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Bulletin from Sept. 17, 2020 Meeting

Presiding: President Robert Husman

Pledge: Charlie Christensen

Prayer: Ken Darby

Guests: Key Clubbers Kyle Zheng President of Modesto High, Maria Pacua Editor of Enochs, Ian Villereal of Enochs, Althaea L of Beyer, Mariana Arellano of Vanguard and Isabella Mendoza Div 46 Outreach of Vanguard and advisor Renarka Prakesh of Vanguard College Preparatory Academy.

Announcements:

On Saturday, our car show team headed up a T Shirt sale at the new Classic Car museum By all accounts it went well with 3500 raised.

Next Saturday a T-shirt booth is to be held at Ripon VFW. Help is still needed from 9am to 2pm. Contact Lisa Lodi.

Ken Darby reported a successful virtual inter club to Vanguard Key Club on Monday afternoon. Anna, Lori , Ken Darby and Ken Nolte. One more visit to do with Ripon and Ken will have led us to a successful 'Round Robin'.

President Robert thanked those who have paid dues and reminded those that haven't that 'dues are due'.

Love Modesto will happen on October 3rd and President Robert would like to choose a project so the club members can work together.

Volunteerism for the week:

Charlie Christiansen and others cooked 500 meals of tritium at the car museum.

Adrian mowed an absent neighbors yard.



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Mike Boyd put in 8 hours doing antibody testing for a Covid research project with Stan County Medical Corp. Lots of finger sticking for blood drawing.

Birthdays

Bob Reidel, Saturday the 12th. 72. Got his birthday wish by buying his wife a new car.

Ray Sanders Saturday the 12th, 77 who mowed his lawn (maybe he only does that on his birthday?)

Wedding Anniversaries

Gary Goodman 17 years Sept 13th.

Robert Husman 24 years Sept 15th.

Bob Braden sept 14th but I didn't catch the years.

Gary Zimmerman 55years Sept 16th.

Membership Anniversaries

None

Happy/Sad Bucks

Didn't quite have an opportunity as we giggled our way into program time and we had an important program that we did not want to restrict..

Program

Steve Collins introduced Donna Linder, the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters.



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The federal government prescribes the responsibility to oversee voting to the States and in California this responsibility is given to the counties.

Things are changing this year, primarily due to Covid Health emergency.

AB 860 states that voting must be all by mail. All registered voters will receive a ballot.

SB 423 prescribes how to run an election in detail. Number of drop boxes for instance.

Absentee' and 'Vote by Mail' are the same things but AB1572 made 'Vote by mail' the official term.

California has had a high percentages of vote by mail in prior elections so has a head start in running an all mail election.

In Stanislaus County we will have 26 sites where voters can get replacement ballots, drop off ballots, use accessibility equipment and access language help.

There are 26 drop boxes available in addition to mailing ballots thru the USPS.

The sites will be available starting on October 31st thru Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd. There will be no traditional voting in person on Election Day but you can go to one of the 26 sites on Election Day and hand in your ballot. That ballot will be handled as if it had been received in the mail, as will all other ballots.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day which is November 3rd but to allow for, unlikely, postal delays will be accepted for 17 more days if postmarked correctly by November 3rd. There used to be just a 3 day allowance for delivery!

Ballots that are duplicates, late, fail signature verification or are for the incorrect election will trigger a mailed or emailed contact with the voter to attempt to resolve the issue.

The envelope defines the voter and is checked for validity. If the envelope is accepted then a machine opens it and the anonymous voting ballot is sent for counting. Even voting staff do not see the votes cast by an individual.

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in early October. Registration ends 15 days prior to the election but a 'provisional' registration can occur after that day and a vote may be able to be counted if this is done. The voting office expects the first completed ballots by perhaps



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October the 9th. Verification and counting will begin then but no posting of totals will be done until 8pm of Election Day.

The Registrar and her team have gone to great lengths to ensure security in the process used by Stanislaus County. Given that, and the previous record of mail in voting in California, the consensus is that this election should go smoothly in Stanislaus. Other states may not be in such a confident situation.

Upcoming Programs

Sept. 24 – Wes Page and the Modesto Radio Museum

Oct. 1 – Adrian Crane shares anecdotes from the World's Toughest Race, Eco-Challenge.

Oct. 8 – Report from October board meeting

Oct. 15 – Judy Kindle, outgoing CEO of Sierra Vista Child & Family Services, and the incoming CEO as well.

If you aren't getting the Zoom invitations for meetings, email President Robert Husman –

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