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NORTH MODESTO

Bulletin from March 23rd, 2023

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

Song: Kyle Barker

Pledge: Pete Vella

Prayer: Corey Warner

Guests:

None.

Zoomers. Brita Skavdahl, Rich Reimche , Mark Dunker, Dirk Paintedman on his bike, Ken Nolte.

Good of the community:

Jennifer told the story of Dirk Paintedman who was driving by the museum on his mororcycle, and saw her struggling with tables. He pulled over to help move the tables. Jen calls that real community kindness.

American Graffiti Festival:

Charlie says the layout of sites at the show is coming together.

Sign ups are underway.

Parade will be June 9th, Festival will be June 10-11th. There will be a split turnaround in downtown.

Announcements:

Modesto Marathon aid station. Sunday morning 3/26. We will be handing out water to runners. Hart Ransom school at Dakota and Shoemake. 7:30am. The Marathon is using a Classic Car theme this year so it dovetails with many of our other interests.



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Jennifer Mullen reminds us of the Classic Car Museum chicken dinner fundraiser drive thru on Saturday 3/25 at the Museum from 2-6PM

Special Olympics. Volunteers needed. Saturday April 15th.

Joint mtg with Rotary on Thursday 20th. Location to be decided.

Special Ed Field Games will be on Friday, April 28th and we need volunteers. 10am Johansson. See Jim Felt to volunteer.

Love Modesto, Saturday April 29th. We are doing a pancake breakfast for many of the volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help cook, crack eggs, and spread the word about Kiwanis!

Tim Ragsdale is still collecting SLR film and digital cameras for MJC photography school.

Interclub: Ken Darby

Modesto visit will be Tuesday April 11th. 15 sign ups for a good showing there. This is a lunch meeting at Pappapolonis, please choose a menu item on the sign up sheet.

Then greater Merced and Sonora will be coming up.

SOCIALS: Randy Cook

Great Chili cookoff last Saturday evening. Five great chili cooks.

Voted most favorite cook was Curtis Martin.

The Rotary joint mtg is in the works.

We have an active April coming up.

The slate for the rest of the year is....

March 26

Modesto Marathon



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April 13	Scholarship Meeting
April 15	Special Olympics - JFK School
April 20	Joint meeting with Rotary - Graffiti Museum
April 28	Special Ed Field Games
April 29	Love Modesto Pancake Breakfast
May TBD	Christian Beret's Clean Up Day
June 7	Graffiti Stuffing Party
June 9	Graffiti Parade
June 10-11	Graffiti Festival & Car Show
July 4	4th of July Parade
July 22	John Sanders Twain Harte Craft Show
September 8	De-Installation & Dinner
October 28	Wine Day - Lodi
December 2	Breakfast with Santa
December 4	Book Sorting
December 6	Toy Wrapping and Social
December 9	Christmas Basket Distribution
December 21	Club Christmas Meeting

BIRTHDAYS:

Troy Wright. - March 12th. Last week.

Bob Dunbar. – March 18th. Was the chili cookoff for Bob? 81 years. Birthday dinner at home. He was already married on his 21st birthday so although he is not sure what he did he is pretty sure it was'nt too exciting.

Skipper. 57th. Went out to dinner. Jennifer did a badge check in his honor as Skipper is always good about wearing a badge and pin.

Steve Collins, March 20th. 84, His 21st was at UOP. His 50th was probably at MJC. Quiet dinner at home.

ANNIVERSARYS:

Marty Villa

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Gary Wasmund 36years



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Don Vieira , 9 years

Odette Fattal 7 years.

New Member Introduction.

Laura Maki presented new member Curtis Martin.

Laura is also his sponsor.

The Six principles of Kiwanis were read.

Fine free comments by Curtis.....

Grew up in Cuba, came to the USA at the age of 17.

Came to Modesto as a VP of instruction at MJC. Hired by Steve Collins.

PROGRAM:

Harrison Power introduced our speaker today, Gavin Bruce, the Conservation management Officer for East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District.

RCDs are generally in every county in Ca. Stanislaus has 2, east and west. Red started in the 30's and the dust bowl to perform soil conservation and best practice farming to prevent a repeat of the dust bowl.

East Stan RCD has been around since 1996. Information on ag and gardens and nutrition. Sustainable Ag.

Irrigation assessments.

Field trials on composting to find best practices.

Work with Xerces society on hedgerows and insect populations.

Community programs . SLEWS program works with local high schools. Hands on trips to local sites.

Farm to pantry program. Try to increase the level of fresh produce in the county.

Junior chef program at junior highs to introduce them to salads and fruits and vegetables.



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Pollinator program with local farmers. 70% of crops need pollinators. 90% of flowering plants. Bees, butterflies, wasps, moths, beetles, and even rodents.

Declining pollinator populations. Over 1600 different species of bees. Most are solitary. Some burrow into the soil. Some build nests. Some burrow into wood.

Monarch butterfly population has declined by 99% in the last decade. Very dependent on milkweed plant and as milkweed has declined due to farming and herbicides, the butterfly population has declines. We are now trying to get more milkweed. Except that Tropical milkweed has some issues so prefer other varieties.

Support pollinators by planting native plants which are well adapted to our dry climate. Native insects and animals are codependent on native plants as it all works well. providing nesting areas helps too; leaving some leaf litter or small rock piles. Refrain from herbicides and pesticides as far as possible. Avoid plants that have been treated with 'systemics' as they may poison the insects that eat them.

California Native Plant Society has a lot of information.

Blossom Hill nursery on Almond Blossom in Oakdale is a good source for purchasing native plants for your garden.

'Calscape' website will provide a list of plants native to your exact address.

Final Announcements

Modesto Marathon on Sunday with check in at the Car Museum and dinner on Saturday.

MARBLE DRAW: Pete Vella, and a white marble for Pete!

LUNCH MONEY: Jim Graham

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12AM

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