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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

Good Sam Pantry

Our speaker of the morning, Nancy Helms, was introduced by GENE GLEASON. Nancy has been a resident of La Mirada since 1957 and always active in community affairs. She came to tell us of the activity of one of the services of The Beatitudes of Our Church, called the "Good Sam Pantry."

Every Thursday some seventy families are welcomed to the Church Hall where they are given food sufficient for two meals. Also available is used clothing and other items that might be of use in the household.

Some thirty volunteers make this possible as they sort and dispense the food and sundries that appear at the church during the week. While much comes from spontaneous donations, there are organized food drives by the Boy Scouts. Four persons go weekly to local supermarkets to pick up left over bread and other baked goods. Some of the help comes from young persons fulfilling their community service obligations.

Christmas and Thanksgiving time bring out special ways to give. At Christmas time a tree shows up in the vestibule of the church with some 500 nametags attached. On each tag is the name and details about a young person. Church members and others are encouraged to take one of these names and shop for a youngster. They return with a wrapped present to be placed under the tree. These presents are given to the children on the Thursday before Christmas.

Many times there are Gift Certificates purchased by the Knights of Columbus to help with the shopping at a local market.

Nancy listed some of the variety of gifts that come in throughout the year. Magazines, books, used toys, household articles, clothing are a part of the weekly display. The volunteers set up the tables in a routine manner so that those being served can make choices.

Good Sam Pantry serves all persons as long as they live in La Mirada. Some of those served are suffering the effects of the present economy. Letters are received from persons telling how much this temporary help was to them. Some times the person shows up with evidence of abuse. Counseling is available to tell them of some of their options. Nancy said that if they have an overage of gifts on the Angel tree, they are given to the Women's and Children's Crisis Center.

Many times "White Elephant" gifts show up that are appropriate for adults. These are wrapped and given to the adults. They always need used clothing and household goods. Many of those in need are reluctant to come forward. She asked that if we knew of someone in need, let them know. The only requirement is that they live in La Mirada.

We thank Nancy for giving this report on an organization dedicated to helping those in need.

Our Deepest Sympathy

to

Dr. RUTH PEREZ

On the loss of her Father

Pedro Perez

February 21, 2010

Grins and Grimaces-Feb. 24

President Elect STEVE FORSTER opened the meeting by asking ART LESLIE to lead us in the Pledge. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave the Invocation and PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in "God Bless America."

When the dollars needed to be collected DAVE TAYLOR had his hand out. ART LESLIE, looking at a picture of PAT RUIZ (who insisted it was a picture of her daughter) said that Pat hasn't changed a bit and that she looks as lovely today as she did when the picture was taken. TOM THORNTON gave for his granddaughter being here from Las Vegas.

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for the Ducks and for the Interclub. TONY ARMAS gave for Mary Carmen's successful operation with the only disadvantage of having to fend for himself. Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for his guest Emanuel being with us this morning. He added one for the rain. GERALD PEEBLER gave for the upcoming rain and for all the cards signed by Kiwanians that will be delivered to his old Army Air Force buddy on his 90th birthday. REED TAYLOR gave a protest dollar to keep SHERRY BRAKEBILL from joining the Evening Club.

RON KNIGHT echoed Reed's comments with the dollar being a happy one if she stays with the morning club and a sad one if she joins the evening club. RUFFO ESPINOSA gave a dollar for a new grandson who weighed in at 9 lbs. 1 oz. He recounted the 5:30 AM call that told him of the impending event and the need for him and Gabby to get across town to help take care of the other child while the delivery was in progress.

LA DONNA MUNIER gave for the Interclub and a report that the golf was not so great. (The Scribe could report the latter every Tuesday.) SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for leaving the American Red Cross to join the family tire business. GERALD PEEBLER added another dollar to thank Nancy Helms for being our speaker this AM. GENE GLEASON gave to show off a badge made by Debbie's Extra Hands Company. He also suggested drafting Sherry as a part of the morning group. OSCAR DIAZ gave for being inducted into the Club. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for Oscar and his guest, Daniel Macias from El Camino High School. Daniel was asked to talk about the poster board showing the activities at El Camino resulting from Oscar now being a part of the school. Bingo at the Convalescent Hospital- Valentine Day's cards for Veterans at Long Beach Hospital were a part of the display.

PAT RUIZ gave for all the people here and for Gene inviting Nancy Helms to be our speaker. JIM MCGIRR gave for the great Club. MARK ROYSTON gave for DAVE TAYLOR being in town and for Nancy joining us. Patricia Yoo gave for this being near the end of her Key Club Presidency. Key Clubbers Patrick and Steven added for being here and the end of high school. DAVE TAYLOR added for being here and he will be returning to Oklahoma on Saturday. (He wants to be there when our weekend rain storm arrives.) STEVE FORSTER gave for the Olympics especially where there's shooting. (Someone suggested that to spice up the event they should get to shoot at each other.) He added one for the Youth in Government student takeover last Tuesday, and especially congratulated Key Clubber Steven Soto for his leadership role.

Duck Race

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave an up to date report on the Duck Race. This week they added six more selling groups, Foster Road Elementary, Moffitt Elementary, D.D. Johnston Elementary, St. Paul of the Cross Youth Ministry, Positive Alternative Outreach and La Mirada Armada Swim Team for a total of 44 selling groups.

See website -- www.lamiradakiwanis.org/duckrace.htm for all the sponsors and team rankings
The # of ducks sold to date -- 1,445 (goal is 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.

Upcoming Programs

March 10—Frank Binch - Emergency Medical Services Agency Los Angeles County, will talk about this department and his role as a commissioner

March 17— Dr. C. David Peters - Retired Mayor and City Council Member of the City of La Mirada, will present a visual presentation of the history of La Mirada in celebration of our 50th Anniversary.

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 4-Evening Meeting

March 6- Pancake Breakfast

March 11-Bingo at Imperial

March 18-Bingo at Mirada Hills

April 3 Duck Race

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 RUFFO ESPINOSA and donated to Good Sam Pantry.

Visitors: Daniel Macias, El Camino High, Patricia, Patrick & Steven, La Mirada High Key Club, Emanuel, guest of Pastor Jack

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