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## NORTH MODESTO

Weekly Bulletin

December 2, 2021

Presiding: President Aaron Kellums is back!

Thanks to Brian Sanders' tech skills, we experimented with a new (borrowed) sound system that will allow those participating via Zoom to hear what is going on throughout the room. It involves a portable box that is held by the person speaking. (See photo below.) We borrowed one from MJC as a trial but will be purchasing the equipment. The cost is \$1,500 and Brian was asking for contributions of \$100 each from members.

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Charlie Christensen

Prayer: Jeremiah Williams

**No guests this morning.**

**Helping others:** Michael Baldwin is sending his pastor and his pastor's wife to Hawaii. They are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and never got a honeymoon and have never had a paid vacation trip.

**Report from the Board Meeting:**

The board authorized giving \$2,000 for the Heroes & Helpers project in which police officers assist needy children. Our own Robert Husman is donating his time as Santa for Sunday's party.

Chaperones/drivers are needed for a Key Club training event this weekend in Clovis.

Modesto Cars & Coffee presented a check for \$2,355 for their event held the Sunday of American Graffiti weekend.

Two new members were approved: Josh Donoho and Kat Zamborini. Apron presentations will follow soon.

**Randy Cook Upcoming Social Events**

December 6<sup>th</sup> is book sorting 9 a.m. at the Man Cave. More volunteers needed, says George.

December 8<sup>th</sup> for gift wrapping 5 p.m., also at the Man Cave. Bring an appetizer and a beverage (such as a bottle of wine).

December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas basket assembly basket assembly and then distribution from at Monaco's airport hangar, starting about 9 a.m.

**Inter Club:** Ken Darby is taking signups for exchanges Jan. 6 to Merced, Jan. 18 to Los Banos and Feb. 7 to Greater Merced.

**American Graffiti:** Brent Burnside announced a Graffiti meeting Dec. 15 at 7 a.m. at Perko's at Oakdale & Sylvan. Any interested member is welcome. We are looking at the possibility of returning to the MJC West Campus for the 2022 show and festival.

### **Birthdays**

Jeremiah Williams had a wonderful time with his mother and biological siblings celebrating his birthday Nov. 27 in North Carolina.

Judy Herrero enjoyed family visits to mark her 70<sup>th</sup> on Nov. 28.

Aaron went to a wedding in Turlock on his birthday but did have a bit of a celebration earlier – as in two weeks in Puerto Vallarta.

Other birthdays: Ron Boudreau, Doug Hardie, Nico.

### **Happy & Sad Bucks**

Loren Suelzle: After getting hacked (cloned) on Facebook, Loren is happy to be off the social media site.

Tim and Peggy Ragsdale spent 5 happy days in San Diego with their granddaughters. Tim was extra happy to finally beat the 7-year-old in corn hole.

Gary Wasmund is happy that Michigan FINALLY beat Ohio State.

Michael B has had lots of happy travels – to Chicago, Detroit, Hawaii and then to Tampa, Florida to see family. And he's very happy that his non-profit has received its first grant.

John Sanders is happy that his granddaughter passed the bar on her first try.

Robert H: Sad buck – they learned on Thanksgiving his wife's father had passed away.

Brian Sanders is happy to be among the finalists to be president of Columbia College.

Jeremiah: the Christmas parade is this Saturday evening and the tree lighting is Friday evening – and maybe Saturday too.

**Health report:** John Sanders said Ron B hopes to get home soon after a difficult surgery at Stanford. Allan Ramsay has more info.

### **Program**

Gary Wasmund shared his experiences as an Army Reservist and drill instructor at various bases. The reservists often took flak from regular Army. In spite of promises by recruiters, many in his unit ended up in Vietnam. He enlisted because he had no deferment. Overall, the experience was good.

Rich Humble spent three years in the regular Army, enlisting a year out of high school. He went to Morse code school and ended up in a communications unit in Germany. They were dealing with the Cold War against the Soviet Union while the “hot war” was heating up in Vietnam, Rich said. He and friends were able to take trips elsewhere in Europe – the French Riviera, Greece, Turkey, etc. Rich left the Army in June 1967.

**Drawings:**

Skipper had the right ticket but pulled a white marble from the bag.

Ken Darby won the lunch money.

