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Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today

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La Mirada

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

Education Today

JOHN TOVAR introduced the guest speaker for the morning, Ernesto Centeno, Instructional Technology Specialist for NLMUSD. Ernesto has been with the district for 21 years, is a Glenn High School graduate, studied Psychology and holds a masters in communication. He prefaced his talk by saying that there is a considerable gap in education as it tries to keep up with the overwhelming changes that are happening in the world of Technology. His job as a liaison for the process and a solution is a challenge indeed.

Kid nowadays are not who WE were, and we must be vigilant in creating new ways to keep up with the amazing communication technology which is constantly changing and evolving worldwide. Ernesto showed a video that described the statistics to illustrate the challenges the United States must face in order to keep up with, to understand, and to learn what vigorous effort it will take to adapt our teaching methods to keep pace.

DID YOU KNOW?

+ In the next 8 seconds, 34 babies will be born: 5 in India, 4 in China, 1 in the U.S.

+ 2006 college graduates: U.S. - 1.3 million, India - 3.1 million, China - 3.3 million.

+ How many 2006 college graduates in India speak English? 100%

+ Prediction: in 7 years the number one English speaking country in the world will be—China.

DID YOU KNOW? (Department of Labor statistics)

+ 1 in 4 workers has been with their current employer less than one year.

+ 1 in 2 workers has been with their current employer less than five years.

+ Today's learners will have 10-14 jobs by their 38th birthday.

+ Today's 21 year-olds have watched 20,000 hours of TV, played 10,000 hours of video games, talked 10,000 hours on the phone, sent/received 250,000 emails or instant messages.

• More than 70% of 4-year-olds have used a computer.

DID YOU KNOW?

+ First commercial text message was sent in December 1992

+ Number of text messages sent and received today EXCEEDS the population of the planet.

+ Internet started being widely used by the general public in early 1995

+ More than 2.7 billion searches performed on Google THIS month

+ MySpace visitors exploded from 0 in 2003 to 60,000,000 in 2006

+ If MySpace were a country it would be the 8th largest in the world.

Ernesto spoke adamantly in describing that change in the way educators prepare our students for worldwide competition is a necessity. This is a global issue. Young students will experience competition in every area due to the amazing access of information (the term 'virtual students' is appropriate) and the rule will be 'collaborate or perish'. Education by cell phone, texting, and internet are the norm and 'users' expect automatic and immediate feedback to satisfy their desire to learn - whatever the subject may be. In addition, systems that provide 'time shift' to more convenient hours allow these 'virtual students' great latitude for what and when they access.

This is a world of instant gratification and frequent reward for our young students. Educators must be prepared not to 'cycle down' but to create that differentiation of instruction that provides the stimulation needed to meet the needs of this new generation of learners. Digital language learning also expands horizons and allows close contact with peoples of all nations. Key words: Competition, Competition, Competition.

Some steps that NLMUSD is taking to meet the needs:

Curriculum changes - modernizing network and providing stable computer environment - individual support for all learners - expanded AP courses - updated training for teachers and support staff - eliminating the concept of the 'bell curve' in favor of education of students to reach their individual capabilities - each classroom having their own libraries with updated technology where appropriate.

La Mirada High School has a pilot program in which students receive content on line. Each student is paced differently, finishes at his/her own pace and is given credit on the mastery level. There are many more facts to discover with much effort needed to keep up with the global demands. NLMUSD is dedicated to providing the best of what is needed to do the job. Thank you, Ernesto.

October 21 Grins and Grimaces

Dr. ED NORMAN, PAT ROJAS, DR. MIKE WINTER and PAT RUIZ led the traditional meeting opening with Invocation, Pledge to the Flag and Song this morning. President JERRY ROODZANT asked all members who loved baseball to raise their hands and suggested with his usual sense of humor that it was un-American NOT to - especially during these exciting playoffs.

Kiwanis 'lovers of baseball' were in abundance this morning. TOM, GENE, STEVE, SHERRY, JERRY and several others grinned and grimaced (mostly) with the results of sports' battle results this past week. JOHN TOVAR was delighted with delighting his grandkids. He recommended that we all visit Cal Poly's Pumpkin Patch. LOU PILTZ gave bucks for everything everyone else said this morning. REED TAYLOR gave for missing a meeting.

GERALD PEEBLER grinned about his upcoming vacation next week to Connecticut (This fellow really travels!!) LA DONNA MUNIER thanked those who supported her recent fundraiser. RICH TRUJILLO somehow talked his way out of a fine for the company name on his shirt and gave for missing last week. PASTOR JACK MIRANDA gave for being late this morning but confessed that his weekly walk to breakfast not only releases his stress but is becoming an all too enjoyable - and leisurely exercise.

MIKE WINTER gave for his attendance at the Whittier Christian High School Key Club meeting. He related that they are having a good start, learning much and collecting dues. However, since La Habra Club has dropped its Key Club sponsorships, perhaps La Mirada could consider picking them up. More later.

JIM MCGIRR grimaced and gave bucks for missing 2 meetings. PAT RUIZ grinned about the coming October 24 Symphony concert - the first of the Season.

BOARD ISSUES

President Roodzant gave a summary of the issues that were introduced/discussed at the Board Meeting of October 19:

- o 2 new night members were confirmed: Ginger Shattuck and Laura Williams
- o 2 Key Clubbers attended with news that about 300 potential members were possible for this coming year, pending receipt of dues. Their meetings will take place on the grassy area outside of the La Mirada Gymnasium from now on due to refurbishing.
- o Plans for the Shopping Spree on December 8 are in place. Consensus of the members favored the club's sponsorship of up to 50 needy students from the district with personal donations from friends and members providing the necessary cost-offset.
- o Consensus favored participating again this year in the Hollywood Holiday Christmas Parade program on Sunday November 29. Kiwanis would receive a percentage of program sales profits. Key Clubbers are necessary with chaperonage from Kiwanis members and Living Faith volunteers. (See Debbie Scheibel for more info.)

Kiwanis was asked to contribute to the funding of a young lady from Hutchinson Middle School for her school history trip to Washington D.C. Consensus favored 'passing the hat' for this cause. (\$80.00 was collected)

Announcements

Culmination of RED RIBBON WEEK at El Camino High School with breakfast on Thursday, October 29 from 7:00 a.m. to end of service for about 400 students and teachers. Workers needed from 6:30 a.m.

MOW SPAGHETTI DINNER - January date to be announced. Entertainment needed.

Shopping Spree

Chairperson ADRIENNE MEDRANO announced that the night Kiwanians had already pledged support for 4 children for the KI-WANIS SHOPPING SPREE FOR NEEDY CHILDREN and are working toward the goal of 10! A signup sheet will be passed around at the morning meeting next week for pledges of \$100 per student and for chaperones for the event on Tuesday, December 8.

PRESIDENT JERRY'S

quote for the week:

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation; your character is what you really are, while your reputation is what others think you are." John Wooden

Last week's Who Am I?

After my two Marine Corps stints, I was operations manager for Houston Fearless Company, maker of film drying equipment.

I later found swimming pool construction more to my taste.

But for most of my career I liked the feel and permanence of solid ground Who am I? Dale Rojas

Thanks
To
PAT RUIZ
for this edition of the
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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.

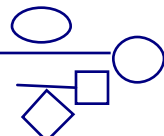
The La Mirada Kiwanis Club is the home club of the following Past Lt.-Governors : Dr. ED NORMAN, CARY MAYER and HARLAN COMEE and at one time was the home club of: HAL BENVENISTE, IRWIN KAISER, FRANK MCCOY, and GEORGE HARRISON, all Past Lt. Governors of. Div. 30. It is the home club of Lt. Gov. Elect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

November 12-Bingo at Imperial

November 14-Mad Dash Pancake Breakfast

November 19-Bingo at Mirada Hills

November 21-Knabe Katch

December 8-Shopping Spree

50/50 Drawing 50/50 was won by Jerry Roodzant (\$15) and donated to the La Mirada School District Education Foundation

Birthdays: October 30-JESSE URQUIDI

Anniversary: October 14-Pastor JACK MIRANDA

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