

# The Kiwanis Chronicles

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



**Serving the Children of the  
World**

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

## The Key To Success

Ed. Note: Key Club International is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. It is a student-led organization whose goal is to teach leadership through serving others. In 2002, Key Club officially adopted caring, character building, inclusiveness and leadership as the core values of the organization. Our Key Clubbers from La Mirada High School have displayed all the above in the various activities for which we have asked them to assist us.

Each year, a convention is held in Southern or Northern California to bring together members of Key Clubs throughout the state to describe their activities aimed at attaining those goals in the communities they serve. Today our Key officers joined to tell us about their recent experiences at convention.

JOHN TOVAR, Sponsored Youth chair, introduced the program by admitting that he willingly gave up some prestigious tickets to the Country Music Awards in Las Vegas – not because he is not a fan of Country Music (although he is not) – but because he was committed to chaperone our fine Key Clubbers to convention that weekend! He was not disappointed.

President Patricia Yoo started off with several descriptions of the convention events such as 'fun', 'pumped up' and 'awesome'. Each Key Clubber in turn echoed the excitement they felt as they joined the huge crowd of young representatives there not only to get the spirit of the age group, but to learn, to appreciate and to absorb the real meaning of leadership through service.

One member admitted that La Mirada's group was smaller than most, but was filled up with the enthusiasm to overcome the number issue. And, any way, there was the Saturday night dance to remember forever!! Then there was the thrill of supporting their own division 30 N. member Jesse Truong from Sunny Hills to his final election as District Governor. The spirit involved in that successful campaign was 'awesome'. Undaunted by sleep deprivation, the motivation of the La Mirada group was inspirational.

Several members commented on the importance of the workshops presented at the convention and that they had learned many valuable steps on their way to the leadership position and the character-building to which members of Key Club International aspire.

The group showed a video of their members dressed to indicate the serious and professional image they will need in the years following their high school experience.

Past President Stephanie Chan expressed appreciation to the La Mirada Club for sponsoring their unit and their fund raising projects. She indicated that many of the Key Club members present would be seeking the next step in Kiwanis involvement – either the Circle K Club in college, or membership in the local community Kiwanis Clubs as junior members.

Then, of course, the Key Club members stimulated the older folk present by asking, 'How do you feel?' That set off a memorable 'a-buggah-buggah' reaction which ended the presentation with a good laugh.

Thank you, La Mirada High School Key Club! Keep up the good work toward the success we know is in your future!

## April 22 Dollars and Nonsense

The hall was alive with ton of attendees this morning. JOHN TOVAR led the Pledge followed by the singing of "God Bless America" led by PAT RUIZ and controlled by MIKE WINTER at the piano. GENE GLEASON set the tone for the morning with the Invocation.

PETER CHOW collected Happy Sad bucks. First up was Sylvia Chow who was happy to be here and to see her friends from La Palma. MIKE WINTER gave for missing meetings because of his trip to Hawaii to cheer on this daughter's cheer group from Whittier Christian High School. GEORGE MAST, La Palma President, was proud to announce this son's acquiring Eagle Scout status and that he would be attending a musical performance at Biola in which his son was invited to participate.

GENE GLEASON gave for being late (nothing new) and for helping to paint his daughter's room. JERRY ROODZANT announce that his first major step as President would be to change the Chronicle article from "Who Am I?" to "Who Cares." (Ed. Note: We may be in for BIG trouble!) ED NORMAN gave to thank the nominating committee – Chris Staples, Debbie Scheibel, John Tovar and Jerry Roodzant for their dedicated work in filling the slate. RICH TRUJILLO gave proudly for the fact that his team had an excellent record and made the championship level.

TONY ARMAS was happy to see so many Key Club members and La Palma visitors today. DONNA MUNIER gave a happy (sad?) buck that her son had joined the new La Mirada Lions Club. (Big moan reaction here.) TED CEASU was pleased to see so many visitors from the Key Club and La Palma and for the success of the Easter Saturday activities.

JOHN TOVAR will always remember the date of his new grandson's birth in Houston – the last day of the Duck Race. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL was not sure that her news was happy or sad. She is the newly elected Lt. Governor-elect! We say HAPPY for us, Debbie!!! Congratulations.

### National Day of Prayer

PASTOR JACK MIRANDA invited the members to attend the National Day of Prayer observation on May 7 at the Biola Campus from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. \$25.00 per person.

### "Who am I?"

Will take a couple of week's sabbatical while the scribe is on vacation back in Virginia.

### Fireworks Stand

RON KNIGHT announced the upcoming Fireworks Stand Event over the July 4th Holiday Period. We will still be in the parking lot near Albertsons but a bit remote from

## Announcements

SHERRY BRAKEBILL presented to JERRY ROODZANT a picture of the group who took the leap into space to benefit the American Lung Association.

LOU PILTZ set the date for Scholarship interviews at Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the City's Activities Center.

RICH TRUJILLO reminded members of the La Mirada High School Softball Tournament scheduled for 2 Saturdays (May 2 and May 9) and passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers. Several food items will be sold, and shifts are from 8:30 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 3:00.

REED TAYLOR announced that the fire truck had been 'cured' and that it would be taking its first test drive later in the day.

TONY ARMAS requested reps for the La Palma Interclub on April 30 at 7:00 a.m. Volunteers volunteered.

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL announced that several members had suggested a 'social' event for the members of the club and their significant others. TED CEASU will spearhead for ideas.

MIKE WINTER appeared in a picture with his co-visitors to India in the Biola Magazine recently. He tried to wheedle out of a fine by saying he was wearing a Kiwanis shirt. (not true)

PETER CHOW and DEBBIE SCHEIBEL encouraged participation in the Relay for Life on May 16-17 for our Kiwanis Team.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

DR. ED NORMAN announced that the Night Kiwanians had voted by email on the slate of officers presented at the last meeting. Following the acceptance of the committee's recommendations, morning Kiwanians then voted by silent ballot. The slate was accepted as follows: President Jerry Roodzant, President Elect Steve Forster, Vice President of the Evening Group Laura Williams, Secretary Amy Scheibel, Treasurer Sherry Brakebill, Immediate Past President Debbie Scheibel, New Board Members Ted Ceasu, Peter Chow, Ruffo Espinosa and Art Leslie.

## Welcome to the World

Conner Anthony Staples  
Son of

Chris & Cindy Staples  
Born 11:43AM, 21April 24, 2009  
7.1 Pounds 20 inches long