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**Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today**

Kiwanis
La Mirada

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

Corazon De Vita

Our speaker of the morning was George Perez and he came to talk about an organization whose mission is to serve those children in need in Baja, Mexico.

Corazon De Vita is based in Irvine and operates orphanages in Baja. It strives to provide education to those who are admitted. He noted that there are somewhere between 6000 and 20,000 children on the streets in Baja. Some are there because of abuse or neglect, or have a single parent or parents who are in jail.

The lucky children find home in some 50+ orphanages. These orphanages had their start in a number of ways. Mostly they started as homes which were opened to help relatives or friends. Churches founded others. Mexico has no system of support for orphanages.

Corazon De Vita was founded in 1994. It operated its first seven years through an organization called Puerta de Fe (Door of Faith). Now Corazon De Vita is supporting 14 homes for children. Their mission is to raise money to support these orphanages. They do not solicit for clothing or other material goods.

Their vision is that every child has someone committed to help it. Their duty is to sustain life through food and shelter, provide adequate water and supply medical and dental care.

They improve living conditions through construction and repair of homes.

They provide education through funds for tuition, uniforms, books and transportation. They have a "Career Fund" for students as well as a Scholarship Fund.. They help them to grow to be good citizens and strive to let them know what they can be.

They raise money through a number of efforts including donors who make a monthly pledge (\$50 a month will support a child for a year.), child sponsorships, money raising events (They need to raise \$30,000 a month) and generous friends.

To this end they offer orphanage trips, and third party events. They can use volunteers to help in the office. They work through service groups such as Kiwanis. They partner through corporations. (Their offices are provided by the generosity of a company called L5 Performance. At no cost.) Their staff is one full time director and some part time help plus volunteers. They have a Baja Coordinator, an Operations Manager and a Volunteer & Events Manager

George noted that you can adopt an orphanage which means supplying the financing for food, water, utilities and the children's education.

Homes that need help include Ebenezer Education, and Casa de Paz.

In answering questions George said that in Mexico the first six grades are free. There is competition for seats in every classroom. In their orphanages they have some kids who are up to twenty five years old. They have one who wants to be a lawyer and one who wants to attend dental school.

We thank George for this look at his organization that operates to help those children in need.

We Remember John Wooden
1910-2010

Grins and Grimaces-June 2

The morning started with the Pledge by LOU PILTZ. Dr. ED NORMAN was asked to give the Invocation and the Patriotic song was led by PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER. When it was time for the dollars to be collected, RICH TRUJILLO was asked to do the honors. STEVE FORSTER gave a late dollar and added one that he was happy to see Jerry on Memorial Day. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for missing a few weeks. Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for the return of Emily from India and for the continued activities at the Winter house. He added for his birthday. GENE GLEASON gave for his daughter-in-law receiving her PhD. He added for a trip to Pechanga where he won some money but as the rules go you aren't allowed to bring it home. PAT RUIZ gave for the 17 candidates for the role of Conductor at the Theatre. She added for her head operation and tooth extraction. (No connection or so she said.) ART LESLIE gave to encourage everyone to exercise their franchise next Tuesday. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for the Memorial Day services and for our guests. PETER CHOW gave for his 21st floor experiences. JOHN TOVAR gave for a happy birthday to the Baby Boomers and the increase in insurance costs associated with it. TONY ARMAS gave for Mary Carmen continued improvement.

GERALD PEEBLER gave for being a part of the Memorial Day observance. REED TAYLOR gave for his visit to Olive Lawn as he drove the Fire Truck to have it be a part of the observance. LOU PILTZ gave for Gerald's part in the Memorial Day service. He added for the Scholarships that will be awarded this June to the deserving seniors. And there was another to remember his 69 years of marriage.

RON KNIGHT gave an inaudible dollar and ALAN MORRISON came to the party without a wallet. EMANUEL HERNANDEZ went through the hearing tests at the suggestion of his wife. He now has hearing aids with surround sound which he doesn't wear. TOM THORNTON gave for missing last week. RICH TRUJILLO gave for the veterans in the Club.

Dr. ED NORMAN gave for the word "Acclamation" and its use in last weeks election of officers. (An oral vote, often unanimous, usually taken after the sense of a meeting is clear and unmistakable.) MARK ROYSTON gave for younger members pitching in to help bring older members to the meeting (A case in point, GERALD PEEBLER bringing TONY ARMAS.)

Dr. JERRY ROODZANT wanted the Club to know he had nothing to do with PAT RUIZ's extraction especially as it appeared to have been removed through the top of her head.

Attendance: Rich Powers, Lou Piltz, Pat Ruiz, Ginger Shattuck, Alan Morrison, Chris Staples, Debbie Scheibel, Amy Scheibel, Skip Ricarte, Ken Taylor, Jorge Orozco, Adrienne Medrano, Stephen Blunt, Guests: Lori Clock and her Gardenhill students Josiah, Matthew, Nicholas and Andrew.

Seven members brought in clothes for Joe Salazar's homeless mission for a total of 11 bags of clothing.

Josiah led us in the pledge of allegiance with Pat Ruiz leading us in God Bless America. Lou Piltz gave the invocation and updated everyone on the scholarship process and interviews scheduled for 6/5.

Debbie went over the calendar giving special attention to the Cerritos College Pancake Breakfast on 6/12, DCM Meeting with our club as host on 6/17, Trap Shoot on 6/19, La Mirada Kids Golf Tournament on 6/25.

For July, fireworks stand on 7/1-7/4, 3rd of July Celebration, Tri-Tips City Celebration on 7/22 and CLE Training on 7/24. Stroll in the Park is August 5. July Kiwanis Evening Meeting will be held at the fireworks stand located in the Fresh & Easy center (Imperial & Santa Gertrudes). Evening group will man the booth and conduct its meeting. August Evening Meeting will be held at the Stroll in the Park.

Lori Clock, a 5th Grade teacher at Gardenhill and her four students presented on the Smiles Over Seas Club on campus. A group of students who are trying to make a difference for an orphanage in Kenya. Her students are working with classrooms and outside sponsors to fill backpacks with clothing, hygiene related items, etc. for her to take when she goes to Kenya this July. The students are trying to raise \$8,000 for a fresh water well to be dug at the orphanage. To date, they have raised \$5,000. A collection was made by the night members with a donation of \$63 to the SOS efforts. A large jug of aluminum can tabs was brought in from Jack Miranda and given to the boys for their efforts (as this is another way they are raising money)

Happy/Sad Dollars

Happy dollars given by Debbie Scheibel, Amy Scheibel, Adrienne Medrano and Chris Staples for the SOS Club and their presentation. Skip Ricarte, Ken Taylor and Stephen Blunt gave a happy car wash ticket as they had spent their money on the SOS Club's upcoming car wash. Rich Powers gave a happy dollar for the Mr. Vs mixer and a sad dollar for all the losers who didn't show up to it. Pat Ruiz gave a happy dollar for the four BEST students who will be presenting at Wednesday morning's meeting. Ginger Shattuck gave a happy dollar to be back and for a clean bill of health. Alan Morrison gave a happy dollar to be here. Two of the SOS students gave a happy dollar for presenting to the club and for science (project or camp) being over. Chris Staples threw in a sad buck for the parking at Gardenhill's open house and a happy one for a student showing him around his daughter's classroom and work since his daughter was out ill. Pat Ruiz led us in Hail Kiwanis.

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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



Legend:

Board Meeting 

Today's Date 

Evening Meeting 

June 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			

July 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

June 10-Bingo at Imperial

June 17-Bingo at Mirada Hills

June 19-Trap Shoot

June 22-25-Kiwanis International Convention-Las Vegas

July 1-4 Fireworks, July 3 -Tri-Tips

July 22-City Birthday Celebration-Neff Park

Birthdays: June 2-Dr. MIKE WINTER, June 20-SHERRY BRAKEBILL, June 25-RON KNIGHT, June 30-KENTAYLOR

Anniversary: June 14-LOU PILTZ, June 15-Dr. ED NORMAN, June 21-STEVE JONES, June 28-KENTAYLOR

Visitors: George Perez and Irene Samadoff

50/50 was won by Dr. JERRY ROODZANT and donated to the Corazon de Vita

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