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## NORTH MODESTO

### **Bulletin from February 9th , 2023.**

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

**Song:** Kyle Barker

**Pledge:** Bob Riedel

**Prayer:** Marty Villa.

February the 14th is coming up, Valentines Day. Candies were on the table. In Japan the ladies buy for the guys. Valentines has been going on for several hundred years.

#### **Guests.**

No guests but on Zoom... Our dedicated members Brita Skavdahl, Mark Dunker, Gary Zimmerman and there was a rumor that Jim Felt was seen from his hospital bed.

#### **Good of Community**

Thanks to Bill Heyden and Nico Flores for working at Mo band crab feed on Saturday.

#### **Announcements**

Abbey. Student exchange. Abbey is working with Modesto City on Cities International. Looking for students who might like to spend a few weeks in France at our sister city Laval, France. If you know any young people (high school or college) who might like to travel to France, send them to Abigail. Also needed are hosts for French students coming to Modesto in July, hosting will be July 7th to 21st.

Suzy. Modesto Marathon. March 26th. Packet pickup and expo is at the museum. The medal for finishers will feature the Museum logo.



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Sunday 12th. Boys and Girls club breakfast at the airport.

The Covid supplies have been picked up from storage in the museum which is good news. There are still isolation gowns available.

'Super Bowl Pre-Party, Pancake Breakfast'. To aid the boys and girls club. The Commemorative Air Force. 700 Tioga Drive, Hanger 1-S. Adults \$25, Kids \$10. Super bowl morning Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.

Nan Jacobs is promoting Valentine's Day 'cake pops'. Gregori Key club is doing this to raise money for Pediatric Trauma.

### **Car Show**

Car registration, online and old school starts on March 15th.

Charlie Christensen. 3rd Wednesday of the month will be the organizing meeting. That is next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

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The Fiftieth anniversary of 'American Graffiti' movie is this year so lets make it really special.

A 'Save the Date Card' is available for the car show; get some and hand them out to classic car owners and fans.

'Purpose Built Clothing' is the 'stage' sponsor.

1000 limit on the parade.

Volunteers are always needed. 'Adopt a corner' for any non profit partners.

Remember, and let people know, this is a Kiwanis event and is for the kids.

### **INTERCLUBS.**

Ken Darby reported that last Friday we had 9 people at the Turlock interclub. Ken, Nan, Larry, Ana, Adrian, Ken Nolte, Lori, Robert. They will visit us on the 23rd.

March 9th Castle Atwater.

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See Ken if interested in adding your name to the interclub sign ups.

Coming up next; March 18th Chilli Cookoff. Bring a friend and introduce them to Kiwanis.

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Graffiti Parade          June 9th

Graffiti Festival & Car Show                          June 10th-11th

### JULY

4th of July Parade                          July 4th

John Sanders Twain Harte Craft Show                          July 22nd

### AUGUST

### SEPTEMBER

De-Installation & Dinner    TBD

### OCTOBER

Wine Day - Lodi          October 28th

### NOVEMBER

### DECEMBER

Breakfast with Santa                          December 2nd

Book Sorting – Man Cave                          December 4th

Toy Wrapping & Social – Man Cave                          December 6th

Christmas Basket Distribution                          December 9th

Club Christmas Meeting                          December 21st

### **Birthdays.**

None this week.

### **Wedding Anniversary:**

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Tim and Peggy Ragsdale. Feb 5th. 51 years. Met on a blind date in Camarillo. White leather boots. \$51. Tim remembers having a good idea and proposing while driving across a 101 freeway overpass.

### **Club Anniversary:**

Doug Hardy. 1992 . 31 years. Sponsored by Gary Wasmund. Doug remembers the Chicken-a. Go Go when the ice truck ran over a sprinkler valve and flooded the parking lot.

### **HAPPY BUCKS.**

Adrian. Happy bucks for President Jennifer who has been here every meeting. Unlike some recent presidents.

Marty. Members in Montana. Randy and Bob Riedel, morning temperatures were minus21., snowed every day. Great skiing. Bob Riedel was in minus 40 temperatures during one detour. Happy \$20. One sad buck as Bob took a fall.

Ken Darby. Still dealing with identity theft.

Aaron. Skiing in Park City. -7 in the mornings.

Channa. Disabled skiing this Saturday at dodge. Skiers wanted.

### **PROGRAM**

Councilor Williams introduced our speaker John Ervin.

John's day job is with Road Warrior Logistics awho does sub contract deliveries for Amazon.

John is here today to talk about 'Project Uplift' which is a mentoring program for youth empowerment. Originally came to Modesto in the youth conservation corps in Modesto. Cleaning up parks, working with maintenance staff. Recruited by Modesto City Schools to run after school, programs. Ran the first federally funded after school program in the county.



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Ninety nine school districts in the nation had federally funded programs and Modesto was one. African American boys had disproportionally high rates of suspension and discipline. So, John started project uplift to mentor boys, especially African American.

Wanted to pinpoint the reasons that negative things started to happen in their lives. Realized that once students get behind in credits it is easy for them to end up dropping out.

Mentoring is most effective one to one, up to one to four mentor to students.

Good results. 100 % graduation rates, attendance improved, discipline rates went down.

Took the students down to Compton college in Los Angeles for leadership conferences. Conference grew large enough to be moved to USC. Extended the conference to include a fatherhood and motherhood conference to try to develop family units that could be successful.

Many success stories including two students who became a counsellor in Monterey and an LA PD Officer.

Mentoring works. They had an interruption during Covid but now the program is rebuilding as mentoring works.

John is now involved in training other mentors and promoting the program all over the country.

Has worked with boys from juvenile hall. Will identify kids in need from 4th grade onward.

Currently 10 kids in the program and they could handle 20. Plenty of candidates and he is now working through the qualifying procedure and talking to parents.

### **DRAWINGS.**

**Marble Draw** – Robert West got the chance to draw. Sorry a white.

**Lunch Money** – Bill Heyden.

Meeting Adjourned. 8:06.



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