



# Kiwaniis®

## NORTH MODESTO

### **Bulletin from Jan. 12, 2023 meeting**

Presiding: President Jennifer Mullen

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Judy Herero

Prayer: Tim Ragsdale

Welcome Zoomers, Britta Skavdahl.

**Guests:** Ken Nolte introduced Selena and Anna Little  
Also Dakota Caton, former Key club member now head of Circle K at Stanislaus State.  
Karen Bettencourt, boyfriend John from Sonora.

**Interclubs:** Ken Darby has them lined up through August. Be sure to sign up. Los Banos is next – Tuesday. Meet on Ninth Street side of Graffiti museum at 10:30 a.m. to leave for lunch at Eddie's in Los Banos.

**Socials:** Randy Cook has quite a lineup. First is bowling at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at Yosemite Lanes. Yes, they have restaurant, bar and snack bar. Bring friends if you want to. Signup sheet is going around.  
Chili cookoff, March 18th, right after St Patrick's Day.

**Car show:** Monthly planning meetings begin next week, Jan. 18. They are held the third Wednesday, 7 a.m. at Perko's on Oakdale & Sylvan. All welcome. Keep June 9-11 open for Graffiti weekend. We need everybody to make this work.

**Scholarships:** Brian Sanders reports that advertising and promotion is happening now. The deadline is March 1. Applications are available online at [Scholarship application form](#). We're offering 15 scholarships of \$2,000 each this year. If you know of a high school senior headed for a two- or four-year college, let them know.

**Jeremiah Williams:** City of Modesto dealt with 640 calls over the last couple of weeks. The water crew and utility crews have been working on water issues. They have done a good job on getting rid of the puddles and downed trees. Modesto is the flattest part of California.

**Jeremiah again:** Martin Luther King Events: Friday (tomorrow) at the King-Kennedy Center. Lunch. Speaker is our own Michael Baldwin.



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MLK Day (Monday) community event 10 a.m. at Christian Love Baptist Church with a well-known pastor from Oakland speaking. Later there will be a walk (or drive if raining) along the Helen White Trail.

Modesto Kiwanis Club features Black History Month speakers in February. The Feb. 9 speaker for North Modesto Kiwanis will be John Ervin talking about Project UpLift.

**Key Clubs:** Ana Kanbara was not able to attend in person the Region 12 Key Club gathering last weekend but she will be the regional director.

### **Birthdays**

Dirk Paintedman, Jan 6th. 71 years old. Barbecued in the rain.

Jim Felt, January 12th, today! The appropriate song was sung. Jim is 69. Enjoyed Outback dinner and Playoff draft. Tacos tonight. On his 21st he was at Cal Poly and celebrated with his friends. Or vice versa.

Larry Robinson, also today! 80 years. The song was repeated, just as bad as the first time. Family dinner tonight and Spanish Bay in two weeks to celebrate. On his 21st birthday he was at Oregon State and his frat brothers introduced him to beer.

### **Wedding Anniversaries.**

None

### **Club Anniversaries.**

Channa Kang, first year anniversary. Sponsored by Ana.

Lisa Lodi, January 8th.

Bob Riedel, 42 years. Jan 13th. It's been pretty fun. Sponsored by Louis Levin. Highlights include working with John Sanders on the car show and Bob started the parade.

### **Happy/Sad Bucks.**

Abigail Power: Happy buck to have joined board of Modesto's Sister City program. Is working with kids to do exchange to our sister city in Laval, France, this summer.

Larry Hughes: Happy that Jeremiah understands water flows downhill.

Charlie Christensen: He and Trish spent last weekend in Mendocino, most of that time without power so using candles. A tree fell on their first room so they were moved to another.

Tim Ragsdale: Happy buck for the Go Modesto app, which makes it easy to report problems such as downed trees.



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Steve Collins: Happy citizen buck. Tree blocking El Vicino was cleared in an hour last Thursday. Sad buck: Bert Barker who was our president and Lt Governor many years ago is still in contact with members of the club. Sadly recently moved into hospice care.

### **Program.**

Don Borges, Dean of Agricultural at MJC.

Amanda Hughes, Chief Strategy Officer for the Stanislaus Community Foundation

They teamed up to talk about Stanislaus 2030, a new regional strategy to improve economic prosperity of Stanislaus County by creating new industries aligned around our ag base and developing workforce training. The goal is to have many more jobs that provide livable wages with benefits.

Bookings institute has been a partner in the work. Its research shows that half of our families are struggling economically. Only 13 percent of the jobs are classified as good jobs, 23 percent as promising and 64 percent are poor jobs. We need 40,000 more good jobs. Stanislaus need to focus on traded sector business. Needs to support businesses in this sector. Needs to solve the barriers in this area such as education and childcare.

The Investment Blueprint and more info available <https://www.stanislaus2030.com/>

Marble draw: George Bairey. Sorry, drew a white.

Lunch money: Laura Maki