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NORTH MODESTO

Bulletin from March 19, 2026

Vice President Karen Bettencourt presiding. Bell rung at 7:04AM.

Song: Gary G

Pledge: Jim Felt

Prayer: Larry deferred to Tim

Scribe: Channa

GUESTS:

Angela is here again with her second visit

Deanna is a potential new member, coming back for her 3rd visit

ErneRuth is here with Marty

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Charlie - we are having a car show in case anyone was wondering. We just had a committee meeting and everything is coming along great.

Brent - the Reed Family is once again a \$10,000 sponsor

Larry - we need help distributing Graffiti posters. There is a map, please sign up for a section of the city if you are able to help. Posters will be available May 1st

INTERCLUB: Adrian Crane

April 1 - Merced

Next month - Los Banos

This week - Greater Merced will be visiting us

BIRTHDAYS:

March 14 - Roger

March 19 - Skipper turned 60! We sang everyone's favorite rendition of the birthday song

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

None

SOCIALS: Randy Cook

- Bowling was March 7, the winners were as follows:
 - 1st Place - Nancy
 - 2nd Place - Ken N with 272

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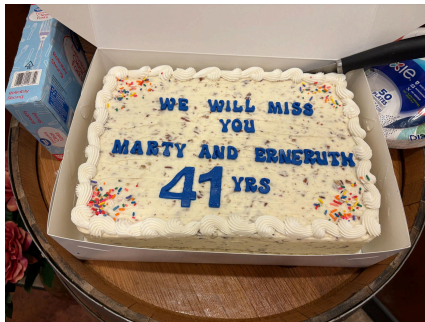


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- 3rd Place - Tim with a 257
- 4th Place - Niko with a 251
- New member, Dennis, was able to make it with his family. Please invite new members to our events!
- March 28 (this Saturday) - Chili Cook Off - please invite new members for this fun social
- April 23 - scholarship meeting
- April 24 - Field Games

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS:



Lori - last week's meeting was a special/sad celebration. Lori made a lovely carrot cake to send off Marty and ErneRuth on their new journey. They were also presented with a blanket with a beautiful inscription on it.

Marty is sad to leave us. He loved doing all the projects that he's involved in. He's glad to see that he's passed on the reins to a few members who will try their best to live up to his standards.

Adrian is sad to see Marty leave, but grateful for all the amazing things he's done with the club, especially all the hard work with the Christmas baskets every year. He also went to Gary Zimmerman's services last week with a few other members, and it was a lovely service.

Jim's grandson was called into the principal's office, but for a good reason. He won the American Legion Award!

Larry will finally get to meet his son, whom he never knew he had. He played in a band for years as a drummer.

Tony has put on a few crab feeds, and this will be his 8th one this year. It will be for MoBand, so grab your tickets if you haven't already.

Last week, he and Niko were golfing at a course near Cache Creek, and it was a great course. Niko's first time playing golf since he broke 2 ribs. Ouch!

Ana is so sad to lose ErneRuth and Marty, but happy for their new chapter. Also, she is so happy that her daughter finally got to feed the flamingos at Seaworld in San Diego.

Charlie's new grandson, Henry Christopher, is doing great. They are all beyond happy. This is the first grandson on both sides of the family, a huge deal.



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PROGRAM: We have Katie from the Modesto Children’s Museum. NMK was one of the founding sponsors, among many others, to help build this amazing facility for family fun.

This is such a gift to this community, and so proud to have such an amazing group of supporters. If anyone wants to stop by and go on a tour, she will be happy to show you around. There are 10 attractions, including a 2-story climbing structure. This structure is built with “risky play” in mind.

The economic impact children’s museums have on us is amazing. The museum has a lot of local impact to surrounding businesses as well. They have seen almost 80,000 visitors, having been open for about 2 years.

There is a discount for families with SNAP benefits. They make up about 35% of the visitors. 10,000 visitors were coming through field trips with their schools or the museum going out to schools themselves. Transportation is expensive, but being able to travel makes everything so much easier thanks to Modesto Subaru. There are opportunities for 1 and 2-year-olds to play with so many different things as well. Donated money makes up about 25% of their annual budget. We have visitors from 45 states, but obviously, most visitors are local.

From now until April 20, all donations will be matched up to \$50,000. There are a few families in the community that have come together to match your donations. This spring, they have a Dino-themed event through May. Kids can dig for dinosaur bones, which are puzzle pieces that they can put together. On May 30, they will be hosting their Bike N Trike family fun ride that ends with a family fun festival.

We ended with a quote from Suzy for ErneRuth and Marty.

Marble Draw: John wins and pulls out a white marble

Lunch Money: coffee money goes to Channa

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51AM

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Young Children Priority One	Karen Bettencourt, Ana Kanbara
Youth Services	Aaron Kellums, Channa Kang
Sponsored Youth	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enochs - Ana Kanbara2. Vanguard Key Club/Builders Club - Ken Nolte3. Beyer - Ken Nolte4. Modesto - Channa Kang5. Johansen - Andrew Cabrera6. Downey - INACTIVE7. Davis - Ana Kanbara8. Gregori - Nan Jacobs
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Breakfast with Santa	Jennifer Mullen