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Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today

Kiwanis
La Mirada

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

PROTECT YOUR CITY'S COFFERS! VOTE 'YES' ON 22!

Steve Forster introduced the speaker for the morning. Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager of the League of California Cities, addressed the meeting with the warning that it is very important for local governments to stop the state from taking OUR tax dollars! One solution is a YES vote on Proposition 22. A successful result will stop state raids of local government, redevelopment, transportation and transit funds.

Even though California voters have overwhelmingly voted in the past to stop State raids of local government funds, and to dedicate the gas taxes we pay at the pump to vital transportation and transit improvements, projects and service, Sacramento politicians have exploited loopholes in the law to take billions from our local taxpayer funds.

QUESTION: Why should California cities be punished after strategizing, planning ahead, making practical adjustments for their communities, creating workable balanced budgets for services vital to their needs, only to see their plans delayed irreparably, their funds robbed by the State, their plans set back by state incompetence, etc.?

Last Year, the state:

- o Borrowed approximately \$2 billion in property taxes from local government
- o Raided \$2.05 billion in local redevelopment funds
- o Shifted nearly \$1 billion in transit funding away from local transit agencies, and instituted a 'swap' of gas tax revenues that will take an additional \$600 million annually from public transit.

Proposition 22 will:

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Steve Forster added that here in La Mirada, areas under the redevelopment agency such as the Alondra property, Foster Park Improvement, the Crosswood property at La Mirada Blvd and Imperial Hwy. are in jeopardy unless changes are made. Voters are encouraged to study the impact if Proposition 22 loses.

Question:

Dr. Mike Winter asked: Will this Proposition hold up in court?"

Ans.: We believe it will.

The present Governor has promised only to borrow property taxes if there in an extreme emergency.

California is in a desperate state. Constitution revisions are necessary.

Jerry Roodzant asked which groups were in opposition?

Ans.: Interest groups, motivational groups, CA Teachers' Assoc., PTA, Firefighters Union, Pension reformers, etc.

Where can one go for more information?: League of Women Voters. Voter's Guide, www.cacities.org,

Thanks

To PAT RUIZ for this week's Chronicles.

Grins and Grimaces-Oct. 20th

Interesting beginning this morning! 7:15 - No President, No Past President, No Vice President to wield the gavel and ring the bell. 7:25: Past-Past President (now Lt. Governor) bravely approached the podium and Bam! and Bong! -the meeting was called to order.7: 25 President STEVE FORSTER and Immediate Past President JERRY ROODZANT entered. A long and slow train was mentioned. GENE GLEASON led the Pledge to the Flag. There being no piano, PAT RUIZ led the members "Acapulco" in "God Bless America" and ART LESLIE gave the invocation.

PASTOR JACK MIRANDA introduced his guests, Rick and Rebecca Cline. Rebecca has been very active with Meals on Wheels. It was hoped that the couple will consider becoming members. STEVE welcomed Kristine Guerrero from the League of California Cities. She would speak later in the morning.

PRESIDENT FORSTER read a thank you note from the American Lung Society for the Kiwanis donation in memory of *JIM McGIRR*. He also read a thank you letter from Kimberly Emmons, Teacher of the Year from Eastwood School, who noted that she had already been to Staples to purchase several needed supplies for her classroom due to the gift Kiwanis gave. She thanked Kiwanis for their generosity and their attention to the needs of the classroom teachers.

PETER CHOW collected dollars from the members this morning. TOM THORNTON was his usual happy. ART LESLIE paid to let the members know that it is DUES TIME! JERRY ROODZANT had a good weekend out of town. GENE GLEASON gave for his absence last week. LA DONNA MUNIER contributed for being one of the late crowd this morning. DEBBIE SHEIBEL gave for the rain (Gerald Peebler, who would have made this statement, was absent). MIKE WINTER wished Debbie well for her first meeting on Thursday as Lt. Governor.

REED TAYLOR gave the MOST interesting report. His bottom plate needed adjustment. He takes it out to the back yard, teeth in one hand, needle-nosed pliers in the other. TRAIN CRASH! The needle-nosed pliers were not compatible with the bottom plate - CRACK - BROKEN! Reed calls his dentist of many years and finds out that he has died! Reed calls the first of our 2 Kiwanis dentists, Jerry Roodzant. He does not answer his phone. Reed calls the second of our 2 Kiwanis dentists, Mike Winter, and is invited to "come on down!" Reed's plate is now full!

PASTOR JACK MIRANDA was happy about the USC Trojans and for a great club. STEVE FORSTER countered with a plug for the Irish, and for no vacation last week due to the purchase of a Chow puppy. OOPS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Decisions made at the recent **Board Meeting**:

1. The **budget** was approved
2. A unanimous vote gave the President **personal authority** to approve a determined percent of the Kiwanis funds to charitable causes without board vote.
3. Unanimous approval was given to an innovative item: A **stipend** will be assigned to the Treasurer and Secretary for their extensive work for the club, and their dues will be paid.
4. BILL DAWSON has been requested to return to active membership and to serve as **Club Treasurer** in the place of ART LESLIE who will step down. Art has volunteered to work with Bill as he returns to active duty and to fill in for him at meetings when necessary.
5. The issues of sponsoring a **Boy Scout** group will be addressed at a future time.
6. A unanimous vote awarded \$350 to the Positive Alternative Club for **shirts** with the Kiwanis logo.
7. A unanimous vote was taken to present \$251 to Foster Roads School for their **annual Thanksgiving dinner**. Ebell Women's Club and the Lion's Club have donated \$250 each.
8. The **Kiwanis Shopping Spree** for needy children is set for Thursday, Dec. 9 at Sears' Store in Whittier.
9. Kiwanis volunteers will be at the **Giving Children Hope** project again on Saturday in Buena Park.
10. GENE GLEASON announced that the Key Club will be collecting food items for the needy through the **Community Food Pantry**. Plans and that dates will be set later.

.(Special notice from Debbie):

KIM FISHELI, faculty advisor for Dulles K-Kids, announced that the installation of new Dulles K-Kids officers will be at their November 4th meeting at 3:p.m. **Attendance by some Kiwanians would be appreciated.** More information to follow.

Rose Parade Float

On December 26th we are asked to join other Division 30 Clubs to go to Pasadena and help feed the Key Clubbers who will be working on the floats.

If you want to make a donation toward the building of the float, send it to Kiwanis Rosefloat of Pasadena Club, c/o Dave Wallach, 16085 Sigman Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

You can also email pag.dsw@worldnet.att.net

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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. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL



Legend:

Board Meeting 
 Today's Date 
 Evening Meeting 

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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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November 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
28	29	30				

Announcements

November 11-Bingo at Imperial
 November 18-Bingo at Mirada Hills
 December 9-Children's Shopping Spree

Anniversary: October 14 Pastor JACK MIRANDA,

Birthdays: October 30-JESSE URQUIDI

Happy Buck IOU; The Scribe wants to throw in an IOU Happy One for the outcome of the Navy-Notre Dame game. He is sure there will be some sad ones from the loyal Irish fans as well.

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