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Reporting Today**

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**Serving the Children of
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La Mirada Kiwanis Club,
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Core Values and Investing

Dr. ED NORMAN introduced his son, Doug, as speaker of the morning. Doug graduated from Cal-Poly-Pomona with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked some ten years with Hawaiian Electric. Later he received an MBA in finance at Pepperdine. Dr. Ed mentioned a program some weeks ago where PETER CHOW talked of financial planning and of a seminar by GENE GLEASON on the same subject. Doug may add an additional facet to the picture as he talks of some of his thoughts on the same subject.

Doug began by saying that while he had an engineering degree he always had a strong interest in finance. Ten years or so ago he joined his mother in her financial planning company in Brea. They specialize in those interested in investing during the pre-retirement years as well as after retirement. They have clients over the country. He mentioned help received from some old and now deceased Kiwanians, RAY HAUGH and BOB STONE. Ray was able to get him insurance when he started an engineering company and Bob gave him career guidance.

He came not to talk about the act of making an investment decision, but the parts leading up to that point. The investment should follow the line one establishes as to important in their life values. The front end should be formalized sufficiently so that one is always assured that in making the investment it will give the best possible outcome.

The check list that is developed define the core value of the investors desires for the future. This is critical in making better decisions. While we instinctively make decisions along the lines of our core values, if they are not codified we can stray as we go along. We need to develop a distinct life-money connection. His company in the past five years has developed a distinct method for insuring investments and our core values are related. They go through three stages, motivation, understanding and commitment all linked to those to the core values. We need to understand what is important before we take the next step. With the increased confidence that comes from this we can be more certain about our future.

Once we develop a life-vision checklist of what we want our life to be as can be determined by our investing practices, we can more surely move forth. He told a story of a person who wanted to set up investments for a 12 year old granddaughter's college education.

After going through this checklist as to why she wanted to invest in the granddaughter's future, it was discovered that she wanted the child to be well educated and that she would pursue a lifetime of learning. She realized that while she wanted to help with this goal, the granddaughter was only twelve and college was six years away. She was deferring her help for that six years. This opened her eyes to new opportunities to help the child at an earlier age.

In the end she did make the investments toward a college education, but also was able to invest in more immediate programs that helped make the results more probable.

This area of investigating the actual values of the clients occupies a good part of their work for that client. Out of this understanding comes more confidence in the outcome.

He ended with the point of sharing. Many times we do not share these core values with those who are affected by them and we do not receive the input of the core values of those affected. We need to share with others so that they understand our reasons for what we do.

We thank Doug for this look at investing using core values to determine our goals.

Who Am I?

I was born in another country.

In high school I was on the football team and we had to perform in the gym on stage. We all dressed up in grass skirts and did hula dances.

I have a wife and five kids, which none of them live local.

November 11 Grins and Grimaces

The morning started with the Invocation given by Dr. ED NORMAN. ART LESLIE led us in the Pledge. Dr. MIKE WINTER and PAT RUIZ teamed up to lead us in the Marine Corps Hymn. Dr. Ed was asked to define “Semper Fi,” He responded with the complete line, “Semper Fidelis” and explained it’s meaning as “Always Faithful.”

When the members needed to be trimmed of their bucks, STEVE FORSTER was there to do the collecting. He started with his grinning dollar for the Veterans and added a grimace one for Notre Dame losing (The Scribe would normally agree with him but not this time.) Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for the Vets and for his ride along in the sheriff’s car as they toured La Mirada. Much time was spent in the Foster Road area. Graffiti is still a problem there.

Dr. MIKE WINTER added one for the Vets and one for his daughter Emily getting mono. She is still scheduled to graduate from Biola on December 17. PETER CHOW gave the Vets and for the ID Card carried by one Veteran which saved him from further harm when his muggers discovered it. He added one for Notre Dame losing to Navy. (See the above aside.) AMY SCHEIBEL and TONY ARMAS both gave a Veterans’ dollar. LOU PILTZ dittoed those and added one for the MOW dinner. SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for missing last week and for the Vets. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for the great turnout at the evening meeting. GENE GLEASON gave for a successful seminar put on by him and his colleagues. He even mentioned Kiwanis. He added one for the Veterans.

TOM THORNTON gave for the Veterans and for Navy beating Notre Dame. (It’s good to see someone with his values correct.) GERALD PEEBLER gave for his time in the Army Air Corps. REED TAYLOR gave for the need to go to a night meeting as he doesn’t know some of them and worse yet they don’t know him. JIM MCGIRR gave for all the Vets and for our great Club. PAT RUIZ gave for Veterans Day. RUFFO ESPINOSA gave for a UCLA win, for successful surgery performed on his son, for a trip to Mexico and a great family reunion. Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave for each of our veterans, for UCLA’s win and to issue a challenge on a future UCLA/USC game, but not with each other.

Mad Dash

The Club joined the Greater Whittier Kiwanis Club in putting on a pancake breakfast for the Mad Dashers. This is a benefit to support Maddi’s Closet and was held at La Serna High School in Whittier on Saturday, November 14.

La Mirada Kiwanians checked off were TONY ARMAS, PETER CHOW, RUFFO ESPINOSA, DIMITRI ELBLING, GENE GLEASON, ART LESLIE, GERALD PEEBLER, LOU PILTZ, DR. JERRY ROODZANT, MARK ROYSTON, AMY SCHEIBEL, DEBBIE SCHEIBEL, and REED TAYLOR.

While the Scribe left early to attend other duties, it could be seen that the crowd was showing to make it the usual success.

Announcements

MOW SPAGHETTI DINNER

The January date will be on January 29th.. LOU PILTZ is chairing the event and will be calling on everyone to help. Lou is looking for sponsors of the Place Mats.

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 men’s department 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.



The sunrise highlights the balloons and signals the start of another Mad Dash to benefit Maddi’s Closet

Knabe Katch Fishing Derby

This is an “all hands” event this Saturday, November 21 near the tennis courts at the Regional Park. Be there at 6:30 AM for set up. We serve pancakes to upwards of 800 persons.

Back to the Future

TONY AIELLO recently posted a scan of an edition of The La Mirada Lamplighter from 1965 on the La Mirada Blog.

Our very own LOU PILTZ is mentioned on the front page of the old paper, and there have been numerous positive comments about Lou and Sylvia from many fans.

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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

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
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December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Announcements

November 19-Bingo at Mirada Hills

November 21-Knabe Katch

December 8-Shopping Spree

December 10-Bingo at Imperial

January 29- Meals-On-Wheel Dinner

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 won by GTENE GLEASON and donated to Maddi's Closet

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