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Bulletin for Jan. 22, 2026 Meeting

President Brian Sanders presiding

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: David Harter

Prayer: Larry Hughes

Scribe: Judy Herrero

Guests: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Boys & Girls Club will host a breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Commemorative Air Force. Tickets \$15 each. 8:30-11:30 a.m. Ticket info here: <https://www.bgcstanislaus.org/>

The Yosemite Community College District will host a Hearts United dinner Feb. 7 at Green's. It will benefit students at MJC and Columbia College. Ticket info: <https://www.yosemite.edu/events/>

We won! The American Graffiti Festival & Car Show has won the Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Service Award, which will be presented at the chamber's annual banquet Jan. 29. Brent Burnside won citizen of the year. NMK bought a table for the event.

Ken Nolte: Vanguard Key Club is holding a cookie sale fund-raiser. An email went out to NMK club members on Jan. 20. (Check your spam filter.) Cookies only \$2 a piece. Snickerdoodles, oatmeal chocolate chip, regular choc chip. Preorders are preferred (through the link provided in the email) but there will be extra cookies available at next Thursday's meeting (Jan. 29), when all the cookies will be delivered.

INTERCLUBS (Adrian Crane): Modesto Kiwanis Club is sponsoring Farm City Week next week. We're invited to their meeting next Tuesday (Jan. 27) at noon at Papapolloni's, 2501 McHenry.

Turlock: Friday, Jan. 30, 6:30 a.m. Latif's Restaurant

Feb. 23 – Greater Merced. More info to come.



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SOCIALS:

Randy is working on the 2026 social calendar.

Tentative dates: Bowling on March 7

Chili cookoff on March 21

BIRTHDAYS:

None present

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

none

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob Reidel joined in 1981. 45 years ago. Best memory: About 27 years ago, when John Sanders called and asked what do you think about doing a cruise?

Nan Jacobs (but not in attendance)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY from Brian S:

Respectful persistence.

Example – Chance Condit has obtained money for sidewalks and other improvements for south Modesto sidewalks, etc.

Brian has persisted in asking chancellor's office to amend rules so that students doing good wouldn't lose financial aid. Finally, it appears that will happen.

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS:

Randy Cook: His son-in-law joined Oakdale Country Club, and Randy is working on getting fling golf OK'd there.

Gary Goodman: Sandy came home from the hospital Friday and is conscientiously doing her exercises

Andrew Cabrera – two weeks ago he was at the Commemorative Air Force breakfast with wife and daughter. There were at least 7 NMK members there. He also attended Wednesday's Graffiti Committee planning meeting and is looking forward to helping with the Sunday portion of the car show.



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Brent – thanked Andrew for attending the meeting and offering to help with the Sunday activity associated with the car show. Cars and Coffee Modesto is not active at this time.

PROGRAM

Todd Aaronson from Visit Modesto, which was nominated for nonprofit of the year. Todd provided an update on the nonprofit agency and its success in promoting tourism through the Almond Blossom Cruise.

- Last year, they tracked 81,000 visitors to the Modesto area for the Almond Blossom Cruise.
- Some people drive the cruise route (available here <https://visitmodesto.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/ABC-2025-Map.pdf>) but they also arrange bus tours. At first they used small buses but they will use 50-passenger buses for two weekends.
- Blossoms will appear starting about Feb. 16. Will bloom for 4 weeks.
- Art in the orchards is part of the promotion, giving artists a chance to paint in the orchards. This year, they have a Van Gogh challenge.
- Now an audio book available on Amazon. To order, go to <https://visitmodesto.com/almond-blossom-cruise/> Todd made any offer to Kiwanis members. If you order the book and take it (on your smart phone), you can receive a free Visit Modesto shirt at the Visit Modesto office, now on J Street.
- The Almond Blossom Cruise has attracted national and international attention. Modesto even used a group of media reps from Japan.

Todd says it has proven easy to promote Modesto because “There is always something fresh happening.”

MARBLE DRAW: Santa (Robert Husman) had the right ticket and pulled the red marble. He won \$35

COFFEE MONEY: Ken Darby



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Graffiti		Brent Burnside, Charlie Christensen	
Christmas Baskets		Marty Villa	
Breakfast with Santa		Jennifer Mullen	
Love Modesto		Jennifer Mullen, Robert West	