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Bulletin from August 18th , 2022.

Vice President Jennifer Mullens presiding. Bell rung at 7:05am.

*****Our regular meeting venue is now the American Graffiti Classic Car Museum.*****

***** Catering by Nicola Farm to Fork *****

Song: Kyle Barker

Pledge: Guest, Sergeant John Clark from the USAF recruiting office.

Prayer: Larry Hughes

Guests.

Peggy Ragsdale guest of Tim Ragsdale.

Julie Barker guest of Kyle Barker.

Sergeant John Clark from the USAF recruiting office. Sergeant Clark commended us on our community work. He also bought some snack boxes for Kiwanians to take for later. Very nice fruit bowls and Muffins. He was up at 3:30 am to be ready. Thank you Sergeant.

Welcome to our several Zoom attendees.

Good of community.

Tim Ragsdale, attended the Forward Together Initiative.

Adrian Crane, helped his Afghani neighbor put a transmission in – the easy way.

Kyle Barker's daughter restrung a guitar for a musician who could not afford it.

Kat Zambrano found housing for 3 LGBT youth.

Interclubs.

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August 26th. Governors visit at Papapolloni Mediterranean Bistro, 2501 McHenry Ave. This will count as our interclub at a DCM. Come and show support for our Lieutenant Governor. It will complete our Round Robin. Explanation of Round Robin being a visit to all clubs. Source in British mail communiques?

Announcements

Breakfast with Santa. Date set for this year on December 3rd. Money raised goes to the Leisure Bucks program.

Lori. This is the last week for school supplies project. Still time to bring supplies. Special thanks to Karen Bettencourt and Rich Reimke for shopping. Seven schools have been delivered to. Richard and Ken got pictures taken at the school. Where are they? – maybe on Facebook?

Next project is art baskets for Christmas distribution. Peggy Ragsdale donated 50 coloring books.

Also Kiwanis mugs for sale.

SOCIALS.

Randy has the sign-up sheet going around for De-Installation. Sign up for a great evening and a great meal to kick out Aaron and welcome in our next President Jennifer. \$35 per person.

Friday Sept 16th at Man Cave on Chenault Road.

Upcoming socials

- October - What else – Oktoberfest.
- October 29th Wine Day in Lodi.
- December 3rd Breakfast with Santa.
- December Book and Gift wrapping.

Birthdays.

Charlie Christiansen – August 22nd.

Wedding Anniversary

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Kyle Barker to Julie – August 12th. 5 years.

John and Marianne Sanders . 56 years. John tells us he only narrowly snatched Marianne from a potential engagement to another.

Charlie and Tricia Christiansen. Currently in Vegas.

Doug and Judy Hardy. 47 years. Doug was dating Judy's girlfriend when he met her!

Club Anniversaries

Eric Benson August 14th 1991.

HAPPY BUCKS.

Short on time so we passed on Happy and Sad bucks.

PROGRAM

Sarah Noguchi was introduced by Judy Herrero.

Sarah is the Superintendent of Modesto City Schools. Background in Elk Grove District.

She has been a principal and assistant superintendent.

Emphasis on Student outcomes.

Starting her fifth year in Modesto, has found Modesto is a big city with but has a small and well connected community. She is from the small Eastern Sierra town of Independence. Her father used to go to Kiwanis and Lions.

Talk about the school district with the kids now back without mask and almost normal.

Getting ready to open schools is not by chance but by design.

Two districts Elementary and High, not a unified.

Several major departments

Human Resources,

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Business services

Technology

Curriculum and instruction

Student support

Communications

Human Resources, 5000 employees, 200 new hires.

Business services. 100 million in construction. Big impact on community. Projects all over the district. Have been able to get a stadium venue for regional events which wasn't possible before. Food services provides almost 20 000 lunches. 3000 kids transported each day.

Technology. 29000+ student computers. Now all students are on chrome books. Tech support for students and families.

Curriculum and instruction

The year starts with 'New teacher boot camp' and professional development for all teachers need to return to a consistent curriculum after the difficulties of Covid period.

Student support.

3500 students with disabilities. Each with an IEP

2700 students in after school programmes.

600 students in before school programs.

Priorities over the first weeks were support of students and staff.

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Communications

Festivities on first day of school for TK 6. Also energy, excitement and fun at High school 9-12 during the first days of school.

Health and safety protocols. District adhering to latest COVID guidelines. Masks optional but recommended. Testing capabilities. Covid is here and is not going away.

School security is a serious issue. New systems being implemented. Response plans. Secure campuses with single entry points.

It is important to engage parents and be able to support parents. There are now a slate of online classes for parents and work is ongoing to get the parent to be a full partner.

Questions.

Do we have enough teachers? Only 11 positions open. In Modesto we have a stable district and ensure employees pay and benefits are competitive. Professional development is also helpful. MCS has a 'principal pipeline' to gain home grown principals. Still need bus drivers!

IB and Ap courses? IB and AP program has gone down during Covid but hopes to see it recover. Students may not have wanted to opt for tough classes during the tough two last years.

Bond measure? We need a lot of improvements and maintenance at school sites. Covid dollars cannot be used for this work.

DRAWINGS.

Draw by Bob Reidel

Marble Draw – Karen Bettencourt drew a white.

Lunch Money – Rich Reimke \$5 lunch.



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Meeting Adjourned. 8:09.

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