

## THE TALK OF TORRANCE

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**TODAY'S MEETING:** Donna Duperron opened the meeting. Pledge by Harvey Horwich, Song Leader was John Boyko with "Amazing Grace." Our Inspiration message was by Tony Goorchenko. Bob Zappelli had his Annual BCS Championship pool chart for members to take a shot. Guest today were Carmen Aplegren, our speaker, her driver Art and her guide dog Val. Also in attendance was Shawn Khan, guest of Kevin Paul. Raffle Winners were John Hernandez and he pulled the joker for \$25. Dr. Paul Hirano won the 50/50.



**Program Speaker:** Carmen Aplegren began losing her eyesight at an early age. Yet she didn't let it stop her from doing the things she loved; riding her bike, skiing, playing tennis, baton twirling and ice skating. When her next love turned out to be show business, she was no less intimidated. After earning a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Michigan State university, she acted, sang and danced her way through a successful career in theater. Like so many of her peers, her love eventually brought her to Los Angeles. But as her vision diminished further, so did her ability to pursue her acting career. She attended the Braille Institute in 1986 and before long she became an enthusiastic volunteer, teaching her fellow students how to tap dance. Now, on staff as community Relations Coordinator, Carmen uses her show-biz bravado to educate others about Braille Institute. Besides speaking extensively at service clubs, she coordinates the Tour Guide and Speakers Bureau programs as well as organizes seminars on eye diseases. She is also the Institutes resident

technical advisor, working with the television and film industry to ensure accurate portrayals of people who are blind. (Pictured above is Carmen with her guide dog Val)

In 2003 Carmen was the recipient of the Hollywood Coordinating council's Outstanding Community Service Award. In 2001 Carmen was honored with the prestigious Susan B. Anthony Award from the Hollywood Chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Group. In March of 2007 Carmen went to Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael where she met Val her beautiful guide dog. They are a powerful team in life.

The Braille Institute seeks to reinforce the confidence and self-esteem of individuals who are visually impaired in an environment of hope and encouragement. The offer adult education, support services, child development services, library services, low vision rehabilitation services and access technology, universal media services, and the Braille Challenge.

For more incredible stories of hope and inspiration go to [www.brailleinstitute.org](http://www.brailleinstitute.org)

## MEETING NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Donna gave us a preview of our January meetings. January 13<sup>th</sup> is the Board of Directors meeting and different chairpersons of coming events will be sharing information; January 20<sup>th</sup> is the NHS Takeover; and January 27<sup>th</sup> Roshelle Chavez, principal LAUNCH preschool, will be our speaker.
- Special Olympics will be held April 4<sup>th</sup> at Wilson Park because all Torrance stadiums will be undergoing renovations. Basketball and Bocce Ball will be the sports this year.
- We will be sponsoring a basketball game to raise money for Special Olympics on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at halftime during the NHS vs. SHS game. This will take place at NHS. Torrance Police Chief John Neu is going to be the referee and there will be representatives from the Police Department and the Fire Department in attendance. Tickets to attend will be distributed at one of our upcoming meetings. Kevin Paul and Michael Norris are chairing the event.
- Tony Molino attended last weeks Rose Float Luncheon. The Kiwanis Float won "Most Beautiful" for floats less than 35 feet. He also brought a pin depicting the float that was raffled off. Mark Arnold won but gave the pin to Lisa Applegate because she chaired the feeding of the volunteer decorators.
- Steve Hemingway explained how we will be honoring the non-profits and other organizations at the Celebration of Community. We will be grouping them by category and honoring them in a group. 75 organizations have been identified to date.



**HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS:** Bob Abelson – ☺ to be at our meeting. Claranne Agnelly - ☺ 2009 is the year of the cow or ox and that is her year also so she is hoping for a good one. Lisa Applegate – ☺ Happy New Year. Judge Mark Arnold – ☺ No particular reason. Vi Ballard – ☺ 2009 and our speaker. John Boyko - ☺ Our guests. Art "Gator" Callen – ☺ The Braille Institute, his granddaughter became blind after surgery for a brain tumor. The Braille Institute has done a fantastic job providing her help. Thank you. Gayle CdeBaca – ☺ To see old faces here, Dr. Paul and Horstkotte, for her new pink hard hat

from her project manager at the bank. Judy Colich – ☺ To be here at the start of the New Year ☺ 3 operations in her family in the last week. Donna Duperron – 6 ☺ \$ Carmen, Art and Shawn being here, thanks to all of the co-chairs, and Happy New Year. Christine Elia – ☺ 2009 and the Braille Institute. Michael Friedman – ☺ AFLAC. Tony Goorchenko – ☺ Has to renew his driver's license. Kay Grundhaus - ☺ Forgot to put batteries in the camera so she can't take pictures today. Eric Harris – ☺ Our guests. Shelia Hatcher – ☺ Our guests, 2009 is going to be a wonderful year. Steve Hemingway – ☺ To be here. John Hernandez – ☺ The coming year. Dr. Paul Hirano – ☺ Happy to start 2009 with Kiwanis, Braille Institute here today, they do wonderful things, Lakers in 1<sup>st</sup> place ahead of the dreaded Celtics. Dave Holper – ☺ Our guests, speaker today, 2 new duck commercials coming out that everyone will like, and Happy New Year. Connie Horstkotte – ☺ Happy New Year ☺ Missing the last 3 weeks, gave up on watching the parade to see Laurie. Horwich, Harvey – ☺ The Braille Institute, 40 friends and family members celebrated with him at his birthday party. Peter Issa, Peter – Wishful \$ for peace in the Middle East. Nadine Koerner – ☺ Our guests. Kuroda, David – ☺ The Braille Institute, eyesight is important but vision is even more important. Laurie Love – ☺ USC victory and being in the Rose Parade. Dolores Lyttle – ☺ Happy New Year ☺ Missing meetings because she was ill. Milli McFadden - ☺ The New Year. Charlotte Melsh – ☺ Has had a P.O. Box for 18 years and every 6 months they tell her she is dead. Tony Molino – ☺ To be here, sorry for being late. Michael Norris – 10 ☺ \$ Thursday night Art and his beautiful bride will be celebrating the GATOR victory. Kevin Paul – ☺ Shawn joining us and the positive work we do. Carina Sokolich - ☺ Happy New Year to everyone. Bob Zappelli – ☺ Happy New Year. Guests: Shawn Khan - ☺ Happy New Year

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting

January 20<sup>th</sup> – High School Takeover

January 27<sup>th</sup> – TUSD Launch Preschool

## KIWANIS 2009 ROSE FLOAT WIN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AWARD



The Kiwanis International 2009 Rose Float entry won the most beautiful float under 35 feet trophy at the 120<sup>th</sup> Tournament of Roses 2009 Rose Parade. On the Kiwanis float was KI President Don Canady, SLP Governors from Key Club, KIWIN'S and Circle K, Ms. Wheelchair America, Ms. Wheelchair California along with a Special Olympics athlete, a builders club member and a few Kiwanis kids. Congratulations to everyone that help make this project a success.



**2009 KIWANIS ROSE FLOAT:** The Kiwanis International Rose Float provides an opportunity for 8,000 Key Club, Kiwin's, Circle K, Builders Club, and Kiwanis members to decorate the float and 10 additional floats throughout December. The Fellowship Medallion Program. Donations of \$1000 go into a restricted fund and the interest is then used for future floats. If you donate, you also receive a handsome medallion to proudly wear at Kiwanis functions. Division 19's day to help feed all the volunteers is December 7<sup>th</sup>. For more info go to [www.kiwanisrosefloat.com](http://www.kiwanisrosefloat.com).



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ✓ **Special Olympics Fundraiser-** January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the North vs. South High School basketball Game during halftime.
- ✓ **Celebration of Community Luncheon:** *Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>*. Please, mark your calendars – we will need everyone's help and support!

## 2008-09 SPONSORED LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS:

Interested in working with our sponsored youth? We need advisors for next year. We need more members to help us with our 800+ Sponsored Youth in the Torrance Schools. Please contact our member advisers if you can lend a hand.

### Club

North High Key Club.....	<b>Kiwanis Chair</b> John Hernandez
South High KIWIN'S .....	Eric Harris
Torrance High KIWIN'S.....	Dave Holper
West High Key Club.....	Lisa Applegate
J.H. Hull MS Builders Club.....	Charlotte Melsh
Casmir MS Builders Club.....	Dr. Paul Hirano
Richardson MS Builders Club.....	Tony Goorchenko



## KIWANIS PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

### CAL-NEV-HA AND KI FOUNDATION NEWS

**The “Kiwanis Doctor” Program:** With the backing of a \$186,000 grant from the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation trains doctors in the field of Pediatric Emergency Medicine. The doctors that have gone through this program then collaborated with Kiwanis Clubs to provide training in the field of pediatric trauma to paramedics, nurses and physicians in rural areas of the Cal-Nev-Ha District. The goal of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship is simple: Save the lives of children by training doctors about the latest in pediatric treatment. . For more information go to [www.cnhfoundation.org](http://www.cnhfoundation.org)



# Kiwanis

One Can Make A Difference

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time

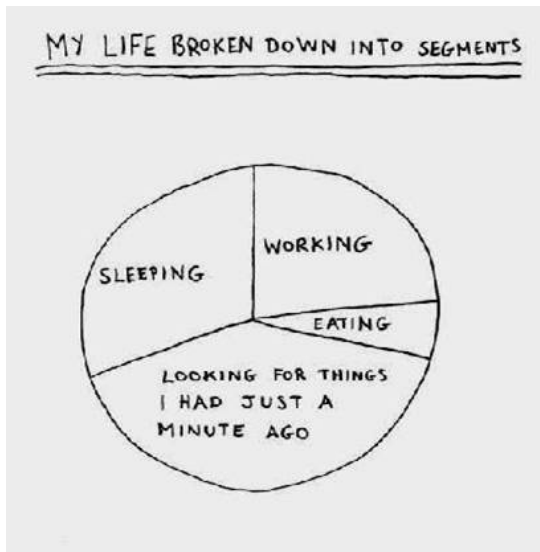


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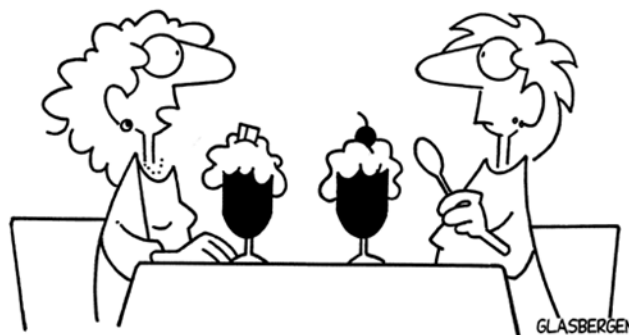
### TOP 10 REJECTED COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GAME AFFILIATIONS

10. Homeland Security Terror Alert Level Orange Bowl
9. Viagra Bowl (Stiff competition in this game)
8. National Alliance of Prostitutes "Hey Sugar" Bowl
7. Fanny Mae/Freddie Mac Federal Funded Bowl
6. Tidy Bowl Bowl
5. Joe's Crab Shack Bowl, (Don't use the restrooms at this event)
4. Governor Schwarzenegger Budget Bowl
3. General Motors Bail Out Bowl
2. Girls Gone Wild Bowl, (Must 18 years old to attend)
1. Governor Blagojevich Bowl (Team record not important, largest cash payment to Governor gets in)

### Cartoons



**"Potato chips aren't rubbery and blubbery like fat.  
They're crispy and crunchy like lettuce.  
That proves they're diet food!"**



**"If you put a crouton on your sundae  
instead of a cherry, it counts as a salad."**

## 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 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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Pediatric Therapy Network
- ♥ Red Ribbon Week
- ♥ Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing
- ♥ Salvation Army 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 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**- Manhattan Beach Country Club..... 12:10 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**-Hanks Bistro, 14406 Hawthorne Blvd.(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.) ..... 12:10 PM  
**San Pedro**, The Whale & Ale Restaurant, 7<sup>th</sup> St..... 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 ..... 12:10 PM  
**Rolling Hills/PV**- Red Onion Restaurant Rolling Hills Est..... 12:10 PM

#### FRIDAY

- Hawthorne**- Nat's Airport Café, Hawthorne Airport ..... 12:10 PM  
**Redondo Beach**- Delzано's 179 Harbor Drive, ..... 1:00 PM

### INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT OFFICERS 2008-2009

- International President ..... Don Canady  
 CAL-NEV-HA District Governor ..... Dan Connolly  
 Division 19 Lt. Governor ..... Al Hoagland  
 Division 19 Lt. Gov. Elect..... Pat Love

### TORRANCE KIWANIS SPONSORED LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member Advisor</u>
North High Key Club.....	John Hernandez
Weekly Meeting - Fridays at Noon	
South High KIWIN'S .....	Eric Harris
Weekly Meeting -Friday at Noon	
Torrance High KIWIN'S.....	Dave Holper
Weekly Meeting -Tuesday at Noon	
West High Key Club.....	Lisa Applegate
Weekly Meeting – Friday at Noon	
J.H. Hull Middle School Builders Club.....	Charlotte Melsh
Weekly Meeting – Thursday 3:15 PM	
Casmir Middle School Builders Club.....	Dr. Paul Hirano
Weekly Meeting – Monday 3:15 PM	
Richardson Middle School Builders Club. ...	Tony Goorchenko
Weekly Meeting – Tuesday 3:15 PM	
Terrific Kids Program.....	Christine Elia

## CLUB INFORMATION

### CLUB OFFICERS 2008-2009

President ..... Donna Duperron  
First V.P. .... Dave Holper  
Second V.P. .... Kevin Paul  
Treasurer..... Gayle CdeBacca  
Secretary..... Steve Hemmingway  
Immediate Past-Pres..... Curtis Jones, Jr.  
Foundation Treasurer..... Phil Cook

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**2008-2010 TERM**  
Judge Mark Arnold  
Dr. Laurie Love  
**2007-2009 TERM**  
Connie Horstkotte  
Cathy Towers  
Bob Zappelli

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Newsletter ..... Laurie Love/Tony Molino  
Santa's Visit ..... Tony Goorchenko  
Terrific Kids..... Christine Elia  
Community Service..... Gayle CdeBacca  
Texas Hold 'EM..... Charlotte Melsh  
Membership..... Tammy Khan

### MEMBER'S NAME PROFESSION

Abelson, Robert (Rosalie)	CPA
Agnelly, Claranne	Banking
* Applegate, Lisa (Patrick)	Insurance
Arnold, Mark (Suzanne)	Judge
Ballard, Vi (Spencer)	Counselor/Therapist
Boyko, John (Barbara)	Attorney
Brown, Adrienne (Murray)	Retired Attorney
Callen, Art (Bobbie)	City Cable
CdeBacca, Gayle (Craig)	Bank Facilities Mgr.
Colich, Judy	Therapist
Cook, Phillip (Francine)	CFP
* Duperron, Donna (Gary)	RSVP
Elia, Christine (Sam)	Bank Manager
Friedman, Michael (Ronnie)	Retired Attorney
Frew, Jennifer	Community Events
* Goorchenko, Tony (Vicki)	Kiwanis Expert
* Grundhaus, Kay (Les)	Realtor
Harris, Eric	Attorney
Hatcher, Sheila	Therapist
Hemingway, Steve (Lucy)	Loan Consultant
Hernandez, John (Laura)	Minister
Hirano, Dr. Paul (Wendy)	Optometrist
Holper, Dave (Lela)	AFLAC Sales Mgr.
Horstkotte, Connie (Brad)	CFP
Horwich, Harvey (June)	Retired
Issa, Peter (Roula)	Telecommunication
* Jones, Jr. Curtis (Elaine)	Global Marketing
Khan, Tammy	TUSD Info Officer
Koerner, Nadine	Retired Teacher
Kuroda, David (Alice)	LCSW, Mediation
Lescord, Pete	Cleaning Services
(H) Lopez, Lauren	Student
* Love, Dr. Laurie (Steve)	TUSD Academics
Luna, Lisa (Mando)	Ministry
Luna, Mando (Lisa)	Minster
Lyttle, Dolores	Executive Director
McFadden, Milli	Costco Marketing
Meredith, Kat	Non-Profit Mgr.
Melsh, Charlotte	Bowling Alley Mgr.
☆ + Molino, Tony (Bambi)	Car Lawyer
Moore, Glen (Marie)	Pastor
Norris, Michael (Kathy)	Attorney
Paul, Kevin (Rosanne)	Business Banking
* Potenti, Tony (Mary)	Realtor/Mortgage
Sokolich, Carina (Robert)	CR Director
Sokolov, Thomas	Judge
* Sousa, Manuel (Christine)	Court Reporter
Smith, Kim	Assistant City Atty.
Thomas, Al (Patricia)	Mortgage Broker
Towers, Cathy (Norm)	Bank VP
Yee, Stephanie	Catering Mgr.
Zappelli, Bob (Becky)	Printing

INDICATION ☆-Past Lt. Governor/Club President \*-Past President, + Life Member, H-Honorary, ( ) Member's Spouse/Significant Other

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