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



**Serving the Children of the
World**

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

Public Schools and the Budget

If you don't want to take a test, don't ask a principled person like Principal JOHN TOVAR to talk. We did and we got the test. It had to do with the highest and lowest cost of living in the top or bottom five states. This was then compared to the rankings of the top and bottom five states on per student spending. Most of us didn't come close to passing this test on economics..

The bottom line showed California near the bottom on the list on per-student spending and near the highest on cost of living.. John said at the time of the sampling California ranked 47th in the spending per student. With all the budget cuts they have suffered we may be dead last now.

He noted that Education is the largest single component in the State budget. Each school district is rated separately and each gets a different "per student" allowance. While the state averages \$7571 per student (at the time of the sampling), the Norwalk La Mirada School District gets just over \$5000.. Combine this with declining enrolment and the district faces a severe shortage.

Certain steps have been taken to reduce costs, including elimination of projects, reduced maintenance and the barring of the use of buses for weekend or holiday use. El Camino, which serves the students needing the most help, is down to one counselor. Many, including the Principal have taken pay cuts as a part of the cuts.

John said that "As the Los Angeles Unified School District goes, so goes the nation." The LAUSD is increasing charter schools which are still funded by the taxpayer. Why Charter Schools instead of the regular public schools? One of the reasons given was less regulations and restrictions put on them by governmental agencies.

ARI BARENDRECHT

We have Ari listed on our attendance roster as a Member in "Temporary Exile." Every once in a while he returns from the Grand Caymans to visit and we get a glimpse of him during these visits. It was coincidental that he came to visit this Wednesday after he had received a tad of publicity at last week's meeting.

It is easy to see why he is held in such high esteem by the members who remember his activities when he was a weekly contributor to our projects. His enthusiasm for service has not waned. If you think the Club is busy now, think of how much more active it would be if Ari were here every week.

We enjoy seeing Ari and hope the visit are more plentiful.

**Wake Up
to Your
Daily Morning
La Mirada News
At
Tony Aiello's
lamiradablog.com**

www.lamiradakiwanis.org

Don't forget to log onto the Cal-Ne-Ha District award winning website of our Club.

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Every week BRIAN ILTEN and his PIP Printing prints the Chronicles free of charge. We thank Brian for this continuing help in getting the Chronicles published.

September 16 Dollars and Nonsense

The morning started with the Pledge being led by GENE GLEASON. PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in "America." LOU PILTZ gave the Invocation. When the bucks were held up for judgment, it was RUFFO ESPINOSA finishing the sentence of those who were hesitant in their plea. RON KNIGHT gave a leave early buck and one to see ARI BARENDRECHT at our meeting.

GERALD PEEBLER gave for his trip which totaled 1146 miles, including a side trip into Death Valley. REED TAYLOR gave a "Happy to see Ari" buck. LOU PILTZ gave an "Ari" buck, one for the Club and one for the great job done by Debbie this year. SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for the trip to Missouri and driving the Jeep home. It has 180,000 miles on it and she was thankful for an uneventful trip. She added one for LA DONNA MUNIER having to take a trip to Seattle.

TONY ARMAS gave for the Club completing the annual Interclub Round Robin. He added one for Ari. PETER CHOW gave a buck for a Notre Dame loss and one for missing next Wednesday morning. He will be here for the Installation Dinner. ADRIANNE MEDRANO gave for missing a few weeks, citing the pressure of a new year starting. RICH TRUJILLO gave for Ari and for Ruffo saving him \$50. He added a "Didn't understand a word that Peter said dollar." STEVE FORSTER gave a lamenting dollar as he watched Kiwanians at the City Council meeting not mention Kiwanis. TOM THORNTON gave for the state of his economy. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for Ari and for how well this Club is thought of in the Community.

JOHN TOVAR gave for being later than STEVE FORSTER. He announced a new grandchild is on the way. Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for Whittier Christian winning its first two games and for his daughter beating a traffic ticket. GENE GLEASON gave for Ari and for a trip to Chicago which will make him miss the Installation dinner.

ARI BARENDRECHT gave to be back even if for just a moment. He looks at the new members and all their spirit, recalling the old days when a project was decided upon, everyone jumped to complete it. PAT RUIZ gave for her trip to visit her son in Missouri. Commenting on the "chip shot" by Steve about the Kiwanians not mentioning Kiwanis, she noted one Kiwanis member who works for the City was there without his Kiwanis pin. JIM MCGIRR gave for Ari and for hockey season starting. MARK ROYSTON noted that what goes around comes around, with Ari paving the way for Adrienne's Young Rembrandts with his selling of "Coloring Books" many years ago.

RUFFO ESPINOSA also announced the coming of a new grandson. He thought it would be a good idea to schedule an Interclub to the Grand Caymans. He added another for Debbie doing a great job. REED TAYLOR took time to tell of his daughter working at the Hague in Holland and that she loves Ari's native land.

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL finished off the bucks by thanking Pastor Jack and the Living Faith Church for the platitudes given her last Sunday when she went to present the check for their fire-works efforts.

Last Week's Who Am I?

I was an engineer for Hughes Aerospace and worked on a project which, when presented to the Government, was declared at that moment to be Top Secret. The only problem was neither I or my associates were cleared for Top Secret and could no longer work on the project.

I travelled the country and enjoyed its gastronomical delights as it was my duty to enlighten Kiwanians as to the finer points of dining.

I treasured every moment I spent with Kiwanis.
Who Am I? *Bob Stone*

Installation Dinner

This is just a reminder that the Installation of new officers will be held this evening, September 23 at Biola University at 6:30 PM. If you come early there may be parking in a lot near the Cafeteria, off of Biola Ave. Otherwise, park under the soccer field (Enter off of La Mirada Blvd.) Enjoy the easy stroll up the hill to the cafeteria banquet room.

Division Installation Brunch

Division 30 will hold its Installation Brunch this Sunday, September 27 at 1:00 PM at the Marriott at Katella and Cyprus. GEORGE HALLACK will be installed as Lt. Governor and our own DEBBIE SCHEIBEL as Lt. Governor Elect. The cost will be \$25 each.

Harvey Says:

Perhaps it's time to repeat the annual message.

USC and UCLA are never as good as the LA Times says they are before they lose or as bad as the LA Times says they are after they lose.

Who Am I?

I am present at almost all Kiwanis breakfasts. Once in a while I make a trip to Colorado at the insistence of "Mama."

I put the word "Service" into Kiwanis meetings.
Who Am I?

2008-2009 Officers, Board

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Interclub's
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REED TAYLOR
Youth Services
RICH TRUJILLO
Sunshine
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Scholarship
LOU PILTZ
Spiritual Aims
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Lt. Gov. Designate
GEORGE HALLACK
Lt. Governor Elect
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Key Club President
Patricia Yoo

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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OCTOBER 2009

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Announcements

~~September 19-Knabe Katch~~ (On Hold)
September 23-Installation Dinner
September 27-Division Officer Installation
October 1- New Term Begins, Monthly Evening Meeting
October 8-Bingo at Imperial
October 15-Bingo at Mirada Hills

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 RICH TRUJILLO.

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)