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Bulletin from Dec. 24, 2020 Meeting

Presiding: Robert Husman

Pledge: Ken Darby

Prayer: Gary Goodman

We were a small crowd this morning, with 22 members and guests, but had a wonderful time of sharing. We sang a few songs (thanks to Gary G), but we're better at sharing than singing.

Announcements/helping others:

Robert had an enjoyable time with Enochs Key Club Wednesday evening, when members raised about \$150 for the Pediatric Trauma Program. As Dakota explains it, members contributed by daring someone to do something – whether it was singing in public or cleaning their room or some other potentially embarrassing activity.

Gary Goodman said he enjoyed dropping off items for Kiwanis Family House and seeing other Kiwanians at Davis Park. As a follow up, Ken Nolte said he and Roger went to the NMK Chicken A Go Go trailer and scavenged paper towels and other cleaning items to go to the Kiwanis Family House.

Jennifer Mullen enjoyed delivering poinsettias for the Parent Resource Center fund-raiser.

Jim Felt and his wife donated to a project to help veterans.

Kristina and her family helped at a food bank in Jamestown.

Judy is making masks that will go to the Shower Shuttle for the homeless.

Gary and Jackie Zimmerman also are making holiday donations.

Robert said he typically does about 25 events as Santa. This year, there were only about four, including a parking lot appearance for a Cub Scout troop and a couple of personalized videos for families who had purchased auction items from the Society for Disabilities and Camp Taylor.

Renuka Prakash reminded us of the Vanguard Key Club collection of new and slightly used pajamas. Ken Nolte said he would be having a collection day in early January at the Davis Park parking lot. The date will be announced.

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Birthdays: Paul Echols on Dec. 21

Wedding Anniversaries: Jim and Cindy Felt celebrated their 29th. He said they were just out of quarantine because son Tyson had COVID. Fortunately, they did not get it and were able to enjoy meals throughout the day, including lunch by the river in Knights Ferry.

Membership Anniversaries: Peter Vella, who joined in 1968.

Happy/Sad Bucks & Sharing & Hats & Mugs

Robert talked with Clint Dunbar, who reported that his parents are doing well but very tired of being confined to home. We know that feeling.

Larry Hughes: Had a Christmas mug from dating from when Modesto was so small, with only three fire stations, that the chief at the time and his wife prepared Christmas dinner for all the firefighters working that day. Most years they were able to eat without disruption.

Ranuka P has friends whose family members lost homes in the recent hurricane in Fuji.

Gary Goodman shared the recent news story about the boy concerned about Santa's health at Christmas and how Dr. Fauci went on national TV to say that he had gone to the North Pole and personally made sure that Santa got the vaccine.

Tom Swafford: He and his wife had an enjoyable week in Hawaii a while back. Peggy now is recovering well from knee surgery.

There were several stories of Christmas gift exchanges taking place in parking lots and driveways. Gary Goodman gave them a name: meet-and-greet Christmas.

Kevin and Jessie Scott are providing gifts and homemade blankets to a neighbor family that has very little this Christmas. Kevin also noted that there was a long line to get inside Vintage Faire last night.

Adrian Crane said he is trying to focus on the positives this season. "Optimism all around."

Does Isabella's hair look different? I Yes, she has bleached part of it. (Apparently having your hair in two colors is now a thing.) She's planning to do pink soon.



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Tom Swafford recalled that he and Gary Zimmerman joined NMK at the same time and immediately volunteered to paint the ceiling at the YMCA. As it turns out, that involved getting on a scissors lift and being 30 feet in the air. Gary counseled the nervous Tom and it all worked out.

And then, believe it or not, we shared dog stories, with some dogs making live appearances in our virtual meeting.

We wrapped up with Merry Christmases all around.

Upcoming Programs

Dec. 31 -- first of two programs featuring the candidates in the runoff for Modesto Mayor. Up first: Sue Zwahlen.

Jan. 7 – board report

Jan. 14 – Doug Ridenour, the other finalist for mayor

Jan. 21 – Sean O’Neal – The Official Kudzu Report

Jan. 28 – Wendy Byrd, president of the local NAACP, talks about the organization’s activities and projects.

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