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NORTH MODESTO

Bulletin from March 26, 2026

President Brian Sanders presiding. Bell rung at **7:06AM**.

Song: Gary G

Pledge: Channa

Prayer: Larry

Zoomers: Ken D, Mark D, Marty V, Cindy B

Scribe: Channa

GUESTS:

Doug brought his lovely wife, Chrystal, and their neighbor and friend, Michelle Ana - adding to her collection of "Anas", she has brought her friend Deanna Selena Little is here with us again

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brian - thanked Karen for taking care of meetings while he has been gone. Welcome to the Kiwanis Club from Greater Merced

Robert W- The Fruityard has asked our club to man the beer booths for their upcoming shows. They need 24 people per show. Volunteers need to be there 2 hours before the shows, you get breaks, and you get to keep your tips if you choose to do so. Suzy is heading this committee to coordinate volunteers. A donation to our club will be made depending on the number of kegs we go through per show.

Ken N - Richard's wife, Muriel, has asked him to auction off some of Richard's items and have the proceeds go towards the Graffiti Museum. He has 2 wine totes that went for \$30 and \$70, respectively

Larry - we still need help distributing Graffiti posters. Adrian is accepting help to put up posters in Area 6

Jennifer - Love Modesto is Saturday, April 25. We host the pancake breakfast for the event. We definitely need helpers, cooks, egg crackers, table bussers, etc.

Karen - Embrace Grace baby shower is Saturday, April 11. If you would like to attend, join them at Covenant Church at 2PM

Brent - we are having a Parade and Car Show on June 12-14, please don't plan any vacations during that time, as we expect you to be there to help. This is the biggest Car Show west of the Mississippi, so don't miss out! Our car count as of today is 421, and we need to get that up to 1000 cars. If you or someone else you know hasn't registered their car yet, register soon before spots fill up!

INTERCLUB: Adrian Crane

Today - Greater Merced, the members present were as follows:

Robert Oliveras, Birdie Oliveras Kidwell, Ethan Chang, Jim Hickman, Greg Bess

Next week - Merced

BIRTHDAYS:

Audrey Goesch



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Marty - currently at his son's house because he has WiFi and Marty doesn't. They spent their anniversary at a hotel on their way to Oregon, celebrating 57 years of wedded bliss.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Don Viera - looking forward to the Car Show. He just retired recently and is ready to be subjected to more club duties.

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS:

Greg B - happy 20 for a flop of their 7:20 prank. They set their alarms for 7:20AM and they all were supposed to go off and annoy our club, but the volume level wasn't quite loud enough.

Brian - has dropped in his rankings in Fling Golf, but his daughter is moving on up! Gnats are surrounding the golf courses in South Carolina and attacked Brian's arms, if you go anytime soon, proceed with caution. He also had a slight encounter with an alligator, but that was no big deal for him.

Adrian - has apologized to Charlie because he now has the second greatest grandchild only behind Adrian's brand new granddaughter. These grandpas can fight that out on their own time, or just share happy grandparent photos.

Larry - finally got to give his newly found son a hug. He and Patty will be inviting Bart to a family wedding and will introduce him to the family sometime in May

Bob - there was an incident during a race that he was at recently. Adrian says there was barely any damage, but suffice to say, she still blamed Adrian for what happened...

Nan - Monday, she flew back from Houston. She is really glad she flew back when she did with TSA precheck because that TSA line was all the way out the door. Yesterday, that line was 6 hours long, so her 25-minute wait was a piece of cake. She got to spend time with her granddaughters. One of whom scored some goals in her soccer game and will hopefully be on their way to the championships.

Karen - welcome back to Brian, and having him lead the meetings again. She didn't have to get any Uber rides for the boys because it is spring break. One dog had a surgery, Andrew had a knee surgery, and her "boyfriend," or whatever you want to call him, is moving to Modesto.

Charlie - got to spend time with the grandbaby yesterday and took a million more photos. Trish has been having health issues, but is doing fine. She is on medication and being treated at UCSF. Dilated cardiomyopathy. She is the same, just more tired at times nowadays.

Selena - yesterday at noon, she was officially inducted into the university's highest honors society program. She was nominated to join this prestigious honor. It is one of the oldest in the country.

Birdie has an apprehensive dollar because she and her father are going to South Carolina soon, but are now worried about the gnats

SOCIALS: Randy Cook

March 28 - Chili Cook-Off

April 24 - Field Games

April 25 - Love Modesto



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PROGRAM: Kiddieland - Our speakers this week are our friends from Greater Merced who will be talking about their fundraiser, Kiddieland. They are 57 members strong who sponsor 2 Key Clubs and 3 Kids Clubs.

Kiddieland has been in play since 1957, and this week will be the 70th anniversary. They could not do it without the community's support. They recently raised over a million dollars to buy a new electric train.

They host an egg hunt every year on the day before easter, but it will be pushed back due to construction at the site. This event is for the kids in the community where they get the chance to hung close to 4000 eggs at Kiddieland. They also host a Fright Night on the Friday and Saturday before Halloween. They also have summer socials on Friday night with a traveling bar that different members agree to host.

Questions: How do you guys coordinate all the volunteers to help run Kiddieland? Jim coordinates all the volunteers, and they have 1 paid employee at the park. There are about 7 different youth groups that also help run the amusement park. The train path has expanded and is now a 7.5 minute ride at about 3.5mph on a concrete pathway. Other attractions at the park include: a carousel, train, mini carousel, and a rocket ride, among others.

They do have to announce that their pricing has not changed at 50 cents per ticket and 50 cents per ride, until now. Due to overhead costs to keep the park running, they have had to increase prices all around. Adults ride free on the carousel with their child, if their child needs assistance. Now the rides are \$1 and the train will be \$2.

Marble Draw: Ken N and he pulled out the white marble

Lunch Money: Gary G

Life is better when you are happy, life is best when people are happy with you...

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59AM

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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
Love Modesto	Jennifer Mullen, Robert West