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Bulletin from Oct. 29th, 2020 Meeting

Presiding:

President Robert Husman

Pledge:

Kevin Scott led our pledge

Prayer:

Marty Villa led our prayer

Guests:

Key Clubbers:

Isabella Mendoza D-46 North Kiwanis outreach chair

Sophie Margi Enoch's

Ian Villarreal Enoch's

Dakota Caton Enoch's

Keziah Vibieda Enoch's

Reykjavik Salvador Enoch's

Maria Padua Enoch's

Marianna A. Enoch's

Monica In div 46 lt gov.

Also: Sean O'Neal joined us from the Deep South, Britta Skavdahl from the Mid-west and Eric Benson from the West Coast.

Announcements:

Barnes and Nobles book fair 10am – 8pm Friday November 6th thru Sunday November 8th. This fair will benefit the libraries for the Stanislaus Union School District as well as the NMK Xmas basket project.

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NMK facemasks are available through Prez Robert Husman for \$15.

Events:

Vanguard club has a Senior event during Halloween that they can come in to school to pick up gift/goodie bags.

Division 46 – had a sort of college fair at Stan State for or with Circle K.

Division Council Meeting tonight at 6pm.

Enochs club made origami butterflies in honor of breast cancer awareness month. Intended to support teachers and others that have or are dealing with breast cancer.

Britta completed 3rd week of training for CASA.

Monica (Key Club) invests time weekly with tutoring young kids.

Birthdays:

Several birthdays but none present and the list is former member Tom Hansen had a birthday today.

Ana Kanbara had a birthday.

Bob Gowan's 10/25

Sammy Dounglomchan 10/26

Jo Cosgrove 10/27

Jim Perez 10/28

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rich Humble (sorry didn't get the info on spouse or duration).

Randy and Denise Cook 11yrs

Membership Anniversaries:

Our prez Robert Husman joined us 10/26/2005

Happy/Sad Bucks:

Loren Suezle is happy that his old bank F&M donated \$1000 to the Modesto USA Graffiti Car Museum. And a sad buck that even with Covid restrictions he was still called to the dentist.



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Tim Ragsdale had a sad buck as he got all set for a bike ride, put on his cycling shorts and Lycra and helmet then went out to his back yard for the bike only to find it had been stolen. A discussion ensued about whether Tim's replacement bike would be an electric assist but Tim assured us that he rode for the exercise so that would be senseless.

Kevin Scott was happy that the grandkids came home and a sad buck that the 'Castle in Calistoga' was burned and may have to be demolished.

Program:

Our eagerly awaited program was Randy Siefkin retired MJC political science prof, with his always-humorous political predictions.

Randy's title "How to predict the election without having to pay attention".

Randy's political experiences include putting out anti Truman posters, ice cream for Eisenhower events, field rep for Nixon in 1962, Rockefeller 1964, Cahir of the republican central committee when Nixon resigned and supporting Gerald Ford in 1976..

Abe Lincoln was reported to be messaging from the grave "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to".

Randy noted that predictions by Political scientists are better than those by chimps.

Biden currently has a lead in the polls that he has held for the last two months. A site '538' aggregates the better polls to give what may be the most credible numbers.

This is a watershed election:

Illinois, New Mexico used to be bellweather states.

Ohio needs to be won by republicans.

Stock market up favors the incumbents.

Biden has a 65% chance of winning overall.

Betting sites show trump at a 37% chance of winning.

Respected pol sci Alan Lickman predicted Trump in 2016, predicts Biden in 2020.

Economist magazine, very well respected, gives Biden a 95% chance of victory.

Site 538 gives Trump a 12% chance of a win.

Hemline used to be a predictor but now everyone wears pants, so it is now an N/A.

If the Napa wine vintage is poor it predicts Rep, if good Dem. This year is predicted to be smoky and poor so predicts Reps.

World series victory by Dodgers, in the National League suggests Dems.

Largest last name usually wins: This time a tie.

Oscar winning film 'Parasite' with not a happy ending suggests the incumbent wins.



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Covid took away the Halloween candy and coffee cup sales predictors.

We have had 57 presidential elections with 49 having widespread popular voting and 16 with substantial economic data so that is the extent of our experience.

Randy first voted in 1964. He has a collection of election buttons but they don't seem to be a popular item in current elections.

To sum up, Randy is sure that some predictors will be wrong! May the best man win.

Past elections have been quite nasty at times, but we got through it so in spite of current acrimony there is still hope for us now in 2020.

When will the results be finally declared? Maybe Nov 17.

Upcoming Programs:

Nov. 5 – Report from board meeting

Nov. 12 -- Karen Williams, Executive Director of Learning Quest: "How a Non-Profit Adult Literacy Program Survives and Thrives in a Pandemic"

Nov. 19 -- Donna Linder, Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters, returns for "An Election Postmortem."

Nov. 26 -- No program – Thanksgiving

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