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May 7 Jerry Jackman

May 14 John Field

May 21 Terry McGrath

May 28 Hugh Brereton

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GREETERS

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

SPEAKERS

April 30 Board Meeting After Lunch

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-**President John Hertle** called us together for the meeting. **Joy Swick**, assisted by **Margaret Trammell**, led us in the in the Pledge, **Don Ahrens** led us in the Song, “God Bless America” in honor of Kate Smith, and **Jeremiah Williams** led us in an extemporaneous Prayer which was well done, of course. Thanks to all of you.

-Christine Field was the guest of her husband, **John Field**. He says she “enjoys the meetings, the camaraderie, and the company”. Plus **John** knows how to show a lady a good time: Kiwanis for lunch, followed by In-N-Out Burger later in the day, and maybe a car wash (see below). Their Anniversary is not until July! We appreciate Chris’s good spirits in letting John do all he does for the Club.

John Field, scholarship chair, will preside over our meeting next week, as we will have about 45 guests for the distribution of scholarships to about 18 seniors in high school, accompanied by their parents and counselors. The award is about \$900.00, depending on funding.

-Fourth of July Parade meeting at Margaret Trammell’s home:

1517 Higbee Drive
Modesto, CA

It will be at **6:00 p.m., May 6th**. It is rumored that she will have some delicious food available.

-Helen While Trail opening ceremony **May 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. Thursday**. (Sorry this Bulletin wasn’t ready on time.) Thanks to some Kiwanians for volunteering to drive carts to help take some to the site.

-You probably have not noticed but we have “lost” our stand-by bell. Carole Thomig graciously paid to replace it, moving members present at the meeting to donate funds to reimburse her. We apparently cannot locate the original bell given to Modesto Kiwanis in 1923 (not the one Carole replaced). It is engraved on the outside, and big. To lose that one, almost 100 years old, hurts. Thanks Carole so that now we have a nice bell. Hopefully, we will find the original one.

-**Terry McGrath**, who is abdicating his longtime position as Club Secretary this Fall, is willing to keep the Club's five drawer filing cabinet at his business for safe-keeping. So, he is now unofficially the "Club Historian", as there are some very old (most well over 50 years ago) certificates and other documents in it. Might be fun if he could bring some to a meeting so we can see them.

-Key Club Division 46 Awards Banquet is coming up this **Monday (May 6th)** night. **President John Hertle** will attend, so if you want to go, please contact him. **Jan Yeager** probably has information too.

-**May 5th, Sunday**, from about 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is North Modesto's "Chicken Ah-Go-Go" at Davis Park. It is a drive through, so you pay as you arrive in your car, they take your order, and give it to you on the way out. It is a good meal. Their emissary, **Jeremiah Williams** keeps us informed about these things. He also sells tickets so you can call him too.

-Wear your Kiwanis Pin or Badge, or be fined by the President!

-**Don Ahrens** had really big "Happy Bucks". *First*, he buys his reading eye glasses from Amazon at \$235, but then he notes that the same glasses are available for \$6.00, huge savings. But he was so excited that the trusty editor/scribe couldn't get the name, etc. of the seller. Call **Don** and he will provide that information about that entity. *Second*, long, long ago in a place far, far away, his back was seriously injured in a car accident. But, fortunately that had healed, until last weekend, when he bent over to get a small glass from his dishwasher to put it away and felt a really severe pain in his lower back, so strong that he could not walk or crawl. Fortunately, his daughter was visiting him last weekend, and when she came home, she heard him calling from the kitchen and found him. 911 was called, and his older daughter came over too. That daughter asked for his mother's maiden name, causing fear in **Don's** mind since they wanted his personal information as he might die (he exaggerates often). Not to fear though. When he was lifted on the ambulance stretcher to put him into the back of the ambulance, the pain really increased, becoming like, he thought, having his skin removed from his lower back. He spent Friday and Saturday in the hospital, coming home Sunday evening. He has "degenerative disc bulges" in the lower spine. He can have surgery which has a 50% chance of making things better, or not, or getting worse. Given that he is vertical, mobile, and walking, he has declined the surgery for now. Since he was at

the meeting, giving us this recital of the event while standing and walking around, we can thankfully assume that he is doing much, much better. That is cool! Glad that all is now well, **Don**.

Carole Thomig was happy at Aptos last weekend, at least until she found came home and found the garage doors at her home were broken: either not opening (bad), or open and not closing (at least you can get your car out). It also opens and closes without any command, which makes it exciting. Hopefully, it will be fixed soon.

Craig Haupt really approves of his future son-in-law now. He and the young man spent time at **Craig's** cabin cleaning out debris around the site and moving out dead trees. But then he found a water main leak which required detective work to find the valve to turn it off so it could be fixed. Placed there in 1970's, a tree apparently grew over it, stretching it until it leaked. All is ok now,. Be sure to tell your daughter of her fiancée's good deed!

-Joyce Aakerlund had cataract surgery on one eye recently. At first it took some time to adapt to, but is getting much better. The other eye is scheduled soon. I've heard that most people really like their new vision, especially at night. It is the most common form of surgery now with good results.

-Don Ahrens, having heard **Craig Haupt's** story about clean-up and water main leaks, said his neighbor in the mountains had to clear their land of debris and dead trees and was charged in the low 5 digits for such work. **Don** really has good luck coming his way soon.

-John Field's ex-son-in-law, whom he and Chris still like, took him to Columbia to get furniture and vegetables(?). When he returned, he took his wife with him to run the car through the car wash. Did you take her car, or what? Maybe do that after In-N-Out Burger dinner?

-Harold Petersen's house phone was dead, allegedly due to a cut line by "others". It is now fixed, so he is once again taking calls. Better yet, he and his Cal Poly friends had a reunion with him, which he enjoyed a lot. And, his East Coast grandson is now recovered so he is once again playing hockey, his favorite sport. Good news.!

-**John Hertle** had lower lumbar pain for many years from hooking-up cow milking machines at the dairy. He went to a conference a while ago out of state. While walking there, he had pain, and soon after the pain came back when at home. He went to the “laser spine institute” where has treatment that allowed him to sit/walk upright without any pain. You could ask him for details. Not as fun, his BBQ tank blew up, spewing flames, causing heat to go 50’ cracking windows. Since is was present today, we can only assume that he is no longer BBQ’ing and the surrounding buildings are ok. I’ve heard that storing a spare tank in the BBQ tank space while having another tank under there giving gas to the BBQ is very dangerous for this reason. Our guys are having good luck!

Hugh Brereton