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NORTH MODESTO

Bulletin from December 1st , 2022.

President Jennifer Mullen presiding. Bell rung at 7:09am.

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: John Erro

Prayer: Marty Villa

Guests.

Selena Little, and her mother Anna.

Judy Herrero introduced a guest .

Jennifer introduced Tina and Jerry from the Modesto cruisers council. They help young people get excited about classic cars This gives them life skills they can use and they can also realize the community in the car culture and be inspired to extend it top their wider community.

On Zoom... Our dedicated members checking in on zoom including Gary Zimmerman and Brita Skavdahl

Good of Community

Kyle Barker was at James Marshall park feeding people. In two weeks on Wednesday they will be doing gifts and food for 200 people.

Announcements

The Christmas decorations at the museum are courtesy of Shadowchase Running Club who will be holding their Christmas Party here.

Jennifer recognized our new Modesto City council member Jeremiah Williams.

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Charlie Christensen gave an update on the car show. There will be one! Cancel your vacations in June, your services are needed.

Jeremiah Williams was at the Kettle kick off where the Kiwanis table came in a strong second amongst tables in fundraising. The strong second contributed to the total \$200;000 raised. Modesto does wonderfully well in fundraising out of all the western states.

There is a Celebration of Lights on Saturday evening.

Abigail Powers. All kinds of fun at 10th Street plaza, after the parade. This Saturday.

Jennifer reminded us all of our big event 'Breakfast with Santa'. The 12th annual.

Sell tickets. Brita in Nebraska bought 20 tickets for distribution to local Modesto schools.

Members are bringing pop ups, grills, pancake dispensers, aprons. We are serving as cooks, runners, servers, ticket takers, welcomers, table decorators, clean up and of course Santa.

It is a 6am start, At 8am breakfast will beginning being served.

INTERCLUBS.

Ken Darby , Next Interclub is Los Banos on December 20th. A lunch meeting. We have a good sign up but the more the merrier. See Ken if interested.

SOCIALS.

Randy Cook says....

Breakfast with Santa Saturday morning December 3rd. Senior Center at Scenic and Bodem.

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Dec 5th book sorting, morning. Man Cave.

Dec 7th, evening. toy wrapping. Man Cave. Starting at 5pm and going till its done or the beverages run out.

Dec 10th, Saturday, Monaco's Hangar. Christmas basket distribution. We have 60 families. Will distribute books, **art** baskets, toys and food. All are needed to deliver on the Saturday 10th.

Since time flies, keep your eye on the calendar for the Chilli cookoff coming up in 2023.

Birthdays.

Nov 22 Nico Flores

Nov 24th Aaron kellums

Nov 27th Jeremiah 'Wilson' Williams

Nov 24th Doug Hardy 77 , last week Thursday when we did not meet. SO Doug requested THE song. So we sang. Bob Reidel made this a teachable moment by explaining the birthday song to new members

Nov 28th. Judy Herero . Judy took a trip New York.

Wedding Anniversary:

None

Club Anniversary:

None

HAPPY BUCKS.

Our wonderful, hectic fun filled meeting did not allow time for Happy Bucks this week.



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PROGRAM

Ken Darby introduced Jason Conway the Director of Modesto Gospel. Mission.

The things the mission does have not changed but the way they do it has.

Changes have been forced by Covid and other things.

Jason sees that addiction and mental health are driving homelessness. Now a large portion of his clients are 'service resistant' while a lot have 'lost their way but are still willing to accept services and try to rehabilitate.

People will not stay at a house if they don't feel welcome. So one big effort now is to create a welcoming and warming atmosphere at the mission so that people will be willing to stay. It used to be that clients had to leave during the day to wander the streets; now there is an effort to keep clients on the campus during the day. Help them access services. Create a culture of welcoming with easy access to the first step on the path to rehabilitation.

The full program now has several steps lasting a couple of months each.

Realize that we are asking people to leave their community, whatever that may be, and commit to a new community. A big step regardless of the community they are coming from, so there has to be a welcoming attractive community to move to.

In Modesto we have greatly improved relationships with La Loma community which were strained for many years.

A new project is coffee roasting. Our current roaster is Mike who is a member of the program. A full range of coffees are being produced. Partnered with workforce alliance.

Also, a full coffee bar with all the works, lattes, mochas, pumpkin spice.

Clients are able to learn job skills for many of the steps in the coffee process. Teaching small business skills.

Currently capacity is 225 and at the mission is at 80 percent capacity most of the time so 180 or 190 a night.



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Demand for Christmas services is based on Thanksgiving numbers. They had 1000 for Thanksgiving and they expect 1500 families for Christmas. That means 4000 people.

Abigail Powers has a story in Modesto View on the Mission and interviewed Jason.

The Spirit of Giving 5km run will have coffee from the Mission in a joint effort. Coffee samples were available on each table.

Final Note

A beautiful Poinsettia from Karen Bettencourt was auctioned. It went to Charlie Christensen for \$40.

DRAWINGS.

Marble Draw – Steve Collins got to be the lucky one to draw a marble. Sorry white.

Lunch Money – Skipper won the lunch money.

Meeting Adjourned. 8:10.



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