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Preserving Yesterday,
Reporting Today

Kiwanis
La Mirada

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

Steve De Ruse, Candidate

Our speaker of the morning, Steve De Ruse, was introduced by PAT ROJAS. Steve has lived in the La Mirada area for thirty ears and is the Pastor of a local church. He admitted to being in the Rotary Club and is acting as its President this term. He said that his mother was Mexican and his father, Italian. He thinks that La Mirada is a great place to live and is proud that his daughter bought a place here. He waxed warmly about the city and its greatness.

He has been a commissioner serving on the Community Services Commission. There are a lot of volunteers in the City and it was while volunteering he met Pastor Jack. He and Pastor Jack started the Clergy Council and is a Past President. He has been a business owner and has been a full time pastor for the past fifteen years. He realizes that winning a seat on the City Council would put him in the shoes of some pretty special persons who have served on the Council before him. The City is facing many problems brought on by the current economic conditions and the desire of other governmental bodies to solve their problems by taking from the cities.

He talked of the service clubs coming together as a factor to help solve the cities problems. He wants to be on the inside making this happen. He talked of the aging infrastructure of the city noting that most of the utilities that lay buried under its streets are some fifty years old. There has been an estimate that the cost to repair and/or replace them would total some one hundred million dollars. They have calculated that it would have to be spent over a twenty year period.

He listed the five "C"s to which he is committed:

1. Citizens-Seniors, adults, youth, and children.
2. Commerce-Retail and Commercial business growth.
3. Campus- Quality Education and a safe environment.
4. Church- A strong interactive faith community.
5. Civic Government-Helping our city provide for and protect its citizenry.

He appreciates being on the civic commissions and doesn't want to change. The City is dedicated to Service. He would be proud to serve as a City Councilman.

He was asked to give the most important problem facing the City. After a moment thought he said the funding of the repair of the Infrastructure, which he had already discussed.

He was also asked why we have the City elections at a time other than the general elections. For that he didn't have an answer, other than to acknowledge that at one time there were other items on the ballot.

We thank Steve for coming to visit him this morning and wish him well in his endeavors, even though he is a Rotarian.

If you wish to contact him, the number listed on his brochure is 714 522 0729. His email is stevederuse@yahoo.com.

Spaghetti Dinner

The annual Spaghetti dinner to benefit Meals-On-Wheels was held on Friday evening, January 28 at the City Activity Center. The City provided set-up help and the dinner serving went smoothly even though we were missing the youth as our helpers. The Ebell Club served desserts.

Kiwanians that got listed were TONY ARMAS, SHERRY BRAKEBILL, PETER & SYLVIA CHOW, STEVE FORSTER, STEVE JONES, ART LESLIE, ADRIENNE MEDRANO, Pastor JACK MIRANDA, ALAN & Karen MORRISON, LA DONNA MUNIER, Dr. ED NORMAN, GERALD & Harriett PEEBLER, LOU & Sylvia PILTZ, Dr. JERRY ROODZANT, MARK & Doris ROYSTON, AMY SCHEIBEL, DEBBIE SCHEIBEL, REED & Betty TAYLOR, and RICH TRUJILLO.

Grins and Grimaces-Feb. 2

ART LESLIE was called upon to led us in the Pledge . It sounded like the background of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner as the noise took on a Fort McHenry ambience before President Steve could get the members quiet. LOU PILTZ gave the Invocation and PAT RUIZ and Dr. MIKE WINTER led us in “You’re a Grand Old Flag.”

When it was time to empty the dumpsters, MARK PERUMEAN was called on to lighten our pockets. Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave for the Spaghetti Dinner and another to see Mark working. He added one for the speaker of the morning. Dr. PAUL ALDERETE gave for an upcoming trip to Portland to see his brothers and sisters as they celebrate his Dad’s 90th birthday. That is if they can get him off the tennis court.

EMMANUEL HERNANDEZ gave with no designation. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave a “Go Packer’s” dollar and one for LOU PILTZ and the Spaghetti Dinner. PETER CHOW gave for his “Relay for Life” jacket emblem. The Fullerton Relay For Life is supposed to kick off shortly in Fullerton. He added to tell us of the ability of scam artist that can lift the numbers off your credit cards in your wallet as they stand next to you.

ALAN MORRISON gave for a successful Inter Club. RON KNIGHT was thankful for his stainless steel wallet that prevents the stain of stealing. He gave for being here and for the Police sting operation that was catching those who didn’t wait for pedestrians to cross the street. GERALD PEEBLER gave for a trip to Beaumont and the rain that was a part of his return trip. It stopped in Chino and Olive Lawn got only an 1/8”. He thanked Gene for the excellent sale of the bottle of wine that he donated. REED TAYLOR thanked Emmanuel for the money clip that he gave him.

LOU PILTZ gave one because Emmanuel didn’t give him one. (Probably because he didn’t want this to become a clip joint.) He thanked everyone who worked on the MOW Spaghetti dinner. TONY ARMAS gave for the Spaghetti Dinner. ART LESLIE gave, happy that TOM THORNTON is back. Guest Steve De Ruse gave for seeing Pastor Jack. PAT ROJAS gave a sad one for the condition in Egypt.

TOM THORNTON gave for the Spaghetti Dinner. PAT RUIZ gave also for the Spaghetti Dinner. MARK ROYSTON gave for two persons having their birthday on Feb. 2nd even though he got confused as the identity of one. He gave another that it was also an anniversary of sorts for him. It was on Feb. 2nd, 1948 that he joined the Navy. Not very important but it allowed him to meet everyone in the Club. GENE GLEASON gave because he missed the dinner. He gave a “Thank You” to Lou.

STEVE FORSTER gave to wish everyone a Happy Groundhog Day, adding one for the Celtics beating the Lakers.

The Monthly Evening Meeting was held on Thursday evening, Feb 3. AMY SCHEIBEL sent in the following report:

Although STEPHEN BLUNT was there and presiding over the meeting, his feeling under the weather led Debbie to run most of the meeting. ALAN MORRISON led the group in the pledge of allegiance with SKIP RICARTE giving the invocation. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL went over the monthly calendar with little service in February and March but all hands on deck for April with a service project almost every weekend, including the La Mirada 4 Kids Carnival, the Duck Race and Relay for Life.

Sylvia Constanza with the American Cancer Society spoke to the group about the upcoming Relay for Life on April 30-May 1st, this year held at Splash!

She mentioned the programs that ACS provides due in part to the money raised through Relay. She offered sponsorship opportunities for the event and thanked the Kiwanis for providing the pancake breakfast each year. Sylvia also mentioned that she is looking for an accounting team (3-4 people per shift) to help count all the money brought in at the Relay.

TONY AIELLO mentioned that the La Mirada Chamber and Biola will be hosting a Candidates Forum for the La Mirada City Council on February 24th at 6:30pm at Biola.

DEBBIE SCHEIBEL brought up she needs to know sponsors and selling groups for the Duck Race as the adoption papers will be going to print in the next couple of weeks. She also talked about the membership recognition programs offered through KI and Cal-Nev-Ha.

GINGER SHATTUCK collected the grins/grimaces dollar and put in five happy dollars for her niece who has been accepted to USC as a President's Scholar. CHRIS STAPLES was happy he was feeling well enough to attend our meeting and for the long governor's visit. STEVE FORSTER happy for a great club and he still had a voice. ALAN MORRISON was happy to be at the meeting with his wife Karen. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave a happy dollar for the support of the evening group at the governor's visit. AMY SCHEIBEL used her change (totaling a dollar) to put towards the ELIMINATE project. STEPHEN BLUNT is just happy. TONY AIELLO gave a happy dollar for his son who recently got married and another dollar for a new sponsor for the La Mirada Blog. DMITRI ELBLING gave a happy dollar that he'll actually be home this weekend and for baseball season starting soon. SKIP RICARTE gave for the governor's visit and a happy new year. LORRAINE NEAL gave money to the ELIMINATE project and the secretary missed if she was grinning or grimacing.

**Quack, Quack,
Quack, Quack,
Sponsor, Quack,
Quack, Quack,** There’s a Sponsor buried in there someplace!!

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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. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL



Legend:

Board Meeting 
 Today's Date 
 Evening Meeting 

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2011

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	28	29	30			

Announcements

February 10-Bingo at Imperial Convalescent Hospital
 February 17-Bingo at Mirada Hills Convalescent Hospital

Visitor: John Graham, Los Coyotes School

Birthdays: Feb. 9-Pastor JACK MIRANDA, Feb 13-GEORGE OROZCO (He's 21)

Anniversaries: Feb 17-BILL DAWSON

The 50/50 Winner: RON KNIGHT

The Process of Elimination: This week's money raised for ELIMINATE is \$14.89

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