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February 19 Hugh Brereton

February 26 John Field

March 5 Terry McGrath

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March 19 Hugh Brereton

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GREETERS

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

SPEAKERS

February 19 **Reverend Darius Crosby**

February 26 Emerson Johnson, the black cowboy.

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26 – Modesto Key Club take over

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President John Hertle called the meeting together, Pat Glatke led us in the Pledge, **Don Ahrens** led us in *God Bless America* (quite well too), and the **Reverend Darius Crosby** (our guest today for Black History Month) led us in the prayer, (well done, as expected)

Mark Davis pulled out his cell phone, and called **Jerry Short**, it was his birthday, to have us sing him *Happy Birthday*. We were loud so **Jerry** could hear us, but the rendition was good. He sounded happy in his voice. Good idea, **Mark**. **John Hertle** did not fine **Mark** for using his cell phone during a meeting.

Pat Glatke is the raffle chair for our Crab Chippino in March. She'd like us to give her, or arrange for, raffle items of \$20 to \$50 value. This makes us real money, so please help her out.

Key Clubbers from our various sponsored Clubs are coming to help us at the Crab Chippino

The **Lt. Governor** is coming for his official visit, but I didn't get the date. March or April

Dan Fitzgerald's father, a retired FBI agent, died recently. We had a moment of silence, and our thoughts are with Dan and his family.

"Raisin in the Sun" was performed by a black acting company at the Gallo. They performed an act from it at our meeting a few weeks ago, which was very well done. **Ron Freitas, John Fields, Perry Bosshart, and Jeremiah Williams** attended, although not all at the same performance. Rev. Darius Crosby's son was in the cast; his whole family attended. All gave rave reviews. No one, however, would let us know the ending to the story.

Liz Hearst, our Key Club leader for the newest Valley Charter High School Key Club, came to our meeting. Good to see her. She is **Paul Hearst's** daughter, and our Club sponsor's her Key Club.

Don Ahrens cabin at Arnold, CA, had 24" of snow, and the road berms from the snow plows were 5' high. He said it was beautiful. He went with his Golden Retriever.

Pat Glatke had a Happy Buck because **Perry Bosshart** was present.

Jim Barton was also present. Glad to see you, **Jim**. If I'm correct, his Oregon men and women's basketball teams are doing well.

John Field went with his wife to San Francisco. Parking the car was \$58.00, there was a random fee of \$20.00, but the room rate of \$95.00 made it almost affordable (\$200 total for a night, total miscellaneous costs)

John Hertle, whose wife Mary Ellen is a criminal defense attorney, informed us that Ernie Spokes who was a long time criminal defense attorney after being a senior trial attorney with the D.A.'s office died recently. Your editor knew him somewhat and he was a good guy; our daughters from Johannsen High School attended UCLA together. Vietnam vet with many, many parachute jumps, an Army Captain, and a Ranger or Special Forces person. May his family be remembered and comforted, as he passed too soon.

John Hertle tried to use his Mercedes Benz of "old age", but the battery would not work. His son is now driving so John's usual car was not available.

"Up with People" is coming to Modesto. They need host families for cast members for a week. Call **Pat** if you are interested. It will be at the Gallo and is a fundraiser for Boys and Girls Clubs.

Nan Jacobs said the Oakdale Key Club, which we support, is having its "start-up dinner" at the Bianchi Community Center. She had details.

Terry McGrath noted a microphone on the stage, and reminisced that we used to have microphones for our meetings. This one apparently does not work. Any ideas for obtaining reasonably priced microphones? **Terry and Pat** attend other Kiwanis Club meetings where they have microphones.

As part of our Black History Month, the Reverend Darius Crosby was our speaker. He came a few years ago and gave us his life story which was very interesting, frightening in parts, and hopeful. Hopeful in that his father told him once when life as not being fair at all and his civil rights being harmed, "I know that you are in pain, but make-up your mind to be part of the solution". He never forgot that. He is the pastor of the Greater Glory Community Church and has been a pastor for 30 years. He has been a Chaplin to law enforcement for 6 years. During his presentation, and without notes of any kind, he cited Genesis on creation, then part of the Declaration of Independence, etc. for about 5 minutes. It was incredible. He feels God's concern for all races and people. He has written a book, *Images from Elsewhere*, which sets forth the premise that how we respond to Images makes us who we are. He has followed his father's suggestion cited above and has had a good life. Life has meaning when you love

God. He graduated from Fresno State in journalism. He was in track and good enough to be on the Olympic team, but that was the Olympics that the U.S. did not attend in protest to Russia's (they were hosting them) invasion of Afghanistan. Very good program with a very intelligent, warm and interesting person.

Hugh Brereton