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TORRANCE KIWANIS ANNUAL SANTA'S VISIT TO UCLA HARBOR GENERAL HOSPITAL



Front Row: President Carina Sokolich, UCLA-Harbor General Hospital Children Services Melissa Hebron, Santa Claus (AKA Manny Sousa). Back Row: Brad Lyons, Milton Herring, Sr., Tony Goorchenko, Charlotte Melsh, Steve Makshanoff and Karina Sousa

TODAY'S MEETING: President Carina Sokolich opened today's meeting and turned it over to Torrance High School KIWIN'S President Jordan Uyeki. Jordan introduced her board members in attendance: Naomi Gregorio, Recording Secretary; Rachael Delacruz, Treasurer; Chantalle Perez, Historian; Paul Hwang, Historian; Rita Lake, Awards Chair; Lee-Anne Aranda, ICC Representative; Ashley Snider, KIKS Chair; and Mr. Parker Bostwick the THS faculty advisor. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Jordan, followed by "Silent Night" under Ashley's direction, and the invocation was provided by Naomi. Guests today were Karina Sousa with her father Manny "Santa" Sousa and former member Michael Friedman. At the end of the meeting Carina Sokolich presented Parker Bostwick with a \$500.00 check to support the KIWIN'S.

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: Lisa Applegate-McGinty – ☺ Great takeover, nice to see Michael. Phil Cook – ☺ Once a year gets to see Santa, Karina is the best part, to be here, the KIWIN'S and the See's candy. Christine Elia – ☺ To see Michael, to see Manny and Karina, Amanda heard Karina say Dad to Santa while on the TPOA float so she had to think fast and say Karina is an elf and Santa's daughter, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas ☺ missing the visit today. Tony Goorchenko – ☺ Santa's visit. Kay Griffith – ☺ Ditto to Laurie, Michael Friedman, thank you KIWIN'S. John Hernandez – ☺ Great to be here. Milton Herring – ☺ To be part of the Kiwanis organization and happy to be affiliated, today is his 1st anniversary, visiting the hospital with Santa was rewarding, Happy Hanukkah Michael, KIWIN'S, our contributors to future generations. Curtis Jones Jr. – ☺ Great job and takeover, wish you well with all your upcoming tests, family will be together for Christmas. Laurie Love – ☺ This is a magical time of the year, we are so fortunate to have family and friends. Brad Lyon – ☺ Hospital visit this morning, some are out fighting traffic and crowds, these kids are fighting for their lives. Steve Makshanoff – ☺ His Kiwanis moment – the Santa visit, Manny and Karina, Torrance KIWIN'S, and Mr., Bostwick. Ryoko Mand – ☺ Takeover – great job. Charlotte Melsh – ☺ Santa's visit, KIWIN'S,, your are our lifeline, delivering Toys for the Troops Kids, Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas ☺ needs a new heater for her house. Carina Sokolich – ☺ So proud of the KIWIN'S,, thank you Jordan, Parker is amazing, amazing day with Manny and Karina, welcome Michael we miss you, the rain is good, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, God's blessing. Manny Sousa – ☺ Enjoy being Santa every year. **Guests:** Karina Sousa - ☺ Her dad is Santa, getting to ride the float and when Santa asked a little girls what she wanted she said for everyone to be happy, today the hospital was humbling, KIWIN'S, you are the future of Kiwanis, great job, you make me proud. Michael Friedman - ☺ KIWIN'S,, Happy Hanukkah, misses us. Parker Bostwick - ☺ To be here.



Santa with a 4 month old baby at the Stork Club on the Harbor UCLA General Hospital campus



Santa at the Stork Club making children smile

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Torrance High School KIWIN'S Chantalle Perez and Paul Hwang:

THS KIWIN'S, using a PowerPoint to enhance their presentation, shared what they have been busy doing since the beginning of the 2014 – 2015 school year. This list will demonstrate why we as the Kiwanis Club of Torrance are so fortunate to work with these students, our future leaders:

- Summer Car Wash in September
- Spirit Meeting in September at Wilson Park
- Homecoming set-up in December
- Blaze fundraiser
- School clean up every Wednesday
- Assisted with the THS car show
- Participated in the HarvestFest at the THS stadium
- Assisted with the John Adams Elementary School Hoedown
- Served dinner at PTN's Halloween Ball
- 60 attended Fall Rally at Knott's Berry Farm, the largest KIWIN'S group at the Fall Rally.



THS KIWIN'S faculty advisor Parker Bostwick auctions off several gift baskets. All proceeds went to the THS KIWIN'S

The KIWIN'S also had a very productive raffle and silent auction. Silent auction winners were: Lisa Applegate, Phil Cook, John Hernandez, Milton Herring, Curtis Jones, Jr., Laurie Love, Brad Lyon, Ryoko Mand, Charlotte Melsh, Carina Sokolich and Manny Sousa. Raffle winners were: Kay Griffith, Brad Lyon, Charlotte Melsh, Milton Herring, and Steve Makshanoff. Great Takeover THS KIWIN'S!



President Carina Sokolich, Kiwanis Advisor Charlotte Melsh, Faculty Advisor Parker Bostwick and the Torrance High School KIWIN'S

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- ✓ December 26th – Rose Float Volunteer Feeding
- ✓ *January 13th – South HS Takeover*
- ✓ *February 3rd North HS Key Club Takeover Meeting*
- ✓ *March 3rd - West HS Key Club Takeover Meeting*
- ✓ *March 19th – Celebration of Community Luncheon*

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



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 or Yams
- Evaporated Milk
- Cans of Fruit
- Boxed Pie Crust
- Dried Mashed Potatoes
- Jars of Gravy
- Unwrapped Toys

Please bring Next Tuesday,

HERMOSA BEACH KIWANIS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT



Corner of Pacific Coast Hwy & Pier Avenue

Please buy your Christmas Trees from the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot. All proceeds go to Kiwanis Charities and scholarships.

Merry Christmas

Thank You



Kiwanis **Craft Sale** *(Holiday Boutique)*

A great time to shop for last minute gift items in a friendly and comfortable atmosphere!

Thursday, December 18th—4:00PM—9:00PM

Lomita Kiwanis Hall

24822 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, CA



Come on out to the Kiwanis Club on Thursday December 18, 2014 and support our kids in the community. Holiday Shopping, Food and Raffle.

We look forward to seeing you!!!

KIWANIS

ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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. 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

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



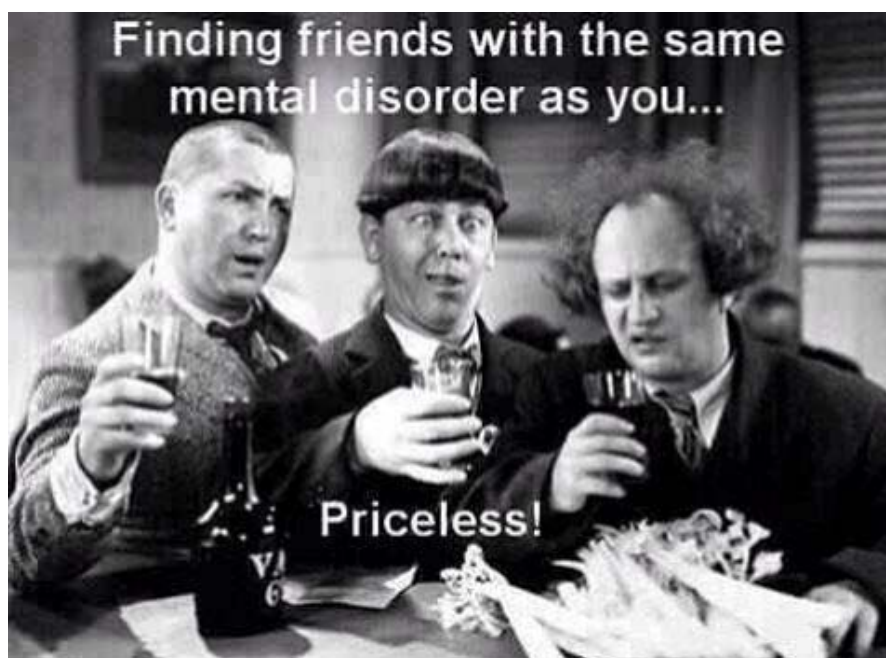
The **ELIMINATE** Project Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of 60,000 innocent babies and 30,000 mothers each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions 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

TOP 10 SURPRISES FOUND IN THE HACKED SONY STUDIO'S E-MAILS

10. Still a lot of grumbling about the demise of Betamax.
9. Ex-Sony CEO Howard Stringer was let go because of his insistence that he be the new Spider-Man.
8. "'After Earth' is in the red, because we had to pay theaters to show it."
7. The iWalkman won't be ready until Christmas 2015.
6. Adam Sandler has a 5-picture deal for his colonoscopy videos.
5. "I'm just spitballin' here, but how about a teenager who has an encounter with a radioactive silverfish?"
4. "I think it's about time we dust off that script for 'Gigli 2'."
3. "It's a toss-up between John Goodman and Rosie O'Donnell. I still think Goodman would make a more believable Babe Ruth."
2. Forget the nipples on Clooney's batsuit. Ben Affleck's version promises a transparent thong.
1. **Every Tuesday evening, upper management attends a breakout session that teaches the art of groveling.**



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
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
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 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
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