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Good Fortunes"



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La Mirada Kiwanis Club,
La Mirada, CA

FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

In 2006 on a day not much different from other days, ROBERT BULLARD, a student from El Camino High School began his journey from darkness to light. A 17 year old drunken driver broadsided the car in which Robert was riding, threw him 52 feet through the air, and violently imposed on him the very real probability of never walking or talking again.

This morning Robert's former teacher TONY VINCENT described Robert's frightening appearance when he visited him in the hospital shortly after the accident. He was comatose, hardly recognizable with multiple tubes and bandages, and not expected to survive. For over a month Robert lay in this condition.

Tony visited every day, and, when Robert came out of the coma, he spoke to him with uplifting words of encouragement and strict expectations for his recovery. (Written messages provided communication, and Tony insisted that they be written in straight lines!) There were to be no tears, no complaints, only a positive understanding that – although life would be different for Robert – he must come back as far as he could to lead a good and productive life.

Blessed by the skills of a specialist, an eight hour operation made repairs to Robert's badly damaged throat. With Tony's strict guidance and encouragement ("You WILL do this!") Robert slowly made strides in voice and movement. This morning, called forward by his teacher, his mentor, his friend, Robert walked to the podium and spoke his tale of recovery to the members.

His first words were, "Here I am!" He clearly described in heartfelt words his devotion to a 'wonderful man' who brought him into the light again.

He graduated from high school with special expressions of congratulations from all who knew him, and from all the teachers who watched his amazing recovery. Now 26 years old, Robert no longer smokes or drinks, is determined to do something with his life and works in whatever capacity he is able in order to help support his mother (of 11 children) who almost lost her home through this trial.

He is delighted to hear people say he talks too much at times, bench presses 225 lbs. in the gym, proudly admits being confident enough to think he looks 'real good', and hopes someday to get married and have children of his own.

Robert gave special thanks to La Mirada Kiwanis for their financial help for his family and extra special thanks to God and the Goodness of the Lord.



June 10 Dollars and Nonsense

JOHN TOVAR led the pledge this morning followed by “God Bless America” and an invocation by LOU PILTZ. PETER (THE GREAT) CHOW bragged deservedly about the big success at the Buena Park Relay for Life program recently. Biggest take of all! DR. ED NORMAN gave for missing last week. His excuse was good – Seahorse Team Soccer in Mexico! GERALD PEEBLER did an 800 mile trip for a wedding in Central Cal. Had some Lamb Stew and Basque cuisine. Bueno!!

REED TAYLOR gave for the healing of his pickup truck and LOU PILTZ for his 68th (!!) Anniversary. VANESSA RAMIREZ was sad about the Laker’s loss so she went to the beach. TED CEASUSU was happy to be celebrating his 3rd Anniversary (WEEKS, that is!) Let’s see what he says 60 years from now. SHERRY BRAKEBILL was sad that her uncle had bypass surgery recently. LA DONNA MUNIER was sad to announce that her sister’s son was among the lost in the avalanche in China. JERRY ROODZANT’s sister in law was visiting from Tennessee for a week and was happy to have celebrated his 10th Anniversary in Half Moon Bay. TONY ARMAS was also happy as was RICH TRUJILLO, PAT RUIZ and several others who seem to enjoy Kiwanis Breakfast mornings.

GENE GLEASON (the Bruce) was pleased with his new car – a Hyundai, and pleased to announce his 23rd Anniversary (in Kiwanis, that is!) JIM McGIRR was sorry to have missed meeting last week but was consoled by his family cruise up as far as Canada. JOHN TOVAR was proud that one of his student’s in the class of 2006 was accepted at Berkeley! DEBBIE SCHEIBEL was sad that her cousin had surgery to replace discs in her neck.

Thank You-Thank You

Special thank you award to Steve Forster for filling in for Meals on Wheels on Memorial Day and for PAT RUIZ doing the Chronicles

Who Am I?

I was born in Mississippi and worked as an electrician.
I lived in the unincorporated part of Whittier but always got my shots in at the local politicians.
I worked every Kiwanis event.
Who am I?

B.E.S.T. Foundation Awards Given

Thanks to a generous donation from La Mirada Kiwanis Club and others, five outstanding students were honored with monetary awards for their outstanding participation in the Business, Education, Scholarship Training (B.E.S.T.) internship program at La Mirada High School. The ceremony was held at a breakfast meeting hosted by the La Mirada Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, June 02, 2009 at Biola University.

Tanya Galyean, Jonathan Doiron, Natalie Shehavi, Daniel Bonnaud and Fernando Velasco competed for points in the program for scholarships of \$1000 for the winner and \$500 for each of the other apprentices. **Tanya**, a junior at the High School was awarded the top prize and expressed her appreciation for this opportunity to experience the business world in preparation for her future.

Under the direction of teacher **Derek Wood** and monitored by a board of local business representatives, B.E.S.T. is designed to challenge young students to find and hone their strengths, to recognize and correct their weaknesses, and to learn to work as a team in a business setting.

A representative from the office of County Supervisor Don Knabe, a major Foundation sponsor, said, “The B.E.S.T program provides a unique environment to obtain the hands-on education and experience needed for their future success”.

Last Week’s Who Am I?

I was the Yo-Yo Champion of Daniel Phelan Elementary School.

I shot competitively in tournaments with handgun and shotgun.

I made a road trip with Herb Alpert and other recording artists.
Art Leslie-the ‘hippie’ groupie for Herb Alpert (his own words)

Calendar-Regular Meetings
Every Wednesday Morning
7:15 AM Gateway Holiday Inn
Monthly Evening Meeting-First Thursday
El Camino High School Teacher’s Lounge
7:00 PM
Board Meeting
Third Monday Evening of month - 5:30 PM
Gateway Holiday Inn (All Members Welcome)

Birthdays: , June 2-Dr. MIKE WINTER, June 20-SHERRY BRAKEBILL, June 25-RON KNIGHT, June 30-KEN TAYLOR
Anniversary: June 14– LOU PILTZ, June 15-Dr. ED NORMAN, June 21-STEVE JONES, June 28-KEN TAYLOR
Visitors: Patricia Yoo, Patrick Hang, and Christina Tao from the Key Club. GEORGE HALLACK, incoming Lt. Governor..
50/50 Winner was GENE GLEASON and was donated to the purchase of Tri-Tips.

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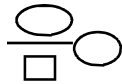
The Objects of Kiwanis International

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.



Legend:
 Board Meeting
 Today's Date
 Working Event



JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	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				

JULY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wre	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	

Announcements

Scholarship Awards Ceremonies

La Mirada – June 15
 El Camino – June 17
 Whittier Christian – June 17 (at morning meeting)
 Bingo at Mirada Hills Convalescent Hospital- June 18

LA MIRADA GOLF TOURNAMENT June 26

Pastor Jack is still seeking golfers. Kiwanis benefits!
PANCAKE DINNER AT FOSTER ROAD SCHOOL June 26 In the evening!! Benefit an Arts and Sports Camp

FIREWORKS STAND July 1-4

Bolstered by volunteers from the Night Group – We are looking pretty good to cover the stand over the July 4th Holiday Period. Always room for more!

JULY 3 TRI TIP TIPS

Roasts and guests will be marinated at the home of the Roodzants on Wednesday evening, July 1. (Time to be announced) Chefs will be selected to take at least 1/2 of the roasts for 'home cooking'. The event committee will be working out duties for the July 3 event at the park. (2:00 p.m. prompt prep hour with serving from 4:00 –to 9:00 p.m.) More later.

Bingo at Imperial Convalescent Hospital- July 9

STROLL IN THE PARK Thursday, July 9

Save the date. Menu: Kiwanis Super Hot Dogs