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EDITORS ROTATION SCHEDULE

Nov 21 John Field

Nov 28 John Hertle

Still Need More Scribes

GREETERS

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

NEXT SPEAKERS

Nov 21 Farm/City Day

Nov 28

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Today was our farm city program presented by **John Hertle**.

The pledge was lead by **John Field**. The song by **John Hertle**. Invocation by **Jeremiah Williams** was actually a poem he wrote and read to everyone. It was about farmers and thanking them for all they do for us. Great job **Jeremiah!**

Up Coming Events

December 5 Downey High Scholl will do a take over.

December 6 we will take 20 underprivileged children shopping.

December 12 we will honor the MJC students that received scholarships.

We had an interclub from **North Modesto** lead by their **president Eric Angelo**.

Then there were a lot of guest, which I failed to get names.

Farm City week was established in 1955 to encourage understanding, increase cooperation and solidify relations between rural and urban residents.

Our Farm City week program was presented by Mike Marsh.

He represents the national Council of Agriculture Employers from Washington DC.

He deals with current employer labor issues. It seems we are having a decline of the labor force for the farmers. He went over some of the solutions. The best ones are to increase wages, housing and benefits. That would entice more workers to work in the fields, which is a hard and dirty job. The eastern work force comes from Jamaica and the western work force from Latin America. Mike also talked about the H2-A program and the need for it to be year around. Also only 5% of the farmers use it.

Next we had a drawing for farm commodities. There were ten prizes representing most of what the farmers grow or raise. The groups are Almonds, Milk, Chickens, Cattle, Fruit and Nut trees and vines, Walnuts, Silage, Turkeys, Peaches and Pollination(bees)

Next we presented the John Veneman Award for contributions and advancement of Agriculture in our region. This award the last 5 years has gone to James West, Wayne Zipser, Jim DeMartini, Vito Chiesa and **Ugo Lea**.

This year's winner was Ratto Brothers Farms

Sorry this newsletter is so late.

John Field