

## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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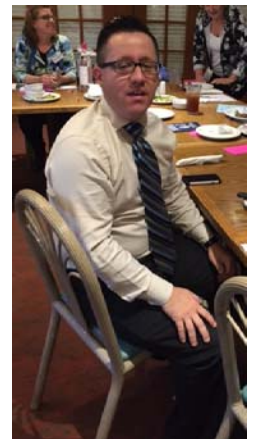
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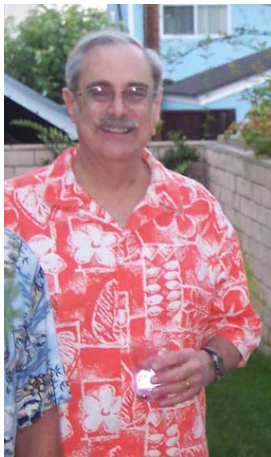
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**TODAY'S MEETING:** President Carina Sokolich opened today's meeting, Jennifer Frew led the Pledge of Allegiance, Nadine Koerner chose "Home On the Range" as our song, and Tony Goorchenko provided the invocation. Congratulations to Bryan Grageda our newest member. **Special Guest Day** is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>. Building membership is everyone's responsibility. Tony Goorchenko won the card raffle but did not find the Joker and Bryan Grageda won the 50/50. **No Program today**, due to board meeting following our lunch.

Please read the newsletter for other important announcements



Bryan Grageda our newest member



### MESSAGE FROM BOB ABELSON

Hello All,

I wish to thank all the friends who have sent emails & made phone calls. Your good wishes & support helps a lot. Problem is that I cannot return phone calls; my voice has still not returned after some 3 weeks. It is most likely tied up with the ordeal I am going through, rather than a separate issue. A little over a week ago I wasn't feeling very well and pain in my back & legs dramatically increased. My doc checked me into Torrance Memorial and ordered a series of test, scans, blood-letting, etc, etc. Being in the hospital was good for one thing: I got to easily see a variety of specialists who would pop in to see what was happening. Numerous theories were formed as tests were taken and then (in some cases) the theories were discarded as a subsequent test showed other results. I cannot tell you how stressful this has all been. Based on one scan, it looked like Cancer in a lung! (Ack! I got no sleep THAT night). But a follow-up CT scan the next day showed no such Cancer, Whew!

The neurologist noted that I have most symptoms of ALS (Another "ACK!") I had to wait a few stressful days to have a full EMG, which I did yesterday. Thank goodness, NO ALS. The neurologist considers me "interesting"; there are a couple of diseases that mimic ALS, and we now have to find which one I have. And there is still the original problem of significant back & leg pain, and general lethargy.

Rosalie is a real trouper! She stayed with me in the hospital the whole time and has been dealing with the doctors & Rx's along with our son Eric. I don't know what we would do without Eric. I have taken an indefinite leave of absence from work; fortunately there are good people there that handle whatever comes up. That's the latest. As I said, we appreciate your phone calls, but cannot return them.

Sincerely,

Bob

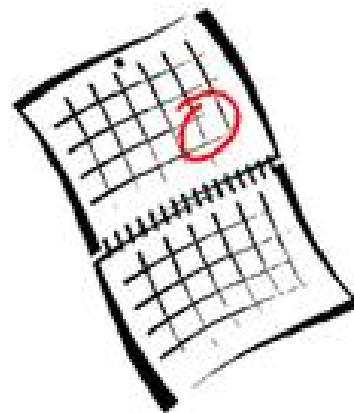
**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS:** **Gayle CdeBaca** – 😊 Soccer season is starting, girls have sand soccer this weekend which is played 5 v 5, their host town event for Special Olympics went well, they had a pickup game with some of Megan's soccer playing friends. **Phil Cook** – 😊 Bryan to be here ☹️ Bob having difficulty talking, hopeful all will work out. **Jennifer Frew** – 😊 Neslie's pictures on Facebook, hopeful \$ for Bob. **Tony Gorchenko** – 😊 More rain coming this week, Lowes mistaken identity with him and his refrigerator purchase with their credit card. **Bryan Grageda** – 😊 Grateful to become a member, thank you everyone for being so gracious. **Key Griffith** – 😊 Going to Arizona this week and looking forward to a wonderful time, Bryan, and hopes for a successful Special Guest Day. **Curtis Jones Jr.**, – 😊 Our new member. **Nadine Koerner** – 😊 Good to be back, was hot where she was staying in Lincoln CA. **Laurie Love** – 😊 Soccer is starting, Bryan as our new member. **Brad Lyon** – 😊 Bryan our new member, went to the Quantum Kids event and it went well. **Steve Makshanoff** – 😊 Gladys is from Peru and her sister and 2 nieces were here visiting, successful CLE training ☹️ missed a couple of meetings, last week was at a pre-op appointment. **Carina Sokolich** – 😊 Bryan, hopeful for Special Guest Day, got her passport back.



Phil Cook, Kay Griffith, Carina Sokolich

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ August 4<sup>th</sup> – *SPECIAL GUEST DAY*
- ✓ August 5<sup>th</sup> – Inter-Club with Lawndale Kiwanis Club
- ✓ August 10<sup>th</sup> – Inter-Club with Manhattan Beach Kiwanis Club
- ✓ August 11<sup>th</sup> – Kiwanis goes to Camp Escapades
- ✓ August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – CNH Kiwanis District Convention
- ✓ September 18<sup>th</sup> – Division 19 Installation Dinner at Stub Hub Center
- ✓ October 10<sup>th</sup> – Torrance Kiwanis Installation Dinner
- ✓ October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Options for Recovery 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, Torrance Kiwanis will be honored at this luncheon



**NEXT TUESDAY - 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.



## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **NEW CHALLENGE MINISTRIES**

Diapers  
Coats  
Blankets  
Soups  
Chicken Broth  
Dry rice  
Cans of Vegetables  
Dried Mashed  
Paper towels  
Laundry soap  
Hygiene products

Please bring these items and  
donations on Tuesday  
August 25, 2015

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).



## 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**

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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

# TrojanFest

Sunday, August 9, 2015 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day at the South Coast Botanic Garden, with the Trojan Marching Band, Traveler, special guests, and fellow Trojans. Kids will have a blast with games and activities, while you connect with fellow alumni and friends. The cost of TrojanFest includes admission to the gardens and parking. Food truck bites, beer and other libations will be available for purchase.

Adults: \$25 | Children over 4 years old: \$15  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula CA, 90274

Register: [alumni.usc.edu/trojanfest](http://alumni.usc.edu/trojanfest) | Questions: [TrojanFestChair1@gmail.com](mailto:TrojanFestChair1@gmail.com)



## TOP 10 FEATURES OF THE NEXT GENERATION SMART PHONE

10. Automatically adds hospital emergency room pages and background noise while you call-in sick to your boss.
9. Science fair project due next period? There's an app for that.
8. Uses GPS to locate nearest security cops when you need to pee between cars in the mall parking lot.
7. Built-in breathalyzer prevents you from drunk-dialing your ex.
6. Guacamole locator!
5. Siri knows you don't really need that Snuggie you're about to order from Amazon.com and isn't afraid to tell you.
4. Not only calls you an early morning cab after a drunk hookup, but also chews your arm free!
3. Is able to convince the police that while YOU may be drunk was, in fact GOGGLE maps driving your car.
2. Refuses to let you buy a ticket to Bill Cosby performances.
1. Can actually watch Dodger home games with Time Warner Cable.



## 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

#### MONDAY

Manhattan Beach- Tin Roof Bistro, Manhattan Village (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Only) .....5:30 PM

#### TUESDAY

El Segundo- Hacienda Hotel, 525 Sepulveda Blvd. .... 12:10 PM

Lomita/ Harbor City- 24822 Narbonne Ave. Lomita .....6:30 PM

Torrance, Sizzler Restaurant 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. ....12: 10 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Carson- Double Tree Hotel (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. Only) ..... 12:10 PM

Hermosa Beach- 2515 Valley Drive Hermosa Bch. ....12:10 PM

Lawndale-Community Center, Brown Bag Lunch.(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
 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..... 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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