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TODAY'S MEETING: Vice President Steve Makshanoff opened today's meeting and turned it over to North High School Key Club President Luis Nishihira. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Treasurer Jason Liu. Luis introduced the other Key Clubbers, Xuexing Ong and John Ly. Advisor John Hernandez and the NHS Key Club were presented with a check for \$500 from the Foundation and a check for \$508 which was the money collected at their successful takeover. Remember that we are dark on February 10th as we will be visiting other clubs that week for Inter-Club lunches. Those attending are requested to share information about Celebration of Community and Texas Hold Em. It is time to register for Mid-Year Conference to be held in Riverside. The next DCM is February 16th. Please let Carina know if you will be attending. **Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.**



Kiwanis Advisor John Hernandez with the North High Key Club members, Xuexing Ong, John Ly, Luis Nishihira and Jason Liu



NHS Key Club President Luis Nishihira speaks to our members

PROGRAM: NORTH HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB TAKE-OVER:

A Word from North High and the Year in Review, President Luis Nishihira. There have been a lot of changes with their Key Club. Long time advisor Stan Masaoka has stepped down and Cheree Whorley has taken his spot. Ms. Whorley is a former Key Clubber from West High so she is an excellent replacement. In transition we are working on communication as Mr. Hernandez is busy with NCM and Ms. Mand is in Uganda. The focus for NHS Key Club has been promoting a sense community and firendship. New they are looking for balance and a stable membership with more focus on service. The service they have completed so far is: park clean-ups, helping NCM, C4K, Hermosa Beach triathlon, raising \$400 for Project Eliminate, 24 attended Fall Rally and they have doubled their membership from last year.

Looking Ahead, Xuexing Ong (LTG-elect) and John Ly (President-elect) Xuexing is stressing the importance of "you" and that the you in everything counts. Service matters. John is looking to benefit the community by creating change and making a difference. **Auction and Raffle:** A very successful auction and raffle were held. Auction winners were Neslie Akkol, Gayle CdeBaca, Steve Makshanoff, Kay Griffith, Christine Elia, Tony Molino, and Kay Grundhaus. Raffle winners were Peter Issa, Gayle CdeBaca, and Lisa McGinty.



Great job North High School Key Club!

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: **Lisa Applegate-McGinty** – ☺ To be back, has been lots of places like Iowa, won \$159 at a Super Bowl party. **Gayle CdeBaca**– ☺ Takeover, great job, all dressed nicely, gets daughter's MRI results tomorrow, and has Girl Scout cookies. **Christine Elia**– ☺ To be here, doesn't understand football. **Tony Goorchenko**– ☺ While at a Super Bowl party the dog got locked in the garage, thankfully he didn't eat all the food. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ NHS, nice to learn we can free legal advice from Tony. **Kay Grundhaus** – ☺ Les had his cataract surgery and said his vision is amazing, too bad he can't get that for his memory. **John Hernandez**– ☺ His guys look sharp, proud to be their sponsor and for all they have accomplished **Dave Holper**– ☺ In 2 weeks the pitchers and catchers report for Spring training ☺ with 2 time outs left the Seahawks screwed it up, mom asked him why his kids had not cashed their Christmas checks but they never got to them. **Peter Issa** – ☺ To be here, Tony for his help ☺ not being here. **Curtis Jones Jr.** – ☺ Takeover, incredible job ☺ Super Bowl results. **Laurie Love** – ☺ NHS Takeover ☺ Seahawks losing. **Brad Lyon** – ☺ Had been under the weather but is glad to feeling human again, Super Bowl was a good game and exciting, NHS takeover, very impressed. **Steve Makshanoff** – ☺ NHS, all those who are better now after being sick ☺ bad play reminds him of the one at the Rose Bowl in 2006. **Charlotte Melsh** – ☺ Had to explain the game, takeover very nice ☺ grandson is in Colorado working a ski lodge ☺ but he is enjoying life. **Tony Molino** – ☺ Play calling in the last 30 seconds was correct and had to do with clock management plus he won the Super Bowl pool because the Sea Hawks did not score. **Guests:** **Luis Nishihira** - ☺ Thank you for letting us come and helping us catch our balance.



VP Steve Makshanoff opened our meeting for president Carina who was stuck in a meeting at work.



Kay Griffith & Peter Issa



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ *February 10th – Inter-Club Tuesday*
 - ✓ *February 17th – Train 4 Autism*
 - ✓ *February 19th – PTN Mardi Gras Celebration*
 - ✓ *February 21st – Mid-Year South, Riverside*
 - ✓ *March 3rd – West HS Key Club Takeover Meeting*
 - ✓ *March 17th – William Blischke, Green Vets LA*
 - ✓ *March 19th – Celebration of Community Luncheon*
 - ✓ *March 24th – No Club Meeting, Counseling4Kids Luminary Awards Luncheon*
 - ✓ *April 7th – Jonathan Beutler from Sunrider International*
 - ✓ *April 14th – Pulitzer Prize nominee Craig MacDonald, the author of 19 books on American History*
 - ✓ *April 21st – Kiwanis Scholarship Luncheon*
 - ✓ *May 17th – Texas Hold 'Em Tournament*
- (Italics – meeting information, non-italics other activities)

Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation Presents

Dancing with the Stars IV

South Bay

Saturday Feb. 7 8 pm

Armstrong Theatre
3330 Civic Center Dr. Torrance

Come cheer on these local stars & their professional dance partners as they compete to raise funds for their favorite nonprofit organizations!

Tickets & Info: (310) 781-7171 TorranceArts.org



The 4th Annual Mardi Gras Celebration

Hosted by the Miyako Hybrid Hotel
Benefiting Pediatric Therapy Network

Thursday, February 19, 2015

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

New Orleans-style cocktails, wine and beer, Delicious cuisine by Ise-Shima at Miyako, The Depot & Buffalo Fire Department, Red Car Brewery, Tortilla Cantina Torrance Bakery and more!

Event tickets are \$35 pre-sale ~ this event sells out!

For ticket purchase go to www.pediatrictherapy.org

For information about becoming an event sponsor, please email allisony@ptnmail.org

Save the Date

Coming to Torrance



First Annual Luminary Awards

Honoring Community and Civic Leaders

Community Leadership Award • Corporate Caring Award • Community Caring Award • Volunteer of the Year Award • Distinguished Agency Award

Featuring Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Pat Furey, Mayor of Torrance



Tuesday, March 24th, 2015

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Torrance South Bay

21333 Hawthorne Blvd

Torrance, CA 90503

For sponsorship, media, and RSVP inquiries, please contact:

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Please join us at the Counseling4Kids Luminary Award's Luncheon. *The Torrance Kiwanis Club will receive the "Community Caring Award" and Torrance Kiwanian Steve Makshanoff will receive the "Volunteer of the Year Award".*

We will not have our regular Tuesday meeting on March 24th so our members can attend this event.

Congratulation to the Torrance Kiwanis Club and Torrance Kiwanian Steve Makshanoff.



NEW CHALLENGE MINISTRIES

Diapers
Coats
Blankets
Socks
Soups
Chicken Broth
Dry rice
Muffin or Corn Bread Mix
Cans of Vegetables
Stuffing Mix
Sweet Potatoes or Yams
Boxed Pie Crust
Dried Mashed Potatoes
Jars of Gravy

**PLEASE BRING TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**



5th Annual Celebration of Community

Thursday, March 19, 2015



Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance



Please join Torrance Mayor Pat Furey and other community leaders at this event. Mayor Furey will acknowledge and Honor the many Service and Non-Profit Organizations who work together to answer the needs that challenge our community.

For more information contact Neslie Akkol
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The Torrance Kiwanis 9th Annual



Charity Poker Tournament & Silent Auction

All Proceeds go to the Torrance Kiwanis Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Charity

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

♦ 10:30 AM Brunch ♦ 11:30 AM Practice Play ♦ 12:30 PM Sharp -Tournament Starts

♥ \$100 Per Player (Pre-Sale), ♥ \$125 Per Player (after May 1st), ♥ \$130 (at the door)

Entry fee will include the Famous Alpine Village Brunch and Tournament Chips

New Tournament Location

Alpine Village

833 W. Torrance Blvd., Torrance California 90502

Table Sponsors
and
Silent Auction Items
are requested



For those that do not want to play poker the brunch is only \$30

For more information please contact Steve Makshanoff
310-415-1394 or by e-mail: smakshanoff@hotmail.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

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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 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

KIWANIS

ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GREAT RESTAURANT SIGNS



Submitted by Bob Abelson

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
 Vice-President. Milton Herring, Sr.
 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
 FTEA (Special Olympics)...John Hernandez

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