

# **Bulletin from February 16th, 2023.**

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

**Song**: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Ray Sanders

**Prayer:** Tim Ragsdale.

The meeting began with a fine for the Golf Table who were talking so much we couldn't tell if the meeting had begun!

#### Guests.

Our perennial guest, key clubber Sabrina and Anna, her mother. Hosted by Ken Nolte.

Guest Curtis Martin. Looking to become a member and, is signed up as a Chilli cook!

On Zoom... Our dedicated members Brita Skavdahl, Mark Dunker, Gary Zimmerman.

# **Good of Community**

None.

### **Announcements**

The Modesto Marathon will have a classic car theme, they will line the route with classic cars. There will be a Chicken dinner fundraiser March 25th. In conjunction with packet pickup. Suzy Power is working with the Modesto Marathon. Packet pickup and expo is at the museum. The medal for finishers will feature the Museum logo.

Jim Felt announced the Field games will be April 28th.

Beyer Robotics will have an open house this Saturday.

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Keep your ears open for service projects that we can do.

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.

#### **Car Show**

Charlie reported that the monthly organization meeting happened yesterday. 3rd Wednesday of the month is the organizing meeting. Perkos on Oakdale and Standiford. Every month now until June.

Talks with city are progressing.

There will be a tour of the MJC location on March 16th to look at the site.

Ray Sanders is looking for his replacement as volunteer coordinator.

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

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.

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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 Castle Atwater interclub will be March 9th. A lunch meeting.

Turlock will visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Greater Modesto is coming up soon after that.

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Sign up lists are circulating for other interclubs. Merced, Sonora etc.

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

# SOCIALS.

Randy reported on a great bowling event with 18 Kiwanians at Yosemite Lanes.

The Top ten bowlers are ......

Bill Heyden, Nikko Nakai, Randy Cook, Brent Burnside, Charlie Christensen, Tim Ragsdale, Adrian Crane, Suzy Powers, Harrison Power, Abbey Power.

We will have a bowling challenge against Rotary soon and may have to call on these Kiwanian all stars.

Coming up next; March 18th Chili Cookoff. Bring a friend and introduce them to Kiwanis. For the Chili cookoff. Randy already has 5 cooks and he would like a 6<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers, nominations?

The full schedule of events for us for 2023....

**MARCH** 

Chili Cook-Off March 18th

Past President Meeting TBD

APRIL

Joint meeting with Rotary - Graffiti Museum April 20th

Love Modesto April 29th

Scholarship Meeting TBD

MAY

Christian Beret's Clean Up Day TBD

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Special Olympics TBD

JUNE

Graffiti Stuffing Party June 7th

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.

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Joan Rutschow, Feb 14

Abbey Power. Feb 16th. TODAY! 28years. On her 21st she was in Lyon, France. Abbey got the full choral version of Happy Birthday.

## Wedding Anniversary:

None

## **Club Anniversary:**

Randy Cook 18 years. Sponsor Jim Perez.

John Sanders, 51 years. Many Concourse and Car show memories.

#### HAPPY BUCKS.

We had time for a few happy bucks

Goodman, happy for wife's epidural. Happy wife, happy life.

Robert, oldest son lives in Georgia and recently got married. His younger brother who lives with Robert received a Worlds Greatest Uncle T shirts. Was that a clue? Roberts first grandkid is due in September.

Ken Darby. Still dealing with identity theft. Now some dental problems. Must have been a sad buck.

Steve Perry Happy \$10. For MoBand.

Lori Rosman, Happy buck for the Super Bowl national anthem and the Softball group pool on the game from which her 15 year old grandson won \$400.

#### **PROGRAM**

Lonny Davis explained the mission and work of Hope Haven West.

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Lonny start by thanking Sierra Pacific and Chris Murphy and Abbey Power for warehouse space.

Lonny was a self admitted 'train wreck ' this morning as he was skiing at Breckinridge and woke up to the ski patrol hovering over him. Concussion and cracked rib, has received lots of anecdotes on others accidents. Now his wife doesn't allow him to ski, bike or go to the bathroom! Lonny explained that he enjoys life and is looking forward, on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>, to the State Theater and another concert by Homegrown, the original house band.

As for Hope Haven West. It provides wheelchairs for kids with disabilities. No administrative expenses, no fundraising expenses. All money goes to the chairs, chairs can be complex.

They work in Modesto at the storage location from 8 to 12 Tuesdays and Wednesday's refurbishing, assembling and preparing the chairs.

Then they arrange trips, usually about four work days, to various international locations where kids can be fitted and given wheelchairs. On each of the work days about 50 kids and their families can be served. This year they will be Mexico City in January. San Salvador in March. June in Mexico City. They have a lot of projects in Mexico and a lot of clubs in Mexico that help and host them. Mongolia in August, Ulan Batur.

After the four work days they usually go do some visiting around the country they are in,

In September they hope to be in Peru but the country is in a bad place now.

Africa in October.

Mexico in November.

See the website <a href="www.hopehavenwest.org">www.hopehavenwest.org</a> . There is also an irreverent newsletter that they would be happy to add your name to.

This year they will add mobility to 2000 families.

During questions it was explained that the chairs are shipped by container around the world.

Volunteers pay all there own travel expenses on the trips but are often hosted by groups in the destination countries for meals and have inexpensive accommodation.

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The kids have conditions like Spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy.

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Abbey Power testified from her Mongolia trip. The chairs adjust and grow. It was a great experience. Nan Jacobs and her husband Steve have been to Guatemala with the group.

Next week program is Steve Jacobs.

### **DRAWINGS**

Marble Draw – Marble: Abbey, the birthday girl, drew the red and got the cash. What a birthday.

Lunch Money – John Sanders.

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Meeting Adjourned. 8:06.



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