



Bulletin from 09.24.2026

President Karen Parson-Bettencourt.

Bell rung at 7:06AM.

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Brian Sanders

Prayer: Tim R

Scribe: Judy

Zoomers: Britta, Ken Darby, Ken Nolte

Karen kicked off her presidency with a treat and a warning. There were free North Modesto Kiwanis pens at each seat – thank you Larry Hughes. Also, Karen had a pin check in her first meeting presiding. She wants to keep the club budget in the black.

Later Karen announced that fine-free cards will be available soon. The \$100 card will cover late fees and travel within 100 miles. The \$200 version will cover all travel, etc.

An idea being considered – first Thursday of the month have an evening meeting that is a social mixer. Invited feedback from members:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Allan R – announced that Kyle Barker's son Kelly passed away after years of debilitation from MS. A sympathy card was passed around for signing.

Mechell – announcing for Andrew Cabrera. The club is collecting candy for Valley Dream Cars' Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 11. Please bring candy to either the Oct. 1 or 8 meeting.

INTERCLUB:

No interclub report but Dirk shared a reminder from Adrian: Oct. 24 is Beyer pancake breakfast and we've been asked to help.

SOCIALS: Randy Cook

- Kickout party – almost 100 people attended. Set up and tear down both went quickly. Great time.
- Nov. 7 - Rombauer wine tasting. Limited to 30. Be cautious about inviting non-members because space limited



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- November 20 – Friendsgiving/ Game Night. Corn hole, darts, more. Randy will cook tri tip. Bring sides.

AMERICAN GRAFFITI:

Charlie reminded people of the dates – June 11-13

BIRTHDAYS:

None today

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Bill and Pat Heyden – Bill not with us to report

Ana and Robert Kanbara on Sept. 21 – celebrating 7 years of marriage. \$20. Football game and dinner out

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Felt – not present.

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS:

Karen – happy \$5. To be president of this amazing club. Each of 3 grandsons gave her a Hot Wheels vehicle. Also selling chocolate bars for Andrew.

Doug T – Chrystal and Doug head off on a sailing trip in the Indian Ocean. 20 hours to fly there.

Nikko – had last-minute trip to New York, returning just a few hours before this morning's meeting. See Wall Street, etc. Tonight he is going to see Motley Crew with his parents

Larry – great grandbaby #12 is a boy, due in March

Randy – had breakfast with family last Saturday morning. Celebrating the birthday of one daughter and learned that another daughter is pregnant – with twins. They will be grandchildren 6 and 7 for Randy and Denise.

Skipper – sad that someone stole his 49er flag.

Channa – announced that the Kiwanis adviser of the month for Gregori High School—Karen Bettencourt. Karen said she has been keeping a low profile at the school but was greeted at a recent football game by several Key Club members.



Our speakers were running a little late so Karen filled the time with Kiwanis numbers, such as these: Each Kiwanian helps an average of 99 children. Kiwanis serves in 83 nations, Kiwanis was founded in 1915 in Detroit.

PROGRAM:

We heard from two representatives from the Stanislaus Library Foundation: board president Susan Thomas and past president/former president Jane Manley.

The foundation supports the entire county library system, with its 13 branches, while the Friends of the Modesto Library focuses on helping the Modesto library. Both are nonprofit organizations.

They emphasized that the library is so much more than a place to check out books, offering materials and programs for all ages. Among the programs: story time for kids, the summer reading challenge, teen book boxes, home and car repair manuals.



Among the popular programs last year was “money smart” to help kids understand the value of dollars. Almost 900 students participated, using \$30 in play money to budget for and buy school supplies that were provided by the foundation.

The library website offers links to many sources but in-person help is available. For instance, reference librarians can help you find the best website to get the information you want. The library also has passport services, helping individuals correctly fill out their passport applications.

Most of the funding for the library comes from a special sales tax. It expires in 2030 and there will be a vote to renew it in the next couple of years.

Marble Draw: Curtis Martin—and he pulled the red marble.

Coffee Money: Doug Tripp

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 a.m.



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Christmas Baskets	TBA
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