

# The Kiwanis Chronicles

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

November 11, 2009

Volume 9-10, Issue 06

**Preserving Yesterday,  
Reporting Today**

**Kiwanis**  
La Mirada

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

## **“Challenges are not a reason to surrender”**

Our speaker of the morning, Dr. RUTH PEREZ, was introduced by RUFFO ESPINOSA. Ruffo told of Ruth being born in Puerto Rico and the earning of her various degrees. She is now the Superintendent of the Norwalk La Mirada School District, coming to us from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is known for her strong convictions about education.

Dr. Ruth began by telling us how important Kiwanis is to the community and to the School District. She is grateful for the supportive School Board and noted they are interested in making the right decisions. “If we stay focused we can succeed,” she declared. She joined Kiwanis because she wanted to be a part of a service organization that truly serves.

There are a total of twenty eight schools in the District, of which seventeen are elementary, six are middle schools, three are high schools, one is a continuation high school and one is an ROP school. There are over 21,000 students enrolled in schools in the District. She talked of the Academic Performance district achievement for the year 2008-2009. The District was up an average of 13 points. The district is second from the bottom as far as state funding per student.

There has been modernization of 14 elementary, five middle and three high schools since Measure “S” was passed. There has been an expansion at La Mirada High School. As well as the other two high schools. As a result of budget cuts they have lost 117 classified positions, reduced hours for other classified employees. There has been a loss of eight teachers. She cautioned there are more cuts to come.

There have been program improvement designations pointing to needs to improve English language learning, special education students, and those students who are not progressing academically. All of the schools have been challenged to pull together for the betterment of the students.

Dr. Ruth said, “Challenges are not reasons to surrender.” They are opportunities to demonstrate commitment and excellence. The program must be made to work. We cannot give up on kids. We need to get parents to participate to the highest level. She noted that the Teacher’s Union is on board and that they are included in everything. She concluded by asking God to give us a heart for our children.

We thank Dr. Ruth for this look at the School District.

## **Monthly Evening Meeting**

Vice President LAURA WILLIAMS called the meeting to order and asked DEBBIE SCHEIBEL to give the Invocation. JOHN WILLIAMS led us in the Pledge and PAT RUIZ, the song, “You’re a Grand Old Flag.” We met as usual in the Volunteer Center and were treated to a short talk on the Holiday Basket Program sponsored by the Volunteer Center. This year the distribution will be on December 19.

Dr ED NORMAN talked of the history of Kiwanis after he presided in the induction of a new member, GINGER SHATTUCK. Ginger, as we all know was Superintendent of the Norwalk La Mirada School District for many years. Laura guided us through the calendar, taking time out for DEBBIE SCHEIBEL to deliver a certificate to GEORGE OROZCO as Co-Rookie of the Year.

Happy and Sad Bucks abounded and RICH POWERS reminded us of the need to get all Sponsored Youth Programs going at all levels from Circle-K to the K-Kids through the Key Club and the Builders’ Club. Visitors included Karen Morrison, Chris Pflanzler and daughter, Christie.

**November 11  
Veterans Day**

**May we always remember  
those who serve to keep us  
free**

## November 4 Grins and Grimaces

The meeting started with Dr. ED NORMAN leading us in the Pledge. PAT RUIZ played and led us in "You're a Grand Old Flag." Dr. RICK BEE gave the Invocation. When it came time for the bucks to be collected RICH TRUJILLO was called upon to do the extracting.

GENE GLEASON gave for Brea and the new life that new members bring to the Club. GERALD PEEBLER gave for a trip to Connecticut and for having a dollar left over after his trip. REED TAYLOR gave for the senior moment that escaped him. LOU PILTZ gave for his birthday. Dr. RICK BEE gave for missing Kiwanis. Visiting Brea Kiwanian DENNIS O'HEARN gave for great friends. PETER CHOW gave a past trip to Las Vegas where he saw Marie Osmond and one for a future trip to give back some of the money. TOM THORNTON gave for his one year anniversary in Kiwanis. TONY ARMAS gave for the Brea Interclub.

VANESSA RAMIREZ gave for missing last week. ADRIENNE MEDRANO gave for all of PAT RUIZ's help on the Shopping Spree. RUFFO ESPINOSA gave for winning the boxer shorts. (He knew they were boxer shorts because they came in a box.) He added one for a trip to Guadalajara this week and one for an operation his son is having to repair damages from a skate board accident.

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for the Brea Club visiting us this morning. ALAN MORRISON gave for the Anaheim group and for a trip to the Civic Center. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for a scheduled ride with the Police this week. (Which is a whole lot better than a non-scheduled trip with those who defend and protect.) JIM MCGIRR gave for the DUCKS. (Mighty or not, here they come.) Dr. ED NORMAN gave for the US Marine Corps birthday coming up. Brea visitor DON HULL echoed that. RICH TRUJILLO gave for one of his softball pitchers who was going to move but now isn't. Dr. JERRY ROODZANT brought out his duck whistle to cheer on UCLA. (It must have been for their fencing team and the Scribe's grandson who won his first bout last week.)

## Announcements

### MOW SPAGHETTI DINNER

The January date will most likely be on January 29th.. LOU PILTZ is chairing the event and will be calling on everyone to help.

### Shopping Spree

The sponsorship for the Shopping Spree is coming along well. Bob and Marsha Chotiner donated the money they earned on its behalf to the tune of \$942.50. Kiwanis friend Rose Hamilton has donated \$500. Thirty five Kiwanis members individually have signed up to sponsor a Shopper at \$100 each. The Shopping Spree Gift Cards have been purchased. As a part of the purchasing Sears threw in a gift card for \$75 that had to be spent that day. Enterprising Adrienne and Pat used it to buy gifts that were raffled off at the morning meeting and turned the \$75 into \$145. Talk about a stimulus plan.

### PRESIDENT JERRY'S

quote for the week:

Who Said:

Neither a brave man or a wise man will lay down on the railroad tracks.

Dwight David Eisenhower



GEORGE OROZCO receives his Co-Rookie if the Year Award



GINGER SHATTUCK is inducted into the Club by Dr ED NORMAN

## 2009-2010 Officers, Board

### Directors

TED CEAUSU  
 PETER CHOW  
 RUFFO ESPINOSA  
 ART LESLIE  
 RICH POWERS  
 PAT RUIZ  
 DAVE TAYLOR  
**Committee Chairs**  
 Kiwanis Education &  
 Bulletin  
 MARK ROYSTON  
 Greater Years  
 House & Reception.  
 SHERRY BRAKEBILL  
 Interclub's  
 TED CEAUSU  
 Major Emphasis  
 PETER CHOW

DR. JERRY ROODZANT  
 Publicity  
 LOU PILTZ  
 Ways & Means  
 REED TAYLOR  
 Youth Services  
 RICH TRUJILLO  
 Sunshine  
 RUFFO ESPINOSA  
 Scholarship  
 LOU PILTZ  
 Spiritual Aims  
 Dr. MIKE WINTER  
 Sponsored Youth  
 JOHN TOVAR  
 Fire Truck Chief  
 REED TAYLOR  
 Archives Chairman  
 REED TAYLOR

President  
 Dr. JERRY ROODZANT  
 President Elect  
 STEVE FORSTER  
 Treasurer  
 SHERRY BRAKEBILL  
 Secretary  
 AMY SCHEIBEL  
 Immed. Past Pres.  
 DEBBIE SCHEIBEL  
 Lt. Gov. Div. 30  
 GEORGE HALLAK  
 Lt. Governor Elect  
 DEBBIE SCHEIBEL  
 Key Club President  
 Patricia Yoo

## 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

# Kiwanis La Mirada

### Legend:

Board Meeting 

Today's Date 

Evening Meeting 

## 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					

## December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	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		

## Announcements

**November 11–Veterans Day**

**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**

**Birthdays:** Nov. 7-RICH RIVERA, Nov. 14-LOU PILTZ, Nov. 15-TONY ARMAS, Nov. 27-RUFFO ESPINOSA

**Anniversary:** Nov. 25-BRIAN ILTEN, Nov. 27-TOM THORNTON, Nov. 29-PAT ROJAS,

**50/50 Drawing** was once again won by STEVE FORSTER and donated to Meals-On-Wheels.

Visitors: From Brea: JOE SALAZAR, DENNIS O'HEARN, DAN COOK, HENRY EAGAR, DAVE WORKER, and DEAN HALL. For a second visit Oscar Diaz. To assist in Dr. Ruth's presentation, Ernesto Centeno

### 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