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**Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today**

Kiwanis
La Mirada

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

EMS Services

Our speaker of the morning, Frank Binch, was introduced by ART LESLIE. Frank spent some thirty years with the L.A. County Health Department. After retirement he continues servicing as a volunteer to tell others of the Emergency Medical Services provided by the County.

He used an Acronym Cheat Sheet to draw us into his talk starting with having us tell what certain acronyms stood for in the Military, then in the Educational system. (Only REED TAYLOR knew the meanings of "MOS (Job Description), TO&E (Table of Organization & Equipment) and TDY (Temporary Additional Duty). For his military knowledge he was awarded a can of alphabet soup. Then there was the school system that rendered the acronyms of LEP (Limited English Proficiency) IEP (Individual Educational Plate) and GATE (Program for Gifted Children.) Another can of alphabet soup went to the one who guessed the closest.

The acronym closest to Frank's heart is EMS which is known by its acronym but stands for Emergency Medical Services. He told of how the program began, relating that prior to 1970 each city or governing body would respond to their own emergency needs with no particular collaboration between civic groups. At that time then Governor Reagan initiated a pilot program for what is now known as paramedic services. It became an established mechanism over the opposition of the three major unions affected by the service.

Frank related he became personally involved after the death of his father who suffered a heart attack and who could possibly have been saved had the paramedic services been available at the time. There is a time after a stroke or a heart attack that is called the "Golden hours". If one receives the proper service the chance of recovery is much higher.

By 1980 the law was enacted to provide this service throughout the state. Smaller counties banded together to provide the services which might not have been financially possible otherwise. The EMS has three levels of services. With the paramedics being at the highest level. There is communication between the paramedics and the hospital or trauma center so that medication can be given during the ambulance ride. Once they reach the hospital, the emergency room examination is bypassed so that the person can receive immediate treatment be it surgical or otherwise.

He noted that sometimes the nearest hospital is bypassed in order to take the patients to a trauma center if it can better attend their needs. Sometimes the ambulance will change destinations on the way as the information which is being transmitted by the paramedics is received and acted upon. Another acronym STEMI will show the need for an EKG. This signal which is being transmitted continuously will help direct the ambulance to the best facility.

The paramedics can give medicines which can help reduce the damage one might receive if the person were being personally taken to the emergency room. Thus a call to 911 can be a life saver even though the sufferer has immediate help from a well meaning but untrained person. Frank described it as receiving a medical house call.

In answer to a question the ambulance may end up at a full service HMO even though the patient has no connection with that particular HMO. He concluded with the admonition to use 911. The responder will better know how to treat the symptoms while you are in transit to an emergency center which is already awaiting you. If the symptoms indicate a stroke you will end up at an Approved Stroke Center (ASP) because of a (last) acronym mLAPSS (Modified Los Angeles Pre Stroke Screening.)

We thank Frank for this very in-depth look at the paramedic service.

Grins and Grimaces-March 10

The morning began with the Pledge led by DEBBIE SCHEIBEL. Dr. ED NORMAN gave the Invocation. PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in “America the Beautiful.”

When it came time to pass the collection plate, Pastor JACK MIRANDA was there to receive the alms. STEVE FORSTER gave his fine dollars and ART LESLIE his program dollars. MARK ROYSTON rambled on about looking but not seeing citing an unseen edifice that has been in view outside his upstairs window some forty years that he only recently noticed. It is the Holiday Inn, some four or five miles away.

PAT RUIZ gave for Royston needing a psychoanalyst and for the Pop concert coming up April 3rd. It will be a tribute to the City on its 50th Anniversary. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for the meeting held by the Evening Group as they grapple with upcoming projects. STEVE FORSTER added a dollar for the change in command ceremonies at City Hall where Susan Tripp was relieved by Pete Dames as Mayor.

TOM THORNTON gave for baseball and the new year coming. JOHN TOVAR gave for Kiwanis donating seventeen new umbrellas for the kids rec area. TED CEASU gave for the Interclubs and for his wife now over her morning sickness. RUFFO ESPINOSA gave for “lots” of things. New member EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ gave for a great breakfast. LOU PILTZ gave for the MOW check and for new member Emmanuel. REED TAYLOR is still out of sorts (Not his exact words) for losing his job at the back gate at the Carnival. GERALD PEEBLE with the eye of one who ran a laundry for many years, complimented Steve on the quality of his pressed shirt. Dr. ED NORMAN gave for successful cataract surgery and for a trip to the East.

TONY ARMAS gave for Mary Carmen getting home from rehabilitation of her knee replacement. RICH TRUJILLO gave the visitors from La Palma. And to note he saw Sylvia Piltz out doing her morning constitutional as he came to the meeting. Pastor Jack noted that Rich was featured with his softball team but not a word about Kiwanis. SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for missing a meeting and for this being her last day at the American Red Cross. AMY SCHEIBEL gave for the Happy Dollars from the visitors. And they responded with many happy ones.

Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for the Whittier Christian Key Club and for their dues to International being in the mail. He is celebrating his 29th Anniversary. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for being a part of the City Task Force that is studying the needs of the community. Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave for the upcoming Interclubs and for this being his 30th year in business.

Duck Race

Debbie Reports:

Since the last update:

Added another 7 selling groups:

La Mirada Key Club

Norwalk High School ASB

Los Coyotes Middle School PTSA

Scott Avenue Elementary School PTA

Carl E. Gilbert Elementary School

St. Athanasius Elementary School

9D Years for Noah

Total of 51 selling groups

New sponsors:

Audio Drops -- Duck Call

Philip and Margo Greider -- Nut Quacker

Viele and Sons -- Nut Quacker

WOW Work Out World -- Nut Quacker

We have sold 1,765 ducks to date (goal of 8,000+)

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 financial success for those groups working at the various locations. This year we will be serving at different locations from the past.

We Remember
BOB STONE
Died
March 13, 2001

Upcoming Programs

March 24—Steve Forster—Environmental Services Director, City of La Mirada will deliver a State of the City message.
March 31— Shirley Oebel - American Red Cross, will give an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) demonstration - What it is, why you need to know about it, and the importance of being certified in its use.

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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 

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			

April 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

March 18-Bingo at Mirada Hills
 April 1-Evening Meeting
 April 3 Duck Race
 April 8-Bingo at Imperial
 April 22-25 4-La Mirada Kids Carnival

Birthdays: March 2- AMY SCHEIBEL, March 14-GENE GLEASON, March 14-RICH POWERS, March 16-PETER CHOW, March 20-STEVE FORSTER

Anniversary: March 1-RICH POWERS, March 14-Dr. MIKE WINTER, March 22-GERALD PEEBLER, March 23-ALAN MORRISON,

50/50 Drawing was won by Dr. ED NORMAN

Visitors: ISMILE NOORBAKSH, KEN BLAKE, GEORGE MAST, GLENN KARTER, PETE NELSON from La Palma Club

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