Bulletin from Aug. 24, 2023, meeting

Presiding: Jennifer Mullen, who took more than a little grief from Bob Dunbar and others about the fact that the NMK bell is still missing.

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Doug Hardie

Prayer: Tim Ragsdale

Guests: Selena Little, Sarah (guest of Steve Perry, who is providing a ride to Central Catholic). And a canine guest – Geo, a former military dog that has been adopted by our speaker, Buddy Wesson.

Attendance was a little light because several of our regulars were attending an inter-club meeting at Lodi Kiwanis. This counts as an out-of-district interclub.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Reminder of the Sept. 8 deinstallation dinner. If you haven't signed the sheet, please contact Lori with the number attending. LoriAlessi@msn.com

From Judy H: The order of American Graffiti T-shirts is in. Member price is $20; the cost for everyone else is $25. You can pick them up at Karen's store, i2 Prints at 1408 N. Carpenter Rd, Suite 3. The store is open from 10-4, Monday through Friday. (If you don't pick up your shirt by Tuesday, Judy and Kristina will package them up and bring to the Aug. 31 meeting.)

BIRTHDAYS:

Charlie Christensen wasn't with us this week. He'll get to pay next week.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Doug and Judy Hardie celebrated their 48th anniversary. Doug is "very happy."

HAPPY BUCKS:

Tim Ragsdale and Peggy spent 10 great days in the San Juan Islands.

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Ana Kanbara is extremely sad that several people suggested she was responsible for the missing bell. Not true, Ana says.

Steve Perry noted that in the Navy, the ship bell is placed next to the big guns, assuring it is secure. Karen Bettencourt said she was so concerned about the bell "theft" that she kept the cash box with her throughout the museum tour.

Aaron Kellums enjoyed the recent Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. He bid on a hot pony but wasn't successful with the buy.

Nan and Steve Jacobs enjoyed a 16-day cruise to Iceland and Norway. They had a great time, even though they both came home with COVID. Nancy is sorry she'll miss the deinstallation dinner but she is scheduled to have orthoscopic surgery on her knee that week.

Bob Dunbar is sad that his car is in the Porsche hospital.

John Sanders: He and MaryAnn celebrated their 57th anniversary and they were happy to have joined Charlie & Trish on their river trip on the Rhine. Among the highlights—seeing a big Kiwanis activity going on in Basel, Switzerland.

PROGRAM

Buddy Wesson, director of the Junior Navy Seals, gave us an overview of this effort to help teens "not just survive but be successful." Some of the graduates have gone on to the military, even the highly competitive military academies, but the primary goal is to teach leadership skills and the value of teamwork.

Buddy explained the six leadership areas: Communication, teamwork, situational awareness, goal setting, stress control and etiquette.

Liz Robinson, a nurse at DMC, talked about the positive impact that Junior Navy Seals had on her daughter, Emily. She is now in her third year at the California Maritime Academy, which is part of the Cal State system. Liz said her high-energy daughter was looking for a place to fit in and she found it in the Junior Seals.

The third speaker was Nathaniel Saucedo, an alum of Junior Navy Seals who is now a civil engineering major at Delta College. Nathan shared some of his experiences, including the idea of "setting yourself up for success."

Buddy said the organization is hoping to complete work on the facility that the Junior Navy Seals is upgrading as a leadership training site. For more info: juniornavyseals@gmail.com or www.jrseals.org

NEXT WEEK:

On Aug. 31 we'll hear from Sue Rich about the Stanislaus County Imagination Library, an effort to put more books in the hands of children from infancy through age 5.

MARBLE DRAW – Gary Goodman but he drew a white marble.

LUNCH MONEY – Sorry, I missed it. jsh

Meeting Adjourned.

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