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### **Bulletin from October 19, 2023**

**President Ana Kanbara presiding.** Bell rung at 7:00AM.

**Song:** Bob Dunbar

**Pledge:** Harrison Power

**Prayer:** Larry Hughes

### **GUESTS:**

**Selena Little:** Key Club extraordinaire

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Graffiti fundraiser at the State Theatre has been postponed until spring due to low ticket sales
- Breakfast with Santa tickets went out, grab them if you haven't already
- Jennifer would like to thank Loren for solely being responsible for Breakfast with Santa finances for so long!
- The Graffiti USA Classic Car Museum needs money. A lot of construction is going on for great improvements; we can't wait to see how it turns out.
- Dues are due! Please make your payments as soon as possible if you haven't done so already
- **Allan:** Received a letter of Thanks from the Thunderbird Club about the Car Show. "Show experience this year was the best ever!" 100% improvement since last year. About the Parade, he thinks we should either extend the route or reduce the number of cars.

### **INTERCLUB: Ken Darby**

Nothing to report

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

**Ron Wilkinson**

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

**10th: Power Couple**

Harrison noted that the plus side of joining the club when you're young, numbers are low. Happy 3rd anniversary. One half of the Power Couple will be trying out the new bar,



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Intermission, at the State Theatre. Madame President mentioned that since there are two of them does that make a happy 6 instead?

### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Pat Glatke:** 11 years total, but has volunteered for about 31 years

### **HAPPY/SAD BUCKS:**

**Loren:** Happy that Lori is taking his place for the Breakfast with Santa tickets

**Jewel:** Happy \$10 because her friend Paul is here for a month. They met when a friend in Idaho introduced them, finally talked Jewel into visiting. They met 475 days ago. One word that describes her to him is "comfort". She is two years older than him...thus making her his cougar.

**Brent:** Suzy had hand surgery and is doing well. She was ready for the breast cancer awareness walk at MJC West on Sunday, October 22nd with fellow Kiwanians in tow!



**Rich Reimche:** Last Monday, Kenny and his wife joined him for a game of golf. Muriel was driving and got the cart got stuck in mud. Rich, like the amazing husband he is, tried to push the cart out of the mud but got mud all over himself instead! (See photo for reference)

**Charlie:** Happy buck for the engagement party for Samantha and Jacob. Met the future inlaws and had lots of fun. Celebrated at German Guys on Waterloo in Stockton.

**Ken Nolte:** Happy buck because he wasn't behind golf cart. Happy buck for Eric for joining us on Zoom

**Loren:** Sad buck for #1 49er fan who's not here today (Skip)



**NEW MEMBER:** Michael. We are waiting for Brian to get back from all his vacations to do the apron.

### **Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Basket Distribution:**

**Marty:** We are on schedule to assembling all the toys, food, etc. to the kids at Don Monaco's hangar. Adrian called the grocery store. We will be get family names from 4 different schools from South Modesto. Still need to get enough toys for the kids. Abby loves spending money that isn't hers but if you want to help her shop or buy an item, let her know.. More info in the



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weeks to come. We need more toy buyers as our elves this year. School admins choose families and provide us with info about the number of people in the family, how many children, and the ages of each. Books, up to 4 per kid depending on age. Johansen Key Clubbers want to help with assembling items on Dec. 9.

**George:** Still needing children's books for ages 0-4 years. SoCal literacy club, \$500 for a lot of books for 0-4 years. New or gently used books are preferred.

**Judy:** Art baskets were started by Britta who has now moved to Nebraska, but still continues to help with this aspect. Lori also is buying. Small puzzles become part of the bag.

**Abby** (toy buyer): If you see something that you think kids might like, contact her and let her know. Looking for toys that can be passed down to siblings, stuff that doesn't need batteries, but still, anything will work.

### **SOCIALS:** Randy Cook

October 29	Wine Day - Lodi
December 2	Breakfast with Santa
December 4	Book Sorting at Randy Cook's place
December 6	Toy Wrapping and Social, also at Randy Cook's
December 9	Christmas Basket Distribution
December 21	Club Christmas Meeting

### **PROGRAM:** Gary Wasmund introduced Blake Searls, owner of Fitness Fanatics boot camp.

Blake has been married 3 years, he currently has 3 boys ages 9, 4, and 2, and has twin girls on the way. Fitness Fanatics has been around for 10 years here in Modesto. Most of his life he has been an athlete; all of that changed when he was 14.

They are a big outdoors family; they love to go hunting, fishing, etc. He remembers it vividly, it was Nov 12, opening day. While out hunting, he spotted a feasant that popped up, both he and a family friend took a shot with a 12 gauge shotgun. Blake got hit at different parts of his body and he became blind. His life was spared because the bullet hit his gun instead of his heart. All he remembered after that was that everything went black, he screamed to his dad, "Dad I think I got shot", and there was so much blood. The fear gripped him. His whole life flashed before his eyes, he felt like he was going to die. He arrived at Memorial but his condition was "too intense", so they flew to him to UC Davis. Doctors thought he would never see again, his mom said "you're not going to tell my son this". A week later he started to be able to see light. The doctors said okay, but he will never be able to read again. A few weeks later he was reading and back in high school. He can't see any of us but he can see the contrast of light. Though he can't see his clients, he can see figures so that he can help with form. His parents' marriage was rocked, but they are still going 35 years strong. All of high school he did fine, but after school, the self-pity came in. He picked up drugs and overdosed 3 times, his mom didn't even



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know. Fast forward, he met his wife and started going to church. Next month marks 18 years since the accident.

Then suddenly, COVID hit, and the fitness center suffered. But in 3 years, he went from 14 clients to over 300. He is proud of who he is, the life he built with his boys, soon-to-be girls, and his wife; and he owes it all to the glory of God. Business is good so come in. You don't have to think, workouts are ready for anyone, 45 minutes you're in and out. They host 6 sessions a day. They are located on Oakdale and Sylvan right behind Perko's.

Ally asked: What is Jesus teaching you in your season of life right now?

Answer: Thankfulness. He's seen testimony after testimony of His presence. Waking up every day just wanting to serve. You can turn to bad things, or choose to make a difference in a positive way. One message to people: No fear, don't let the fear hold you back. You were meant to do something great, not meant to be silent. "You will see the fruits of your labor through discipline." It wasn't motivation that got you up this morning, it was dedication.

**Marble Draw: Rich Reimche - white**

**Lunch Money: George Bairey**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:58AM**

<b>2023-2024 Officers, Board, Committee Heads, and Event Chairs</b>			
<b>OFFICERS</b>		<b>BOARD of DIRECTORS</b>	
<b>President</b>	Ana Kanbara	<b>2022-2024</b>	Dirk Paintedman, George Bairey, Channa Kang, Nan Jacobs
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<b>Community Services</b>		Richard Reimche	



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<b>Young Children/Priority One</b>	Pending
<b>Youth Services</b>	Pending
<b>Sponsored Youth</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Enochs - Gary Wasmund</li><li>2. Vanguard Key Club/Builders Club - Ken Nolte</li><li>3. Beyer - inactive</li><li>4. Modesto - Channa Kang</li><li>5. Johansen - Judy Herrero</li><li>6. Downey - unknown</li><li>7. Davis - Lori Rosman</li><li>8. Gregori - Nan Jacobs</li></ol>
<b>Aktion Club of Stanislaus County</b>	Channa Kang
<b>Spiritual Aims</b>	Marty Villa
<b>Scholarship Committee</b>	George Bairey, Judy Herrero, Brian Sanders
<b>Social Committee</b>	Randy Cook
<b>Program Chairs</b>	Judy Herrero, Harrison Power, Abby Power
<b>Webmaster</b>	Adrian Crane
<b>Fiscal Oversight</b>	Jim Graham, Loren Suelzle, Mark Dunker
<b>Sunshine/Cards</b>	Judy Herrero
<b>Insurance Commissioner</b>	Robert Husman
<b>Bulletin</b>	Judy, Tim R., Adrian, Channa
<b>FUNDRAISING AND EVENT CHAIRS</b>	
<b>Graffiti</b>	Brent Burnside, Charlie Christensen
<b>Christmas Baskets</b>	Marty Villa
<b>Breakfast with Santa</b>	Jennifer Mullen