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Bulletin from December 15th, 2022.

President Jennifer Mullen presiding. Bell rung at 7:07am.

Song: Gary Goodman – continuing the Holiday season with ‘Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer’.

Pause while the flag is retrieved from the back of the stage!

Pledge: Steve Collins

Prayer: Ken Darby

Guests.

On Zoom... Our dedicated members checking in on zoom including Brita, Tim Ragsdale, Gary Zimmerman.

Special mention to one of our members we have not seen a lot of recently; Troy Wright.

Marty has a guest Isaiah who helped at Christmas Basket Distribution.

Good of Community

Sabrina Chmielewski helped Suzy and Brent move.

Jennifer, Spirit of giving. Downtown run. Money raised goes to the Leisure Bucks program.

Announcements

Sabrina Chmielewski kindly provided some candy for each table.

Next Thursday's meeting. Family and friends meeting. Omelette bar, cinnamon rolls. Let Lori know if you are bringing guests. Kyle Barker for Christmas music. Thursday 22nd. Let Lori know if you are bringing guests and have not already told her.

Wally, our cook for breakfast announced some upcoming food events:

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January 7th. Crab dinner. Marinated Dungeness crab, pasta, gun raffle, garlic bread. All you can eat. \$65

January 21st. Crab cioppino, clam chowder, crab, clams mussels and shrimp. All you can eat., \$65

Both events will be at the California ballroom.

Marty Villa: Book wrap , toy warp, groceries assembly, distribution. All went well. 60 families, 200 high and grade schoolers. Rain added to the complications, and we were tight on space. Marty stayed at the hangar to handle families that we couldn't find or to interpret but it was not needed.

Thanks to Howard sweet for lending and towing his trailer. A huge load saw it down on its springs, needing extra tire pressure and refusing to stop on down slopes. But he made it to the hangar with its valuable load. Also thanks to Jeremiah and his truck and trailer.

Charlie was chasing cardboard at the hangar in high winds. He apparently trains by chasing cockroaches according to John Sanders. Charlie orchestrated a complicated box build and grocery distribution and all was well.

Tim Ragsdale took Isaiah along with him on a delivery.

Loren. Last call to bring Breakfast with Santa ticket money.

Raising Canes. Monday 19th December at 2pm. Classic car to be first vehicle through the drive through. All Kiwanians welcome. Raising Cane is a new national chain and is donating to Kiwanis.

Special Christmas meeting next week.

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Thanks to Carly for Christmas decorations.

Saturday December 17th. 8:30 to 10am. Pancake breakfast at United Cerebral Palsy on Spires Way.

Graffiti Car Show.

Charlie. June 9,10,11, parade on Friday 9th.

Charlie Christensen says there is a big effort soon to get sponsors. Also, get the date in your calendar. cancel your vacations in June, your services are needed.

Fun Fact

In a small plane with a two or three engine prop it is quite possible for a bird to survive passing through the propeller. At 180 mph (264 ft/sec) with the engine turning at 2400rpm , the propellor travels 6ft forward with each revolution so on a 2 blade propellor there is a 3 ft gap and on a 3 blade propellor a 2 ft gap between blades. No word on what happens to the bird if it makes it unscathed to the windshield.

INTERCLUBS.

Ken Darby, Interclub is coming up next Tuesday. Los Banos on December 20th. A lunch meeting at noon. We have a good sign up but the more the merrier. Eddies restaurant. Meet at 9th street side of Graffiti Museum at 10:30am.

See Ken if interested.

SOCIALS.

Randy Cook says....

Randy is working on next years calendar. Send ideas for events to Randy.

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Chili cookoff in March. He would like 5 or 6 cooks.

Joint meeting with Rotary, 20th April.

John Sanders Twain Harte cabin is back in July.

Birthdays.

Ken Nolte, dinner with friends . Good wine. He is a youthful 74.

Wedding Anniversary:

Sue Jensen. 12/11 Dinner at Fuzios. New car. Ken Darby's daughter introduced her to her husband at Minnie's.

Gary Wasmund. Was not here but saw his anniversary in the bulletin. Bulemia restaurant! 27 years. Met his wife in a bar; Mallards.

Club Anniversary:

Paul Echols. 33 years today.

Bob Harper 33 years.

HAPPY BUCKS.

Steve Perry visiting sister-in-law in Arizona. Missed the events this weekend.

Larry Hughes. Missed Christmas baskets as baba back.

Robert Huss. At bike giveaway.

Charlie . Wife was fairy godmother at nutcracker. Liked the makeup.

John sanders. Happy to have sprinkler pipes being 8nstalled in Museum.



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Roger Suezle. Raising Canes on Monday. Chana clarified that Brent and Anna will be first car thru drive through.

Sabrina. Sad to miss a couple of meetings. Happy to be at the gift wrap meeting. Sad to only get to wrap a couple of gifts. Was amazed how fast everyone wrapped gifts.

PROGRAM

Speaker. Paula Kelly. Kiwanis family house.

Paula gave her presentation on zoom and it worked very well. ***Credit to Brian Sanders and others on the tech team who have worked to refine our Zoom and AV system.***

Has been with Kiwanis Family House for 18 months. Took over from Dan who is trying to retire.

Kiwanis family house is a 32-room facility on Davis Health Campus. Provides housing for families needing lodging during medical crises.

Paula had 4 months to learn about the facility as her predecessor Dan was able to overlap by 4 months.

Started by replacing all the mattresses as they feel they are in the business of providing beds and mattresses should be a priority.

Coming out of Covid in 2021 to 2022, their support from clubs had dwindled and they are now making an effort to reach out and remind all the clubs that they are still active.

They stayed open during Covid. The usual charge is 50 dollars a night but with support from Kiwanis clubs they can offer subsidized and free lodging if needed. Having a place to stay during medical crises is important for the outcomes. Often, they can leave the medical facilities sooner if their families or themselves have comfortable, nearby lodging and food.

Typical cancer treatment is 49 days. Staying at the nearby Marriot would be \$15000 dollars plus parking and food. At Kiwanis family house the cost would be \$0 to \$3000 dollars.

The support amongst those staying there is a huge asset. All are dealing with a medical situation and can encourage each other. Since everyone is at the house to get well, there is not



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the unfortunate interaction with someone else's celebration that might happen at an outside hotel.

In the new year they will start to provide activity nights. Yoga, art, reading, movies. Hope to build community and spirit at the Kiwanis family house.

People staying at the Kiwanis Family House are referred by medical providers. Paula spends time talking to medical providers about the house and facilities.

The majority of the guests are actually patients, some with family members. A lot of procedures are now outpatient.

Lori explained that we have bought up supplies to Kiwanis Family House and are ready to do a food drive and ask what they can use. Convenience and hot water items are very helpful. Oatmeal, noodles that they can easily prepare and eat. Anything that works in a first graders lunch box. Often patients are spending the day at the medical facility and need food they can take and eat during the day.

DRAWINGS.

Marble Draw – Marble draw. Bob Riedel drew the only marble, a red! \$55 for drawing the single red marble

Lunch Money – Bill Hayden won the lunch money.

Meeting Adjourned. 8:14.



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