

# The Kiwanis Chronicles

**News of the Club and the Community it Serves**

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**Preserving Yesterday,  
Reporting Today**

**Kiwanis**  
La Mirada

**Serving the Children of  
the World  
La Mirada Kiwanis Club,  
La Mirada, CA**

## **Inside the Mind and Spirit of Animals**

Our Speaker of the morning was Dr. Rolan Tripp, Veterinarian. He is a graduate of UC, Davis, a long La Mirada resident and best of all the husband of ex-Kiwanian Mayor Susan Tripp. Rolan is a noted lecturer and has been featured on the "Animal Planet" TV series. His website is animalbehavior.net.

Rolan's subject of the morning was "Inside the Mind and Spirit of Animals." He began by taking us back some 100,000 years ago where cavemen became friends with wolves. The suggested script was the cave person finding some new born wolf pups and began their bonding. Once the pups became adult wolves they recognized man as master and the process of selected breeding began. They began to work together as hunters with the caveman finding the wolf an asset to his hunting skills. The wolf found the leftovers from man's dinners easy to digest and was something that was available without a daily scavenging.

Rolan noted that not one but at least thirteen different species of humans have been identified but that only one survived, that called homo-sapiens. It has been concluded that brain development was the essential part of this survival. He identified the brain area that is the "thinking part" and said it was one-third of the total of the brain. He compared this to the Chimp which has a "thinking area" of thirteen percent. The early bonding between humans and wolves brought about a friendly relationship that was unique to the wolf-man. He noted that one might think that Chimps would make better friends.

He noted the development of the wolf along side that of man. When wolves are born they bark but as adults they howl. As wolves became canines and bonded with man they barked even as adults. As canine breeds developed over 200 species were bred with the widest disparity of sizes of any animal. When pups are first born they cannot walk or see. They are completely dependent on others for the first two weeks.

During this time some 500,000 brain cells are connected and it boggles the mind to see how this could happen so fast. The brain of a canine is shaped at the age of six months and it can go many ways depending on its training. He went through the process of the first training where authority is established simply by holding, looking at and stroking the animal. Rolan said that most vets are not trained in animal behavior and the thrust of his lectures is designed to alleviate this condition.

Inside the dog is a high stress level. Under stress the appetite disappears, so offering them food is one way to measure their stress. When the animal is suspended in space, it reacts with an immobilization reflex. This is the way the mother can move the baby without it making noises. When you hold them in space you are substituting for the mother.

A canine can read facial expressions. They are far better at reading body language than are humans.. They focus on intent. A smile is one of assurance. Looking at them directly shows dominance but not a threat. By holding them close you control their personal space. They are still a bit afraid but they give up. You give them a reward by giving them their life back.

Then as you turn them upside down you exercise domain. By stroking them you establish the right of control. Certain parts, such as the top of the head, are more important but each part is important in taking control of the animal.

This is just a small part of taking us through the mind and spirit of an animal. We thank Rolan for this look at the animal world.

## October 7 Grins and Grimaces

The morning started with Dr. JERRY ROODZANT beginning his term in office. He brought along his usual “boom” box and we enjoyed “oldies” in the background along with something that sounded like “Fight on for old UCLA.” LOU PILTZ was called on to lead us in the Pledge. PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in “America, the Beautiful.” Dr. ED NORMAN was called on to give the invocation.

When it was time for the bucks to be herded, Jerry announced that during his regime they would be called “Grins and Grimaces.” And so they will. GENE GLEASON was called on see how the lips puckered. (Up for Grins, down for Grimaces.) Gene started by saying he missed us in Chicago. He added one for Debbie’s year. RUFFO ESPINOSA gave to welcome Jerry and for our guests of the morning. Guest and former member Mayor Susan Tripp gave for her oldest grandson who is now in the third grade. She added one for the outstanding presentation given by STEVE FORSTER at the Council meeting the night before.

Dr. RICK BEE gave for missing some meetings and for the environment of Cancun. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for UCLA. Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for USC and one for the great year. PAT RUIZ gave to welcome the new year. (Not sure whether she meant Yum Kippur or Kiwanis) She added one for the Angels and Dodgers. JOHN TOVAR gave. Dr. ED NORMAN gave for New England supplying the competition for the playoffs. He also gave for the Installation dinner. LA DONNA MUNIER gave for being in Seattle, sleepless or not. SHERRY BRAKEBIL gave for missing last week.

VANESSA RAMIREZ gave for the exploits of her first daughter. REED TAYLOR gave for the adventures of the Fire Truck. GERALD PEEBLER gave for having the same name as the President. (Barak??) His sister is in from Arkansas and he has just about mastered the foreign language she speaks. RON KNIGHT gave for having the honor of seeing Steve in action at the Council meeting. STEVE FORSTER gave for being late, giving “Sleepless in Seattle” as an excuse. He added one for Notre Dame football. TONY ARMAS gave an appreciative dollar. RICH TRUJILLO gave for Tony’s many years as Interclub Chair. He added one for an early departure.

PETER CHOW gave for missing last week, for USC and for Notre Dame. LOU PILTZ gave for our new President, for our speaker of the morning and for the Mayor who is an ex-Kiwanian. DR. JERRY ROODZANT gave for the Bruins, for Tony, and for the Installation.

## Recommended Reading by REED TAYLOR

Reed suggests that everyone read the article in the Cal-Nev-Ha District Magazine called “The Man Who Was God.” It is on Page 6. The sub-title is “How one child changed a grumpy old man, and helped Kiwanis through a rough time in history.”

## Who Am I?

At the time of my graduation I was the oldest graduate at Cal State Fullerton. I became a magician to be able to help children. I serve meals to those who are somewhat homebound. Who Am I?

## New Interclub Chairman

After many many years TONY ARMAS is stepping down as Interclub Chairman and TED CEAUSU has volunteered to take his place.

Tony was thanked for all his great work.

## Fire Truck on Display

REED TAYLOR told of the fire truck being at La Palma Park last Sunday through the efforts of Debbie’s dad, Fred. TOM THORNTON drove it to the park where it was a part of the display of vintage Ford automobiles.

One of those attending was a Kiwanian from the Fullerton Club who had a part in selling the truck to us years ago.

## Shopping Spree

PAT RUIZ announced that ADRIANNE MEDRANO will co-chair the Spree this year. It will be held at Sear’s in the Whitwood Mall and the kids will get a pancake breakfast at Ruby’s afterwards. The Club will be asked to sponsor 30 children with members and friends sponsoring single ones in addition. The Evening members has volunteered to sponsor ten and challenged the Morning members to do likewise.

## Last Week’s Who Am I?

My colors are Blue and Gold; Ketchup and Mustard are for my barbecued hotdogs.

I work with hazardous materials and waste in both the public and private sector and promote green technologies.

My passion is fishing June Lake.  
Who am I? Skip Ricarte

## Dr. Jerry’s Who Am I?

Dr Jerry gave his thought for the day as a “Who Am I?” Who said, “Keep your thoughts positive as your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive as your words become your behavior. Keep your behavior positive as your behavior becomes your habits. Keep your habits positive as your habits become your values. Keep your values positive as your values become your destiny.”

Somebody suggested Jack Miranda but it turned out to be Mahatma Gandhi.

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## The Objects of Kiwanis International

To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the 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 higher 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 co-operate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

The La Mirada Kiwanis Club is the home club of the following Past Lt.-Governors : Dr. ED NORMAN, CARY MAYER and HARLAN COMEE and at one time was the home club of: HAL BENVENISTE, IRWIN KAISER, FRANK MCCOY, and GEORGE HARRISON, all Past Lt. Governors of. Div. 30. It is the home club of Lt. Gov. Elect DEBBIE SCHEIBEL



### Legend:

Board Meeting    
 Today's Date 

## October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## Announcements

October 15-Bingo at Mirada Hills

November 12-Bingo at Imperial

Knabe Katch (On Hold)

**50/50 Drawing** was won by GENE GLEASON and donated to the Fire Truck Fund

**Birthdays:** October 30-JESSE URQUIDI

**Anniversary:** October 14- Pastor JACK MIRA NDA

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### Calendar-Regular Meetings

Every Wednesday Morning

7:15 AM Gateway Holiday Inn

Monthly Evening Meeting-First Thursday

Volunteer Center Suite 4 (11900 La Mirada Blvd.)

7:00 PM