



BULLETIN

September 10, 2026

Today's Meeting Summary

Led by Brian Sanders

Meeting began at 7:03am

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Meshell M

Prayer: Ken Darby

Guests:

Steve, guest of Laura Maki

Valentina Zapp, division 46 Key Club Lt Governor, hosted by Ken Nolte.

Selena Little

Zoom: Marty Villa, Ana Kanbara

Scribe: Adrian Crane

Announcements

Ken Nolte. Needs a brief board mtg after this mtg, to spend some money

Jennifer Mullen

Dec 5th, breakfast with Santa, 8am to 11:30 am. Looking for sponsors. Sponsorships start at only \$150 so step up. Volunteers will of course be needed too. Proceeds to City of Modesto Leisure Bucks Program.

Adrian Crane - Beyer Robotics Club is hosting a Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, October 24 -the club is looking for assistance from us helping them prep and cook

Adrian Crane. We need another scribe...but wait, new member Darrin Jesburg has volunteered to scribe, one meeting a month. Thanks Darrin.

Car show

Charlie Christensen

Gross 304k

Expense 159k

Profit 145k, going to all our activities and donations

A preview of the 2027 posters and shifts is just out.

Plan on 'no vacations' June 9,10,11, next year 2027.

Contacted by California visitors guide and needed pictures Corey supplied hi res photos at short notice.

Jeremiah and Darrin, Tomorrow morning is 9/11, 25th anniversary of Twin Towers disaster

Interclubs – Adrian Crane

Pretty much wrapped up this year; looking forward to next year

Socials -Randy

September 18th – Deinstallation Dinner at Man Cave- Randy Cook's home; 5719 Chenault Drive

Need pickup of party stuff from North McHenry

Setup crew would be appreciated.

November 7th - Rombauer Winery, Plymouth, 30 max, sign up sheet will go out 30 days prior

November 20th - Friendsgiving

Birthday

None

Wedding Anniversary

Jeremiah Williams and wife Nancy 40 years, They went to Alaska.

Member Anniversary

Marty Villa, Sept 1st 1985. Camaraderie and Christmas baskets.

Brita Skavdahl , Sept 2013.

Doug Van Den Enden. Sept 1997. We were meeting at the Sundial then. Enjoyed Chicken a Go Go, especially when Jennifer Mullen was working in the pit.

Happy/ Sad Bucks

Don Viera, trip to Rome and family in northern Italy.

Pat Glatke, Family in Madrid.

Darrin Jesberg. Happy for eight years of youth MTB (Mountain Bike) team. Cross country racing. National Scholastic MTB league, objective to get kids on bikes.

Larry Hughes, Sad buck. His grandson, a military man, unable to get his wife in from Thailand.

Ken Darby, unhappy buck. Wife went to meet friends from the Bay Area, wound up in the hospital.

Meshell M, Happy buck. Started a new job at district after 9 years at Johansson.

Program

Steve Ashman, Executive director of Casa of Stanislaus County.

CASA is Court Appointed Special Advocate

Advocate for kids in foster care. Advocate for kids sent all over the state.

Thanks to NMK for their support which has been instrumental in survival of program.

400 to 500 foster kids. Many due to neglect and abuse.

Nan Jacobs was a judge at the court . Steve coined the phrase ‘the kid needs to get their feces in one pile’.

Advocates stay in this program for an average of 49 months compared to the statewide average of 19 months.

Volunteer advocates often have education rights over the kids.

Kids are birth up to 21, ‘non minor dependents’. They emancipate out at 21.

Steve has been an advocate for kids for 14 years.

Hope is to help the kids get to a productive enjoyable life.

Nan adds; the Casa advocate may be the first person in their lives who is consistently there for them. Social workers are overwhelmed and the Casa advocates are essential.

CASA does a lot of grant writing to get money. Has a children’s fund which provides money for shoes, bicycles, clothes. Steve likes the ‘Tickets to Dream’ program by Sleeptrain.

Steve will look for money anywhere!

On his 289th kid right now. The program matters to these kids.

Currently there are 125 kids in the program.

Advocates usually get one case and stays with it to its natural termination; emancipation, adoption.

Advocates are sworn officers of the court.

There are 72 kids on the waitlist.

Steve is also a musician with ‘The Vibes’ and ‘Zasu Pitts Memorial Band’ and Dead Stuff. With the Zasu Pitts memorial band, he has played with many famous musicians.

Marble draw - Darin Jesburg, drew a white. Sorry.

Coffee money - Ken Nolte

Meeting adjourned: 8:00am

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COMMITTEES			
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Sponsored Youth		1. Enochs - Ana Kanbara 2. Vanguard Key Club/Builders Club - Ken Nolte 3. Beyer – Ken Nolte 4. Modesto - Channa Kang 5. Johansen – Andrew Cabrera 6. Downey - INACTIVE 7. Davis - Ana Kanbara 8. Gregori - Nan Jacobs	
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Graffiti		Brent Burnside, Charlie Christensen	
Christmas Baskets		Marty Villa	
Breakfast with Santa		Jennifer Mullen	
Love Modesto		Jennifer Mullen, Robert West	