

# MODESTO KIWANIS

## Bulletin

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### EDITORS ROTATION SCHEDULE

Feb 15 Hugh Brereton

Feb 22 Jerry Jackman

### Still Need More Scribes

#### GREETERS

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

#### SPEAKERS

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1. The President called us together for lunch. **Anhviet (Charlie) Nguyen** led us in the Pledge, **Jeremiah Williams** led us in the Song, and Pastor Crosby led us in the Invocation. Thanks you, guys!
  
2. Fallon Farris (?) was a guest of the Club. Her job is as an Equity Intervention (?) person for Modesto City Schools. Her family moved from the Bay Area when she was 7, and she was educated in Modesto schools. She has a Master's degree in Marketing and Communications. She has a job in Southern California at Disneyland for some years. She has just started her own non-profit business. Very interesting person. (I hope I recited her accomplishments correctly.)
  
3. We had various Pastors as our guests today.
  - Pastor Darius Crosby*, who had lived now in Modesto for 29 years, is a pastor for police and law enforcement. -*Pastor Vernon Jones* and *Pastor Wright* rounded out the group. Pastor Wright is the oldest pastor in Modesto -*Pastor John Griffin* is with MJC as a program assistant. He helps students become aware of what programs can assist them while at MJC, i.e., available benefits, mentoring, and as an administrator available for the students.
  - Thanks to **Jeremiah Williams** for arranging this great program.
  
4. **John Field** delivered the scholarship applications to the local high schools so that the counselors could review them with potential applicants. We have \$20,000 pot for scholarships, with approximately; \$2,000 for each student if all apply. Otherwise, it is applicants per school (one applicant can receive \$4,000). Community service and then Key Club work are favorably applied as credits
  
5. Feb. 28th, **Jeremiah Williams** announced, is the next 4th of July Parade meeting, which will be at Buzz and Nancy Rasmussen's home at 1117 Wickford Circle (near Lakewood School)
  
6. One of the Pastors told of a story when a number of them went from Modesto "back-East" many years ago. The local pastor told each one to hug someone "of a different skin color". A white pastor hugged Pastor Crosby as "he had not hugged a black man."

7. **Mike Kumler** went to Monterey last week where it was very pretty on a beautiful day. He felt really good about his decision to go!

8. **Jerry Jackman** was a hero! During the Super Bowl their microwave caught on fire, during the third quarter while Sandy was cooking. Lots of smoke was coming from the front door and Sandy had a wet towel to give to **Jerry** to run *inside to unplug the microwave and open the windows* to let the smoke out. He used the towel to help him breathe. He's glad the house is ok. And, he is a hero, just ask Sandy!

9. **Craig Haupt** has tickets for you to sell for the Crab Feed. See him also to volunteer to work that weekend; various options for work periods are open.

10. **John Field** paid **Bill Gordin and Craig Haupt** for his losing his Super Bowl bet. He paid \$10.00 each for the loss of a bet.

11. **John Field's** wife, Christine, also had surgery to replace a knee. She's doing so well that she no longer uses the walker, but has graduated to a cane. He is very excited about that, because Christine is also his pickle ball partner. Glad to see she's doing so well!

12. **Jeremiah Williams**, his daughter, and wife, Nancy, all travelled to Missouri to visit Jeremiah's mother who is in hospice. The visit went well as his Mother was very hospitable and enjoyed their coming.

13. One of the pastors told of his childhood memories of flare family meals with many relatives, friends and neighbors coming over for the meal. They have "soul food", which is "food which is good for the soul." His father's meal favorite was red beans and rice, with smoked ham hocks. All cooked with spices, etc. so everyone and their favorite. Verbal discourse covered many topics, giving those in attendance various alternatives as to education, jobs, friendly advice, etc. Meals included pecan pies, turkey, and meat from game hunted by his father, with "old" style black music. The conversation included all present and many topics. Those who admitted to poor choices advised the younger ones of the importance of work and education to avoid prison, and to make good plans on the future. This is what "Black History" was for the speaker. His father had started many businesses and could give good advice for the future. "Project Up-Lift" is a program to mentor young men to get an education and jobs.

He also said his grandmother would take some of the food to Oakland for the Black Panther party for breakfasts for youngsters before they go to school, "because if you are hungry, you won't learn"

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