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Oct. 14 Meeting

This was our first at Skewers, which offered coffee, juices and a tasty buffet breakfast. About 40 of us gathered – a sign that we were all hungry or curious or just eager to be together again over a meal. At the bottom of this bulletin, you'll find a few photos from the set up.

Song: Charlie Christensen

Pledge: Bob Reidel

Prayer: Phil Fugit

Guests: Karen introduced her guest: Katalina Zambrano, who is looking for a service club to join

Returning guests and, we hope, future members: Aaron's friend Josh Donahoe and Brent's friend, Susan Powers.

What are we doing to help others?

Judy H is part of a group at her church making masks, mufflers and other items for the Cleansing Hope Shower Shuttle, which provides showers to people experiencing homelessness. This non-profit also needs donations of underwear, socks, etc. More info at www.showershuttle.org.

Steve Perry helped raised sizable \$\$\$ in the Walk to End Alzheimer's Saturday in Monterey.

Brian Sanders helped clean out the hangar for the widow of Sonny, who used to pilot the plane that pulled the Roberts Auto Sales banner (aerial advertising).

Inter Clubs

Ken Darby passed the clipboard for upcoming InterClubs – Oct. 15 to Sonora and the Christian Berets camp and another one to Oakdale. (I didn't catch the Oakdale date.)

Upcoming Social Events

December 6th is book sorting 9 a.m. at the Man Cave.

December 8th for gift wrapping 5 p.m., also at the Man Cave

December 11th gift basket distribution planned out at Monaco's hanger.

Birthdays

Jim Graham, Mike Boyd

Wedding Anniversary:

Tyler Richardson

Club Anniversary:

President Aaron

Murray Breeze

Jeremy Goodspeed

Audrey Goesch

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Activities – Go Pink!

This Sunday, 2-6 at The Terrace on McHenry – an awareness, prevention & wellness gig

Oct. 22 at Ralston's Goat – Food & music by Triple D in a fund-raising event

Oct. 23 at MJC West – the big fund-raising walk, organized by Susan Powers.

Happy Bucks – lots

Marty V – an omission guilt. He forgot to advise our new member Kevin that he needed to wear his apron for several weeks so people can sign. Kevin promises to have it on again next week.

Loren S – was happy about the success of the multi-family garage sale but sad that he still has a 10.5-inch Craftsman table saw that needs a new home. Interested? Contact Loren.

Rich Humble – happily retired after 50 years and 7 months with State Farm

Lisa L – is happy/sad to be making the move to Arizona. The new owners of the houses promise to remember Bart in their remodel plans. Lisa promises to be come back to help at the car show

Steve P wishes happy birthday o Mike B

Ken D – is happy that Lisa gave him a number of old Graffiti posters that he will be framing for the museum

Michael Baldwin is happy to receive donated office & meeting space on H Street, in the former Christian Love church. He will need be asking for help in getting it up and running and he promises an open house. Michael is sad about saying goodbye to Lisa.

Jennifer M said it was nice to see Larry Robinson this morning. Lisa will be missed.

Gary W had a "stupid buck." He stupidly bet Michael B that his team, the Detroit Lions, would beat Michael's Chicago Bears. The Bears won it 24-14 and Gary will be buying lunch.

Judy H shared the story of a fire call Wednesday morning that resulted in five fire engines in front of their house. It turned out to be a problem with the heating system. Mike B graciously hosted the Herreros dog for and the whole incident provided some excitement for Mike B's birthday.

Doug H is happy that his son has just moved back to Modesto from Arizona

Loren S is happy that his Braves are in the playoffs.

Lisa L is happy that Brent is doing a fast repair job on the skirt on her old Mercury. It flew off when one of Brent's guys was taking it on a post-service test drive on McHenry during the windstorm.

Program

There were technical problems with the video but Steve Berkowitz easily overcame them in sharing the impressive growth and services of Valley Recovery Resources/Redwood Family Center. He has been its executive director since 2012.

The non-profit was founded in 2003 to serve women who are homeless due to abuse, addictions, etc. It especially targets women with children. The original home is on California Avenue and a second one was added on Corson. It also has two houses for program graduates. Steve explained that clients might be with the program for four or five years.

The common thread in the cases is sexual abuse that the women suffered in their lives. That's also true with men in alcohol and drug rehab programs, Steve said.

While Valley Resources gets county funded for clients who are referred by the county because of child welfare issues, other women are only helped through donations. More information is available at redwoodfamilycenter.org

Ray Sanders noted that this non-profit has been the most reliable in providing volunteers to help at our Graffiti parade/weekend. He thanked them for their volunteerism.

Drawings

John Sanders pulled a white marble. I didn't catch who won the lunch money.



