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Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today

Kiwanis
La Mirada

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

The Way Things Used to be

In lieu of a program this morning, President Jerry took us back through some thirty years of the La Mirada Kiwanis Club. Yep, we celebrate thirty years of existence this month. He listed the Presidents who included Wayne Alvey, Bob Snowden, Alan Spitalnick, Paul Kugler, Dr. Ed Norman, Frank Derbyshire, Ray Haugh, Dennis Starr, Art Leslie, Lou Piltz, Harlan Comee, Dr. Mike Winter, Bob Stone, Mark Royston, Tony Armas, George Harrison, Herb Miller, Dr. Jerry Roodzant, Jim McGirr, Gene Gleason, George Harrison, George Rodericks, Greg Christy, Pat Ruiz, John Tovar, Harlan Comee, Ron Knight, Gerald Peebler, Debbie Scheibel, and currently Dr. Jerry again.

Meetings were held initially at Knapp-Voght Manufacturing Company on Firestone. They also met at Denny's just south of the freeway at Valley View and at Love's on Rosecrans. Before settling at the Holiday Inn. Before the current club came into existence there was an earlier La Mirada Club which functioned from 1957 to 1977. There are little records of the first club. It was chartered through and sponsored by the Norwalk Kiwanis Club as a part of Division 13. Its early meeting place was the Candlewood Country Club on Telegraph Road in Whittier. There were 28 charter members and one of the names appearing as a charter member was Lou Piltz, Manager, Hiram's Grocery. Other names we remember were Wayne Grisham, Dr. Robert Buchanan, and *Joe (the Barber) Cincinnati*.

Cary Mayer was instrumental in forming the Club that exists today while he was manager of a plastics manufacturing plant in La Mirada. Cary was Lt. Governor that year of 1979 and was known as Mr. Kiwanis. He was Secretary of the Club for many years. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and active until his death in 1995.

Many of the Club members were a part of building La Mirada and included numerous members of the City Council and its staff. While the Club is known to many for its pancake breakfasts, it has reached out to the Community in many various ways. It was instrumental in starting a lot of the programs that continue today under different banners.

If you want to meander through its first twenty five years take a look at the booklet that is most likely in your possession. This booklet is currently under revision to include the last five years.

Who Am I?

I sold and leased commercial real estate.
I have a home in Running Springs.
I loved my Kiwanis breakfasts.

Who Am I?

Ham On Wry

Remember the only person who should be making rash judgments is a dermatologist.

And

A writer who criticizes "consonantly" has an irritable "vowel" syndrome.

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Don't forget to log onto the Cal-Ne-Ha District award winning website of our Club.

President Jerry's "Who Said?"

"Do something for somebody every day for which you do not get paid." He also said "The purpose in life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."

Albert Schweitzer

November 25 Grins and Grimaces

The morning started with the Pledge being led by ALAN NAKAMURA. PAT RUIZ led us in "God Bless America." LOU PILTZ gave the Invocation. Since it was a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Club visitors centered around that event.

When it was time to bring in the bucks, ALAN NAKAMURA was again called upon to do the brokering. President Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave for his attire which he claimed may have something to do with people ganging up on him. He added for our thirtieth birthday. RON KNIGHT gave for forgetting the Knabe Katch and over-sleeping. He added one for having to leave early. (This plumbing business just drains all your spare time.) GERALD PEEBLER gave for the DCM (Division Council Meeting) and for the Interclub obtained for its attendance.

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for the Club as did PAT RUIZ. Bob Chotiner had a happy couple of bucks which he gave with a grin. He said it was a privilege to have been in the Club. He mentioned a new suit owned by Gerald and how well he looked in it. STEVE FORSTER gave for all the friendly faces, for a new face that might appear at Notre Dame and for the great Club. Marsha Chotiner gave for being here. She noted that she would see us next at the Shopping Spree, (of which she and Bob play a major fund raising role.) LOU PILTZ gave for all the guests and added that the cost of education is going up.

AMY SCHEIBEL gave for family, friends and Kiwanis at this Thanksgiving time. RICH TRUJILLO gave for health, wealth and the time to enjoy it. SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave a Grimace buck for sleeping through the Knabe Katch. RUFFO ESPINOSA gave for his first par on a Par Five hole. (Number 16 at La Mirada.) He added one for a UCLA win in an upcoming football game. (Well, we can all dream.) RICH POWERS gave for his first visit to the Morning Meeting and for the Knabe Katch. LAURA WILLIAMS dittoed the first morning meeting visiting. JIM MCGIRR gave for the great Club and for missing the Knabe Katch. MARK ROYSTON gave for Bob and Marsha Chotiner being with us this morning and for ALAN NAKAMURA being a couple of weeks early for his annual visit. He also used up some of the members' time by reading an epistle received from the Social Security to his wife showing how carefully they watch our dollars. After all was said and done, the net change was zero. It sure makes one look forward to the future.

DR. ED NORMAN gave for the annual delivery of Meals-On-Wheels lunches by STEVE FORSTER. TONY ARMAS gave for his granddaughter being with him and for the letter he also received from Social Security (He didn't make out as well as the Scribe's household as he suffered a net loss of \$1.00 a month. You gotta know that Uncle Sam is hurting.) GENE GLEASON gave for everyone being here, especially Rich. ALAN NAKAMURA gave for missing a "couple" of meetings.

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

ADRIANNE MEDRANO gave an update on the Shopping Spree. There is now over \$4000 in including \$100 from Peggy Hester, wife of deceased member *JEFF HESTER*. (That's worth getting out the red sweater.)

La Mirada News

From the Whittier Daily News

La Mirada swimmers national champions: The Unsynchronables, swimming from the Splash, won the national synchronized swimming championship for the thirds time in a row. They vary in age from 20 to 90 and have won this event eight times.

From the La Mirada Blog

The La Mirada Matadors won their last playoff game, beating Santa Ana 44-3. They will play Santiago this Friday. For more details log onto TONY AIELLO's La Mirada Blog

The Mad Dash

The report is in that the combined Kiwanis Clubs of La Mirada and Greater Whittier served 225 breakfasts to those participating in the Mad Dash for Maddi's Closet. The event netted some \$9000 all to go to support Maddi's Closet.

Holiday Mixer

The annual Holiday Mixer which is held in the office building where GENE GLASON's offices are located will be tomorrow evening December 3. There will be food, drinks, raffles and good times at this event. Stop in at Gleason's offices on the second floor to start your journey.

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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 

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		

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
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Announcements

December 8-Shopping Spree

December 10-Bingo at Imperial

December 17-Bingo at Mirada Hills

January 29- Meals-On-Wheel Dinner

Birthdays: December 2-Dr. RUTH PEREZ, December 10-ADRIENNE MEDRANO, December 17-JOHN TOVAR, December 25 -JIM MCGIRR

Visitors: former member Bob & Marsha Chotiner, former member Scott Devons, Victoria, granddaughter of TONY ARMAS

50/50 Drawing was won by GENE GLEASON and donated to the Meals-On-Wheels.

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