



Weekly Bulletin  
February 15, 2024

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7AM Thursday Mornings @ Papapolloni's

**President Ana Kanbara presiding, bell rung at 7:00AM**

**Song: Gary Goodman**

**Pledge: Channa**

**Prayer: Ken Darby**

**Scribe: Channa**

**GUEST:**

**Selena Little:** Key Club extraordinaire

**Rich Reimche:** Kurt, friend from Idaho, has been here all week for surgery

**Marty Villa:** Christie Berlin, the big boss at Jesus For Christ. Marty also is presenting a check for \$2500. They have a comedy event coming up at the State Theatre on Friday, March 1st

**BIRTHDAYS:** NONE

**INTERCLUBS:** Ken Darby

Interclub at Merced on March 4th

**WEDDING**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

NONE

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

NONE

## **SOCIALS**

- Mar 2, 2024 Bowling
- Mar 16, 2024 Chili Cook-Off
- Mar 24, 2024 Modesto Marathon

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Ana** has called upon the council of the wise
  - Aaron Kellums stole the bell as seen with Ana's "under 40" eyes. Culprits: Aaron, Steve, Channa, Ken N., Loren. Tim Ragsdale proposes that we give Ana the "No Bell Prize". Steve Perry wants to defend himself. Bob Dunbar proposes that Aaron pay a \$50 fine.
- **Ana** - correspondence from Baby Vivian has sent us her first photo
- **Ana** read a note from John Kearney about how much he enjoyed the Graffiti Festival and was honored to be our Grand Marshall. Ana continued to thank the club for making this an easy term for her, aside from the thieves who stole her bell.

They were NOT thanked...

- **Bon Dunbar:** Brian Sanders was interviewed for an article, and there was a photo as well. Brian did not mention, among all his accolades, that he is a member of NMK nor did he wear his pin (there was something else on his lapel...). Council of the Wise ruled in favor of a \$10 fine.
- **Rich Reimche:** only one ticket can be purchased but \$2 goes into the bucket
- Don't forget to meet new member David and sign his apron!

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

**Jim Felt:** happy buck for Taylor Swift's team

**Gary Goodman:** sad buck for Skip's team losing

**Lori:** sad buck for buying all these squares and didn't win a dime. Presented Channa with her winnings from Lily's squares

**Charlie:** wife, Trish, just got accredited

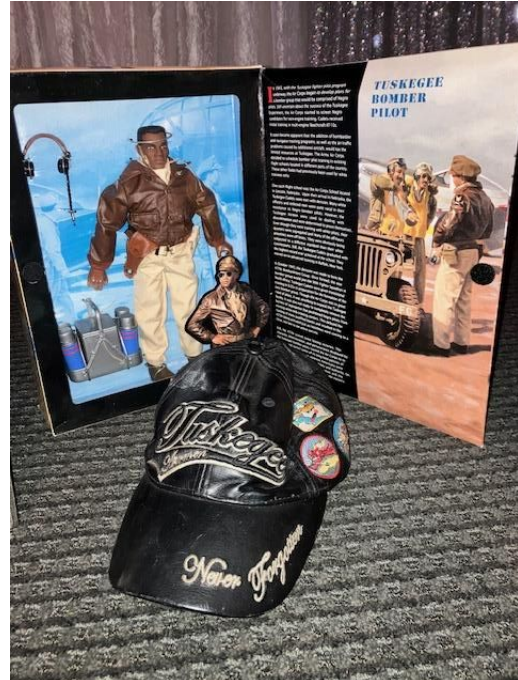
**Ana:** sad buck that her Niners lost

**Adrian:** sad 5 because Valentine's Day coincided with Lent so there was no wine or chocolate and thus a sad Valentine's Day

**Bill:** was the DJ for Night to Shine. Jeremiah was there as well

**Ron Boudreau:** happy buck for being here after an absence of 2 years and for beating cancer

**Marty:** abnormal buck, happy 5 from Christie for being here today with us



## PROGRAM

### Brian introduced speaker for Black History Month, Professor Marvin Jackson

Started off by congratulating Ron for beating cancer. Has been teaching African American History at MJC for a few years and also coaches athletics there and Central Catholic High School. Brought some relics in for us to see and will be talking about education in African American history leading up to Tuskegee Airmen. His family is from Mississippi, he is the first generation born outside of the South. His family has an agricultural background owning 80 acres of land, and built two houses on the property where the family was raised. Every summer he would be in Chicago, Mississippi, and Detroit. He experienced first hand what it was like to grow up in the South.

His grandfather was an airman and able to bring artifacts to show us. Why does Black History Month exist? The second African American (first was W.E.B. DuBois) to get a degree at Harvard, Carter G Woodson, started it all. It initially started as a week in 1926 as National Negro History Week, then moved on to a month. He was a free man born to slaves and started as a coal miner. His parents scraped money to get him to school to get a master's at Harvard.

Booker T. Washington was born in slavery and wrote a book "Up From Slavery" to show that African Americans can build skills needed to become economically self-

sufficient. He said he needed to teach skills that would help people be able to take care of themselves and their families. He came from Virginia to Tuskegee, AL to become the president of a school that didn't exist. He recruited students and they built the school. Students were not selected, they volunteered to be a part of the school. They started a brick company that they used to build the school and sold bricks to the town to build other buildings in that area. Tuskegee is a testament to American ingenuity when they figured out what they needed to do and made it happen.

Mary Bethune said there was one way and one way only for African Americans to move forward in life, and that's through education. One of the first schools dedicated to African American women. They raised money with a bakery and laundromat. They persisted with willpower and not taking no for an answer. Their ability to rise above allowed them to make friends in high places like Theodore Roosevelt. They gave council to the president to ensure that African Americans were a part of the New Deal package that he presented to the public.

In 1948 they signed to desegregate the Air Force, the Tuskegee Experiment, to see if the African American pilots had what it takes to be good enough. They are recognized as having the most elite combat record in WWII. They were always requested, and when those bombers went out they always made it back home. Tuskegee airmen always had red tails on their planes that distinguished them from others. Three people at MJC had grandfathers who were Tuskegee Airmen. Two movies were made based on Tuskegee Airmen: Red Tails and Tuskegee Airmen. Movies are pretty accurate to what happened. Marty has a friend whose grandfather was a Tuskegee Airmen and still wears a badge that signifies that. How are you maintaining young men to stay in school who are ages 18-24? They strive to keep the students in school to progress in life economically. Get them through the system, matriculate them, and get them to transfer out. Sports in general are tools that can be utilized to help them get through the system. Whatever gets them in and gets them through.

For 25 years, different groups in our community who mentor 15-20 high school students up until graduation. There are Black College (HBCU-historically black college universities) Tours that will be taken in April, these schools are waiving the out-of-state tuitions for our MJC students. Is there a requirement to take some type of ethnic studies course and what demographics? There is a state-sanctioned law that says every HS and College student has to take an ethnic studies course of

some kind, and most of his students are predominantly non-African American. When taught correctly and effectively, African American and American history is the same history. Sometimes it's not taught in that format because it can be ugly.

**Marble Draw: Aaron** - got the white marble

**Lunch Money: David** - new member

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:09AM**

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<b>Young Children Priority One</b>		Karen Bettencourt	
<b>Youth Services</b>		Aaron Kellums, Channa Kang	
<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 (looking for advisor)</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	
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<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	

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