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Feb 20 Hugh Brereton for Terry McGrath

Feb 27 Terry McGrath

Still Need More Scribes

GREETERS

Secret Greeter – Pay a buck if you do not shake their hand.

NEXT SPEAKERS

Feb 20 Chinyere “Chi Chi” Jack - Stanislaus County Office of Education

Feb 27

March 6 - Karen Williams - Learning Quest

March 13 - Jennifer Mullen
Convention & Visitors Bureau

March 20 - Jim Christiansen - Artist

March 27 - Beyer Key Club Takeover

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President Jeremiah Williams called us to order in the small meeting room, which I prefer for it's up close and personal effect on us, letting us meet those present much more easily. The Reverend Darius Crosby did the prayer and then he and **Jeremiah** did the song.

Nancy Church's granddaughter is now a certified, licensed commercial pilot with a job awaiting her, Nancy reported. That is not easily done and worth even more praise and congratulations.

Nancy also reported that **Nan Jacobs** is now studying the ukulele diligently. **Nan** was wearing a great looking (rare for Kiwanis fashion) Kiwanis sweatshirt. She is studying ukulele in a seniors group. **Nan's** daughter is now 31 years old. You editor recalled that her daughter came up to Buck's Meadow above Groveland to help plant pine trees as a Kiwanis project probably 25 years ago. She was impressed with my daughter who came up too, being in 8th or 9th grade at the time. Glad **Nan** and Steve's daughter is doing well.

Joyce Aakerlund gave a happy "sick" buck for her visit to her son and his family in Chico. **Joyce** seemed much better now.

John Hertle's wife, Mary Ellen, is an attorney who was at a Continuing Education of the Bar session in Monterey, and **John** was dog-sitting while in their hotel room. Hopefully they went out or something for **John**. He's a good guy.

Bill Gordin was sighted at the meeting too. Glad to see you looking good. Come more often, if possible. Hope the Raiders are going to be better this year.

Carole Thoming was happy, sharing that her 16 year old grandson won four contests at the wrestling tournament in Clovis outside of Fresno, and winning second place overall. Well done to all.

Rev. Darius Crosby shared with us that when he was at Fresno State, when he came home to visit his family in Southern California, his little sister, age two, said, "Thanks Darius for coming home", as he was leaving to go back to college. Nice to be loved. He also told us that his sister was incognito for a while, but she dreamed of Darius and called him. That reunited the family, especially nice for their sick mother. Darius had his six year old grandson at one of our meetings a few weeks ago, and his grandson later lost his best friend to a senseless shooting incident. What a waste. Our prayers and thoughts are with him. His grandson is really good at and really, really involved with basketball, which is good.

Mike Kumler was present, but it wasn't due to winning the raffle and then being present this week to avoid a fine. It was because he was on a 10 day cruise. The cruise liners had two make-up Kiwanis meetings on board too. No fine to **Mike**, well done. He had a Cabo T-shirt to raffle off for his trip.

Our speaker for Black History/Heritage Month, Chinyere “Chi Chi” Jack with the Stanislaus County Office of Education, bid ten dollars for the shirt but was short, so two Kiwanians gave her two dollars and demanded the auction be closed so that she could win. She did. She, her 14 year old daughter, and husband, a medical doctor, moved from Campbell, CA, to Patterson, as few years ago. They are enjoying their nice, but infinitely more affordable, home.

June 3rd is the pancake and (maybe) omelet breakfast event. We need to be sure the event center has sufficient electrical power to operate the omelet griddles. **Don Ahrens** has friends that could check that out.

Margaret Trammell won the raffle and picked a prize: the double-decked bird house. At the fevered urging of those present, she gave it to the speaker.

As stated above, Chi Chi Jack was our speaker for Black History/Heritage Month. She was dressed in a West African outfit in a red, orange and light yellow dress which was quite nice. She recently was elected to the Stanislaus County Office of Education from Patterson. She felt good about that given how few African Americans live on the Westside; good image for the Westside too. She suggests that we see the “Black Panther” movie that is in the movie theaters now. She wants all too open-minded to all cultures, which is a worthy goal. She also wants safety for the community to be promoted after what happened in Florida. Elected officials must take care of kids’ safety and act responsibly. She also wants people to see her as a *person* and not so much as an African American. That’s a worthy goal for all. Her daughter’s piano teacher peddled her bike one day to their home for the lesson when there was no way to take their child to the tutor’s home; she’s also picked her up at school to help out too. Their daughter is doing very well with the piano and is a cross-country athlete. Her daughter also helps other kids study at school. Thanks for letting us know about a good family. The only question they have is that AP (Advanced Placement) classes in history are for World History which is really European history, ignoring African, Asian, etc. histories which would be actually “World” history. Good speaker, **Jeremiah**.

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