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



**Serving the Children of the
World**

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

Peter Chow, Investment Manager

Our Speaker of the morning, PETER CHOW, was introduced by Dr. JERRY ROODZANT. Peter has been in the Club for some six years now and is known for his financial skills. He came to talk about a group called Investment Advisors International. He began by restating the obvious. The past year or so has been very cyclic. While investing needs a defensive team as well as an offensive team it is the offensive team that must be ready to win the game.

He suggested that standard investing is made over a wide array of assets, so as to take advantage of those that are rising while trying to minimize those that are losing. Sometimes when you are out of the market can be more important than when you are in it.

The adage "Never lose money" is as true now as it ever was. He gave a short course in mathematics to show how much you have to gain to offset a loss. If you lose 50% you have to make 100% to break even. This means that if you can minimize your losses it is easier to bring them back to an even condition. Asset managers are known to follow the rule of never selling until they see the trend. Buying is the same way. Good asset managers don't make as much in a losing market nor do they lose as much if they are conservative. He noted that personal investing is often done emotionally while professional managers take the emotions out of their decisions.

He listed a number of investment devices including Mutual Funds and Variable Annuities. The investment managers monitor your investments on a daily basis so that you do not have to do it yourself. There is a charge from investment advisors, usually in the neighborhood of 2-2 1/2 % of the assets. He talked of the company he represents, AEGON. It ranks 96 out of 2000 similar corporations. He noted that "Hope" is not a strategy. With the use of the computer, small investment amounts can be quickly invested so that one can average 95% of the total assets being invested. He does not expect a turn around in the economy until sometime early next year.

We thank Peter for this look into the world of Investment Managers.

Art Leslie Dressed to the 4 1/2's

ART LESLIE showed up in his attire that had caught the attention of REED TAYLOR last week. It was a bit more formal as he added a neck tie to try and regain the integrity he thought he lost last week when Reed described his dress. He used the attention to raise some more money for the incendiary truck fund, using the skills usually reserved for those selling products at a carnival. Five dollar bills were removed from members with great skill. It is obvious that Art missed his calling, whatever that was. He collected \$90 to which he added \$100. of his own.



Words Not to Use

President Debbie, in her continuing effort to leave her administration with a bang, this week decided that certain words were taboo. So in a frantic effort to avoid fines, the members attempted to use alternative words to describe their object d'art. If you pick up strange words being used, well that means they were missing their Roger's' or maybe they always use strange words.

September 2 Dollars and Nonsense

TONY ARMAS got the meeting off and running by leading us in the Pledge. PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in "America the Beautiful." GERALD PEEBLER was called on to instill some discipline into the group.

When the Smiles and Frowns Bucks were told, TOM THORNTON was called on to do his duty. PAT ROJAS talked of the work necessary to publish a book, especially if you are in the KGB and it is to expose the killing of Christians. He was promised that he would be exterminated if he did. He did and he was.. RUFFO ESPINOSA gave for the great Club and for his trip to Lawrence Welk's in Escondido. He gave a buck to get a missing 50/50 ticket from Dr. Ed. PETER CHOW gave an advertizing buck and for his talk today. He gave another for his younger daughter getting engaged. SYLVIA CHOW added one for the privilege of being here even though she normally doesn't have breakfast this early.

TONY ARMAS gave for a great Club. RICH TRUJILLO gave for missing last meeting, though it was a virtual buck as his store had been consumed in prior misdemeanors and high crimes. GERALD PEEBLER will miss next week as he is away on a trip. REED TAYLOR gave for the look on a lady's face when she stopped to assist him and the non-functioning fire truck. He told her he was on the way to a fire but he ran out of gas.

LOU PILTZ gave because he also is using those words declared taboo. Dr. JERRY ROODZANT added another "tabooed" dollar. JOHN TOVAR gave for all the bells and whistles on the incendiary truck. LA DONNA MUNIER gave also for that vehicle outside. SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for Art and his shorts. She will be travelling to Missouri to pick up a Jeep.

Dr. MIKE WINTER gave for "running" in the third annual El Dorado high-school cross-country run this last week. He got the banner to GERALD PEEBLER to get the annual awards sewn on. PAT RUIZ is also going to Missouri. (A Jeep ride wasn't mentioned.) MARK ROYSTON continued to milk the "Cash" cow by mentioning a new Government program for failing students called "Cash for Flunkers." GENE GLEASON gave for being fined for his profound word usage (Profound, that is the past tense of profane.) He is leaving early again. Another dollar went for having to go to another funeral. PASTOR JACK MIRANDA gave for missing last week and one which he forgot. STEVE FORSTER gave for a trip to Michigan to check on the deer population. He also mentioned that one of the Mid-Western Schools will begin its season this Saturday. Dr. ED NORMAN gave a dollar because he has to back out of the Interclub due to a conflict. PAT RUIZ added a frown one for Biola beating her grandson's school, Santa Cruz, in soccer. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave two if we could hear Gene sing. TOM THORNTON gave a couple of bucks to note that he was giving our nattily attired dresser a ride home.

Who Am I?

I have a Kumquat tree in my back yard that was started at Olive Lawn Cemetery.

I grow "Lantana" in my backyard started from clippings from the soon-to-be demolished La Mirada Plunge.

I played La Mirada Little League at Van Dam Stadium. Who am I?

(Hint It is one of the duo husband-wife same name members in the Club.)

Last Week's 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? Reed Taylor

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.

Division Installation Brunch

Division 30 will hold its Installation Brunch September 27 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.

Voices From Afar

This week we had two e-mails from ex-members who now reside in other climes.

First was from DENNIS KEIFFER, who wrote:

"Just a quick update: On Sept 21st I will be installed as president for the Northeast Tarrant County KIWANIS Club, Div 1 of the Texas-Oklahoma District. Rumors are, I am being drafted for possible Lt. Governor down the road...not sure if I want that...we are a LARGE Division covering well over 100 sq. miles, In keeping with the old saying " everything in Texas is big" Good to hear all is well in La Mirada."

The other was IKE KAISER, Past Lt. Governor of Div 30, who now resides in North Las Vegas:

"It is with great anticipation that I look forward to each weeks Kiwanis Chronicles from the La Mirada Club. This weeks (September 2nd edition) was particularly interesting in the nostalgia that was in the "Kiwanis Carol" article The La Mirada Club was the first Kiwanis Club that I joined and it sure brought back a lot of wonderful memories.

Although I don't know a lot of the clubs' present membership, I do enjoy reading the "Dollars and Nonsense" column which brings me up to date on those that I did know in the past and a little insight on those that I don't know now. Send my best wishes to all of your membership and keep up the good work."

It's good to hear from old friends.

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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
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

September 3 Monthly Evening Meeting
September 10-Bingo at Imperial
September 17-Bingo at Mirada Hills
~~September 19-Knabe Katch~~ (Cancelled)
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)