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**Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today**

Kiwanis
La Mirada

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

Disaster Preparedness

Our speaker of the morning was Terry Bess of the American Red Cross. He was introduced by ART LESLIE who remembers him from the days they were both taking disaster classes. Terry is a retired banker and serves the communities through the American Red Cross.

While all attention is focused on Haiti, Terry came to talk about local preparedness. He talked of the Red Cross and its charter which makes it a humanitarian organization run by volunteers. While it is ready to help countries whose facilities are overwhelmed by a disaster, it is their duty to provide relief for those persons suffering individual emergencies. Many are from home fires. The Red Cross is a part of the response team, particularly to those families who are driven from their homes by a fire that leaves them on the curb with all their belongings a part of the fire. They will provide them emergency shelter, locate a place for them to live and in many cases provide them with emergency funds to get into a new place.

Terry counted off some of the local dangers. Fires, floods, train wrecks, air disasters and car wrecks. Many of these happenings cause an impact that ranges from individuals to sometimes the evacuation of an area. When this happens, they are the ones who locate a center for the refugees to stay until the emergency is over. They provide communication systems to allow contact between those affected and those who are worried about the condition of friends and relatives.

Training to minimize persons from being hurt in a disaster is a part of their service. The best way to survive an earthquake when you are asleep was discussed. Don't get out of bed until the tremor is over. If you are not in bed, the "duck, cover and hold" is the best solution. Duck under the nearest table, Cover your head and eyes, and hold on to the table so as to stay with it if it moves.

Getting into a doorway is no longer the recommended action. Terry strongly recommended having a disaster kit. He had brought one along to show some of the components. The kit should hold enough emergency supplies to get a person by for a week. Each person needs access to a gallon of water a day, for drinking and for sanitary purposes. You should also have such a kit in your automobile. He suggested contacting an organization called SOS.com that will supply such a kit. It can also be located through redcross.org. Your emergency supplies should be stored in a 55 gallon drum located away from the house itself in an area that is most likely to survive an earthquake. You should have a checklist.

Water will last six months. Food packs from SOS.com will last five years. Since we change clocks every six months, that's the time to renew the perishables in the kit. You should have an emergency supply of medicine as well as a first aid kit. Have a supply of cash as an extended area earthquake will knock out power and ATM machines will not be usable. You should have tools, blankets and a sleeping bag. Copies of records should be stored in a remote area.

You should have a "Clearing house" for relatives to contact at least 100 miles away. Contact them with the news of your condition so that they can pass this on to those concerned friends and relatives. They should have up to date photos of you in case posting of such is needed for emergency workers to help identify you in case you are unresponsive.

You can log onto www.prepare.org for better details. You can purchase first aid and disaster kits by visiting www.arcriohondo.org or by calling the local chapter of the American Red Cross at 562 945 3944.

We thank Terry for this timely talk. The rest is up to us.

Grins and Grimaces-Jan. 20

PRESIDENT Jerry called the meeting to order and asked the interim late arrival, GENE GLEASON, to lead us in the Pledge. Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in the Invocation. PAT RUIZ without benefit of the piano led us in "God Bless America."

When the pockets needed to be drained, RON KNIGHT plunged into the action to do the collecting. He gave five of his own for admitting to be "grievously" late. LOU PILTZ gave for a roof that didn't leak and for the rain. PAT ROJAS gave for Mr. Brown being a winner adding that he was a 30 year vet. TED CEAUSU gave for the "Old Sod" and for New Year's Eve. He also took the opportunity to announce that his wife is expecting.

GERALD PEEBLER gave for a ten inch rain and for the flavor of chocolate. He added one for the Club. REED TAYLOR gave for not liking chocolate (Obviously this was a topic of conversation at Table One prior to passing the collection plate.) SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for missing the Board Meeting and for our speaker Terry Bess. She also noted that not only does Reed not like chocolates but add to that strawberries.

Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for the Whittier Christian Key Club and for daughter Emily starting teaching. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave to correct the time travel machine where she went to Vegas last week. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for the Haitian effort. TONY ARMAS gave an unrecorded dollar. GENE GLEASON gave for his "Early" arrival and for a retreat he helped to sponsor for the Newman Club at Cal State Fullerton.

ART LESLIE gave to ask for nominations for persons doing community service. He needs any names by March 31. JIM MCGIRR gave for the Ducks and for the great Club. PAT RUIZ gave for the free concert coming up. Should be a great one. MARK ROYSTON gave an advertizing dollar displaying his "WhenToWork.com" T-shirt. AMY SCHEIBEL gave a trip to Vegas dollar. She didn't win or lose. PETER CHOW gave to talk of the problems of getting help to Haiti. He also made a trip to Vegas, leaving his usual contribution.

STEVE FORSTER gave for all the water going down the drain in La Mirada with no flooding resulting. He gave credit to JIM MCGIRR and his design work of many years ago for this event. GERALD PEEBLER rose again to entice "Good Deed Reed" to tell his supermarket story. Reed obliged and told of a trip to the market (which he never does), waiting at the checkout stand (which he loves to do) lasting through one customer whose credit card didn't pass the muster, another whose check wouldn't meet the requirements and finally a customer who came up a dollar short. Reed chucked in the difference to clear the aisle so he could check out. The guy ahead of his was thankful for the one buck chuck.

RON KNIGHT gave a late \$, one for both sisters being here and one for Tony being back.

Duck Race

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL reports that the "Adoption Papers" are at the printers and will be available by the end of the month. Meetings are being held to get all interested parties working to sell Adoption Papers. There was a meeting held this past Monday evening which will be reported in next week's issue

Chamber Expo

AMY SCHEIBEL says that the Chamber Expo will be held on February 11 and that we will have a booth. Help was solicited to man the booth.

4-La Mirada Kids Carnival

The 4-La Mirada Kids Carnival will be held the weekend of April 23. We have once been invited to work at various locations. It has been a success for those groups serving the youth of La Mirada. Be sure and sign up to work.



MOW Spaghetti Dinner

The 21st MOW SPAGHETTI DINNER is scheduled for this Friday, January 29 at La Mirada High School. The charge for adults is \$5.00 each and for children (6-12)-\$3.00. Under six Free. Set-up is at 4:00 PM. Serving starts at 5:00 PM. Dr. ED NORMAN will handle bringing in the food. JOHN TOVAR will take care of the Key Clubbers and Positive Alternative.

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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 

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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February 2010

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
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Announcements

January 29– Meals-On-Wheel Dinner
 February 4– Evening Meeting
 February 11– Bingo at Imperial
 February 18– Bingo at Mirada Hills
 March 6– Pancake Breakfast
 April 3 Duck Race
 April 22-25 4– La Mirada Kids Carnival

Birthdays: January 3– OSCAR DIAZ, Jan. 6– LAURA WILLIAMS, Jan. 28– JOHN WILLIAMS, Jan. 29– PAT RUIZ

Anniversary: January 31– REED TAYLOR

50/50 Drawing was won by Dr. MIKE WINTER and donated to the Haiti Fund

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