

## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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**TODAY'S MEETING:** President Carina Sokolich opened today's meeting, Milton Herring led the Pledge of Allegiance, Peter Issa chose "You're In Kiwanis Now" as our song, and Tony Goorchenko provided the invocation. We welcomed Alain Carpenter and his wife Pamela Baergen back for another visit. The Kiwanis Choir sang ♪ Happy Birthday ♪ to Kay Griffith. While we waited for our speakers to arrive, members had the pleasure of hearing a bit about Milton Herring and his experience in the military. You can find part one of his information in the newsletter. Our speaker today was Victor Medina from GAP. Also representing GAP was Jose Garcia. **Special Guest Day** is scheduled for **August 4<sup>th</sup>**. Building membership is everyone's responsibility. Peter Issa won the card raffle but did not find the Joker and Milton Herring won the 50/50.



President Carina with birthday girl Kay Griffith

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements



Milton Herring, Sr.

#### **MEMBER FOCUS:** Milton Herring, Sr. – Life as an

#### **Army Chaplain:** Milton spent 24 years serving his

country, mostly in the reserves. He started out as enlisted Air Force and as an angry young man from the inner city of Detroit. His life was changed and influenced by an Air Force Chaplain. Milton was attending a service to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Arms crossed he wondered what could this white Chaplain say and know about Dr. King. Milton believed that the only someone from his background could understand Dr. King. But what Milton heard and learned revolutionized his life. Dr. King's story was about love, non-violence and social change for all human beings. By the time the Chaplain finished Milton's arms were no longer crossed and he was sitting on the edge of his chair hearing about Dr. King's legacy of justice. Milton met with this Chaplain many times and in Milton's words "he disciplined me." After leaving the Air Force, Milton decided to attend Dr. King's alma mater Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia to attend seminary school. Milton joined the Army which believes in having their Chaplains embedded with their units in the field wherever they were serving. Milton has promised to finish his story and we are all anxious to hear part two.



**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS:** **Gayle CdeBaca**– ☺ Thinking about Bob and a speedy recovery, Tony's mom, going with her daughter to see LA Galaxy play Barcelona tonight at the Rose Bowl, Special Olympics kick-off is today. **Tony Goorchenko** – ☺ A wonderful week with his grandkids ☺ Bob and Tony M. **Bryan Grageda** – ☺ Going to Las Vegas with his wife for her grandfather's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday ☺ Peter's story, so many have been affected by cancer. **Kay Griffith**– ☺ Daughter coming for 2 days to celebrate her birthday, never had a Happy Birthday song quite like we did. **Milton Herring**– ☺ Other speakers today, plan to contact them, Alain and Pamela, get well wishes for Bob ☺ Tony prayers with you and Peter our thoughts and prayers. **Dave Holper** – ☺ The mental image of Milton's afro, daughter getting married, listening to the father daughter dance selections kept bring tears to his eyes, Jimmy Fitz doing the catering. **Peter Issa** – ☺ Life sucks at times, his 49 year old sister in law's potential death from pancreatic cancer is nearing and his nephew is getting married in Chicago. **Curtis Jones Jr.** – ☺ Learning about Milton's early beginnings, thank you for sharing, guests today hope you will consider joining, hopeful \$ for Bob, surprise party for his wife's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday was a success, she is 10 years cancer free ☺ Tony M. sympathy for your mom and the loss of the Marines that were killed. **David Kuroda** – ☺ The RHE Kiwanis only do happy \$ because they don't want anyone to be sad but it is important to share both parts of life, Milton's story is impressive, it is important to know that the candidates that were in the previous election with him are now backing him, Tony Molino your mother must have been one fantastic mother to have a son like you. **Laurie Love**– ☺ Had all the grandkids this weekend and we had a blast. **Brad Lyon** – ☺ For Milton, always felt close to you but now even more so, means a lot, our guests. **Tony Molino**– 10 ☺ \$ For my mom, she had a great life. **Carina Sokolich**– ☺ Still grieves for her father ☺ celebration of life and knowing one another. **Guests:** Alain Carpenter - ☺ Glad to back, you're a good group, and the speakers have been interesting.



Alain Carpenter and his wife  
Pamela Baergen



Kay Griffith, Peter Issa, Carina Sokolich



Victor Medina from GAP

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** **Victor Medina, Community Outreach Coordinator – GAP – Gang Alternative Program:** The Gang Alternatives Program (GAP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1986 as the outgrowth of the work of the Harbor Youth Violence Reduction Roundtable, jointly sponsored by the United Way and the County Board of Supervisors, The 1986 Roundtable was convened to examine the gang problem, identify the causes of youth violence, and determine what local strategies could be developed to effectively address the problem. GAP was formed as a result of this meeting. Their vision is to prevent young people from joining gangs, and their mission is to eliminate the base of gang membership by having a generation of young people say no to gangs and yes to positive lifestyle choices. My Gangfree Life<sup>®</sup> School based gang curriculum is for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They also have parent education classes, graffiti abatement and community beautification programs, after school programs and a summer youth employment program. Unfortunately Victor arrived a little bit late but we hope to invite him back to learn more about his program. For more information go to [www.gangfree.org](http://www.gangfree.org)





## Please Join the Torrance Police Officers Association

at their Annual Memorial Golf Tournament  
**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

Pacific Palms Resort  
One Industry Hills Way, City of Industry, California

Friday, September 11, 2015 Hosted Hospitality Suite

Saturday, September 12, 2015

- ✓ Check-in 9 am
- ✓ Breakfast 9-10:30 am
- ✓ Shotgun Start 11:00 am
- ✓ Banquet / Awards 5:00 pm
- ✓ Hospitality Suite to follow



Sign up today to secure your team's position in this year's Memorial Golf Tournament.

If you have any questions regarding sponsorship opportunities or to register your team, please contact Craig Shiosaki at [cshiosaki@torranceca.gov](mailto:cshiosaki@torranceca.gov) or 310-325-8762. Information is also available online at [www.torrancepoa.com](http://www.torrancepoa.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ August 4<sup>th</sup> – *SPECIAL GUEST DAY*
- ✓ August 11<sup>th</sup> – Kiwanis goes to Camp Escapades
- ✓ August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – CNH Kiwanis District Convention
- ✓ October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Options for Recovery 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, Torrance Kiwanis will be honored at this luncheon

**TORRANCE KIWANIS SPECIAL GUEST DAY:** Our Special Guest Day has been moved to **August 4<sup>th</sup>** at our regular lunch meeting. Every member should try to attend this event to support our membership growth. We still have time to add guests to the event. If you know of any potential candidate for membership please send your potential member contact information to Tony Molino [molino@molinolawfirm.com](mailto:molino@molinolawfirm.com) ASAP.

## SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA

Timeless Tales. Ticketless Admission. Priceless Experience.



Bring your picnics, blankets and beach chairs along with your friends and family to settle in under the stars for a night of classic entertainment.

## **AS YOU LIKE IT**

**Wednesday, July 29 at 7pm**

A tale of a love so grand all the rules are broken.  
"Love is merely a Madness"

### **Green Hills Memorial Park**

27501 S Western Ave, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

**ADMISSION IS FREE**  
(donations gratefully accepted)

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June 22, 2015

Quantum Kids  
1220 256th Street  
Harbor City, Ca 90710

Boys and Girls Club, Quantum Kids 911 Children Safety Program

### Quantum Kids take on the Bullies

Quantum Kids have taken over the Boys and Girls Club in Harbor City California, running anti-bullying and child safety workshops for children, educators, community professionals and parents.

Quantum Kids is a child safety initiative designed to educate, inspire and motivate children, parents and those that work with children to be aware of risks to child safety, and develop the skills and techniques for children to maintain safety.

Quantum Kids has designed a range of superhero kids that are individual characters all with the ability to keep safe children safe. The characters are all original designs and deliver a message in a fun and interactive way for children to engage in safety initiatives.

The latest activity from Quantum Kids at the Harbor City Boys and Girls club has proven to be extremely effective with joyful responses from children; sighs of relief from educators, children care givers and enthusiastic support from parents.

The anti-bullying message from Quantum Kids enables parents, children and educators to communicate effectively, and develop the tools needed to keep children safe while at school, playing in the general outdoors and online. .



**LEARN & PLAY SUMMER EVENT**  
WITH

**QUANTUM KIDS™**

**JULY 25, 2015**  
**11:00-5:00pm**

**Carriage Crest Park**  
**23800 Figueroa Street in Carson, CA**

*Obstacle Course, Game Trivia, Coloring Contest, Musical Chairs, Basketball Shoot Out, Handball, Baseball.*  
*Live Entertainment, Music, Food and Drinks*

Buy Tickets at [www.QuantumKids.net](http://www.QuantumKids.net)  
or call (844) QKIDS 4 U

**Tickets: \$5.00**  
Includes Lunch

**Give Back and Sponsor a Kid!**

This program has been tested at the Harbor City Boys and Girls club to simply demonstrate its effectiveness, build awareness of the resource available through Quantum Kids and to refine the delivery of the program ensuring super effectiveness.

Mike Herrera, Executive Director at the South Bay Boys and Girls club said "Quantum Kids is here to support, teach and train children, parents and educators on the dangers that children face in society today. We believe that by equipping children we can keep them safe, and by educating parents, care givers and educators to the issue children face in the playground, on the street and especially online, we can work together to improve child safety and reduce bullying "

To find out how more about Quantum Kids and their program and resources please take a look online at [www.QuantumKids.net](http://www.QuantumKids.net)

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## FUNNY PAGE

### TOP 10 REASONS FACEBOOK IS WORTH 100 BILLION DOLLARS

10. It lets you see how wrinkled and fat your high school Classmates have gotten.
9. Time is money, and NOTHING sucks in more time than Facebook.
8. Now friends and relatives believe you actually remember their birthdays.
7. Totally revolutionized co-worker stalking.
6. Because reading that your ex-wife can't find a good man and spends every Saturday night inhaling a tub of chocolate- flavored lard is worth as much as you lost in the divorce.
5. Being able to learn your neighbors' and acquaintances' political, social, religious and sexual views without having to actually spend time with them or clean up the house: priceless.
4. Now you don't have to wait until Christmas to send out an update of how much better your life is than everyone else's.
3. Funny cat photos don't just post themselves, y'know.
2. Federal Farmville subsidies.
1. Lets you "unfriend" people the way it oughta be -- in secret and behind their back.



Omg she blocked me

## 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)
- ♥ Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes
- ♥ 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

### 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  
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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### 2013-2015 TERM

Charlotte Melsh  
 Laurie Love

##### 2014-2016 TERM

Jennifer Frew  
 Curtis Jones, Jr.  
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#### COMMITTEE CHAIR

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 Texas Hold 'Em..... 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  
 Newsletter.....Laurie Love & Tony Molino

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