BULLETIN
November 5, 2026
Today's Meeting Summary
Led by Doug Tripp
Meeting began at 7 a.m.

Song: Gary Goodman
Pledge: Steve Perry
Prayer: Charlie Christensen

Guests:
Greg Deer, neighbor of a member, here for a second time. He has an application and is considering joining.
Gary Weber, introduced by Alan Ramsay. Gary was inducted as a new member today.
Jeremy Rogers, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Director, City of Modesto, and Shannon Parker, Recreation Coordinator, Modesto Senior Center. Today's program.

Zoom: Marty Villa, Adrian Crane, visiting his granddaughter in Denver.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board met yesterday, November 4.
The Board finalized and approved the 2026-27 budget.
The Board approved $2,500 in donations, including Christmas baskets and Youth for Christ.
The Board approved Gary Weber as a new member.

The Board confirmed that our morning invocation will be non-denominational going forward. We will still have the invocation, along with the Pledge and our song. Members leading it may choose their own inclusive invocation. Kiwanis International has ideas on its website. We are not a religious organization, and we are not a political organization. Please bring concerns to any board member for the next board meeting.

Announcements
Susie Power: Dave Heller, owner of the Roadsters, will join us next week and say a few words.

Brent Burnside: Car Show. The cars are in hibernation for the winter. The next show is June 11-13, 2027. Still no vacations allowed that week.

Jennifer Mullen, Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 5th. Sell your tickets, or buy them and return them to Lori so the City can give them to families.

Socials - Randy Cook aka Mr Social

November 7th - **Rombauer Winery**, Plymouth. About 18 signed up. Carpool from Randy's house at 9 am. Festivities begin at 11 am.

Friendsgiving November 20th at the Man Cave. No business, just fun. Giant Jenga, two sets of corn hole, darts, air hockey, and foosball. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. Randy will barbecue tri-tip. New members, come out and meet everyone.

Breakfast with Santa December 5th.

Toy wrapping December 9th.

Christmas basket distribution December 12th. Tim Ragsdale has taken this over, with Marty Villa helping by phone.

Interclubs - Adrian Crane

Following an interclub at Castel-Atwater where the program was the autonomous vehicle testing center, we have been offered a site tour, has arranged a visit to its facility at Castle Airport Aviation and Development Center. next Thursday at 12 noon. We will carpool from Modesto at 11am. Plenty of time for our usual NMK meeting first. Five places available. Contact Adrian to join.

New Member Induction

Gary Weber was inducted, sponsored by Alan Ramsay. Members read the six Objects of Kiwanis.

Gary grew up in Springfield, Illinois, and lived in the Midwest most of his life. He worked 30-some years for a national office products wholesaler. He transferred to California, met the love of his life, and retired here with no snow to worry about. His hobbies are public speaking and photography, including sports and wedding photography. He will never do weddings again. He has judged the American Graffiti car show for three years at Alan's invitation.

Birthday

Karen Parson-Bettencourt, November 1st. Home sick. She will be reminded to fine herself when she returns.

Alan Ramsay, November 5th. Today! Alan bought silence for $100 instead of the birthday song.

Wedding Anniversary

None

Member Anniversary

Robert Husman, 21 years. Received a 21-year cookie.

Dennis Hernandez, 1 year. He missed Breakfast with Santa last year for a family party. Not this year.

Happy/ Sad Bucks

Tim Ragsdale, happy five. Thanks to Marty Villa for helping launch the Christmas basket project as if he were across the street, not in Oregon.

Steve Perry, after a year with the DMV, the 2003 Ford Thunderbird is titled, registered, and getting new tires. It is now road legal.

Brent Burnside, happy five. Second granddaughter, Hazel Grace, born to his daughter Sierra. 7 pounds 9 ounces.

Susie Power, happy five. A quiet birthday by choice, and ready for a wonderful year.

Randy Cook, happy ten. Denise had a hip replacement yesterday and was walking right away.

Darin Jesberg, youth mountain bike team community outreach rides this Saturday, 1 to 3 pm, Dry Creek Regional Park. Bring a bike and a helmet. The season starts in December. Donations bought the team another bike.

Charlie Christensen (happy fifty). His father-in-law Conrad visited for his 87th birthday, became very ill, and spent 10 days at Sutter Memorial. He is home and recovering. Thanks to Dennis Hernandez and team for the front yard landscaping.

Brian Sanders (Happy twenty). Congratulations to Jeremiah Williams on four more years, and to Deborah Hendricks, Andrew's wife, who appears to have won the Area Two Trustee seat for the Yosemite Community College District. Good signs on Andrew's health.

Jeremiah Williams. Steve Perry, Pat Glatke and Alan Ramsay were named Neighborhood Heroes last Thursday. A dollar a vote.

Dirk Paintedman, skipped jury duty by mistake and turned himself in. His group had been dismissed. No jail time.

Program

Jeremy Rogers and Shannon Parker, City of Modesto, presented the Leisure Bucks program.

- Leisure Bucks is the City's scholarship program for recreation activities.
- If you qualify for reduced or modified utilities, you automatically qualify.
- Each family member gets $100 to use on City recreation programs.
- Applications run July 1 to about June 1. All ages are now eligible.
- The budget is about $25,000 a year, including our donation. We've used it fully every year for three years, and it serves about 250 people.
- No administrative costs come out of it. Unused funds roll over.

Programs run $25 to $100. $100 covers two months of Zumba twice a week, or two sessions of swim lessons at the new Fourth Street Park Aquatic Complex.

The City would like to grow the program.

Breakfast with Santa is December 5th at the Senior Center, 211 Bodem Street, at Scenic and Bodem. The theme is snow people. Shannon needs at least 12 pairs of plain white men's tube socks and a dozen or more pairs of fuzzy holiday socks.

Jennifer Mullen presented the City with a check for $9,000 from 2025 Breakfast with Santa ticket and door sales. With about $7,000 in sponsorships, our total was closer to $20,000.

Marble draw: Larry Hughes, didn't get the white.
Coffee money: Gary Goodman

Thought for the day - Susie Power. November is the month of gratitude, and gratitude is a spark for joy.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 a.m.

2026-2027 Officers, Board, Committee Heads, and Event Chairs			
OFFICERS		**BOARD of DIRECTORS**	
President	Karen Parson-Bettencourt	**2025-2027**	Cindy Bauer, Jim Felt, Harrison Power, Gary Wasmund
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COMMITTEES			
Community Services		Nan Jacobs	
Young Children Priority One		Patt Glattke	
Youth Services		Channa Kang	
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 - Nikko Nakai 7. Davis - INACTIVE 8. Gregori - Nan Jacobs	
Aktion Club of Stanislaus County		Channa Kang	
Interclub		Adrian Crane	
Spiritual Aims		Tim Ragsdale	
Scholarship Committee		George, Judy, and Brian	
Program Chairs		Curtis Martin & Harrison Power	
Webmaster		Adrian Crane & Judy Herrero	
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Insurance Commissioner		Robert Husman	
Bulletin		Adrian, Judy, Channa, and Curtis	
FUNDRAISING AND EVENT CHAIRS			
Graffiti		Brent Burnside & Charlie Christensen	
Christmas Baskets		Brian & Debbie Sanders	
Breakfast with Santa		Jennifer Mullen	
Love Modesto		Jennifer Mullen	