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Jan 4 Jerry Jackman

Jan 11 Hugh Brereton

Jan 18 John Hertle

Jan 25 Jerry Jackman

Still Need More Scribes

GREETERS

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

SPEAKERS

Jan 4 – No Speaker – Board Meeting

Jan 11 John Field – History of Bikes

Jan 18 - Unknown at Printing

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Don Ahrens	John Thoming

A small but spirited group of Kiwanians crowded around two tables. It was disappointing that **Carole Thoming** was, once again, the only woman present.

Ron Freitas led the pledge of allegiance. **Don Ahrens** succeeded in getting our crew to sing a much better than average God Bless America. **Carole** gave a thoughtful invocation.

Initially it appeared that we had neither a birthday nor anniversary to celebrate today. As we got into Happy and Sad “bucks” **Craig Haupt** acknowledged that he had both a birthday and an anniversary. (Did I get that right?)

To make it interesting **Craig** had \$62 added to his tab and got the four admittedly bald guys to sing happy birthday to him. **Paul, Don, Ron, and Jerry** did a pretty good job if I do say so myself. Craig also tossed in a few dollars in appreciation of the time at his mountain cabin with family. They enjoyed the snow and his young granddaughter.

John Hertle is happy to have a visit from his daughter with granddaughter who is now 20 months old. He tossed in sad bucks because of the expense of having to fence off the patio at his office due to encroachment by homeless folk. And big **John** was not happy to have gashed his head on an illegally low roof vent installed by a tenant. Ouch!

John Thoming was surprised when a tooth fell out. He was happy to have saved the money he’d have paid to have it pulled. **Carole Thoming’s** mother is 98 today! **Carole** appreciated Holiday visits from her daughter and her grandson from Colorado Springs.

Don Ahrens, our climatologist, expressed our happiness that the winter days have begun to lengthen. He said January 4th the earth is closest to the sun but its cold because our northern hemisphere is cocked back at an angle from the sun. Don added that the southern hemisphere is a bit warmer because it has more water area which absorbs the sun rays. He explained how a “tornadic waterspout” can actually cause a raining fish phenomenon.

Harold Petersen was sad because he went to two Bank of America branches which were both closed. What is this world coming to!

Charlie Nguyen was happy to have pulled off a visit to the coast extending from Monterey to Santa Cruz. He was shocked by the cost of a place to stay and settled for a motel in Watsonville which still cost \$150.

Paul Hearst is both happy and sad. He's going to be away for 3 weeks. The most enjoyable part of the time they will be in Cancun, Mexico.

The late **Bill Gordin**, our club treasurer, brought gifts for all in the form of statements of our dues over recent months. I was pleasantly surprised to see the meal charge at \$15. He will be happy to accept payment ASAP. Bill is also happy that both the Raiders and 49ers managed to win their football games. That doesn't happen often.

Club President John Field was wearing sandals despite the chilly weather. His "lame" excuse was that he dropped a shelf on his foot. His condition has made it difficult for him to play pickle ball. **John** is happy to have his teenage grandson paint ½ his house. The boy is saving money to buy his first car. **John's** water heater went out. He solved the problem by installing an "on demand" water heater. It works almost instantly.

Don popped up again with a joke. It was about 3 Nuns. It was funny. You should have been there. See you next week!

Charlie had the ticket drawn in the raffle. However he pulled out a clear marble when what he preferred was the black one. Sorry **Charlie!**

Jerry Jackman
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