

## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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### *Kiwanis family saddened by Kayla's death*

Feb 10, 2015

*A note from Kiwanis International President John Button and Executive Director Stan Soderstrom:*



Many of you have likely seen a photo of Kayla Mueller, the female US hostage in Syria, shown in front of the Kiwanis club honors banner of the Prescott, Arizona, club. Her father, Carl, is a 15-year member of that club. We now have learned that Kayla's death has been confirmed, and we know this confirmation is what the family and friends had feared most.

The members of the Kiwanis club in Prescott are very close to the Muellers, and have been an important source of support for the family during the 18 months since Kayla was taken hostage.

Kiwanis International has been in communication with the Kiwanis club and have extended an offer of any assistance to the family, club or community, for whatever special needs may arise. Otherwise,

thoughts and prayers on behalf of Kayla, the Mueller family, the Kiwanis club of Prescott and the community would be welcome. The Kiwanis Club of Prescott is accepting cards on behalf of the Mueller family. They can be sent to:

The Mueller Family  
c/o Kiwanis Club of Prescott  
PO Box 1020  
Prescott, AZ 86302



**TODAY'S MEETING:** President Carina Sokolich opened today's meeting, Brad Lyon led the Pledge of Allegiance, Steve Makshanoff chose "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" as our song, and Milton Herring provided the invocation. Guests today were Bonnie Orona and her friend Elised Alvarez, Brad LaVerne our webmaster, and Denise Marrufo our speaker. Members who attended Inter-Clubs last week shared about their visits. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity. There will also be another Inter-Club with Carson on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Neslie Akkol reported that things are going well for Celebration of Community with reservations coming in as are sponsors. Late members were Christine Elia, David Kuroda and Kay Griffith. David Kuroda won the card raffle but did not find the Joker and Milton Herring won the 50/50 and donated the proceeds back to the club. Next Tuesday is the last Tuesday of the month. Please remember your food items for New Challenge Ministries.

**Please read the newsletter for other important announcements.**



**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Denis Marrufo told us about Train 4 Autism was established in 2007 by a father with a daughter on the Autism spectrum. He realized that he it might be necessary for him to care for her for the majority of her life and that he needed to be healthy and fit. He expanded his idea to help others also get healthy and to live healthy. Train 4 Autism allows you to train for free with the commitment that you will give back to support autism. Currently they are preparing for the LA Marathon and will have 50 participants. They also train for 5Ks, Ironman competitions and triathlons.

Train 4 Autism is a foundation dedicated to bringing together a community of athletes, physically active, and socially conscious people who are committed to raising awareness and funds for research and treatment for those living with Autism and their families. Fund raising and volunteer opportunities for individual athletes, teams and entire families include marathons, half marathons, 10Ks, 5Ks, walks, triathlons, swimming, and cycling events.

Today, there are many treatment centers and research programs all doing vital work, and all carrying different yet important messages and missions. Train 4 Autism provides the infrastructure, technology, and support for participants to raise funds and contribute to the programs about which they are most passionate.

Train 4 Autism is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization founded by parents and families of children touched by Autism.

For more information go to their website at:

[www.train4autism.org](http://www.train4autism.org)



**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS:** Lisa Applegate-McGinty – ☺ Speaker, Neslie, oldest daughter is a stylist in Salem and is getting to go to Fashion Week, going to France and Germany in April since she was the top agent and Pat gets to come along also. **Christine Elia** – ☺ David thank you, guests today, Inter-Club last week. **Tony Goorchenko** – ☺ Neslie's great job with Celebration of Community. **Kay Griffith** – ☺ Apology dollars for being late, not shaking hands and disrupting the meeting. **Kay Grundhaus**– ☺ Wanted to go to Dancing with the South Bay Stars but it was too late for her, Sunday took the Metro to downtown to see Dame Edna, husband can now see, doing the Code of Ethics training so she can apply to be a commissioner. **Milton Herring**– ☺ Kay we accept all your apologies, speakers, stayed home for Valentine's Day and did the cooking with the help of Chef Shafer. **Curtis Jones Jr.** – ☺ Learning about autism, our speaker and guests, getting to bond with fellow Kiwanians while driving to the Inter-Club, went with his wife to see Dancing with the South Bay Stars, sat next to Mayor Furey and his wife, saw Milton and Cinda there, going to South Carolina to visit his daughter and 2 grandsons, will be attending a wedding and also going to a Kiwanis meeting in Columbia, attended the Newport Jazz Party and then the LA Phil on Sunday. **David Kuroda** – ☺ Learned at the Rolling Hills Estates inter-club that they do not do sad dollars only happy. He thinks that it is important for us to hear of others concerns while providing support, heard from a 18 year old that is attending East Coast University that he helped when she was younger as her parents were divorcing, she remembered him and was appreciative, warmed his heart to hear from her ☺ for the 21 Christian men who lost their lives. **Laurie Love** – ☺ Granddaughter's soccer team won both games last weekend and now move on to the semi-finals in San Bernardino and hopefully the finals on Sunday to win the State Cup. **Brad Lyon** – ☺ Speaker today, Neslie and the work she is doing for Celebration of Community. **Steve Makshanoff** – ☺ Guest speaker, everyone enjoying the Inter-Club exchanges, finally feeling better and looking forward to bowling on Wednesday. **Charlotte Melsh**– ☺ Guests, had a bowling fundraiser for autism, we are busy in March and April. **Carina Sokolich** – ☺ Denise thank you for coming, nephew is on the spectrum and nonverbal, agree with David and the importance of sharing, had a massage at Burke & Williams, Neslie, Steve and John ☺ Parker (THS) had a heart attack, missing the HHS takeover. **Guests:** **Bonnie Orona** - ☺ Being here and the breath of fresh air, for filling my cup. **Elised Alvarez** - ☺ Exposed to this joy, glad to be here for the new experiences.

☺ Lisa McGinty, Milton Herring, Carina Sokolich



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Mardi Gras Celebration

Hosted by 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/ beer, Delicious cuisine by Ise-Shima, The Depot & Buffalo Fire Department, Red Car Brewery, Tortilla Cantina Torrance Bakery and more!*



Event tickets are \$35 pre-sale

For ticket purchase go to  
[www.pediatrictherapy.org](http://www.pediatrictherapy.org)

For information please email [allison@ptnmail.org](mailto:allison@ptnmail.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ February 19<sup>th</sup> – PTN Mardi Gras Celebration
- ✓ February 21<sup>st</sup> – Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference, Riverside
- ✓ *March 3<sup>rd</sup> - West HS Key Club Takeover Meeting*
- ✓ *March 17<sup>th</sup> – William Blischke, Green Vets LA*
- ✓ March 19<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of Community Luncheon
- ✓ *March 24<sup>th</sup> – No Club Meeting, Counseling4Kids Luminary Awards Luncheon*
- ✓ *April 7<sup>th</sup> – Lauren Spiglanin, Gifted by Age*
- ✓ *April 14<sup>th</sup> - Pulitzer Prize nominee Craig MacDonald, the author of 19 books on American History*
- ✓ May 17<sup>th</sup> - Kiwanis Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

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



## NEW CHALLENGE MINISTRIES

- Diapers
- Coats
- Blankets
- Socks
- Soups
- Chicken Broth
- Dry rice
- Cans of Vegetables
- Dried Mashed

Please bring Tuesday  
February 24, 2015



## 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
909-708-9669 or [akkolneslie@gmail.com](mailto:akkolneslie@gmail.com)

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 so our members can attend this event. Congratulation to the Torrance Kiwanis Club and Torrance Kiwanian Steve Makshanoff.

# KIWANIS

ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## The Torrance Kiwanis 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:smakshanoff@hotmail.com)

## FUNNY PAGE

### TOP 10 FUTURE NFL CHEATING SCANDALS

10. The Patriots break in to healthcare.gov and get concussion data on the rest of the NFL.
9. The Houston "Texans" appear to be using players that aren't from the state of Texas.
8. Misting machines on the sidelines actually spray liquid Red Bull.
7. Scott Norwood's grandson hooks three kicks in a row wide left until its discovered that New England is using a portable black hole generator to mess with gravity.
6. Tom Brady's smile is used to blind other team's defensive lines.
5. A vicious hit snaps open Aaron Rodgers arm revealing it to be corked.
4. Seattle's opponent's helmet headsets are set to auto-translate the coach's instructions into Icelandic. Team owner Paul Allen blames Google.
3. Seattle's new offensive coordinator gets play calls from a team of 1 monkeys.
2. Cincinnati Bengals are caught trying to purposely throw a game to the New York Jets but end up winning anyway.
1. "Everybody, I'd like you to meet our new conditioning coach Lance Armstrong."

### MARCH MADNESS IS COMING SOON!!!



## 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  
 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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