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**Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today**

Kiwanis
La Mirada

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

A Voice Cries Out

Our speaker of the morning was our own EM-MANUEL HERNANDEZ. Emmanuel gave us an early Happy St. Patrick's Day and told that his daughter married an Irishman. He has now been a Kiwanian a year and is looking forward to many more.

Emmanuel spent some 34 years with the LAPD after being in the service and going through college. He worked many assignments but took this opportunity to talk of only one.

He was working homicide and received a call at about 1:00 AM. His supervisor wanted to know how he was doing and he admitted to being awake. He was told there had been a murder at an area where gang members hang out resulting from a drive-by shooting. He asked his supervisor why he received the call and the reply was that he was the only one who answered the phone.

He was asked to go to the hospital where they had taken the victim and start the identification process. After that the next of kin would be identified. He went to the hospital and found the body of a fourteen year old African American who was still on the gurney with his chest cavity exposed. He had died as they tried to save him and once dead, he was left just in the condition he was at the time of his death.

As he began the process he thought of the body of the young boy who was now over to one side of the room awaiting the autopsy procedures. He thought of how this doesn't make any sense as he used a Polaroid camera to get a picture of the lad so that they could go up and down the street looking for someone who recognized him.

He recalled how many times he had witnessed the scene of a young person now dead and left in the corner of the room while the hospital personnel went to the next victim.

Armed with the Polaroid picture of the lad's face, he went to the street and began his search for identity. No one wanted to admit they knew who he was or anything about the shooting. Finally a young girl told him that a lady had been going up and down the street looking for her son who had disappeared. The young girl knew where the lady lived and pointed out the house. It was a neat and well kept house and his knock on the door was answered by a relative. Emmanuel asked to talk to the lady and was told she was still outside somewhere looking for her son. They sat on a plastic covered sofa and waited.

While he waited he thought of how similar this house was to the one in which he was brought up not so many blocks away

Finally she returned and seeing the police cars outside, she knew why they were there. She began screaming and repeating, "Tell me it's not true, Tell me it's not true." Emmanuel had to tell her it was indeed true and the screams permeated the entire house. He tried to console her and even now the it hurts when he recalls it. He spoke to the step-father and told him the coroner would contact them. He left and as he drove down the street he rolled up the windows on that hot July night to try and shut out the screams.

As he drove away, two things came to mind. One was a story told him by his father about a foreign invading army thousands of years ago that brought the "voices crying out" and the "wailing of the people." The invaders are now drugs and gangs but they create the same wailing.

The second was that he was brought up in the same general type of neighborhood but that he became involved with those serving the community, particularly the YMCA and the outlet it offered for the youth. He took advantage of the athletic programs of the YMCA and grew up with a life filled with normalcy. For that he wanted to thank the service clubs such as Kiwanis for all they do to help the community. He says, we never know what kind of impact we have when we serve.

Grins and Grimaces-March 16

The morning started with TONY AIELLO being asked to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. ED NORMAN gave the Invocation. PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in *America*. After a number of discussions regarding upcoming events, Pastor JACK MIRANDA was asked to lift our spirits and our wallets. As he collected the bucks. He started by mentioning that a local school was asked to participate in the NCAA Tournament. There was some distraction as their coach had a minor run in with an Arizona player who is from La Mirada. He added one for PETER CHOW's Birthday. And for our senior members who are celebrating their 70th this year.

PAT ROJAS doesn't want to wish the shingles onto anyone. He did take time to recommend the purchase of silver. He gave also for their grandson staying with them and a trip to Sacramento to visit with our elected officials. RICH TRUJILLO gave because he has his pin on and suggested that anyone who would be so distracted that they forgot theirs this morning should be relieved of a dollar. PETER CHOW gave for his birthday and some other events. TONY ARMAS gave a happy dollar. ART LESLIE gave for the beautiful service at Pastor Jack's church that recognized community leaders.

TOM THORNTON gave for UCLA. Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave to note that the local school referred to earlier by Pastor Jack has not actually been invited yet, but that the other local school has. MARK PERUMEAN gave for those seniors celebrating senior moments (70 years of marriage). ALAN MORRISON gave an origami dollar. LOU PILTZ gave a no pin dollar and one for Pastor Jack. GERALD PEEBLER gave a \$20 for his anniversary (He, of course is one of those seniors with Lou being the other.) He added one for PETER CHOW's birthday.

RON KNIGHT gave a Happy dollar and a pin dollar. EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ gave some quiet dollars. And PAUL ALDERETE added some of his own. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for a successful Duck Race meeting. AMY SCHEIBEL gave for all the community work we do. TONY AIELLO gave for a warm welcome and tossed in some left by the early departed PAT RUIZ. GENE GLEASON gave a no pin dollar. Dr. ED NORMAN gave a no pin dollar plus a thank you for the help with the Placentia club meeting. Dr. MIKE WINTER gave a no pin dollar. STEVE FORSTER gave for the Irish and showed off his pot full of four leaf clovers in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day. He mentioned the Mighty Ducks and that made us remember JIM MCGIRR who could always be counted on to keep us current on the skaters. (There may be some question about Hell freezing over, but we are assured there is now a skating rink tucked away in one corner of Heaven.)

La Mirada Symphony Association Presents

"Spring into a Bright Future"

Luncheon & Fashion Show

***Featuring Special Guests Tom McCoy
& Cathy Rigby***

Saturday - April 30, 2011 - 11:30 a.m.

La Mirada Holiday Inn Select

**Tickets available through the La Mirada Symphony
Association**

\$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10

**Door Prizes, Raffle Prizes, Silent Auction - Free Gift
for All Attendees**

For information contact Rose Bourassa @714 930-6209 or Cynthia Klement 562 947-8800 or e-mail SymphonyFashions@aol.com

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.

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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
		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		

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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

April 14-Bingo at Imperial Convalescent Hospital

April 21-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: who else but DEBBIE SCHEIBEL

The Process of Elimination: We saved another 10 mothers/babies this week -- wonderful wonderful wonderful. We collected \$18.47 or 30 tetanus shots.

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