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Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today

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La Mirada

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

Pulling Teeth Can Cause Blindness

Our speaker of the morning was Dr. MIKE WINTER, who reported on his trip to India. He first thanked all who gave to help make it possible. He didn't fly first class and that's 15 hours in "Economy." He did have an exit row seat that gave him some needed leg room. Once they landed, it was another five hours by ground before the trip was over.

Dr. Mike had a video presentation and he credited daughter Amy for putting it together for him. The video was cameos of many sights and sounds that included the supplies they took along and the driver of their clinical vehicle. There was one of three kids and Dr. Mike said they love soccer. The director of their assist team was a 27 year old who was shown leading them in prayer.

There were snaps of vaccinations, hospital outpatients and rainbow sandals that had been donated. There was one of the "finance gal" who keep the team afloat. He noted that there were four clinics and in one picture it was evident he was thinking of us as he was wearing his Kiwanis shirt.

There were kids "following the leader", some with shoes, some without. There were pictures of teeth being pulled. In all he pulled 35. (In one of his emails he noted that some were reluctant to have a tooth pulled as they thought it caused blindness.) At school the kids do morning exercises, say their Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem. There are 110 schools in all that are a part of this operation. The children are served lunch at school and are taught in English.

Some villages are tribal and even the interpreters have trouble with the dialects. An organization called Operation Mobilization runs the schools and a part of their success is understanding the politics that are a part of the system. The schools are K-12 or K-6.

It was noted that all of the signs were in English, perhaps reminding us that India was once an English colony. There were pictures of a kite festival and ones of glasses being given out. Many convert to Christianity as they are on the low end of the caste system and are anxious to be recognized as persons. The Hindus call them "Untouchables."

Many of the females do sewing on sewing machines that are obtained by loans from the organization. Dr. Mike noted that the work being done is for the next generation or maybe the one after that, when the caste system is challenged and everyone is on a level basis.

The medical rooms had no air conditioning and one picture showed the dental chair balanced atop another chair in a sort of haphazard manner.

Dr. Mike said he became involved through Dr. RICK BEE. Rick was on his fifth trip and this makes three for Dr. Mike. Dr. Mike says they are beautiful people, patient and polite.

We thank Dr. Mike for bringing the details to us and we thank Dr. Mike for being Dr. Mike.

Quack, Quack,
Quack, Quack,
Sponsor, Quack,
Quack, Quack,

There's a Sponsor
buried in there
someplace!!

Grins and Grimaces-Feb. 9

President Steve slid in just in time to thwart a coup by President Elect Alan and called on GENE GLEASON to lead us in the Pledge. Dr. ED NORMAN gave the Invocation and PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in "America."

When it was time for the bucks to be herded TOM THORNTON was called on to be the collector. ART LESLIE wondered why with all the talent in the Club one member had to misspell his job title at his office location. (PAT ROJAS responded with a buck of his own explaining that the sign painter may go broke if he continues to spell broker, "Brooker.") RICH TRUJILLO gave for Art's definition of intelligent life in the Club. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for us being a great Club. (Even with the intelligence being in question) EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ, recalling his days on the force, noted that misspelling broker is not nearly as bad as shooting the wrong person.

PETER CHOW broke the intelligence trend wanting to know the way to San Jose because that's where he is heading. He added one for a good Super Bowl. GENE GLEASON gave for an upcoming trip to Utah to see son Jeremy. Dr. MIKE WINTER has a friend who always wears his "Cheese" hat when they go out to lunch certifying that he is a Green Bay fan. This time Mike wasn't embarrassed by the hat. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for the great Club. As was echoed by PAT RUIZ. PAT ROJAS was also happy he didn't shoot the wrong guy and said "sign language" is something everyone should learn. He added one for this great country.

TONY ARMAS gave a happy one. PAUL ALDERETE gave for a new grandson. Dr. ED NORMAN should be taking a sanity test as he heads to Connecticut where the weather is a comfortable two degrees. (Oh well, when the sap runs from the maples they need a sap to run through the trees.) ALAN MORRISON starts class at Rose Hills this week. He will be getting down to earth, so to speak. BILL DAWSON had a happy grandson day now that his three year old can ride the bicycle without any training wheels.

LOU PILTZ gave for a great Club. REED TAYLOR gave driving an overweight truck and just getting a warning. (Now that's the ticket.) GERALD PEEBLER, referring to Lou remaining seated while dispensing his buck, gave for being able to stand up. He added one for the shock of hearing shells being fired at Camp Pendleton when down in that area. RON KNIGHT gave for a great Club. STEVE FORSTER gave for a trip to Bishop. TOM THORNTON gave for baseball being just around the corner. PETER CHOW gave for a Happy Birthday to Ron.

Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation

The Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation is selling tickets for a drawing to be held in the summertime.

The proceeds from this will help the foundation in its work to support children in the District.

Get your tickets from DEBBIE SCHEIBEL. They are \$10 each or three for \$25. There are prizes galore.

Duck Race

That quacking sound you hear in the distance is not coming from the Pacific Flyway. It is from the planning committee for the Kiwanis Annual Duck Race. This year the Saturday before Easter falls on April 23. Historically Kiwanis cooks pancake for those participating in the City's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and then moves south a few hundred yards to hold the Duck Race.

Debbie is looking for sponsors now so that she can get the program printed.



Two local authors visiting at a "Friend of the La Mirada Library" get-together

(Picture by LOU PILTZ)

Canned Food Drive

Don't forget the continuing canned food drive by the club to help those the Dulles K-Kids and La Mirada Key Club are and will be doing. The food drives will benefit Good Sam Pantry at Beatitudes and possibly "Giving Children Hope" in Buena Park. Make it a part of your weekly meeting.

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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. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL



Legend:

Board Meeting 
 Today's Date 
 Evening Meeting 

February 2011

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					

March 2011

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

February 17-Bingo at Mirada Hills Convalescent Hospital
 March 10-Bingo at Imperial Convalescent Hospital

Visitor: Birthdays: Feb. 9-Pastor JACK MIRANDA, Feb 13-GEORGE OROZCO (He's 21)

Anniversaries: Feb 17-BILL DAWSON

The 50/50 Winner: GERALD PEEBLER

The Process of Elimination: This past week (meeting of Feb 9) we raised another \$10.48 for the ELIMINATE project -- 17 shots at 60¢ each -- saved another 3+ babies.

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