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**Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today**

Kiwanis
La Mirada

**Serving the Children of
the World**
La Mirada Kiwanis Club,
La Mirada, CA

Haiti, United States Connection

With the speaker a no-show for the morning, the Scribe took the opportunity to assert that Haiti was somewhat responsible for the first major expansion of the United States in 1803. (As a backdrop, the area of Florida as well as the vast reaches of the Mississippi were ceded back and forth between France and Spain.) In the middle of all this was the United States wanting an ocean-going port where we could ship products and goods produced in the western region of the United States and floated down the Mississippi River and transferred to oceangoing vessels in New Orleans. The authority to do so was through a treaty with France. The ceding of the area back and forth between France and Spain made the use of the port for United States shipping tenuous.

At the turn of the 19th century an unannounced treaty had been concluded which put the area back in the hands of the French.

It was decided to send Jay Livingston and James Monroe to France in an attempt to purchase New Orleans and put it under the permanent ownership of the United States. Meanwhile there were secret French plans to reestablish dominance of the area and become a major factor in the "new world." Napoleon decided to send an expeditionary force for this purpose. On the way it was supposed to stop off in Haiti, at that time called Saint-Dominque, to quell a small uprising. Yellow Fever and fierce resistance annihilated the French Army so that they could not be an effective force in North America.

The timing of this defeat and the arrival of Livingston and Monroe was important. The United States was prepared to pay \$10,000,000 for the City of New Orleans. Imagine their surprise when a disgruntled Napoleon offered them the entire territory for \$15,000,000.

This presented a problem to Livingston and Monroe. They had no authority to even consider such an agreement. Plus President Jefferson was a strict constructionist and had voiced his opinion before as to whether the Constitution allowed for the purchase of land to upset the State's powers.

The two diplomats then considered what would happen if they did not enter into such an agreement. The continuing conflict between the European powers would inevitably spill over into North America and perhaps destroy the United States. They decided to accept the offer and just three weeks after Spain signed the agreement with France returning the territory control the France, the agreement now known as the Louisiana Purchase was signed.

The United States paid \$3,000,000 in gold and financed the rest through the London firm of Baring and Company, as well as the Amsterdam company of Hope and Company. (Just as an after note, Napoleon wanted cash so badly that he sold the bonds at a discount to Baring and Company, creating what might have been the first stimulus package.)

So you see, thanks to the revolutionary forces in Haiti, we began our expansion westward.

(Now you can see the results of a no-show by a speaker. You get a dose of history.)

We Remember

DALE ROJAS

Died

January 20, 2007

Grins and Grimaces-Jan. 13

JOHN TOVAR led us in the Pledge to get the morning started. LOU PILTZ gave the Invocation and the PAT RUIZ/Dr. MIKE WINTER combo gave us "God Bless America."

When time came around for the Grins or Grimaces to be displayed, Dr. MIKE WINTER handled the money transfer. He gave one for the Key Club activities at Whittier Christian and their projected help with Meals-On-Wheels. PAT RUIZ gave for Meals-On-Wheels. JIM MCGIRR gave for our great Club. MARK ROYSTON gave a "grousing" dollar for the fact that English does now appear to be the second language, giving the instances where we have to print our Duck Race solicitations in Spanish also or we cannot pass them out in the School District. (How do you say Quack in Spanish, or are we just "ducking" the issue?) (Somebody suggested he was taking the political position of another member who happened to be missing this AM)

Dr. ED NORMAN gave for the new pitcher we have in town and that football was a part of the pitch. AMY SCHEIBEL gave for an upcoming trip to Las Vegas. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for all the hurt in Haiti. LA DONNA MUNIER gave a grimace dollar and the Scribe adds his own grimace for not getting the details. RON KNIGHT gave for the anticipation of the 4th of July fireworks stand. He added for an upcoming trip to Big Bear and another one to Texas. (There have been reports of sewer problems in the state.) GERALD PEEBLER gave for the "big" rain storm and for the price of having his picture in this year's City of La Mirada's 50th Anniversary calendar. LOU PILTZ, alluding to the travelling activities of the members, announced that he would be spending Thursday, Friday and Saturday in La Mirada. Add to that he will be spending Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in La Mirada.

RICH TRUJILLO gave a "leave early" dollar. although with no program slated the leaving early might not be much ahead of the other members. PETER CHOW gave for a New Year's Eve party, for USC, and a trip to Vegas this weekend. He also added a sad one for a 58 year old cousin who is in a permanent coma. ART LESLIE gave to announce that the recession is over but that we won't know it for six months or so. TOM THORNTON is going to Arizona to watch some baseball.

JOHN TOVAR gave for the Haitian people who are suffering from the earthquake. GERALD PEEBLER added for TONY ARMAS not being here. And for snow boarding accidents (At first we thought it was Gerald doing the snow boarding, but it turned out to be a younger member.) This prompted RON KNIGHT to add that his son Ryan was also in an accident. Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave for Seattle having a new coach. He gave also for Charlie Weis being arrested some years ago wearing Tommy Trojan outfit in Brea.

Duck Race

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL reports that the "Adoption Papers" are at the printers and will be available by the end of the month. Meetings are being held to get all interested parties working to sell Adoption Papers. She is attempting to print a Spanish version so that it is acceptable as a handout to the School District.

Chamber Expo

AMY SCHEIBEL says that the Chamber Expo will be held on February 11 and that we will have a booth. Help was solicited to man the booth.

4-La Mirada Kids Carnival

The 4-La Mirada Kids Carnival will be held the weekend of April 23. We have once been invited to work at various locations. It has been a success for those groups serving the youth of La Mirada. Be sure and sign up to work.

Meals-On-Wheels Tickets

Lou has passed out tickets for the Meals-On-Wheels dinner for members to sell. Included were 50-50 tickets. Don't forget to get them sold.

A Slight Correction

The Scribe misidentified a member attending the Evening Meeting. We got the "Rich" right but it was RICH POWERS, not RICH TRUJILLO.

Announcements

The 21st **MOW SPAGHETTI DINNER** is scheduled for January 29 at La Mirada High School. The charge for adults is \$5.00 each and for children (6-12)-\$3.00. Under six Free. Set-up is at 4:00 PM. GERALD PEEBLER will be handling sales of Place Mat ads. Dr. ED NORMAN will handle bringing in the food. JOHN TOVAR will take care of the Key Clubbers and Positive Alternative.

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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. It is the home club of Lt. Gov. Elect DEBBIE SCHEIBEL



Legend:

Board Meeting 
 Today's Date 
 Evening Meeting 

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
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February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	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
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Announcements

January 21-Bingo at Mirada Hills
 January 29- Meals-On-Wheel Dinner
 February 4-Evening Meeting
 February 11-Bingo at Imperial
 March 6- Pancake Breakfast
 April 3 Duck Race
 April 22-25 4-La Mirada Kids Carnival

Birthdays: January 3-OSCAR DIAZ, Jan. 6- LAURA WILLIAMS, Jan. 28-JOHN WILLIAMS, Jan. 29-PAT RUIZ

Anniversary: January 31-REED TAYLOR

50/50 Drawing was won by TOM THORNTON and donated to Maddi's Closet

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