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Good Fortunes"



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La Mirada Kiwanis Club,
La Mirada, CA

Monthly Evening Meeting

Attendance: DEBBIE SCHEIBEL, AMY SCHEIBEL, CHRIS STAPLES, LOU PILTZ, JOHN WILLIAMS, LAURA WILLIAMS, ALAN MORRISON, LORRAINE NEAL, and RICH POWERS

Guests: Jesse Urquidi, Steve Blunt

Meeting held at El Camino High School -- started at 7:10pm

Flag salute -- Amy Scheibel

Spaghetti Dinner -- Lou shared with the group what the dinner is all about and how the money raised goes directly to support Meals on Wheels. He asked that we make this the best one yet as the funds from the City will probably be reduced if not eliminated this year or the next. Lou requested raffle prizes and the selling of dinner tickets and 50/50 tickets. Box of prizes were given to Lou from Peter Chow (delivered to the morning meeting as Lou had already left). Key Club will be asked to make directional signs for the pancake breakfast.

Introductions of guests and members. Both Jesse and Steve filled out an application to join our club.

Upcoming Schedule -- Chris reviewed the upcoming schedule for projects for the next few months. Regular events ie: Bingo and meetings (board, etc) were covered. Chris focused on new events to put in everyone's calendar --pancake breakfasts, DCM meeting, Duck Race.

Duck Race - April 11 -- Chris and Debbie explained the Duck Race for the benefit of the new members and guests. Vitaly important is getting the sponsors, selling groups and prizes by January 23 in order to be included on the adoption papers. Debbie shared that we have 5 sponsors to date (Day Star Warehouse, Century Paving, R K Knight, WhenToWork.com, Royston Group). Laura got us on the agenda for the PTA Council meeting on January 20th

Lorraine will go with Debbie to present to the PTA's. Laura also supplied a list of clubs on LMHS campus for us to reach.

Inter Club -- Wed. Feb. 4 -- La Habra Community Center at 6:30pm -- Laura, Lorraine and Chris plan to join the group going to La Habra Inter Club.

Service Project -- discussion took place as to what kind of project we should do. Rich suggested adult/student reading or math time or supporting Rio Hondo Temporary Home with maybe a Pancake Breakfast. Lorraine suggested sponsoring a "readathon," book drive for the schools, family movie night at the high school, or sponsor a preparedness program at the schools. Alan suggested looking for a house of a senior couple that may need some assistance and/or repairs. On that same thought, Amy suggested seeing if one of the retirement communities were in need of our help.

After much discussion, it was decided to participate in the "Read Across America". Laura is going to confirm date with Foster Road School. Believe it to be Monday, March 2nd. Idea is to do a pancake breakfast for the students and staff, followed by individuals going into the classroom and reading to the students.

In conjunction, there would be a book drive (K-5) for the next month -- Books would be presented to the individual classes during reading time. We would call the program "Reading Across La Mirada". Key club will be asked to participate with the reading and possibly the breakfast. Alan will share with the morning members on January 14 with all confirmed details.

Maddi's Closet

We took advantage of Art Leslie's presence and asked for an update on Maddi's Closet.. Art reported they had just completed their year end report and this year they gave out a total of \$32,000 to the Children's Hospital and to those who needed help with finances to start the chemo at the cancer center. A part of the money goes to fill an area called Maddi's Closet where children in the hospital can go to get toys and backpacks, etc if they need them.

January 7 Dollars and Nonsense

PETER CHOW led us in the Pledge. PAT RUIZ played the piano and led us in "God Bless America." JOHN TOVAR gave the Invocation. When it was time for the Bucks to be unearthed, TED CEAUSU did the collecting. BILL DAWSON gave for missing the last two weeks. The children and grandchildren were around for Christmas and the 16 month old didn't destroy the Christmas tree. He added one for a water leak in the trailer. And a do it yourself repair. The cost savings over the original estimate was around \$6000 and there were some upgrades thrown in. LOU PILTZ gave for Bill getting his trailer fixed and for serving with Art Leslie on the City Council. REED TAYLOR gave for the fun he had fixing the fire engine.

GERALD PEEBLER stood up to donate his dollar because –well– Because he could stand up. He gave one for Ted being back at work after his vacation in Europe. He gave another for Art being here and hoped he signs to "re-up" with the Club. We need him. SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for missing a couple of weeks. Her trip to Florida went well and they made it back driving in three days. She had to add another one as her phone rang. (Couldn't have been the Postman because it only rang once.) She is going to Vegas next week so may miss that meeting

TONY ARMAS gave for the great Club and for Art being here. STEVE FORSTER gave for a new year and the opportunity to slap Reed on the back. He took a trip to Bishop that started as just a trip with his son but evolved into an "include all" and the 350 mile trip became a -How much longer,- how much longer chorus. He gave his usual late dollar and added for missing a couple of weeks. PETER CHOW gave for a trip to Vegas and for the gas mileage. His wife Sylvia had a great time (One could interpret that as she won and Peter lost.)

Pastor JACK MIRANDA had a Happy Dollar for missing last week (Those were his exact words.) He then gave a dollar for a trip to a jelly fish aquarium and announced that jelly fish are brainless, spineless, heartless and tasteless. (Sounds like some politicians.) He added one for our guests, and for Maddi's Closet. GENE GLEASON gave for missing last week's meeting. He actually missed us. He had guests in from Ireland. He added one for Art. He announced that the easiest time to get a golf starting time is 7:00 AM on New year's Day. The place is deserted. PAT ROJAS gave for the Holidays and for the economy hanging on.

RUFFO ESPINOSA gave because he is a master of timing. A month and a half ago he put a down payment on a trip to the Holy Land, He bought some General Motors stock about five years ago at its height and sold it a short time ago. He listened to Pat's advice and bought some gold just before it sunk. (Ruffo should remember his physics, gold is very heavy and is bound to sink.) (The members were so moved that some wanted to give him their Happy/Sad Bucks.)

JOHN TOVAR gave for a great week at Big Bear. JIM MCGIRR gave for a great Club. MARK ROYSTON gave for Art being here and for Sherry having a safe trip from Florida. He added one for Ruffo who is opening an investment club. Art Leslie gave for us making him feel so welcome. He thought that the reason why he was so welcome was that we missed his reading from his book of wisdom. He took the opportunity to quote that "A politician is the only person who can borrow twenty dollars from you, pay you back ten and declare you are even. Because you both lost ten dollars."

PAR RUIZ gave for her financial advisor and for all the observations made by others. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for 2008 being gone and for 2009 being a better year. TED CEAUSU gave for missing a couple of weeks as he was on a trip to Europe. He spent a few days in London, then on to France via the "Chunnel" and visits to cemeteries and Normandy.

Spaghetti Dinner To Benefit Meals On Wheels

The Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Friday, January 30 in the Multi-Purpose Room of La Mirada High. LOU PILTZ is the Chair and will be needing everyone's help to continue making this a highly successful event.

Last Week's Who Am I?

My father was a fruit and vegetable broker.

My brother is an optometrist.

They used to call me "Banana" in high school.

Who am I?

Ruffo Espinosa

Who Am I?

As a youth, I enjoyed entering tractor driving contests. If I did not win, my brother would be the winner.

On several occasions I picked over 100 bushels of apples in one day. My record of 108 was the record at that time for that particular orchard. The need for income was the motivation.

I enjoyed participating in the high school and college band as a trumpet player.

Who Am I?

(Don't forget the evening members.)

**We Remember
DALE ROJAS
Died
January 20, 2007**