

# The Kiwanis Chronicles

News of the Club and the Community it Serves

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Preserving Yesterday,  
Reporting Today

Kiwanis  
La Mirada

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

## Vials of Life

Our speaker of the morning was Andrew Via-loardo from the City of La Mirada. Introduced by President Steve, Andrew came to talk to us about the emergency preparedness programs of the City. He commented that this is the 26th consecutive year that the City has put its teams through these drills and one of the few cities that continue to do so on a regular basis.

They are trying to be ready for the "Big One" that is sure to come one of these days. They want to be ready for a 7+ quake that will have a full impact on the City and its residents. This year they worked with Biola University on an extensive drill that simulated a roof collapse and the evacuation of six buildings.

Over the years they have tested the skills of the teams that respond in an emergency including a full force of volunteers. He talked of the potential disaster caused by the earthquakes coming from the many faults in the area. There has been a big one averaging 150 years apart. It has now been 180 years since the last one.

In other areas of preparedness, the City is encouraging all citizens, especially those in their senior years or with potentially dangerous diseases to have a "Vial of Life" in their refrigerator. This vial is to contain a filled out form that has all of the person's medical history and the drugs they are taking. If paramedics are called to a house where there is no one to instruct them as to the patient's past history, they look for a magnetic sign on the refrigerator door that tells them that a "Vial of Life" is inside. This can be a godsend to the paramedics and in the way they treat the patient. Andrew left a good supply of Vials and encouraged everyone to take some home.

We thank Andrew for this look at some of the ways the City stands by to help its residents in time of trouble

## November Evening Meeting

Crystal Sanders, newly installed K-Kids President for Dulles Elementary visited and informed the group about their club. They have 15 members. So far, they have completed three service projects and are working on two additional. The group helped set-up for the school's annual Fall Festival, they assisted Key Club in Trick or Treating for UNICEF and they weeded the school's garden. Their current/upcoming project includes a canned food drive with collection from 11/22 through 12/10. They will also be baking pinecone bird feeders for the school's garden. Kids - you're off to a great start!

Victoria Pflanzler visited our group and offered her thanks to the club for the Teacher of the Year gifts. She teaches photography at Benton Middle School and had cameras for the students but no memory cards. So the gift card she received was used for purchasing memory cards so she could get cameras into the hands of her students. Debbie Scheibel and Stephen Blunt went over the calendar for the next three months. Key projects are: November - Mad Dash on Nov. 13th.; December - Shopping Spree on Dec. 9th; January - Meals on Wheels Spaghetti Dinner on Jan. 21st and Governor Millham's visit on Jan. 22nd.

Amy Scheibel reminded the evening members about the La Mirada Volunteer Center's annual Holiday Basket program with non-perishable foods, money and toys being asked for donations. Distribution day is December 18th.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

SKIP RICARTE is happy the election is over and sad that his candidates didn't win. GINGER SHATTUCK is happy for Victoria visiting us and no more elections for a while. STEPHEN BLUNT is ecstatic the election was over but said that some of his DVR shows still had election commercials in them.

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave a happy dollar for the K-Kids club. AMY SCHEIBEL paid a fine dollar. CHRIS STAPLES gave a self inflicted no name badge fine and a sad dollar for his truck at the mechanic. STEVE FORSTER gave five happy bucks for the members still there. KIM FISHELI gave a leave early dollar.

## Grins and Grimaces-Nov. 3rd

President Steve fine-tuned his gavel at the exact minute and asked Dr. JERRY ROODZANT to lead us in the Pledge. Dr. ED NORMAN gave the Invocation. PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in "God Bless America."

When it was time to drain the swamp of unwanted dollars, RON KNIGHT was there to plunge right in with the collection duties. GERALD PEEBLER gave one for no rain and for voting. He was concerned that the ballot had to be in many languages. He added one for being a Kiwanian that speaks in many languages. REED TAYLOR announced that his \$250 pickup had now increased in value to \$1150. (That's what you get for parking it in the fire truck's space.)

Dr JERRY ROODZANT gave for the extraordinary hot weather especially on the golf course. TED CEAUSU voted noting that his wait in line was over thirty five minutes. LA DONNA MUNIER gave for voting.. TONY ARMAS gave for being here. PETER CHOW gave for last week and for both USC and Notre Dame losing. Pastor JACK MIRANDA ticked off those Kiwanians at the Chamber meeting without a mention of Kiwanis. (It's unusual for the Pastor to be ticked off.) ART LESLIE gave for forgetting his pin.

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for a great Club. Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for daughter Amy having back surgery. He put in a plug for the "Giving Children Hope" group. The Key Club at Whittier Christian is doing great. Dr. RUTH PEREZ gave for her mother recovering from breast surgery. PAT RUIZ defended her missing mentioning Kiwanis at the Chamber meeting. (She could kick herself for the omission but it was such a lame excuse.) MARK ROYSTON returned from the far east (Virginia, that is) and told some cock and bull story about voting while flying.

Dr. ED NORMAN gave for the USA and for being able to vote. CHRIS STAPLE also owned up to being at the Chamber meeting but was preoccupied by the breakdown of his truck. (It sounded like it was to the "tune-up" of \$7500. Maybe he should talk to REED about parking it alongside of Reed's new purchase.) RON KNIGHT gave for being late and for voting. STEVE FORSTER gave for his dog that still bites. (Maybe he should teach it to bark because a "Barking dog doesn't bite.) Steve is anticipating his November duty that includes thinning the deer herd.

### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board Meeting was held on Monday, November 8 as there were other events scheduled for the third Monday.

DEBBIE reminded the members that the night members have challenged the day timers to a contest of how many children they would sponsor for the Sears' Shopping Spree in December.

This month's DCM meeting is on November 18 at the usual place.

Two Inter Clubs are scheduled this week. The first was yesterday, Tuesday, November 9th at Arthur's in La Habra with the Highlander Club, the second on Thursday the 11th at La Palma Hospital..

MADDI'S CLOSET - MAD DASH on Nov. 13 at La Serna High School needs commitment! Sign up.

LOU said to watch for the news about the MOW SPAGHETTI DINNER in January - no specifics yet.

[www.lamiradakiwanis.org](http://www.lamiradakiwanis.org)

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



Vial of Life

**Put One in your Refrigerator  
For Each Member of the Family**

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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

# Kiwanis La Mirada

### Legend:

Board Meeting 

Today's Date 

Evening Meeting 

## 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				

## December 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	31	

## Announcements

November 11-Bingo at Imperial

November 18-Bingo at Mirada Hills

December 9-Children's Shopping Spree

**Anniversary:** Nov. 25- BRIAN ILTEN, Nov. 27-TOM THORNTON, Nov. 29-PAT ROJAS

**Birthdays:** Nov, 7-RICHARD RIVERA, Nov. 14-LOU PILTZ, Nov. 15-TONY ARMAS

**50/50 Winner:** Dr. RUTH PEREZ and given to the El Camino Outreach Program.

### 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