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### Bulletin

## June 10<sup>th</sup> , 2021 Meeting

**Presiding:** Presiding: President Robert Husman, called the meeting to order at 7:05am. President Robert was at the Graffiti Car Museum along with a group of in-person Kiwanians and the zoom feed.

**Song:** Gary Goodman.

**Pledge:** Ray Sanders

**Prayer:** Jeremiah Williams

**Guests:**

Evalina Acosta

Lily Nguyen

Eulalia Borba

Dakota Caton

Brisa Borba

**Announcements:**

Marty Villa gave an update on the Peace Paths that need to be painted on school blacktops. Currently there are two (2) school locations confirmed, more to follow. Looking at possible first dates of June 19th, June 25th or July 2nd. Sign-up sheets to participate will start to go around next week. Dakota noted they are still waiting to hear from International to see if Key Club members can participate in this project.



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Drivers for Key Club needed. Dakota is requesting assistance from club members to be 'drivers' for Key Club activities. For example, they are doing a book drive of new or slightly used books for underserved communities and need help with deliveries. Please consider volunteering.

Social: Randy Cook shared details about the Annual Blazing Saddles Chili Cook-Off. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 26th starting at 5pm. This super tasty event will be held at the "Mancave". Be sure and come hungry and bring an appetizer or dessert.

Car Show & Festival: Brent Burnside was excited to announce we are one step closer to having a car show, festival and parade this year. They had their first official meeting with the City of Modesto, Fire and MPD. Really good feedback from the meeting. Save the dates, August 20th, parade and 21 and 22, 2021 at the Muni Golf Course. Car show group meeting will be Wednesday, June 16th, both live at Perko's on Oakdale Road and on Zoom, 7am. Brent also held up a great big "Cruising Prohibited" Modesto road sign. Lot of comments!

4th of July Parade: Jeremiah Williams announced the 148th Annual 4th of July Parade will be held, Saturday July 3, 2021. Starting at 9:30am, downtown. In the evening there will be a fireworks extravaganza at John Thurman Field. The parade is sponsored and run by the Modesto Kiwanis. Happy Birthday America!

President Husman asked the group to please keep Bob Braden in your thoughts. He is at Memorial Hospital ICU, after two surgeries they have removed a large blood clot on his brain, and have stopped the bleeding. They are now working on getting the fluid out of his lungs. His wife Lisa said, "Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers. He has a very long road ahead of him and time will tell how he responds. Rob is having difficulty with his speech and recognizing people so not sure about visiting yet. Things are very up in the air at the moment. I will keep you posted on his progress and thank you for the offer of help, I'm sure we will need some."

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### **Interclubs**

Ken Darby reported there will be an Inter Club, on Friday, June 18 in Turlock. Meeting starts at 6:45am, at the Black Bear Diner. Gathering at the Graffiti Museum at 6:15am and then heading to Turlock together. Please contact Ken if you would like additional information.

### **Volunteer Efforts:**

President Roberts weekly question: What has anybody done for the community?

Michal Baldwin was elected to a commission and workshop with MPD to build better relationships.

Kevin Scott, called in from New Jersey, where he helped at a church and attended a local Kiwanis meeting.

### **Birthdays:**

Twins, George Bairey 1933 and Jennifer Mullen, celebrated their birthday on June 6th.  
Bill Michael June 7, 1937

### **Membership anniversaries.**

Odette Fattal June 9th  
Larry Robinson June 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Wedding Anniversaries:**

Looks like June was a great month for new membership.

Ron Wilkenson June 5, 2007

Dirk Paintedman June 6, 2001

Sabine Saso June 6, 2018

Joseph Cosgrove June 6, 2018

Steve Collins June 7, 1995 (for the second time, he is an original founding member)



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Jennifer Mullen June 7, 2006

Jim Graham June 9, 2011

### **Happy/Sad Bucks:**

Jim Felt apparently “laundered” some money, when a check accidentally went through the washing machine.

George Bairey was extremely grateful for Ken Nolte. When George was out of town his dog Cooper got sick in the kennel. He called Ken, who gladly went and picked up Cooper, stopped by the vet from some meds and kept him at his house for a few days until George returned. Cooper has recovered from his kennel cough, thanks to Ken’s great care.

Dirk Paintedman offered a sad buck for missing the Presidents meeting and for his stepson leaving.

Brent Burnside added \$5 for the City of Modesto finally cutting down his Ash tree that was spilt, before it fell on the house.

Alan Ramsey noted that after a one year hiatus, the annual Murphy’s sports car run took place this last weekend. He was very happy to see John Sander’s Aston Martin, that he had restored, on the road and running great. Charlie Christensen threw in a happy buck, because he has pushed that car many times and was also happy to see it running. Then Bob Dunbar added to the pot, he was glad to join the sports car group and thanked Charlie for driving him up a steep hill from the parking lot, better than walking. Sounds like a great time was had by all the happy sports car motorists.

The collectable covid addition NMK 2020 Graffiti Carshow T-Shirts are still available for sale, \$40, sizes: Large, XL and 2X. The short sleeve shirts can be picked up at i2 Prints,

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1408 N. Carpenter Ave, Modesto, (209) 529-8000. Get some for yourself, family and friends!  
The t-shirts sales serve as one of our important fundraising projects.

Also, be sure and get your NMK stylish, washable facemask. President Husman has a supply,  
please contact him for details.

### **Program:**

Our guest speaker, Donna Linder was elected as Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters in June of 2018. Prior she was with the voting office with a variety of responsibilities for over 18 years. The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters ensures that voters determine the leaders and laws that govern the community. The Registrar of Voters, part of the County Clerk-Recorder Department, plays a vital role by registering voters, accepting candidate nominations and conducting elections. The Registrar of Voters also verifies petition signatures; some petitions help candidates qualify for the ballot and others call for a change in the law. The Registrar of Voters' mission is to 'provide the opportunity for County residents to register to vote and take part in elections that are conducted with the highest degree of accuracy, efficiency and professionalism'. Meeting customer needs is a priority. Employees are trained on Elections Code and keep abreast of law changes that affect the conduct of elections.

Stanislaus County is currently trying to make the voter experience better and offer more choices for returning ballots. Several new voting laws in place, including:  
General Election Legislative Changes, June 18, 2020 AB 860 was signed into law. Requires all active voters receive a vote by mail ballot.  
General Election Legislative Changes, August 6, 2020 Senate Bill 423 was signed into law. Requires locations be available for voters to receive assistance if needed.

In 2020, they set-up, 26 Satellite Offices throughout the County, which were open beginning October 31st through November 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
and Election Day, November 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Also new, were 16 indoor ballot drop box locations, including grocery stores, i.e. O'Brien's, they also opened beginning October 5th (One box for every 15,000 voters. Will add additional locations) County Election Officials picked up daily, or more if necessary. Plus two (2) Outdoor Ballot Drop Boxes were available. They were open for 24 hours and closed at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. County Elections officials picked up daily. As soon as they picked up ballots from the boxes, they could start to process/count them. In addition they had five (5) Curbside Ballot Drop Off locations, including the Gallo Center, drive up/ drop off your ballot with authorized Elections Workers. Locations were open Monday and Tuesday of election week only.

At the new Voting Centers (Satellite offices), in 2022, they will have scanners so you can vote in person, drop off or get replacement ballots. Voting Centers will offer more options than polling places. Plus a voter can go to any center in the county. She also noted the County purchased a new "Fluence" ballot sorting and signature checking machine and they use Hart equipment vs Dominion voting systems.

They are looking for addition locations for Voting Centers, and will pay the location \$120 a day, plus volunteers at \$95 a day. Non-profit groups, i.e. Kiwanis, could make up to \$475 per day for participation. Maybe something the Club should look into?

For the 2020 election, she said the county accurately scanned, uploaded, signature checked, sorted, opened, flattened, counted, and adjudicated 217,517 vote by mail ballots. Conducted 1% manual tally, duplicated military and damaged ballots, processed conditionals, and provisional ballots to complete the 2020 General Election with a 77.76% turnout.

Lot of good information and questions. Always remember to vote, it does count! Thank you Donna Linder.



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### **Raffle**

Marble Draw: Karen Bettencourt and yea, picked the red marble

Lunch Money: Lucky Jim Felt

### **Anything else for the good of the order?**

### **Adjourn:**

Remember: ***We are the people who make change in the community.***

President Husman adjourned the meeting at 8:04 am. Quick Board Meeting after adjournment.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

Judy program preview.

Next week Donna Linder - Voters Choice Act and the states election laws.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

-June 17th Modesto Children's Museum.

-June 24th Save Mart Robots. Mat Teran from Star Ship Technologies. And Save Mart manager Jerald Smith

TBA. Frank Plouff who will talk about a solution to homelessness.

**President:** Robert Husman

**Vice President:** Aaron Kellums

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president:** Jim Graham

**Secretary:** Lori Rosman

**Treasurer:** Jim Felt

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**Board Members:**

**2019-2021** – Laura Maki, Brian Sanders, Gary Wasmund, Bob Riedel

**2020-2022** – Troy Wright, Loren Suelzle, AJ Figueroa, Ana Kanbara

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