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Bulletin from 05.15.2025

President Laura Maki presiding. Bell rung at **7:07AM**.

Song: Jeremiah

Pledge: Missed it, sorry!

Prayer: Marty

Scribe: Channa

GUESTS:

John: wife, Mary Ann, member of the R Club

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Larry: we have posters if anyone wants to help distribute the Graffiti flyers around town

Laura: sent out email about Bob Dunbar, let's take a moment of silence

Mary Ann: spent time with Sharon, said that Bob was surrounded by family when it happened

Jim: way back when, he had someone zoom by and cut him off in a Porsche. Jim recalls possibly flipping that person off...and that's how he met Bob

Charlie: roughly 100 years ago in the year 2000 when he ran for school principal, he came in 4th out of 4 people. Bob threw a party to celebrate all the candidates and said that he would have voted for Charlie. Then we all reminisced about all his catchphrases.

Skip: remembers going to the Super Bowl

Jeremiah: called Clint to send his condolences to him and his family. If you get an opportunity within the next few days, give them a call. He remembers when the Gallo family had someone pass and nearly no one called. A phone call makes a difference.

Marty: had the joy of Bob mentoring him when he was President. He asked many questions and he had a lot of answers. Had the opportunity to get to know the family through Youth For Christ. Got to know him more when he worked at the junior high. The senior staff just loved him and appreciated his leadership as principal.

Ken D: he and Bob belonged to a different club before this one. They closed it down, and they had to decide where to go next. They decided to try the crazy North Modesto Club and see what happens....well, they stayed.



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INTERCLUB: Larry Hughes

No interclubs until after Graffiti Festival

BIRTHDAYS:

5/10: Cindy turned 35. She went wine tasting in Lodi with friends, then BauHaus for dinner, her uncle's place. Jennifer stopped by at her private practice to lend a hand in fixing things up.

5/10: Pete Vella says he's very old at 86. He didn't do anything really special. He tried to sleep in, but the jackhammers next door didn't allow that. He also went fishing but didn't bring any fish over to George...

5/13: Rich Humble

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

5/14: Mark Dunker

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES: NONE

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS:

Larry: went to the City Council Meeting to recognize 150 years of the fire department. Patty said that he had to wear his uniform, they found it, and it still fits! He learned that he is the oldest living former fire chief

Suzy: there will be a pinning of the fire department at the State Theatre. Her son will be pinned to become a fire captain

Loren: has a couple happy bucks. Had back surgery for the spine on April 30. They put in a 10 year battery and he's feeling better now!

Laura: Not sure if this is happy or sad, both her kids are moving back in with her for the time being. She also attended the scholarship at Modesto HS

Charlie: happy 5. Had the opportunity to deliver scholarship monies to Davis HS. Lots of great students doing a lot of great [things.](#) He apologizes to Pete because he is the neighbor with the jackhammer. Their pool is being redone and they'll have a pool party when it's finished

John: wife just got hired at the county council's office

Ken D: presented scholarships to 5 students at Beyer HS. Very amazing to see the great things that these kids are doing



Brent: Suzy surprised him with tickets to the Luke Bryan Farm Tour in Atwater. Hoping that it won't be too difficult to get in and out for that event.

SOCIALS: Niko Nakai - with a great version of Randy's "Good Morning Everyone!"

May 31: Pulled pork slider competition at 5PM

May 31: Ken N reminds us that Rich Reimche's Celebration of Life is the same morning at the Graffiti Museum. If you plan to attend, please contact him so that he can give Muriel a headcount for the event.

Graffiti: Brent

Update, we are at 943 cars registered with a few spots left for that famous Parade on Friday night. Grab some posters if you can and help distribute to your local eateries and whatnot. The last Graffiti meeting at Perkos will be next Wednesday at 7AM. Don't forget that we are being honored with a star on the Walk of Fame on Wednesday, June 4

Suzy: nonprofits, please contact her for a vendor spot. It is an open invitation to all nonprofits.

Allan: we will be selling medallions this year at the event to test and see how well they do. They need extra help with delivering of sponsorship packets.

Charlie: Larry and he are meeting with Jennifer Jocelyn to work on the PowerPoint presentation for the signature project for Kiwanis International



PROGRAM: John Sanders is introducing us to former Mayor of Modesto, member of the submarine service of the United States Navy, Garrad Marsh.

Garrad brought notes because he doesn't stay on topic very well. He was asked to share some info about his time on submarines during World War II. The USS Holland (SS1) was the first US submarine that was 55 ft long, and designated as a boat. Since then, all subs are designated as boats. Subs can fall into three categories: diesel (WWII), fast attack, fleet ballistic subs.

Diesel: these are subs that use diesel engines on the surface and electric motors when submerged. They often travel at 8 knots when submerged - you can probably walk faster than that. These kinds of subs were sometimes referred to as Pig boat, due to their poor living conditions. There were no amenities. There was essentially no water, no baths, and no clothes washing. If you got out of bed, another person took that spot. Life wasn't that great on these subs.



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Fast attack sub: these are subs that have been designed specifically for the purpose of attacking and sinking other subs. They are fast, quiet, and deadly.

Fleet ballistic subs: these are nuclear-powered subs designed to launch submarine-launched ballistic missiles. These were designed for extended patrol and equipped with multiple nuclear warheads. This is the sub that he served on. Ballistic subs were basically undetectable. They took the keel of the sub called Scorpion, gutted it, then dropped in a missile. 41 for Freedom Ballistic Subs - the US Navy fleet of 41 nuclear powered ballistic missile subs, each capable of carrying 16 Polaris missiles. When launched, the first missile went out within 3 minutes and all missiles would be launched within 11 minutes.

He also served on the USS Jackson, which started being built in 1942. Before the Jackson was finished being built, a sub (thresher?) went out and never came back. They later learned that the main water valve for pressure was broken and they didn't recover. Because of this the Jackson was the first sub that had a SUBSAFE on board for safety.

Garrad signed up for the Navy in 1966, was called in in Feb 1967. He extended his enlistment for 2 years to go to electronics school. He finished school in the fall of 1968, then went to sub school, then went to the Jackson - he had to move to Hawaii. From Hawaii, he flew to Guam. There, he went through a grueling two-day training. The sub contained 139 men who had to navigate to their battle stations within 3 minutes to get ready to set the launch sequence. They came back, loaded up supplies, then they went back down for another 70 days of no sun or skies.

Submarines are not very maneuverable, so they would need a tug to get back in. When they got in, they had 30 days of R&R, then 60 days of training. The mission at sea was to stay undetected, they stayed at 4 knots for safety. Nobody knew where they were. They were the only people on Earth who knew where they were. They were just known to be in a "zone" that ranged over a large number of miles.

His sub was 425 feet long and had three floors. Most floors were about 7 ft tall. Each bunk had a few amenities: lights, curtains, etc. Meals were 5-7, 11-1, 5-7, 11-1, and there was soft serve ice cream 24/7. The quality of food was amazing - the chefs prepared the more exotic meals that weren't known to the general public yet. Life was pretty boring and would eventually turn into 18-hour days.

Subs typically cruise at about 150-200 feet. Part of that is choosing a water layer where they would be undetectable if someone were on top of them. They can go up to under 600 ft deep or more. They also had a trailing wire that would be low frequency to get teletype messages. They can go up to 25-30 knots of speed, but seldom exceed 4 knots, unless in transit, they go about 5 knots. They are built to be silent, they didn't want anyone to know where they were.



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Quote of the Day: Suzy

Let us all remember that life is short. Do all the things. (I paraphrased)

Marble Draw: Charlie, white

Coffee Money: Ken D

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09AM

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Sponsored Youth	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enochs - Gary Wasmund2. Vanguard Key Club/Builders Club - Ken Nolte3. Beyer - Ken Nolte4. Modesto - Channa Kang5. Johansen - NEED/Ken Nolte6. Downey - unknown7. Davis - Lori Rosman8. Gregori - Nan Jacobs
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Graffiti	Brent Burnside, Charlie Christensen
Christmas Baskets	Marty Villa
Breakfast with Santa	Jennifer Mullen
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