

# MODESTO KIWANIS

## Bulletin

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### EDITORS ROTATION SCHEDULE

Feb 25 Hugh Brereton for Terry McGrath

Mar 3 Terry McGrath

Mar 10 John Field

Mar 17 John Hertle

Mar 24 Hugh Brereton

Mar 31 Jerry Jackman (if he is back)

Still Need More Scribes

### GREETERS

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

### SPEAKERS

Feb 25 - Granddaughter of the first African-American settlers to Modesto. Sterling Fountain

Mar 3 T.B.A

Mar 10

Mar 17

Mar 24

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### DIRECTORS

Joyce Aakerlund	Hugh Brereton
Dan Fitzgerald	Harold Petersen
Carole Thoming	John Thoming

-4th of July Parade news:

-theme: Stars and Stripes

-Grand Marshall: chosen and to be disclosed soon

The Stars and Stripes theme was chosen in that we have three World War 2 veterans still with us in Stanislaus County: one was a B-17 pilot, one a P-38 pilot, and one a Beach Master at the landing on Tinian Island, Northern Mariana Islands

-We tentatively have \$18-20,000 (to be confirmed by **Bill Gordin**, our Treasurer) available for High School graduate scholarships from the 12 high schools. **Don Ahrens**, **John Field**, and another who's name I did not recall, are the committee who go through the applications, etc. and make recommendations on whom and in what amount to the Board. This is one of our most meaningful activities and was inherited from the merger with Greater Modesto.

-Mid-Winter Conference foul-up: **Charlie Nguyen** was to attend as he is the in-coming President of our Club. And, he called **John Hertle** to say he "can't make it" as he had a tenant problem that needed to be resolved. Being honorable, **Charlie** confessed at our regular meeting that this was true and tried to give a "sad/happy" buck. Maybe next time.

-**Bill Gordin** knows Lindsey Pearce, the Modesto singer who has a lead role on Broadway in "Frozen". This role is a really big deal.

-**John Thoming** said water confusion is a serious problem for the farmers, with court cases, the Water Board, environmentalists, politicians, etc. all being involved.

-**Harold Petersen's** grandson was in China and had the flu (THE flu?). Anyway he's fine now and assumable in the U.S. Harold gave **five** Happy Bucks.

-**Craig Haupt's** mom was hospitalized for pain. **Craig's** wife, Diane, was really great with her help for his mom. Mom is doing "so much better." Great.

Raffle: **Nan Jacobs** won the right to try to pick the bell-like thing in the pot, and was ultimately successful, giving \$15.00 back to the Club from the winnings. Praise heard thorough the hall.

-**Bill Gordin** has some Financials for our Board, but a new system and presentation format will be installed prior to the next Board meeting in March..

-**Carole Thoming** was the "Secret Greeter: at this meeting.

-**"Woolgrowers" dinner on Thursday, May 7th, in Los Banos.** Be there by 6:30 p.m. or you cannot enter. See **Carole Thoming** for details.

-**Loretta Menshew's** birthday was on the day of this meeting being reported, and her husband, "Al" was her proxy to receive a a "harmonious" (Al's request) rendition from us of *Happy Birthday*. Everyone co-operated, so it was just that. A guest, Reverend Darius Crosby, lead the song which may also have had an influence on us. They went to the "coast" for three days to celebrate. "Beautiful weather", Al said.

-**Perry Bosshart** and his wife, Madeleine, celebrated **47 years** of marriage. They went out to dinner to celebrate. Congratulations!

-As part of **Jeremiah's** "Black History and Heritage" month, he had three guests at our meeting: Reverend Darius Crosby, Al Brewster (youth minister at Rev. Crosby's church) and a dynamic younger man named Michael Baldwin. Reverend Crosby' motto from his father (I hope I have this correct) is "Who you are, is determined by what you do, not what you say." They led us in singing "Amen, Amen, Amen" loudly and in tune, a first for Kiwanis. Michael is an actor, poet, and singer. Reverend Crosby had a book he has written, "Images from Elsewhere" about his life, details of which he gave us when he came here a few yers ago, and today. Michael is a person from Chicago who spent 23 years in California prisons, whose release date was advanced significantly due to good conduct. He has a deep, religious aspect to him that is fulfilled by song and his quiet personality, but when he gave a short story about his life, it was literally spell-binding in intensity, language, and from his heart. **Jeremiah Williams'** "Black History month" ended on the high level it was all month long: WELL DONE!

Hugh Brereton