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Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today

Kiwanis
La Mirada

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

Larry Mowles , City Council Contender

Our speaker of the morning was Council aspirant Larry Mowles. Larry came to La Mirada in 1976 and began his community activity as his children went through the local schools. It was a time that the middle school shifts were on and he worked on the reopening of some of those.

Pete Dames asked him to assist in the Youth Carnival activities and he went from there to the La Mirada Youth Foundation. He has served on the Public Safety Commission and the Community Service Commission. He is now on the Planning Commission.. He wanted to stress what's right about the community. He mentioned the large volunteer group and the Youth in Sports activities. Fiscal responsibility has been one of our hall marks.

He then said that as citizens we cannot rest on yesterday. Public safety is number one. We must continue to improve Public Transportation and the schools. We still need to do this while keeping fiscal responsibility a priority.

He mentioned that one of our assets is the Chamber of Commerce. A good chamber will work with the City to attract businesses.

He was recently a part of a task force that studied the City's problems. The City started the year with a \$1.5 million deficit and worked that down to where the budget is balanced. The city staff was reduced by 1/3 and an increase in sales tax helped to solve the problem. He recalled that we have no utility tax or stipulated property tax.

He warned that both of these could become a reality if the economy continues its projected course.

He was asked about a newspaper and he said there has been talk of one but nothing of substance. *La Mirada Living* is the closest we have. (He forgot about the only weekly paper in town called the Chronicles which has been in continuous publication for over 15 years.)

He was asked by ART LESLIE where he put repair of the Infrastructure on his list of priorities. Larry responded that the present infrastructure is some 50 years old and there have been estimates that to replace it completely over a ten year period would cost \$100 million.

He was asked about the support the City gives to outside community activities. He responded by mentioning the two most expensive, that of the La Mirada Civic Theatre and Splash. He was happy to report that Splash is close to breaking even. (97% of its cost last year was offset by income.) The Theatre costs the City \$600,000 a year but if it closed, it would spend almost that much in annual upkeep. He noted that it is ranked as one of the ten best in the country.

Larry is a founding member of the La Mirada Lions Cub and is a member of the La Mirada High School Band Booster. He served as secretary of the La Mirada Jaycees. He was manager of the former Thrifty Drug in La Mirada and is a Viet Nam War veteran, having served in the U S Navy aboard the USS Long Beach.

He is married with two sons and eight grandchildren. We are pleased to have Larry with us this morning.

City Election is on March 8

Grins and Grimaces-Feb. 23

The meeting opened with GENE GLEASON leading us in the Pledge and Pastor JACK MIRANDA giving the Invocation. PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER carried us through "America."

When it was time for the bucks to be collected, CHRIS STAPLES was called on to relieve us of our extra dollars. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for the Kiwanis Mid-year Conference. Four from the Club went. PAT RUIZ gave a missing buck. Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for a good weekend and a trip to the desert. PAUL ALDERETE gave for a good workshop that lasted some two and a half hours. He gave for a new grandchild.

GERALD PEEBLER was glad that he could still stand up to give his dollar. He also added one for a grandchild, one for the rain and one for a great Club. REED TAYLOR gave one for his truck and its escape from the ticket booth. LOU PILTZ gave a mumbo-jumbo buck whose meaning was only known to those who understand whatever language he was speaking.

RICH TRUJILLO gave for softball starting this weekend. GENE GLEASON gave for the passing of an old golfing buddy. Visitor Larry Mowles gave for having eight grandkids. ART LESLIE gave to tell us of former member FRANK DERBYSHIRE who now lives in Florida and has Alzheimer's Disease. CHRIS STAPLES gave a "happy to be here buck." STEVE FORSTER gave to tell us of the passing of STEVE JONES' mother.



The daughter of a Kiwanian shows her love for her mother through her drawings.

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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. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL

Kiwanis

La Mirada

Legend:

Board Meeting ○

Today's Date —●

Evening Meeting ◇

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	○	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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 10-Bingo at Imperial Convalescent Hospital

March 17-Bingo at Mirada Hills Convalescent Hospital

April 23- Easter Egg Hunt Pancake Breakfast

April 23-Duck Race

Birthdays: March 2-AMY SCHEIBEL, March 14-GENE GLEASON, March 14-RICH POWERS, March 16-PETER CHOW, March 20-STEVE FORSTER,

Anniversaries: March 1-RICH POWERS, March 14-Dr. MIKE WINTER, March 22-GERALD PEEBLER (70 Years), March 23-ALAN MORRISON

The 50/50 Winner: PAUL ALDERETE

The Process of Elimination: This week the club collected \$11.03 for the Eliminate project -- that is a 18 shots -- saved 6 more babies and/or mothers.

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