

# The Kiwanis Chronicles

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Preserving Yesterday,  
Reporting Today

Kiwanis  
La Mirada

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

## Happy 80th, Pete

One of the pleasant memories of joining Kiwanis back in the early eighties was having Pete as the one who showed up way before any of the membership so that breakfast was ready and all the details were taken care of to insure a smooth meeting. PETE ESQUEDA now joins some other Kiwanians who have reached that mile stone of eighty and we wish him many more years of being with us on Wednesday morning.

Pete was born in Whittier just about where Santa Gertrudes dead ends at Whittier Blvd. Early in his life he moved to Mexico but returned and lived in other states before returning to California. For some thirty years he worked at Pacific Clay Products in Santa Fe Springs but "retired" when the company moved its operation to be closer to its clay source at Alberhill south of Corona. (The Scribe lamented the move at the time as it meant the trip to one of his customers was now increased by some 50 miles. Little did he know it would bring about something far more important, that of meeting Pete as he came to work at Holiday Inn.)

Pete is the father of six children and he grants that his grandchildren have widened his horizons. Pete doesn't go on cruises because he doesn't like the water. He also puts Hawaii in that category though it is acceptable as long as the grandchildren are there. He like the old days of an easy trip to Tijuana. He says that Mexicans are like onions: "If you want a good stew, you have to have one in the mix."

There are few things you can count on in this world. One of them is Pete Esqueda. We are proud to have him as an honorary member and we rejoice at the visits the early arrivals have with Pete. He always has time to spend with everyone while he bustles about readying the breakfast. He remembers each individual's likes and dislikes and when we have an overflow from unannounced guests, it appears to create no problem for Pete.

We all should cheer that Pacific Clay Products moved from Santa Fe Springs as we are the better for it.

## Happy Birthday, Pete

Here are a few "Happy Birthdays" from Kiwanis members:

Pete, It's good to see you every Wednesday morning and Jake likes it, too. (Reed Taylor)

Happy Big One. You are a friend and support all times (Dr Mike Winter)

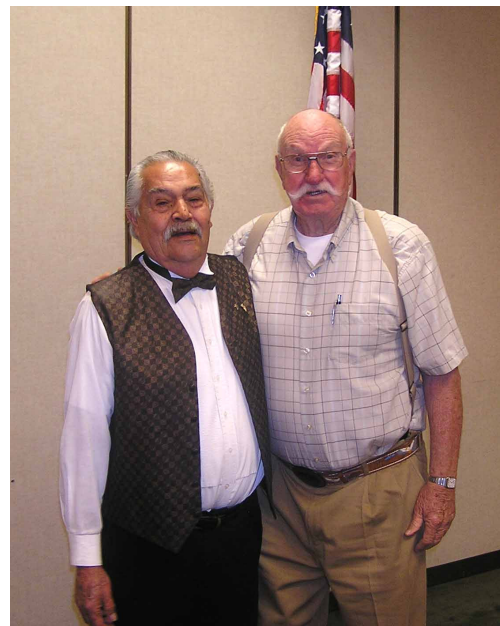
Happy Birthday Pete, and many more to come. (Peter Chow)

Pete, Happy Birthday. Your diligent service at our weekly meetings is very much appreciated. I wish you good health and fortune. (Emmanuel Hernandez)

Thank you very much for all of your help and assistance. Happy 80th birthday & have many more. (Tom Thornton)

Pete, it is very easy to be 80. Thanks for working still and paying into Social Security so I can live the easy life. (Gerald Peebler)

Happy Birthday, Pete and many more. (Sherry Brakebill)  
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Pete greets Reed, who is always an early arrival

## Grins and Grimaces-March 24

### An abbreviated version

ART LESLIE led us in the Pledge and LOU PILTZ gave the Invocation. Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in "God Bless America." He was called on to do the buck pulling, also.

JOHN TOVAR gave for the Accreditation process that El Camino is going through and for the Kiwanis helpers. Key Clubber Patrick gave for the Duck suit which he will shortly don. JACK MIRANDA for the City's 50th Anniversary. TOM THORNTON for missing last week. And for our new member. ART LESLIE for the missing JIM MCGIRR and his always giving for a great Club. EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ for Patrick and his duck suit.

GERALD PEEBLER for TONY ARMAS hoping to be back next week and for flat tires everywhere, including the trunk. REED TAYLOR for the ability to talk for a long period of time. LOU PILTZ for Emmanuel joining us. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL for the voting process. LA DONNA MUNIER for "Hometown heroes" and do we know one. RICH TRUJILLO for his La Mirada High bound granddaughter joining us this AM. PETER CHOW for corruption and a visit to the "Gold Country." STEVE FORSTER for Pastor Jack and for the City's 50th anniversary. Dr. MIKE WINTER for daughter Emily flying to India, Dr. JERRY ROODZANT for Emmanuel joining us, for three day weekends and good golf.



President Jerry and member JOHN TOVAR induct our new member EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ.

### The State of the City

Our speaker of the morning was STEVE FORSTER, Environmental director of the City of La Mirada. Steve talked about the impact of the economy on the various political identities and its ripple down impact on La Mirada.

The impact is seen on all levels including the daily operations, the Redevelopment Agency and future improvements on infrastructure. The City still has a balanced budget though income from sources like sales tax is down dramatically.

The City faces the challenges of maintaining operations, funding infrastructure maintenance, Recovering from State Budget Impacts, achieving greater efficiency, and maintaining adequate reserves.

### More Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday Pete hope you have a great birthday and I hope to see you soon. (Bill Dawson)

Pete: Happy Birthday... You are a great Club member, good friend, and make the time we are in our meetings a much better place to be. Thanks for your services... (Lou Piltz)

Pete HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!! Eighty years old! Wow, that is quite an accomplishment. You don't look a day over sixty-five. It's always nice every Wednesday to see you. Again Happy Birthday. (Ronnie Knight.)

Feliz cumpleaños, Pete. Mi vieja y yo le deseamos muchos mas! (Ruffo y Gaby)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PETE. MAY YOU NEXT 80 YEARS BE AS GOOD. SKIP! (Skip Ricarte)

Hey Pete! Happy Birthday and thanks for all your help in keeping this group of rebels in line during my tenure.... I hope you have a great and *relaxing* birthday!! (Greg Christy Past President 2001-2002)

Hey Pete, Another birthday to celebrate - congratulations -- that makes 39? Thanks for always brighten our Wednesdays with your smile. We love seeing you every week. And I especially like the hot chocolate. ¡Feliz Cumpleaños! (Debbie Scheibel)

Pete, It is great to be able to count on a smiling face and a welcome handshake from you each week for so many years now. Wouldn't want to do it without you. Thanks for your many years of serving us! (Gene Gleason)

You should sit and we should serve you today. Enjoy your special day—Happy Birthday! (Amy Scheibel)

Yosemite has its Old Faithful, and we have our Pete!!!! How lucky are we?? Happy Birthday, dear Pete. You are a delightful special member of Kiwanis! Always there, always ready, always smiling. Thank you (Pat Ruiz)

Yo Pete, A voice from the past. Just wanted to wish you a great 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I miss seeing you every week. (Alan Nakamura)

Happy Birthday Pete. You still look like a newlywed. (John Tovar)

Happy 80th, Pete. It's amazing how you remember the every member and make breakfast very personal. (Jim McGirr)

Pete, Happy Birthday and our very best wishes for continues good health. Thank you for your faithful service and friendship. (Ed Norman)

Senior Pete, Happy Birthday! Thanks for all your years of great service. (Rich Trujillo)

Pete- I hope you have a very bless Birthday and many more to come. Thank you for filling my tummy at Kiwanis. (La Donna Munier)

Pete, many happy returns. It has been a pleasure to see you each Wednesday morning with your friendly greeting and good nature. Again, Happy Birthday, and much happiness to you. (Art Leslie)

Don't despair, Pete you know this happens once a year. Best wishes and happy birthday and remember it only gets better. (Tony Armas)

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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
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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

April 1-Evening Meeting  
 April 3 Duck Race  
 April 8-Bingo at Imperial  
 April 15-Bingo at Mirada Hills  
 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 PEEBLES, March 23-ALAN MORRISON,

**50/50 Drawing** was won by RICH TRUJILLO and donated to the Scholarship Fund

**Visitors:** Key Clubbers Patricia, Patrick & Jennifer. Marlin Munez, City of La Mirada

Only a few more days to sell tickets for the Duck Race this Saturday

### 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

Board Meeting

Third Monday Evening of month -5:30 PM Gateway Holiday Inn  
 (All Members Welcome)