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**Serving the Children of the
World**

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

A Kiwanis Carol

(This was the Christmas headline story just about five years ago. It is interesting to compare the tone of the Club reflected on that occasion with the present Club with an increase of membership of some twenty plus members.)

(from the Chronicles Dec.29, 2004)

(With apologies to Ebenezer Scrooge)

Too many cookies and too many candies made for a restless night. I had just drifted off into dreamland when there was the blaring of a horn outside the front door. "That sure sounds like Ray Haugh," I muttered as I awoke. But wait a minute—Ray Haugh is dead. Opening the door, I saw a familiar Lincoln parked on the wrong side of the street awaiting me. "Ray Haugh," I said, "As I live and breathe."

"Easy for you to say," he rasped, reaching for a cigarette. "Tonight I am the ghost of Kiwanis Past," he said. "Hop in. We are going to a football game." Ray, dead or alive, was not to be ignored. I squeezed in between a number of others that I soon recognized as Bob Stone, Lee Brown, Jeff Hester, Cary Mayer and Tom Witzel. It didn't seem out of the ordinary that they were all dead. Cary laughed, "There's more room in here than a phone booth. Let's have a meeting."

Away to the stadium we flew and ignoring the parking lot, Ray drove right onto the stadium field. "Couldn't do this if the grass was artificial," he rasped. We looked up and the stadium was filled with chanting fans, "Kiwanis, Kiwanis, 605 Football."

But there were no players on the field. Only one solitary youngster in a tattered uni form standing on the sidelines. "Where are the others?" Ray yelled.

"They are waiting for someone from Kiwanis to invite them to play. Ever since I was killed in an automobile accident, I come from the past every year hoping to be a part of them. Playing here was the highlight of my life.

Ray turned to me, "Where are the Kiwanians who are supposed to do the inviting?"

I hung my head and said "You know where they are. They are either dead or have left the club."

"Let's move on," said Bob Stone. There's a Special Olympics that should be in full swing." We motored in a moment to another field and looked in at a long line of persons standing in front of a baked potato cart. They were all ready to buy but there was no one to man the booth.

"Where are the Kiwanians who sell the baked potatoes?" Jeff Hester wanted to know.

Again I hung my head and said, "We haven't done the potato thing in years. Ever since we heard that the Rotary were selling hot dogs."

"Let's move into the race area. There will be Kiwanians there, hugging the finishers," Lee Brown suggested. We ran to the infield of the race track and saw a large number of runners with their arms out, awaiting hugs from the missing Kiwanians. "Where are the Kiwanians?" Lee yelled, "Surely they would be here hugging the finishers,"

"Haven't for years. Quit soon as Ike Kaiser moved out of the Club."

"Let's go to the California Youth Authority. You can count on Ari being there and organizing the a bar-b-que for the kids." Tom suggested.

"No good," I said "Ari is in the Grand Caymans and it took so much energy to get past the security guards and one might get hurt and"

"Enough of this, let's take him home."

Relieved to be out of the scrutiny of the Ghosts of Kiwanis Past, I hurried into the house and as I did, the phone rang. "This is Ken over at the Salvation Army. I want to go to a meeting again." I was embarrassed. I couldn't even remember his last name.

"How are you, Ken?" as I flushed, wondering how a dead person would feel.

"Heavenly," he responded, "Could you come and pick me up?"

"Sure," I said and then drove to the Salvation Army in Norwalk.

Ken with the big smile hopped in and said, "I am the Ghost of Kiwanis Present and I am looking forward to being at the meeting and seeing all the members. Let's see there were 81 members when I was there. It will be good to see them all."

As we drove to the Holiday Inn, I tried to explain that we no longer had 81 members, it was down to like 32.

"Why the decrease?" Ken wanted to know.

"A number have died off, others moved, and some just quit.

"And what did you do to replace them?"

"Well I counted on the other members to do it and they didn't get the job done."

We entered the room and you could see that Ken was confused. "There are only 15 persons here," he said. I have kept track of your Shopping Spree—Remember how I used to pick the children for us to treat—and the 4th of July. I never miss your pancake breakfasts. I love your Bingo at the Convalescent Hospitals, but I hear you need a new Bingo Master. Maybe I could volunteer for that. But how do you do all of this with only 20 or so active members?"

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August 26 Dollars and Nonsense

The Morning started with the Pledge led by GENE GLEASON. PAT RUIZ led us in "God Bless America" while Dr. MIKE WINTER played the piano. When it came time for the Bucks to be extracted, Dr. JERRY ROODZANT was there with his forceps. He gave to start it off for his six day raft trip down the Colorado. RUFFO ESPINOSA gave for having the floor and being late. He added for a time share trip to Escondido. ADRIENNE MEDRANO gave for finishing the La Mirada Theatre brochure. TOM THORNTON gave a buck that was missed but hopefully included his grandson. GERALD PEEBLER gave for not being on the river and noted the requirement of picking up everything you litter. (Every litter bit hurts.)

REED TAYLOR complimented ART LESLIE on his impeccable attire. LOU PILTZ gave to note that we do everything proper. LA DONNA MUNIER gave for no pin and for meeting the elusive GEORGE HARRISON. TED CEAUSU gave for being married three months and for losing his ring. (He might have to dig it up which could lead to grave effects.) He also wanted to hear the story of Art that was alluded to by Reed.

GENE GLEASON gave for having to go to three funerals this week. He added one for a pig roast put on by Adrienne's dad. Adrienne took the opportunity to tell how to cook a pig. Dr. Jerry, referring back to Gene's first dollar, suggested that Gene had three probates to take care of. PAT RUIZ, wanting to Basque in the pig cooking scenario, gave to tell how her family cooked the pig. She also gave for an upcoming trip North with her sister-in-law

JIM MCGIRR gave for the great Club and MARK ROYSTON gave to sell a book, this time not one of his own, but that of a war veteran residing at Landmark. Dr. ED NORMAN gave for a great "Last Year" and a great one coming up. Dr. MIKE WINTER gave to note he had five lapel pins in his possession. (Would have been a nice investment for those who were docked for not having one this AM.) He added for daughter Emily being in her last year at Biola. He added to remind the Club that we need to bring in our old cell phones which can be sent overseas to troops.

Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave for not having a badge. (How does the saying go about needing a badge?) DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave to remind us she is her last month of presidency, so expect the unexpected.

Last Week's Who Am I?

I grew up in South Park.

My grandson is 20 years old.

I worked at Boeing Airport.

Who am I (A clue: When a planet turns while landing at the Airport, they call it something else.) (Banking)
La Donna Munier

Who Am I?

I once passed by a General without saluting.

It was my duty to make the life of a Marine more comfortable when he came ashore.

I was taught my military trade while residing on the plantation of Lord Fairfax.

Who Am I?

**We Remember
JOE CINCOTTA
Died
Sept. 4, 2004**

Installation Dinner

This is just a reminder that the Installation of new officers will be held on September 23 at Biola University at 6:30 PM. The cost will be \$30 per person and Dr. Ed will continue passing around the sign-up sheet, so get ready to make your choice of food.

A Kiwanis Story (Continued)

"We couldn't do it without the Key Club," I answered as I tried to excuse the missing persons. "There are some with appointments or meetings that conflict. Some have to take their children to school. Some have jobs that interfere."

"I can see all that but in many cases, it's a problem of priorities. Don't you miss their input to help make this a better club? And if they were all present, they might invite others to join. And with more members, think of all the new projects you could have."

I had no answer for that.

I drove Ken back to the Salvation Army and he disappeared into the building. Going back into the house, I was once again interrupted by the telephone. "This is Theopolis P. Joiner," the voice boomed. "I am the Ghost of Kiwanis Future. I need directions to get to your meeting as this is my first one."

Fighting off the impulse to just give him directions, I said, "Why don't I come by and pick you up? That way, you can't miss. On the way I recalled how we had grown since that eager beaver, Joshua, had joined the club. We entered the door to see a large standing crowd of Kiwanians and that Key Clubber with the radiant smile and we caught the end of the Invocation, "And God bless the children of the world everywhere."

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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 □
Evening Meeting ◇

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Announcements

September 3 Monthly Evening Meeting
September 10-Bingo at Imperial
September 17-Bingo at Mirada Hills
September 19-Knabe Katch
September 23-Installation Dinner
October 1- New Term Begins

Birthdays: Sept. 4-ALAN NAKAMURA, Sept. 5-ALAN MORRISON, Sept. 6-HARLAN COMEE, Sept. 9-TOM THORNTON, Sept. 12-DEBBIE SCHEIBEL, Sept. 20-CHRIS STAPLES, Sept. 20 GERALD PEEBLER, Sept. 24-Dr. RICK BEE, Sept. 26-STEVE JONES, Sept. 26-Dr. JERRY ROODZANT

Anniversary: September 5-MARK ROYSTON, September 6-GENE GLEASON, September 9-ANDREW LOMBARDO., September 30-JIM MCGIRR,

50/50 Drawing was won by GENE GLEASON and donated to the Fire Truck Fund

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

Board Meeting

Third Monday Evening of month - 5:30 PM Gateway Holiday Inn (All Members Welcome)