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**Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today**

Kiwanis
La Mirada

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

We Remember *Jim McGirr*

It is extremely difficult to see one of the members name become listed in italics, especially one who sat next to you for so many years. Those who came early to the meeting could always count on Jim being there with his 50/50 tickets at the ready. When Key Clubbers showed up he would reach for his wallet and buy a 50/50 round for them (if Reed didn't beat him to it.) A part of the morning ritual was a round of "Liar's" poker with Reed.

Recall that Jim's office was in Anaheim and he lived in Fountain Valley. How much easier it would have been for him to take the direct route to the office and skip Kiwanis. But not Jim and that was the way he led his life. He established priorities and there were few things that interrupted those priorities.

Let's pick it up from Dr. Ed's talk at the funeral as he represented Kiwanis. God gave Jim life. Let us remember as we reflect on the characteristics that made Jim who he was.

"Spirit and Character." He was humble. He served our community. He would look for the need and gravitate toward that place where the need was greatest. His engineering background would come to the forefront as he worked to solve the Club's projects.

"Nature." He had a caring spirit for Kiwanis that began in 1994 when he joined the Club. He believed in giving back to the Community and he did that through Kiwanis.

"Leadership by Example." He would quietly step in at any needed place. He became President of the Club in 1997 and by example lead us through that period. He had diligence and perseverance. He was the one who sold most of the raffle tickets at his work for our annual Meals-On-Wheels dinner. He would come up with prizes and bring them to the event even though it was difficult for him to travel toward the end.

"Loyalty." Certainly to the Club but also to his family and work. His love for Cindy, his three girls and the grandchildren were always evident. He would beam as he told of the grandkids sport successes. And, of course, Jim lived for hockey. He began at an early age and pursued it through life, as a high school, semi-pro, professional player with a stint with the New York Rangers at the end. When the Mighty Ducks were playing Jim could give you a blow by blow report.

Dr. Ed recalled Jim, though Canadian by birth, joining us in our patriotic exercises. Dr. Ed did suspect that under his breath sometime he would be humming "Oh Canada" to the tune of the "Star Spangled Banner." Dr. Ed concluded by saying that God made Jim lucky and that made him appreciate life. There is no life without God and the greatest gift we have is our faith in God.

One of Jim's coworkers, Andy Anderson then told of his meeting Jim back in 1967 and their work life together. He said that he wondered if Jim ever slept, in that he was always at work before anyone else. He told how Jim was instrumental in building Willdan into the organization it now is. He did this while still maintaining a strong love and devotion to his family.

One of Jim's sons-in laws concluded the talks by saying it was a great day. He told of Jim's love for the family and how he loved to tease. He would hide the last piece of the puzzle so that he would have it at the right time. He loved each and everyone of the grandkids. Yes, he said "It is a fine day in Heaven as another angel is made."

When the service was over and the doves released by the grandchildren, we made our way to the reception that was planned. Most went for the food but there were some of us who went to see who might be selling the 50/50 tickets.

Grins and Grimaces-Sept. 1

It was a somber morning as President Jerry opened the meeting with a time of silence as we remembered *JIM MCGIRR* who passed away Sunday evening. President Jerry didn't have to look for his bell to open the meeting as Jim wasn't around to play his tricks.

ART LESLIE was called on to lead us in the Pledge and Dr. ED NORMAN gave the Invocation. PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in "America." When it was time to collect the dollars ART LESLIE did the chore and started by saying he mis-spoke last week when he gave the years for the Sister City beginning. It was 26 years ago it began. He gave a check for his 48th wedding anniversary. He added one for Jim.

Dr. ED NORMAN gave for Jim as did PAT RUIZ. She added one for a dog-gone morning which resulted in a fall. And another for an umbrella, sans Mary Poppins, ending up in her back yard. MARK ROYSTON, after one for Jim, told the story of how one rich member of an Arab nation spends his money. Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for Jim. LADONNA MUNIER gave for her nephew serving in Iraq. LOU PILTZ gave the devil his dues as he finally got a bill from the Club.

REED TAYLOR gave for Jim and for Judge Roy Bean. He added for a badge in his wallet. GERALD PEEBLER gave for Jim and one to add a comment on last week's program. EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ remembered hearing from a fellow whose grandfather lived in Langtry, TX and who insisted that Judge Roy Bean never hung anyone. (He just gave them a "suspended" sentence.)

TONY ARMAS gave for Jim. GENE GLEASON gave for his 30th anniversary. He recalled the great attributes of Jim as a member and his ability to win. PETER CHOW said that Monday is not "Labor Day" for him as he heads out on a cruise to Alaska. He added for Jim. Dr. MIKE WINTER added some more dollars as he recalled Jim's involvement in the City's "Splash" program. It was through his efforts that the Club initially decided to donate to it. Mike also went to the Muckenthaler Program and to PAT ROJAS' birthday party.

Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave for Jim. He added for a trip to Seattle this week.

Knabe Katch

The annual Knabe Katch is scheduled for 18th of September. We will start serving pancakes at 7:00 AM.

Installations Club Installation

The Club Installation will be held on September 23rd at Biola University. It has been decided that the cost of the meal will be \$20. Dr. Ed will continue to solicit attendees from the members along with their choice on the menu.

Division 30

The Division will install new officers at a luncheon on September 26 at the La Mirada Holiday Inn. Our own DEBBIE SCHEIBEL will be installed as the Lt. Governor. The cost of the brunch will be \$25.00

Monthly Evening Meeting

Members in Attendance: JESSE URQUIDI, LORRAINE NEAL, CHRIS STAPLES, DMITRI ELBLING, JORGE OROZCO, STEPHEN BLUNT, GINGER SHATTUCK, DEBBIE SCHEIBEL, TONY AIELLO, AMY SCHEIBEL, SKIP RICARTE

Went over Sept. - Nov. calendars

Key events in September - two installations, Back Pack Stuffing for Giving Children Hope on 9/11 and Knabe Katch on 9/18. For October, brought up the division team created for the 20th Annual Choc Walk on 10/17.

Discussion as to interest by Gardenhill and Foster Road Schools to develop a K-Kids club. And which middle schools actually have Builders clubs - Benton? Hutchinson?

Happy/Sad \$\$\$ - Jesse Urquidi started it off by collecting his own happy dollar for football season which was echoed by Tony Aiello and Dmitri Elbling. Tony also gave a happy dollar for an enjoyable meeting. Dmitri also put in a sad dollar for summer being over. Yet Lorraine Neal, a fellow educator, had a happy dollar for school starting. Chris Staples gave a happy dollar that everyone showed up to the meeting, since he sat outside our meeting place last month for 15 minutes and nobody showed up. Guess he forgot that the meeting was moved to the Stroll in the Park. Jorge Orozco gave a happy dollar that school started and that he is officially a junior in college. Stephen Blunt gave a borrowed dollar that he was happy to be here. Ginger Shattuck gave a happy dollar for Debbie being installed as Lt. Governor. Debbie Scheibel gave a sad dollar for the passing of Jim McGirr. Amy Scheibel gave a sad dollar that she forgot to take notes and was scrambling to get everything down at the last minute. Skip Ricarte gave a happy dollar.
(Details by AMY SCHEIBEL)

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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



September 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			

October 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
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Announcements

September 9-Bingo at Imperial

September 16-Bingo at Mirada Hills

September 18-Knabe Katch

September 23- Club Installation, Biola University

September 26-Division Installation Lunch, Holiday Inn La Mirada

Anniversary: September 5-MARK ROYSTON, September 6-GENE GLEASON, September 30-JIM MCGIRR,

Birthdays: September 5-ALAN MORRISON, September 6-HARLAN COMEE, September 9-TOM THORNTON, September 12-DEBBIE SCHEIBEL, September 20-GERALD PEEBLER, September 26-STEVE JONES, September 20-CHRIS ST APLES, September 26-Dr. JERRY ROODZANT

50/50 was won by Dr. ED NORMAN and donated to the American Cancer Society

Check Your email Address in the bulletin and report any changes to the Scribe

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