

# The Topper

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## **Karen Widerynski, President**



### **The Ernie Award 2011**

This year is the fifth year we select a Tipper to honor with an “Ernie Award”, (Tippers speak for an Emmy) given to a member who has demonstrated exemplary service to the organization over the years. This award is named after the founder of Tippers, Ernie Davis who was also the first President in 1980.

A review of the first four recipients of this award helps to outline the level of engagement our Ernie Award demands.

**2007 Roger Kroll** Past President and longtime member, Roger puts together the Tippers Roster each year and brings a certain “joie de vivre” to each and every meeting. Roger has a big heart, a bright smile and occasionally a purple cape.

**2008 Tim Lashlee** Tim is an attorney and also a Past President. He has served as Secretary on the Board for many years, and in this position he really is a guiding light for Tippers. His leadership has enabled the Board to process information much more effectively and his legal skills are an invaluable asset to our governing board.

**2009 Hilda Sanchez** Hilda started MinuteMan Press in 2002 and joined Tippers later that same year, so by Tippers standards she is a relatively new member - but what an impact she has made! She has been on the Board since 2004, served as President in 2005 and has been our Communications Chair for four years. Like all Ernie recipients, her contribution goes way beyond her “job description”. Hilda and her husband Dave Rigby help make Tippers feel like family.

**2010 John Morrison** John was President of Tippers in 1993, and has had a long

history of supporting our organization. He heads up our infamous choir, manages the election process each year and generally offers a lot of support to members in the club. He is perhaps most famous at Tippers for being the only long time member who has “never gotten a referral from Tippers”. Hope Springs Eternal: someone, somehow is bound to come along who needs a plastics manufacturer.

So – with this esteemed group as a foundation – WHO WILL BE THE NEXT ERNIE WINNER? Although this award is selected at the discretion of the President, I would like to invite your feedback and get your opinions on who you think deserves this prestigious award! Please let me know in person at a meeting or email me at [tipperslb@live.com](mailto:tipperslb@live.com) to offer your suggestions! I look forward to announcing this at the upcoming Holiday Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>!



## **Ken Brown, Mixer Chair**

### **There is No Better Way to Do It!**

Getting to know 70 Tippers is no easy feat! We’ve all done it, but we’ll attest that remembering the categories, first names, last names, spouses’ names and heaven knows what else can be tough, especially on the spur of the moment.

So it’s always a leap of faith to invite 70 people to your home for a mixer, as did Cat Kerdoon on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. How do you greet so many somewhat familiar faces on a first name basis as they arrive? Perhaps the best answer is that you don’t; you wing it and everything falls into place – eventually .

Perhaps Cat also had the good fortune to be born with a good memory or the ability to pay attention at all times, or perhaps she just naturally has both. Whatever the mix, we salute the Tippers spirit she showed by treating us to an impromptu mixer. Well done!



## **Kay Cofield, Membership**

Good news on the membership page this month as we welcome returning Tipper, Lisa Mais. Lisa is now representing an amazing organization called *Pathways to Independence*, and she brought the founder, Dave Bishop, and one of their clients, Kascha Roland, to give a talk on the incredible work they do to “foster profound and productive changes in the lives of young women in Long Beach and Orange County who have been traumatized by their family and abandoned by society”. Lisa also happens to be married to Susan Mais-Requejo’s youngest brother.

Plus, as of this writing, we have two applications for membership

waiting for board approval, with another two applications likely in the pipeline, which would bring our current membership total to 91 members (86 if you don't count our founder-emeritus, 3 life members, and 1 honorary member).

**Bianca Sovich, Social Chair**



Your loyal Social Chair is resting after the Picnic and getting ready to gear up for our fabulous Holiday/Christmas Party and Duffy Boats Ride. Remember that our Holiday/Christmas

Party is on Friday 12/9 so please put it on your calendars and invite your friends. We'll be at a new location, Eagle's Nest in the Joint Forces Training Base just a short drive down Katella and Valley View in Los Alamitos. Wait til you taste the food.

We've set a date of Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> for our annual Duffy Boat excursion when we float about in the Naples Canals in electric boats and share food and drink and see the Christmas decorations along the way. I'll be circulating a sign-up sheet in late November but please put it on your calendars.

We truly live in a wonderful city. Yay for Long Beach!



**Tim Lashlee, Your Secretary**

**Tippers Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election**

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 28, 2011 - the Tippers annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election. Please, no guests at this meeting.

Please volunteer to serve on the Board. Tippers needs dedicated Board members to guide the Club in the future. And, you get to lunch with ten of your Tipper friends every month.

On election day, we will vote for eight members to serve on the Board. The eight will chose one from their ranks to serve as the 2012 President. The new President will then appoint his or her secretary and treasurer. If the secretary and/or treasurer are appointed from the eight , the top runner-up(s) in the election will automatically join the Board.

If you are unable to attend the election, ask Tim Lashlee (CTLashlee@aol.com) for an absentee ballot. Completed absentee ballots must be signed and delivered to Tim Lashlee no later that 7:30 a.m. on October 28th.

**The Tipper Calendar -October 2011**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Deana O'Connell's Birthday	6	7 7:10 A.M. Meeting Speaker; Robin Wall	8
9	10	11	12	13 BOD 11:30	14 7:10 A.M. Meeting Speaker; John Albright	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 7:10 A.M. Meeting Speaker; Richard Stahl	22  Fagan's
23 Rob Hilton & Sue Denny's Birthdays /30	24 / 31	25	26	27	28 7:10 A.M. Meeting ELECTION DAY	29