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**"A Record of Tomorrow's
Good Fortunes"**



**Serving the Children of the
World**

**La Mirada Kiwanis Club,
La Mirada, CA**

It's B.E.S.T. to Get Involved

Our speakers of the morning were from the B.E.S.T. Program at La Mirada High School. Introduced by CHRIS STAPLES, Jerry Martinez and Itzie Alorcon, students at La Mirada High, told of their involvement in the B.E.S.T. Program and how it has helped them become more aware of the need to be prepared for the working world when they finish their education. The Program gives them an opportunity to go out into the Business World as interns and learn how businesses operate. They also have to develop a marketing plan for an ongoing endeavor. This year it is Relay For Life. They have opportunities to receive scholarships from B.E.S.T. They noted that B.E.S.T. is not a national organization, but is one that has been started at La Mirada High. They have hopes to see it spread.

They talked of the Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society. 90% of the monies received in the Relay For Life go directly into research. This year's Relay For Life is at Benton Middle School on May 16. It is a 24 hour event which begins with a Survivors lap. It is concluded with a Memorial lap.

The B.E.S.T. participants are working to get the word out to the community which will involve, among other things, passing out flyers to the smaller stores in the area.

We thank Jerry and Itzie for being a part of our morning?

Evening Club Puts on a Morning Affair

As their service project for the year, the Evening Members met, along with some backup from the Morning Members, at Foster Road Elementary School to serve the students pancakes and to become a part of the "Reading Across America" program which involves reading to the students afterward they were served pancakes.

Members involved in the project were TONY ARMAS, STEVE BLUNT, STEVE CAMARILLO, GENE GLEASON, Pastor JACK MIRANDA, ALAN MORRISON, GERALD PEEBLER, LOU PILTZ, PAT ROJAS, MARK ROYSTON, PAT RUIZ, AMY SCHEIBEL, DEBBIE SCHEIBEL, CHRIS STAPLES, DAVE TAYLOR, REED TAYLOR, RICH TRUJILLO, and LAURA WILLIAMS. We were joined by others, whose names will be listed next week.

New Member Inducted

President DEBBIE SCHEIBEL took the opportunity of the Monthly Evening Meeting to induct our newest member, JESSE URQUIDI. Jesse was born in Norwalk and has been involved in local community activities. We welcome Jesse into the Club and are looking forward to his activity in it.



La Mirada Bobby Sox Pancake Breakfast

Saturday morning brought the Club back to Behringer Park to cook pancakes for the La Mirada Bobby Sox. Kiwanians working were TONY ARMAS, RUFFO ESPINOSA, ALAN MORRISON, RICH POWERS, MARK ROYSTON, PAT RUIZ, AMY SCHEIBEL, DEBBIE SCHEIBEL, CHRIS STAPLES, REED TAYLOR, JOHN & LAURA WILLIAMS, and Dr. MIKE WINTER.

Key Clubbers working were Stephanie Chan, Christina Tao, Diane Ly, David Ly, Patrick Hung, Patricia Yoo, Eric Ngyuen, Bianca Ceballos, Mehuysn Shakeel, Yong Leong, Melanie Cuah, and Esther Yu.

Pictures in next week's Chronicles.

March 4 Dollars and Nonsense

The meeting opened with PAT ROJAS leading us in the Pledge. PAT RUIZ led us in "God Bless America" with Dr. Mike pantomiming the piano background. He did such a great job, he was called on to give the Invocation. When the bucks needed to be weeded out, STEVE FORSTER neatened up the environment with his deft digging of the daffodils. First up to start the bouquet was GENE GLEASON who reported on the results of yesterday's election. RUFFO ESPINOSA gave for the double header played by the Club as we did the pancake cleanup batter at two places at the same time.

JIM MCGIRR gave for the great Club and MARK ROYSTON listed off the modern books given from his library to the Foster Road School Library. They included "Little Women," "Eight Cousins," "Five Little Peppers," "Kit Carson," "Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates," and "Rip Van Winkle." JOHN TOVAR gave a dollar for Gabe Garcia winning. PAT RUIZ gave for the upcoming Foster Road adventure and all who are working and those who are coming to read.

Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for the last Chamber meeting where it was announced that there would be an attempt to form a Lion's Club in La Mirada. (That created a roar from the crowd.) They focus on eyesight solutions. (Certainly a great place to put your focus.) One of the Inter Clubbers from Greater Anaheim thought that having the bulletin at each of the tables was a good idea. (It functions well as a notepad for the scribbling of the members.)

Dr. ED NORMAN gave for our two new members. He noted they were in the right place at the right time as they helped the pancake machine navigators to find the correct location to drop off the equipment last Saturday at Behringer Park. GERALD PEEBLER gave for the death of a gentleman, John Helms, who was a charter member of the La Mirada Rotary Club. He lamented the turnout at the election, giving as an indication of the citizens interest that at 2:00 PM only 60 persons had voted in a precinct that has over a thousand voters in it. (Someone said the overall turnout was around 12%.) He added another for a trip to Perris to watch our parachute jumpers do their thing.

SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for the parachuting she will be doing this weekend. They are scheduled to take the dive at 10:00 AM. REED TAYLOR gave to remind Sherry that once you jump its downhill all the way. He contributed \$20 toward her money raising efforts. LOU PILTZ gave for getting a check for Meals-On-Wheels. He gave another for the "Read Across America" program. TOM THORNTON gave for having to leave early last Saturday so that he could see his grandson play baseball. DAVE TAYLOR gave for missing the upcoming pancake breakfast. PAT ROJAS gave for missing the pancake breakfast last Saturday. (Actually he was just a couple of days off as he went to the Foster Road School location.)

CHRIS STAPLES gave for the guests of the morning including the Interclub. He added one for his 15th Anniversary coming up on March 5. RICH TRUJILLO gave for our guests from La Mirada High and for his upcoming softball season. TONY ARMAS gave for a good pancake breakfast. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave a split dollar for the La Mirada High Schools, Shakespeare play "A Midsummer's Night Dream." The other half went to Reed for "busting" STEVE FORSTER before Steve could do his "Gotcha" thing as he sneaks up on Reed each Wednesday morning.

STEVE FORSTER gave for not being able to sneak up on Reed and one for elections everywhere. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for the guests, for the Duck Race and for the Mid-Winter Meeting at San Diego.

Visitors were JILL DILL, DICK MOSIER, KIM CRANDEL & JOE DALE from Greater Anaheim.

Also to cheer on the B.E.S.T. bunch, Tom, and Derek Wood, from La Mirada High School and Greg Fome from the American Cancer Society.

**We Remember
BOB STONE
Died
March 13, 2001**

Who Am I?

I graduated from Cantwell High School in 1964 and joined the Navy.

I am an old car collector.

I have been a member of the Whittier Elks for 35 years.

Who Am I?

Last Week's Who Am I?

There is no record of my birth.

I picked fruit and vegetables to aid my family.

The family lived in a tent which caught fire and burned, losing all family treasures and pictures.

And as a bonus: I never took a driver's test but had a driver's license and I was a licensed mechanic.

Who am I? **Gerald Peebler**