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



**Serving the Children of the
World**

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

Pancake Breakfasts Report

The financial reports are in on the three pancake breakfasts recently put on by Kiwanis at the openings of the seasons of these three groups.

LM Bobby Sox

Income \$1346

Expenses \$225.75

Net Income \$1120.25

25% to LMBS \$280.06

(Kiwanis check for \$195.06 made out to LMBS. Pre sale was \$85)

LM Girls Softball

Income \$3235.10

Expenses \$707.29

Net Income \$2527.81

25% to LMGSA \$631.95

LM Baseball

Income \$755.50

Expenses \$251.82

Net Income \$503.68

25% to LMBA \$125.92

Pops Concert Brings out Kiwanians

The La Mirada Symphony held a Pops Concert on Saturday and for the first time had a matinee. It was free but there were ample chances to make a donation.. The first three persons in the limelight were Kiwanians, with La Mirada Symphony President PAT RUIZ outlining the evening plans. She did confess to being a Kiwanian and noted that such a confession was a requirement to escape a dollar fine from Kiwanis. Honorary Kiwanian STEVE JONES acted as Master of Ceremonies and mixed in the detail presentations along with some "You know when you are old" interjections.

ALAN MORRISON Came in on cue and led the Orchestra in his best "Mitch Miller" imitation as they played the Star Spangled Banner. He returned later to lead the Orchestra in "The Stars and Stripes Forever." It was a great afternoon as those in attendance were treated to great music from the Symphony, the student music winners, Soprano Cheri Stark and Baritone Cale Olson.

Kiwanis Evening Members Receive Benefit of Local Stimulus Package

The details were on Page A8 of the Thursday, April 2 edition of the L.A. Times. The article was entitled "Sales tax hike met with fury, shrugs." One of those quoted was LAURA WILLIAMS, an Evening Member and Norwalk teacher, who said "She had cut expenses and that the tax burden poses an added burden. But she feels lucky to have a job when school districts are laying off employees."

Talking of her shopping she added "That's something we have to do to close the state deficit." She finished with, "That's the kind of attitude you have to have with these things."

And for what was Laura shopping when she was picked out by the roving Times reporter?

Why, she was buying Easter Eggs to give to the Evening Members at the monthly meeting. Now who can say that the stimulus package idea is not working?

Fire works Stand

RON KNIGHT announced the upcoming Fireworks Stand Event over the July 4th Holiday Period. We will still be in the parking lot near Albertsons but a bit remote from last year's location.

April 1 Dollars and Nonsense

The Pledge was led by new-member-to-be Jorge Orasco. PAT RUIZ led us in "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and GENE GLEASON appealed to the Almighty on our behalf. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Honorary Member PETE ESQUEDA" who celebrated his last birthday in the seventies. (We're talking about the age and not the temperature.) Pete has served us for, oh, so many years at the Holiday Inn. Magical things happen when Pete is doing the serving.

When it came time for the premiums to be collected to insure the happiest of bucks, RICH TRUJILLO made it a policy to collect from everyone. PAT ROJAS encouraged us to stay on the right track in these economic times. He added one for this being the year of the Dodgers. He lamented the time it takes him to jog to the meeting. GERALD PEEBLER gave a sad one for old friends dying and a happy one because business is good.

TONY ARMAS gave for his son, Tony, being here from Thailand and one to ask for prayers for his grandson who is going through an eye operation. PETER CHOW gave for his wife, Sylvia, joining him this morning and for missing a couple of meetings. For some reason he referred to being at the morning meeting as getting his morning entertainment. SHERRY BRAKEBILL gave for our new members and for a five day trip to a spa in Mexico. Donna Munier, our new member to be and our banker gave for joining Debbie in her trip to Mexico. (Don't we have to get Board permission to have our Banker and our Treasurer take a trip together to vacation in Mexico?) LOU PILTZ gave the bucks left by the early departing REED TAYLOR He added one for the AFLAC ducks that we will be tagging on Saturday. Dr. JERRY ROODZANT gave a "It ain't quite right" buck not to have UCLA in the finals of the NCAA basketball. His emptiness is assuaged by the fact that USC is also not there.

GENE GLEASON gave for his birthday and for going on Retreat last weekend. He added one for Peggy having to do the cooking at the Ladies Retreat. Pastor JACK MIRANDA gave for missing last week (Probably because his "Shanks Mare" bucked him off.) and for articles in the Whittier Daily News that covered Kiwanians who neglected to mention Kiwanis in the article. STEVE FORSTER, a multi-tasking fellow, gave for using the Kiwanis pancake mixer to mix slurry for his road repairs. He noted the fine quality of the grass at Olive Lawn, giving a possible reason for its condition.

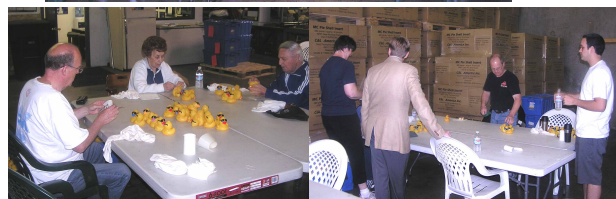
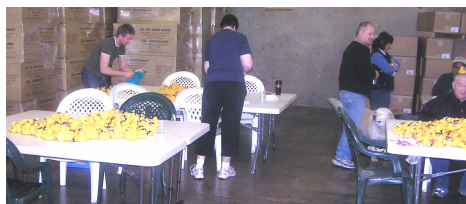
PAT RUIZ gave for our growing membership and for the POP concert this weekend. RUFFO ESPINOSA added another cemetery story and JIM MCGIRR added another for the Ducks. MARK ROYSTON gave for the travails of trying to find a story about a Kiwanian that was supposed to be in the Whittier Daily News the past Sunday. There was one for R.K. Knight Plumbing turning 51 and there will be another this coming weekend about another Kiwanian. JOHN TOVAR gave for the Club's growth and for a trip to Houston to celebrate Spring Break with his son. Dr. ED NORMAN gave for having two teams from his home state of Connecticut in the NCAA finals this weekend. (Men and Women) RICH TRUJILLO gave a buck to ask for prayers for a 30 year friend going through a double mastectomy. DEBBIE SCHEIBEL gave for a Santa Fe Spring Kiwanis President signing on to sell some ducks and for the plumbing services needed from Ron Knight at her house this past weekend

Duck Tagging

A flock of some 10,000 ducks went astray from the Pacific Flyway and ended up landing at Reed Taylor's Warehouse. This required that they be tagged before they could be sent on their way to their next landing spot.

Kiwanians who assisted in the tagging included Reed, Dave and Kenny Taylor. (No relation.), John and Laura Williams (Related by marriage), Lou and Sylvia Piltz (also related by marriage), and Amy and Debbie Scheibel (Related by their parents' marriage.)

Singletons included Steve Blunt, Bill Dawson, Jim McGirr, Pastor Jack Miranda, George Orasco, Gerald Peebler, Dr. Jerry Roodzant, Mark Royston, and Chris Staples.



Last Week's Who Am I?

I am the father of seven, (4 girls, 3 boys).

I worked for KNX News-radio in the early 80's, aspiring to be a broadcast journalist or editor's assistant.

I wore my hair down my back just 10 years ago.

Who am I?

Pastor Jack Miranda

Who Am I?

(This one is a serial. If no one guesses the first three, another three clues will be presented next week. And so on.)

I had formal training as a farrier.

I participated in amateur Team Roping Competition.

I've been to every state and 41 different foreign countries.

(If you know for sure, give an answer, otherwise the second set will be next week.)

(Remember, we have Evening Members.)