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Bulletin from Sept. 25, 2025, Meeting

New President Brian Sanders presiding, with the bell carefully secured to his waist.

He opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Skipper's sister, Jennifer. Also this past week: Cory Warner lost his mother.

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Brent Burnside

Prayer: Ken Darby

Scribe: Judy

Several folks in new roles this morning, with help from guests: Charlie handling tech, with help from the daughter Sabrina Christensen, visiting from Henderson, NV. Ana Little was at the door as treasurer, with help from daughter Selena Little, our frequent guest, assisting with credit cards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brian provided access to the url for Over The Edge, the Oct. 11 fundraiser for Learning Quest. Four Kiwanians have signed up: President Brian, past president Laurie Weiss, new member Andrew C (under the name Valley Dream Car) and Doug's wife, Chrystal Tripp. You get to the fund-raising page at <https://www.lqslc.com/overtheedge>

Brian also promoted the \$200 fine free card. There were no fines today to give people a chance to buy theirs.

Suzy Powers announced that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She will be the key speaker at an Oct. 2 event at Studio Bae Esthetics, 6 to 8 p.m. Suzy will provide more information later about an event later in October.

Jennifer Mullen talked about Breakfast with Santa, coming up Dec. 6.

Marty Villa provided an update on our big Christmas food, toy and book program. Assembly and distribution will be Dec. 13. Mary said the plan is to again use the Graffiti Museum for assembly, which is good no matter what the weather. Also, we will provide vouchers so that families can shop for their own food as their space and cooking facilities allow. (A similar arrangement was used during COVID.) This year we are adopting 75 families from 5 schools.



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American Graffiti: Brent reminded everyone that the dates for 2026 will be June 12-14. There will be one more planning meeting before the end of the year – Oct. 22 at Perko's at Oakdale & Sylvan.

INTERCLUBS – Larry Hughes said we completed the 2024-25 year with a round robin. Adrian Crane has assumed the role of InterClub chair for the new year. No dates yet.

SOCIALS: Randy Cook: our next activity is wine tasting at Oak Farms on Oct. 25. There is a limit of 40 people so sign up early.

BIRTHDAYS: none mentioned

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Bill Heyden (not present)

Ana and Robert Kanbara celebrated family day on their anniversary. They all went to play miniature golf. Ana asked that the bulletin include her comment that she is “the luckiest girl in the world” to have Robert as her husband.

Belated: Ken and Judy Darby celebrated #45 with a trip to Portland with other family members.

HAPPY BUCKS:

Charlie shared the news from a gender reveal party earlier in the week: daughter Samantha and her husband, Jacob, are expecting a boy.

Ken Nolte was first in line for the fine-free card and shared that he has a new-to-him car – a Jeep Wagoneer.

John and Willie Sanders had a fun trip to Oregon, attending the first half of the UO-OSU football game (it was too hot and a blow out) and then going on to Portland. Yes, they stopped for a cinnamon roll at John's favorite place.

Adrian and Karen enjoyed hearing Ringo Starr (a youthful 84) perform at Ironstone.

PROGRAM:

Our impromptu speaker was Sabrina Christensen, who shared a video from her workplace: Universal Horror Unleashed, now a year-round venue in Las Vegas. There are four haunted houses. Sabrina is among the stage managers for the monster house.

MARBLE DRAW: Will resume next week.



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2025-2026 Officers, Board, Committee Heads, and Event Chairs			
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1st Vice President	Karen Bettencourt		
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COMMITTEES			
Community Services		Nan Jacobs	
Young Children Priority One		Karen Bettencourt, Ana Kanbara	
Youth Services		Aaron Kellums, Channa Kang	
Sponsored Youth		1. Enochs - Ana Kanbara 2. Vanguard Key Club/Builders Club - Ken Nolte 3. Beyer – Ken Nolte 4. Modesto - Channa Kang 5. Johansen – IN NEED/Ken Nolte 6. Downey - INACTIVE 7. Davis - UNKNOWN 8. Gregori - Nan Jacobs	
Aktion Club of Stanislaus County		Channa Kang	
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Bulletin		Judy, Curtis, Channa, Kristina, Adrian	
FUNDRAISING AND EVENT CHAIRS			
Graffiti		Brent Burnside, Charlie Christensen	
Christmas Baskets		Marty Villa	
Breakfast with Santa		Jennifer Mullen	
Love Modesto		Jennifer Mullen, Robert West	