Applegate ☺ Had heard of DeDe and how great she is, now she knows why. Gayle CdeBaca – ☺ DeDe's passion, hope to look that great at 82. Tony Goorchenko – ☺ Out of the 850 realtors in the area, his daughter was realtor of the year. Kay Grundhaus– ☺ Lisa's party ☺ granddaughter had a fender bender in the car she bought her. Milton Herring – ☺ Our speaker, wants to be King of the Hill. Dave Holper – ☺ DeDe, the Santa Float, has the record of handing out more candy canes than Santa, baseball winter meetings are fun to watch. Curtis Jones Jr., – ☺ Has many pictures of DeDe on his computer, wonderful time at Lisa's, kids coming from the East Coast and Texas for the holidays. Nadine Koerner – ☺ Visiting her grandkids ☺ got sick and had laryngitis. Laurie Love – ☺ Galaxy win, riding the TPOA Santa Float, DeDe here today. Brad Lyon– ☺ Lisa's party and all the gifts that were brought, speaker today, she has a glow and great smile. Steve Makshanoff – 5 ☺ \$ DeDe and the Volunteer Center, friend Teresa Scott looking beautiful as Queen, Lisa and Pat's party and the toys, Kings Hawaiian waiter who attached flyers to other peoples' tickets ☺ forgot his badge. Ryoko Mand – ☺ Speaker was wonderful, guest Teresa. Charlotte Melsh – 5 ☺ \$ DeDe, has known her for many years, Jennifer's event on Sunday, bowling tournament Saturday and collected more toys, visited Pat and she has put a donation box out for NCM. Carina Sokolich – ☺ Support from everyone, Lisa opening your home, lovely Ms. Hicks.



Milton Herring, Carina Sokolich



TODAY'S PROGRAM: DeDe Hicks – Volunteer

Center: DeDe has been working at the Volunteer Center for 28 years. She was fortunate to be a stay-at-home mom while raising her 4 sons. When the last graduated high

school she decided to get a job. Her first experience was at Bullocks and her next position was the Volunteer Center. She looks forward to going to work every day. DeDe's enthusiasm is contagious. Her appreciation of volunteers and their contributions is at the heart of all her sentiments. She grew up on a farm in Iowa with no running water, electricity or a telephone. Her first experience with volunteering was when a neighbor's home caught on fire. All the farmers and their wives rallied around the family bringing beds, furniture, clothing and food. She witnessed firsthand the best in humankind.

The Volunteer Center is located on Cravens Avenue in downtown Torrance. The Volunteer Center recognizes the valuable role volunteers play in our society and that is why they promote volunteerism as their major function. Volunteers are referred to over 650 nonprofit organizations in the area. They operate many programs that in 2013 totaled 30,048 volunteers. And they were recognized as the #1 program in the United States. The following highlights some of their programs:



DeDe Hicks and President Carina Sokolich

- ♥ **Operation Teddy Bear®** - is a literacy program that provides 5,600 disadvantaged first-grade children with backpacks filled with educational items, fun activities and a Teddy Bear. OTB is funded entirely by donations and each backpack is assembled and delivered by volunteers.
- ♥ **Food for Kids Program** – Food is delivered to Title One elementary schools and children. The food is delivered on Friday so the families have food over the weekend.
- ♥ **Court Referral Program** – An alternative sentencing option that allows misdemeanants the opportunity to contribute service in lieu of a fine and/or jail sentence. Court referral volunteers are referred to the Volunteer Center.
- ♥ **Adopt-A-Family** – During November and December, the Volunteer Center sponsors this program inviting the community to adopt a needy family and provide gifts of toys, clothes and food.
- ♥ **Scholarship Program** – The Volunteer Center awards scholarships to students who have overcome serious problems in their lives.

This was an excellent program – Thank you DeDe Hicks.

Learn more at www.volcenter.org.

KIWANIS CLUB OF TORRANCE ANNUAL SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



A young donor with the West High Key Club and Steve Makshanoff



Tony Goorchenko & Curtis Jones Jr.



Brad Lyon, Tony Goorchenko and the
Torrance High KIWINIS



Tony Goorchenko and Bishop Montgomery Key Club Faculty advisor Robert Lee. Mr. Lee drove from Sherman Oaks and worked the 8 am and 10 am shifts



NEW CHALLENGE MINISTRIES WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

Please 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.

TORRANCE KIWANIANS WORK THE TPOA SANTA'S SLEIGH



Several Torrance Kiwanians came out to work the Torrance Police Officers Association Annual Santa's Sleigh. Manny Sousa was Santa along with With his helpers,



New Challenge Ministries

November Wish List

- Diapers
- Soups
- Chicken Broth
- Pumpkin Pie Mix
- Muffin or Corn Bread Mix
- Cans of Vegetables
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing Mix
- Sweet Potatoes
- Evaporated Cans
- Boxed Dried Masl
- Jars of Gravy
- Unwrapped Toys

Please bring Next Tuesday,



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Counseling4Kids GIFTS4KIDS

This year, close to 20,000 children in Los Angeles County will spend the holiday season in foster care, away from family and friends.

Donating a gift is one way you can help a child in foster care feel loved.

Drop Off Locations:

Counseling4Kids (Burbank Office)
601 S. Glenoaks Boulevard Suite 200
Burbank, CA 91502

Counseling4Kids (Torrance Office)
19701 Hamilton Avenue Suite 160
Torrance, CA 90502

Last year, Kiwanians donated really nice toys for our children which were much appreciated by the kids and their families

GIFT IDEAS:

Sports Balls! Gift Cards for Teens!
Soft Dolls! Toy Cars!
Art Supplies!

For more information contact Neslie Akkol
neslie@counseling4kids.org or 909-708-9669



KIWANIS

ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



LEADERSHIP TORRANCE IS LOOKING FOR KIWANIANIS



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 information, please contact Jonathan Beutler 310- 222-9107, e-mail jonathan.beutler@sunrider.com or go on line <http://torrancechamber.org/leadership-torrance>



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 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



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



Submitted by Ken Delfino from the Colfax Kiwanis Club

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 2014-2015

International President	Dr. John Button
International President –Elect.....	Susan Petrisin
CAL-NEV-HA District Governor	Alan Guire
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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
 Foundation Treasurer..... Phil Cook
 Immediate Past-Pres. Christine Elia

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2013-2015 TERM
 Charlotte Melsh
 Laurie Love

2014-2016 TERM
 Jennifer Frew
 Curtis Jones, Jr.
 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
 TACC Business Expo Carina Sokolich
 Relay for Life.... Charlotte Melsh/Kay Griffith
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