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April 24 Hugh Brereton
May 1 Terry McGrath
May 8 Jerry Jackman
May 15 John Field
May 22 John Hertle
May 29 Hugh Brereton

Still Need More Scribes

GREETERS

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

NEXT SPEAKERS

April 24 - Dieter Renning - World War 2
May 1 Scholarship Presentation Day
May 8
May 15
May 22
May 29

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President Jeremiah Williams began our meeting in the smaller meeting room, with the pledge by **Jerry Jackman**, the song led by **Jeremiah Williams** and the women present, and the prayer by **Jeremiah Williams**.

Terry McGrath wants us to sell Omelet tickets for the Omelet Breakfast on June 3, 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Veteran's Center behind Marie Calendar's restaurant on Sylvan Ave. Please send to **Terry** any unsold tickets that you feel you will not sell, and the money you have collected from sales thus far. Tickets are also available at the door. He has more tickets if you have buyers. **Al Menshew** and **John Thoming** are the big sellers thus far. Well Done! **Terry** also says that there was an omelet breakfast last weekend at the Veteran's Center and he learned some good tips on how to run it. First, as the customer comes in, they buy or give their ticket to the collector, then give the list of ingredients to a Key Club member who takes that to the kitchen to be cooked. The customer then sits down and is served their breakfast soon thereafter. Much more efficient. He is also thinking of *nice* paper plates being used to cut down on cleaning, etc.

DMC for Key Club in Merced this Friday at Kiddy Land park there. Join **Terry McGrath** there for the Governor's visit. Call him for details.

Hal Conkey was present, looking good and happy. Welcome. He quipped that he is usually the oldest person anywhere when **Jeremiah Williams** said he was the oldest at our meeting. Keep on Trucking, **Hal**. **Joyce Aakerlund** and **Nan Jacobs** had "happy bucks" for seeing **Hal** here.

A former Kiwanian at Castro Valley club "many years ago" and maybe at North Modesto too was present, but his name was mumbled, so I couldn't get it. Sorry. Welcome anyway. Join?

Our Scholarship Day meeting is May 1, 2018, where the recipients will be present to be given their Notification of their Scholarship and be recognized, generally with their parents. Congratulations to all.

Margaret Trammell, believe it or not (I do), has programs all the way into May. **Nan Jacobs** had another happy buck for **Margaret's** good work. Members: Please come to the programs and our meetings; we'd like to see you.

John Hertle was so moved by the women's song that he fears that next week's "men's song" will be really bad by comparison. Bring money, **John**, when proven wrong (right, maybe?).

The Valley Charter High School's Key Club was Chartered on April 19 2018 . nce Terry McGrath Pat Glatke and Nan Jacobs attended. **Paul Hearst's** daughter,

Elizabeth, who is now a Kiwanian is their advisor and faculty advisor too. Great to have you! **Nan Jacobs**, a Key Club advisor, asks members to volunteer to do such work; we have a lot of Key Clubs.

Jeremiah Williams had a BIG photo in the Modesto Bee of him working hard (really) on Love Modesto project on McHenry Avenue. Your editor was on a field trip for the MJC seniors group so he was happy the Club was represented and did not feel too guilty. Good work, Jeremiah.

Carol Thoming had a lot of grandkids over recently for which she gave happy buck.

Steve and **Nan Jacobs** gave a really well done travel program they visited Central and Eastern Europe on Jewish sites and history there. It was well received by the Modesto Institute of Continuing Learning with MJC and they may well do it elsewhere as well. **Jerry Jackman** who had been looking forward do it, missed it for which he is truly sorry, he knows it was well done. Sad buck time.

Retired Professor Dieter Renning of Cal State Stanislaus was our program with his wife Hannah. He spoke with exhibits and photographs of his growing up in Germany during WWII as a child. He was born in Dresden, but was also living in Konigsberg, Hamburg, and other cities as they moved around for his father's job and to be safer. His father was an engineer who worked at shipyards, including being honored for his work on the battleship "Bismarck". He met his future wife in Germany when she was studying Germany on a Fulbright scholarship from her university in the U.S. They "clicked" and they married in the U.S. when he came over soon after he received his PhD in economics. While in Dresden he was in a chorus led by a severely wounded former German soldier who really was very good at instructing choirs and who gave him informative tips; he still is grateful to him. The speaker is in the Modesto Symphony Chorus now. He showed some of his father's decorations for his work on U-boat submarines. He and his mother took a steamer to western Germany from Konigsberg and from there trains to Dresden. Ship trailing them with German citizens escaping was sunk by a Russian submarine and 9,000 were lost. He was in the Dresden firebombing too, but luckily was not harmed. His father later somehow rejoined his mother and he, and they lived in Hamburg. He has taught at the University of Indiana, Illinois State University, Kenyon College, and for 26 years at California State University Stanislaus. Quite a story.

Hugh Brereton

A Note from Our Lt Gov. John Carlos

It is with a great deal of sadness that I must report to Division 46 that Past LtG Ken Williams passed away this morning as a result of long-standing medical issues. Please keep his wife Ellen in your thoughts and prayers.

I do not have a finalized list of dates and specific plans for Ken's funeral, other than there will be a service in his hometown of Detroit, Michigan and Ken will be buried next to his mother in Iowa.

If anyone has any pictures of Ken at Kiwanis events, please send them to Past LtG Al Smith at asmithltg@comcast.net. Al is gathering pertinent info and pictures to forward to Ellen Williams to be used at Ken's service in Detroit. Al is also making contact with Detroit Kiwanians to represent us at the service.

I will keep our clubs informed when more details become available.

Kiwanis has lost a great friend and servant-leader! RIP Ken!

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Yours in Service

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