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EDITORS ROTATION SCHEDULE

December 18 Hugh Brereton

December 25 No Meeting

January 1 No Meeting

Still Need More Scribes

GREETERS

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

SPEAKERS

December 18 Modesto Nuts

December 25 **No Meeting - Christmas**

January 1 **No Meeting – New Year's**

January 8 Personality Assessment – Angela Gardnet

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President John Hertle began the meeting in the smaller meeting room next our regular meeting place. The Pledge was led by **Jeremiah Williams**, as was the Prayer. **Don Ahrens** led us in “God Bless America” and it was, shockingly, rather well done. But, **Don** also announced that he is in negotiations with his talented daughter, Ashlyn, to sing the National Anthem at our meeting on **January 8, 2019**. For those who have heard her sing, you are in for a treat.

Our Fundraiser is now scheduled for **March 16th** at the Veteran’s Center in the same shopping center as Marie Calendar’s. However, the Bee today reported later in the week that Stanislaus County will be assuming control of the Center. It’s assumed that **Jeremiah Williams**, who gave us the former news, will clarify this situation, as well as the issue of clean-up responsibility (we pay, or they assume responsibility to this?) Due to a slightly smaller capacity, we need to sell about 300 tickets now.

Don Ahrens had “Happy Bucks” for the great Holiday party at **Joyce Aakerlund’s** home. **Joyce** was also happy that *she* and her guests had such a good time

Our Holiday Party for 2019 is scheduled for *December 8, 2019* at the **Thomig’s** home on Bird Road, outside of Tracy. Due to members driving there, it will commence at 2:00 *p.m. and go until sunset* so members have sunlight. Don’t say you did not have enough notice.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for **January 15, 2019**, after the general meeting.

Margaret Trammell announced her grandkids totally renovated a house, apparently mostly by themselves, and recently moved in. Grandmother proudly announced, “It is beautiful.” That is great.

John Thomig had three “Sad Bucks” as the stock market was down three points just as the meeting was going on.

Speaking of the **Thomig’s**, **Carole** informed us that they had a holiday party for family that included John’s two great-grandchildren, various grandchildren, and other family members. She said it went well.

Our next Kiwanis general meeting will not be until **January 8th** due to Christmas and New Year’s Days being on Tuesdays.

We had a moment of silence for our members who passed on this year, including **Roger Sinclair, Ken Williams, and Sherm Petersen**.

Carol Thomig (she was using **John’s** dollars) announced that she has been in Kiwanis for 25 years. John announced that he joined Kiwanis when he married **Carole**; is there a connection there? He wants his ten year pin too.

President John Hertle had another phone call from his wife during the meeting. She knows where he is on Tuesdays at noon.

We also celebrated Greater Modesto and Modesto Clubs joining forces. Much better, and bigger fundraisers (Thanks, **Craig**), and more members to share lunch with.

Jeremiahs "group" sang at the Gallo event recently. He led us in "Silent Night". (When I was in the Navy, Bob Hope's show came to our carrier on two of those cruises, and their shows always closed with "Silent Night".)

The Modesto Nuts representative could not make our meeting as our speaker so **Zack Knobel** gave us his program, dressed in a nice suit with matching necktie and handkerchief in his pocket, on genetics and Mendel. He has a large board which folded into three parts with exhibits and photographs which he explained to us. Topics included genetic screening for potential illnesses that may afflict you, genotypes, phenotypes, traits, and dominant/recessive genes. I'm ready for medical school now. Really well done, good pacing of speaking so we could understand and follow. Good future for **Zack!** **John Thomig** said that it put our members into a really interesting discussion on genetics afterward. **Zach** has a scholarship he won to attend an event on this topic.

Have a great Holidays and I'm sure Santa will bring you gifts that will please you. Don't eat too much!

Hugh Brereton, editor