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THE TALK OF TORRANCE

President: Don Hammond

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September 26, 2023

THIS WEEK'S MEETING: President-elect Ricky Pennington opened the meeting, Curtis Jones, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance, Mark Waronek chose *God Bless America* as our song and David Kuroda shared an inspiration. We welcomed Arnold Ng, our speaker; Travis Musser, back for a second visit; from the LA County Probation Department Sandra Moss, Daniel Villegas, and Johanner Jackson, guest of Lili Puckett; and Cheryl Hunt from Teen Challenge, guest of Kay Grundhaus to our meeting. Sacha Ohara won the 50/50 raffle, and Vicki Goorchenko won the card raffle but did not find the Joker.



Los Angeles County Probation Department Officers Johanner Jackson, Sandra Moss and Daniel Villegas guest of Lili Puckett



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ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - Noon

DoubleTree Hotel - Torrance

Please join us next Tuesday at our lunch meeting where we will retire club president Don Hammond and induct Ricky Pennington along with our 2023-24 Club Officers and Directors. There is no additional charge to attend this event for members. Service members and guest is \$20 per person.

If you are bringing a guest, please email Tony Molino molino@molinolawfirm.com so additional seating can be arranged.



President-Elect Ricky Pennington presenting Arnold Ng with a "Kids Need Kiwanis" travel mug.

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER: Arnold Ng – Key Club's Positive Impact on his life. Arnold Ng was a former Key Club President at Dorsey High School. He is a graduate of USC and has his MBA from Pepperdine where he was an adjunct professor. Arnold has two grown daughters and five grandchildren. He is a Real Estate Broker and has an extensive list of clients. He did share a handout of real estate briefings covering industrial, office, retail and multi-family properties. But the presentation today was about his experiences growing up and the impact being a Key Clubber had on his life.

Arnold shared that his parents separated during his formative years. He also stated that he was disruptive in class at Dorsey High. He was recruited to join Key Club and matriculated through different positions finally becoming the President. He learned to be a leader, have a heart for service for others. He developed character and friendships. He wanted to make a difference for Dorsey and the Crenshaw community.

Arnold's presentation was very entertaining. He explained how many people are unsure on the correct pronunciation of his last name but said you could say Ng stands for nice guy. Arnold brought an array of memorabilia from his Key Club days. And he also brought some SWAG for all of us.

Arnold closed with the following from Galatians 6:9: "So let's not get tire of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

The core values of Key Club International are leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness.

Thank you Arnold for joining us today and sharing your Key Club experience.



Photo on Left:
Arnold Ng surrounded by the Torrance Kiwanis members after our meeting

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: **Greg Taylor** - ☺ Arnold great job, commendable, generosity of Tony. **Sacha Ohara** - ☺ Went to the dermatologist and has a couple carcinoma's that need to be taken care of. **Guy Puckett** - ☺ Arnold, thank you, Tony and Laurie, went to the ASU/USC game, going to Texas on Thursday. **Dolores Lyttle** - ☺ Our speaker. **Curtis Jones, Jr.** ☺ Wonderful, inspiring presentation. **Tony Molino** - ☺ Guests and the Juvenile Defenders here. **Mark Waronek** - ☺ Has been the BMHS football announcer and on the ESPN NFL live highlights they added BMHS and he heard himself, last week in Sacramento for the League of Cities the speaker referenced the Rotary and had all the Rotarians recite the 4 truths, so Mark said what about Kiwanis and others chimed in with Lions, Optimists etc. **Laurie Love** - ☺ Granddaughter #1 has committed to Emerson College in Boston. **Vicki Goorchenko** - ☺ To be here, great speaker, congratulations Guy. **Nancy Allen** - ☺ Wonderful presentation, those who help the youth, flew to Michigan on Spirit and was glad that she upgraded their seats for the flight home. **Ed Oyama** - ☺ NHS doing great with Club Fair, great stories Arnold, family came to visit from Idaho. **David Kuroda** ☺ How Key Club changed Arnold's life, poor beginning, happy ending. **Lili Puckett** - ☺ Thank you Arnold, meeting the probation officers. **Peter Issa** - ☺ To be here. **Ricky Pennington** - ☺ Daughter pregnant and getting married, tickets for his birthday to see Jack Johnson at Beach Life, Ron's son wedding. **Guests: Noah Ellis** - ☺ The speaker. **Ingrid Ellis** - ☺ Awesome presentation, surprised her mom with John Legend tickets. **Cinda Herring** - ☺ To be here, been busy with her ministry, Arnold an inspiration, oldest son is back in CA ☺ two teenagers broke her car windshield and thankfully were apprehended. **Cheryl Hunt** - ☺ The presentation, she was a Kiwanette at San Pedro, grateful to be here, reads our newsletter each week. **Travis Musser** - ☺ Has 5 children, the oldest is now a Fireman and his daughter is a nurse.



ANOTHER NEW MEMBERS: Last week we introduced you to Noah and Ingrid Ellis have turned in new member applications. There are sponsored by Kay Grundhaus. This week we received a membership application from Travis Musser the Southern Cal licensee for Pizza Forno vending machines. Travis is another sponsored new member by Kay. Thank you Kay.

Photo on Left:
Travis Musser with Kay Grundhaus at our September 19th meeting



TORRANCE KIWANIS CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✓ **October 3rd** – Torrance Kiwanis Installation Luncheon at DoubleTree, Noon
- ✓ **October 10th** - Lunch Meeting at DoubleTree, Noon.
- ✓ **October 16th** – Division Council Meeting, 6:00 pm, Lomita Kiwanis Hall
- ✓ **October 17th** - Lunch Meeting at DoubleTree, Noon.
- ✓ **October 24th** - Lunch Meeting at DoubleTree, Noon.

These dates and events may change. Please check the weekly newsletter

Great Quotes

“Don’t try to figure out what other people want to hear from you; figure out what you have to say.”

Barbara Kingsolver

Barbara Kingsolver is a Pulitzer Prize winning American novelist, essayist and poet.



CLASSIC KIWANIS:



President Charlotte with Birthday boy Eric Harris
November 29, 2011



Kevin Paul had to wear the late hat
this week. Christen Elia was happy it
was not her again.
November 29, 2011

KIWANIS SMILES:

Bad Marketing



OTHER EVENTS AROUND TOWN:



5K WALK FOR RECOVERY

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH AND FREEDOM CONTINUES

SEPTMBER 30, 2023 AT 9AM
CHECK IN 8AM-8:30AM
BELMONT SHORE BEACH - GRANADA BOAT LAUNCH
5000 E OCEAN BLVD, LONG BEACH, CA 90803

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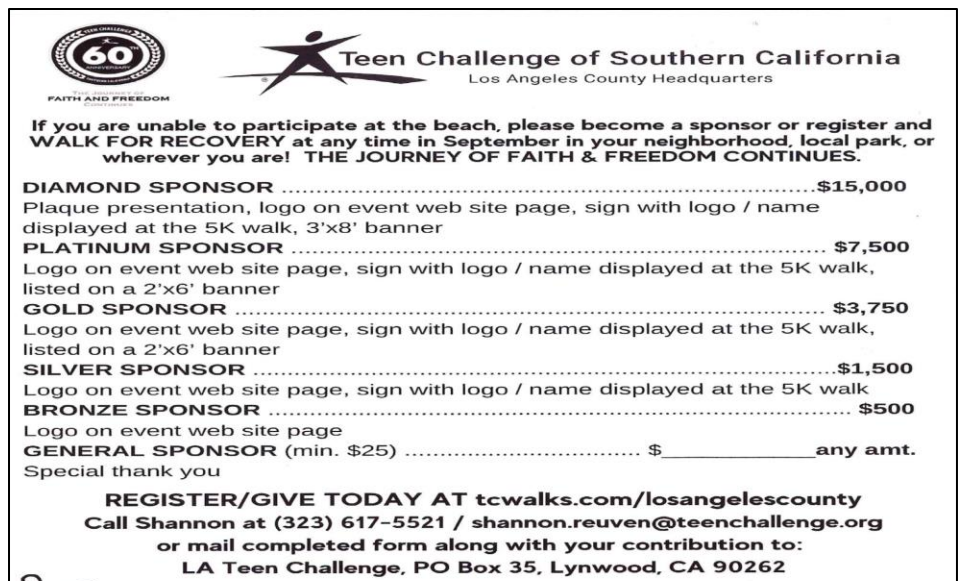
WALK WITH US OR SPONSOR THE EVENT AND TOGETHER WE CAN BRING HOPE TO WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Teen Challenge of Southern California
Los Angeles County Headquarters

Teen Challenge of Southern California is a 501c3 organization
LA Teen Challenge, PO Box 35, Lynwood, CA 90262

WALK FOR RECOVERY
www.tcwalks.com

For More Information about Teen Challenge call Cheryl Hunt 323-282-2319
Or go to www.teenchallenge.org



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ANNIVERSARY
THE JOURNEY OF FAITH AND FREEDOM CONTINUES

Teen Challenge of Southern California
Los Angeles County Headquarters

If you are unable to participate at the beach, please become a sponsor or register and WALK FOR RECOVERY at any time in September in your neighborhood, local park, or wherever you are! THE JOURNEY OF FAITH & FREEDOM CONTINUES.

DIAMOND SPONSOR	\$15,000
Plaque presentation, logo on event web site page, sign with logo / name displayed at the 5K walk, 3'x8' banner	
PLATINUM SPONSOR	\$7,500
Logo on event web site page, sign with logo / name displayed at the 5K walk, listed on a 2'x6' banner	
GOLD SPONSOR	\$3,750
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SILVER SPONSOR	\$1,500
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BRONZE SPONSOR	\$500
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GENERAL SPONSOR (min. \$25)	\$ _____ any amt.
Special thank you	

REGISTER/GIVE TODAY AT tcwalks.com/losangelescounty
Call Shannon at (323) 617-5521 / shannon.reuven@teenchallenge.org
or mail completed form along with your contribution to:
LA Teen Challenge, PO Box 35, Lynwood, CA 90262

Donations to Camp Pendleton for Mothers and Children

Presented By:

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CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

There are over 70,000 Marines at Camp Pendleton and 10,000 children under the age of 5! More than 160 babies are born there each month! Most families arrive with whatever they can fit in their car. With a very low income, most do not have everything they need for newborns and small children. They also have to furnish an apartment and set up a kitchen.

The Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 5280 are collecting new and gently used baby, child and household items for these young families. The families will select what they need from our contributions to the "Warrior Warehouse".

Items in the greatest need are:

Diapers, diapers and more diapers, baby and young children's clothing, toys, books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs, dishes, cookware, meal preparation tools, bedding and gift cards (\$25) from Target and Walmart.

Monetary donations can be made by contacting Rotarian David Henseler.



Saturday October 7th
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Hawthorne High School
4859 El Segundo Blvd.
Hawthorne, California 90250

David Henseler
South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club
(310) 753-0929

Torrance Kiwanis Charities

Since 1988 several charities, non-profits and service programs have benefited from the Torrance Kiwanis Fund raising efforts.

These are as follows:

- ♥ Aging In Place Seniors Program
- ♥ Angels for Sight
- ♥ American Cancer Society
- ♥ American Heart Association - Heart Walk LA
- ♥ Boys & Girls Club of South Bay
- ♥ Casa Bella Foundation
- ♥ Children's Miracle Network
- ♥ Counseling 4 Kids
- ♥ D.A.R.E.
- ♥ Disaster Relief (Tsunami & Hurricane Katrina)
- ♥ Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes
- ♥ Harbor UCLA Medical Center
- ♥ Key Leader
- ♥ Kiwanis/Benjamin Aranda III Scholarship Fund
- ♥ Kiwanis CAL-NEV-HA Foundation
- ♥ Kiwanis Children's Fund
- ♥ L.A. Dept. of Child Services, Christmas Party
- ♥ Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- ♥ New Challenge Ministry
- ♥ New Challenge Fresh Food Bank
- ♥ Options for Recovery -UCLA Harbor General Medical Center
- ♥ Philippines Tsunami Relief
- ♥ Pediatric Therapy Network
- ♥ Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center
- ♥ Red Ribbon Week
- ♥ Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing/Health Faire
- ♥ Special Olympics of Southern California
- ♥ South Bay Children's Choir
- ♥ South Bay Children's Health Center
- ♥ St Patrick's Day Charity 10 K Run
- ♥ Street Racing Kills
- ♥ Switzer Education Center
- ♥ Torrance Cultural Arts Center
- ♥ Torrance Education Foundation
- ♥ Torrance Kiwanis Foundation
- ♥ Torrance Memorial Hospital Pediatric Unit
- ♥ Torrance Parks and Recreation Department
- ♥ Torrance Police Officers Association
- ♥ Torrance YMCA
- ♥ Volunteer Center South Bay
- ♥ Western Museum of Flight
- ♥ Young Children Immunization Program

KIWANIS CLUB INFORMATION DIVISION 19 WEEKLY MEETINGS

TUESDAY

- El Segundo**- Richmond Grill, 145 Richmond Street., (1st & 3rd Tuesday)..... 12:10 PM
Lomita/ Harbor City- 24822 Narbonne Ave. Lomita6:30 PM
Manhattan Beach- Lido de Manhattan, Manhattan Bch. (2nd Tuesday Only) 6:00 PM
Torrance- DoubleTree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance,12: 00 PM

WEDNESDAY

- Hermosa Beach**- 2515 Valley Drive Hermosa Bch.12:10 PM
San Pedro, (Meetings pending)..... TBA
Santa Monica- Elks Lodge (lunch), (3rd Wednesday)..... TBA

THURSDAY

- Gardena** - Elks Lodge 1735 W. 162nd Street, Gardena (1st & 3rd Thursday)..... 12:10 PM
LAX- Renaissance Hotel, 9620 Airport Blvd., at LAX (1st & 3rd Thursday) 12:30 PM
Redondo Beach- Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Hall (1st Wed. & 3rd Thursday)..... 6:00 PM
Rolling Hills/PV- Red Onion Restaurant (1st& 3rd Thursday) 12:10 PM

FRIDAY

- Carson**- VIA ZOOM (1st & 3rd Friday).....1:00 PM
Hawthorne- The Hawthorne Memorial Center12:10 PM

INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT OFFICERS 2022-2023

- International President Bert West
 CAL-NEV-HA District Governor Valarie Klinghoffer
 CAL-NEV-HA- District Governor Elect Carole Ferris
 Division 19 Lt. Governor..... Michael Earley
 Division 19 Lt. Governor-Elect..... Guy Puckett
 Region 8 Trustee..... Ray Hamada

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.

WANT TO ATTEND A KIWANIS MEETING? The Torrance Kiwanis Club meets on Tuesdays for Lunch at the DoubleTree Hotel. Torrance, CA.

For more information about our club and membership please call:

- Doug Kato 310-710-8324
- Kay Grundhaus 310-890-6407
- Laurie Love 310-729-3676
- Tony Molino 310-678-1832



Kiwanis Members

Are

Ordinary people performing

EXTRAORDINARY WORK

Kiwanis, through guidance and example, works to develop future generations of leaders. Every day, Kiwanians are revitalizing neighborhoods, organizing youth-sports programs, tutoring, building playgrounds, and performing countless other projects to help children and communities.

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Meeting Location

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels

21333 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance CA 90503

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President..... Don Hammond
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Vice President..... Lili Puckett
Secretary..... Nancy Allen
Treasurer..... Peter Issa
Foundation Treasurer..... Phil Cook
Immediate Past-President Doug Kato

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2022 - 2024

Dave Holper
Tony Molino
Greg Taylor

2021 – 2023

Christine Elia
Laurie Love

TORRANCE KIWANIS SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Club

Kiwanis Advisor

North High Key Club..... Lili Trujillo & Ed Oyama
South High KIWIN'SChristine Elia
Torrance High KIWIN'S..... Carina Sokolich & Charlotte Melsh
West High Key Club..... Martin Chao & Ron Riggs
Bishop Montgomery High Key Club..... Lili Trujillo

TORRANCE KIWANIS COMMITTEE CHAIRS & ASSIGNMENTS

Chamber Liaison:	Kay Grundhaus
Club Photographer:	Curtis Jones, Jr.
Club Programs:	Lili Puckett
FTEA (Special Olympics):	Christine Elia
Fundraising:	Doug Kato
House/Club Meetings	Dave Holper
Kiwanis Inter-Club/Social:	Guy Puckett
Membership:	Tony Molino
Mazabuka, Zambia Club:	Tony Molino
Newsletter:	Laurie Love & Tony Molino
Relay for Life:	Charlotte Melsh & Kay Griffith
Scholarships:	Laurie Love
See's Candy Sales:	Carina Sokolich
Social Media:	Ed Oyama
Texas Hold 'Em:	Gayle CdeBaca & Laurie Love
Toys for the Troops Kids:	Renzo Ayala, Laurie Love
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YOU'RE INVITED.

Kids need Kiwanis, which is why Kiwanis needs amazing people like you. With your help, we can make sure kids in our community reach their full potential.

TORRANCE KIWANIS WEBSITE IS UP

Go to <https://torrancekiwanis.org>.
 Doug Kato has updated our club website



PLEASE JOIN US



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WHEN: Every Tuesday at Noon, 12:00 pm

WHERE: On ZOOM

ZOOM LINK
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84055989307?pwd=YmpCbkdU0loK2c5azMzVWFmaU91UT09>

Meeting ID: 840 5598 9307
 Passcode: Kids

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