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**"A Record of Tomorrow's
Good Fortunes"**



Young Children
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World**

**La Mirada Kiwanis Club,
La Mirada, CA**

www.lamiradakiwanis.org

Our Evening Member CHRIS STAPLES came to point and show our new Web Site, lamiradakiwanis.org. It is up and running, though still in the creation stage. Chris and Debbie have been working to make the site one that the members will use. In addition it serves as a site to highlight the activities of the Club.

One of the main activities coming up is the Duck Race. This event is not only featured on the site, but interested parties can register and if they wish, purchase "Duck Adoption" papers online. We use the secure coding of the of the Duck Race Company to allow the use of credit cards but the user never leaves the lamiradakiwanis.org site while they are parting with their cash.

The site will be filled with the history of the Club as well as a membership form that can be filled out if the online adventurer is interested in pursuing becoming a Kiwanian. There will be details about Kiwanis International as well as "Division Doings." The Events page is active so that one can "click" on a particular activity for more details.

There is an "About Us" page that lets one find out about the history of the Club as well as current Members and Board makeup. There are also details about our Key Club and its activities. The history of the Club, taken from the booklet is available in "pdf" format that one can download to look at or print. (Note that the file now on the website is of an earlier version which will be replaced shortly with the current one.)

The Chronicles will be available on the site but only the first two pages of each edition are shown, so as to protect the security of members' details. The Membership list is included as a separate file and one can click on an individual member to send an e-mail. The e-mail address of the member will not be shown in that transmission. Past editions of the Chronicles will be posted as soon as the Scribe gets off his duff to send them over to Chris.

It is good to have one skilled in the process of Web Site creation in the Club, along with one who is in the marketing business that can help make pretty things prettier. We thank Chris and Debbie for all their efforts in the Club's behalf.

Don't Forget

the Twin Billing this Saturday

as we cook pancakes for two organizations. Listen for details at today's meeting.

Trivia Quiz

Why do they call elementary school "Grade School"? Why not "Level Ground School" or "Up Hill School. Why "Grade" School?

It was all started by a lazy man who wanted to make more money for his efforts.

From the dawning of time, until about 1790 the education of the youth was through "mentoring." First it was parents who taught their children to "hunt and gather." Then mentors who had education from one source or another would take a pupil under their wing and when they were skilled sufficiently in the subject, the mentor would pronounce them as graduates and the mentor's stature was enough for the student to find acceptance in the world.

Then along came a fellow named William Farrish from Cambridge, England who wanted to speed up the process so that he could handle more students and consume less effort while doing so. This would mean more money with less effort on his part. He looked at the Industrial Revolution and saw that the shoe makers "graded" their leather and the worker's results. Why not "grade" the students and if they pass the test, pronounce them as sufficiently worthy to go out into the world?

Others picked up on this method and pretty soon "graded" schools were in and "mentoring" was out.

Now there is a movement afoot to go away from the grading method and one would suppose back to "mentoring." They haven't said how they are going to grade the mentors who will pass the students off as educated.

(Source: beyond-school.org)

February 18 Dollars and Nonsense

The morning started with the Pledge led by DAVE TAYLOR. Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in "America, the Beautiful." LOU PILTZ gave the Invocation. When it was time for the bucks to be collected, RICH TRUJILLO insured its success with his premium smile. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave a patriotic dollar and took the opportunity to show the reproduction of a painting hanging in the White House. The reproduction is done by a member of his congregation, Debbie Cornejo. She explained its varying significance and offered to come back to explain it in detail. She has a son in Iraq and offered addresses to Lou for his Iraq Pack. Pastor Jack also noted the business card on a handout from Eugene A. Gleason III and paid his advertising buck. (With three "I's" shouldn't the price be \$3?)

PAT RUIZ gave a late dollar (We took "note" of that during the opening song.) She added another for the guests. MARK ROYSTON gave an assigned \$5 from RUFFO ESPINOSO who had to depart early to oversee the construction details of his house renovation in West La Mirada. He added a few of his own to compliment all the left-handed people in the Club, noting that that 96.5% of all geniuses are left handed. (Noting the consenting smiles at this, he should have also added that the converse is not necessarily true; that 96.5% of left-handers are perhaps not all geniuses, or maybe they are.)

AMY SCHEIBEL gave for such a beautiful day, adding another for all the hard work that Debbie and CHRIS STAPLES are doing to create the La Mirada Kiwanis Web Site. CHRIS STAPLES gave a happy one for being here this morning and one for Pat. (She made some smart remark about geniuses and he held up his hand, admitting to being left-handed.) PAT ROJAS gave for Rich running long distance races twenty years ago. He added for his golf tournament coming up on March 30th at the Black Gold Golf Club. He gave for the economy still moving along, and still is recommending "hard" assets such as gold. He added another dollar for not being in jail after his protest marching. DAVE TAYLOR gave for not being a genius but he's also not stupid. His daughter is back from Fiji. He gave for the opportunity of coming to Kiwanis as it is a refuge from the bad news that is broadcast elsewhere.

PETER CHOW gave for being in the Club. TONY ARMAS gave because he had a dollar left, which he now doesn't have. GENE GLEASON gave a late dollar. He noted that the left-handed genius connection had been made before by his left-handed father.

GERALD PEEBLER gave for the rain, \$5 for five inches of rain as best he could gauge it. He was wondering about the lady in the wheelchair who received our painting services last year. (Doing well was the report, except some of the appliances are failing.) He added another because he is still well and happy.

REED TAYLOR gave because there are not many heathens left. (Or did he say left-handed ones.) LOU PILTZ gave because he is able to come here once a week. He talked of his working with Senior Net and the difficulty we old people can have learning new tricks. JOHN TOVAR gave for a banquet he will be attending which will honor one of his students who is receiving an award for overcoming adversity.

STEVE FORSTER gave for being late, no pin and a hyperactive cell phone. Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave for the art work and for all the underlying usages of the initials for UCLA. SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for Pat being late and for accepting the challenge to jump out of that airplane with Jerry. (One assumes that neither Sherry or Jerry are left-handed.) She added for missing the Board Meeting, and for an upcoming golf tournament of her own.

RICH TRUJILLO gave to allege that you never see a Harley driver needing a psychologist, or was it a psychiatrist. (He didn't say whether anyone of them were left-handed.) He also donated his 50/50 ticket which could be a possible winner as a part of his happy bucks. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for Chris and all his hard work to build the web site and her desire to build communications.

Who Am I?

I was born in Chicago, lived in Boston, San Francisco (twice) and Pittsburg, Pa. before ending up in Southern California.

I am the second of three sons.

I enjoy sailing though I never actually learned to sail.

Who am I?

Don't forget the evening members.

Last Week's Who Am I?

I attended UCLA (the University of Cerritos, Left on Alondra.)

I was a long distance runner as a Pilot at Excelsior High.

I plan on dying young as late as possible.

Who Am I?

Rich Trujillo