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Bulletin from Feb. 25, 2021 Meeting

Presiding: Robert Husman

Pledge: Lori Rosman

Prayer: Marty Villa

Guests: Quite a few this morning. Key Clubbers: adviser Mrs. Prakash, Eulalia, Isabella, Marianna, Trey and Keziah.

Also, Sandy Peterson from the Sonora Kiwanis Club and repeat visitors (soon to be members, we hope) Ryan Haynie and Michael Baldwin.

Numerous pets peeking their heads in. By my count, it was 8-10 dogs total and 3-4 cats.

Announcements/helping others:

Bob Riedel was headed in for his 2nd COVID vaccination when he and a couple of others helped a woman who had tumbled out of her wheelchair. Her husband would not have been able to do it alone, so Bob was in the right place.

Mike Boyd helped again at the COVID vaccination site in Turlock.

Larry Hughes' security cameras helped a neighbor whose car and then home were hit by a bold burglar. The burglar found a car door unlocked, grabbed the garage door opener, got into the garage and was headed down the street with a TV and more.

Marianna also was able to help a neighbor (I wouldn't quite hear her description)

Ken Nolte announced the Vanguard Key Club collected 240 pairs of pajamas, which will now go to people in need. This is a record number. NMK members contributed about three dozen of those at a drop-off in December.

Lori announced that our own Robert Husman was unanimously elected as Lt. Gov-elect at the recent DCM.

Also from Lori – Modesto Kiwanis, our sister club, needs volunteers to serve at their drive-thru crab and cioppino feed on March 20. They also want to learn from our Chicken BBQ experience about packaging meals for a drive-through pick up.

Jeremiah Williams has tickets available for the crab feed. \$50 per person. We know it's a good cause!



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Birthdays: none today

Wedding Anniversaries: George and Marie Bairey – 38 years; Rich and Muriel Reimche – 25 years.

Happy/Sad Bucks

We were happy to have two extra Jims with us this morning – Jim Perez, who was our speaker, and Jim Toal.

Jim Perez went to see his daughter and her family north of Houston, arriving one day before the big storm. Quite an experience but everyone is OK, and their house fared better than some of the neighbors' homes.

Marty Villa's daughter in Silverton, Oregon, also had to endure a nasty storm experience, including freezing rain. They lost heat and cell service. Everyone is OK now.

Jeremiah Williams – sad to learn of the passing of former Modesto mayor Carol Whiteside. Happy to share that his daughter, Savannah, is among the Outstanding Women of Stanislaus County for 2021.

Steve Collins – happy to share that Opera Modesto continues to be active. A movie made with the organization has won two awards at the Cannes Film Festival. Steve hopes to line up a program with Roy Stevens to tell us more.

Sandy Peterson is happy that Adrian Crane is helping the Sonora club create its first website.

Jennifer Mullen shared about the good turnout for the memorial cruise for Pete Hischer last weekend.

Loren Suelzle reminds everyone that the Graffiti museum is still in need of donations. More info and to donate: <https://graffitiuseum.com/>

Program

Jim Perez shared his experience as participant in the Oxford-AstraZeneca phase 3 COVID vaccine trial. Last fall, another child in his granddaughter's preschool got COVID. His granddaughter did not get the virus, but it was a scary reminder of what can happen. Jim heard that AstraZeneca was looking for volunteers and volunteered.



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Being involved required monthly doctor visits, including blood work and the swab up the nose test. (Participants don't learn until later whether they've gotten the vaccine or a placebo.)

Maricopa County, Ariz., where they live, was a COVID hot spot in late fall and early winter, although their ZIP code was better than others. He had his first shot on Dec. 1, his second on Dec. 31 and then another doctor's visit.

In the end, Jim learned that he had received the placebo so he has had to find an actual COVID vaccine. Fortunately, he got his first dose of Moderna about three weeks ago.

Jim said the experience was worthwhile, and he noted that there are often drug trials for various diseases and ailments that are seeking participants. A current one involves a new treatment for neuropathy.

Upcoming Programs

March 4 – no speaker; report from March board meeting

March 11 -- Dr. Jim Kooler on CalHope -- "An ambitious outreach to reach Californians in need"

March 18 -- Laurie Carley, "Just what does the local League of Women Voters do?"

March 25 -- Michael Baldwin 2.0, More insight from our new member

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