

# MODESTO KIWANIS



## Bulletin

(Informer)

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### EDITORS ROTATION SCHEDULE

Mar 8 Hugh Brereton  
Mar 15 Jerry Jackman  
Mar 22 John Hertle  
Mar 29 Hugh Brereton

### Still Need More Scribes

#### GREETERS

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

#### SPEAKERS

Mar. 8 Birds of CA - Dr. Peter Lee  
Mar. 15 Donna Linder - Elections  
Mar 22 Fallen Ferris - Youth Importance  
Mar 29 Cheryl Schrock - Alzheimer's  
Apr. 5 'April Fools' Board Meeting

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

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Hugh Brereton	Jeremiah Williams
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-The Pledge was led by **Charlie Nguyen. Don Ahrens** led us in “America the Beautiful”. And our **President, John Field**, led us win the Prayer. We were thus ready to proceed with the meeting.

**Craig Haupt** read off the potential ticket sales, and we are doing well, especially the **Thomings, John Field, Don Ahrens, Craig Haupt, Bill Gordin, Dan Fitzgerald, and Paul Hearst**. Keep up the good work!

-**Harold Petersen**, the proud grandfather, says his grandson, the hockey/baseball player worked out with NHL people present.

-Key Club called **Craig Haupt**, volunteering to work at the Crab and Chippino Fest. He felt they would be helpful on Saturday evening passing out meals and for clean-up

-High School scholarship applications are coming in, **John Field** reported. He is especially pleased that it averages two scholarship applications per school

-Recent passing's of Greater Modesto Kiwanis Club were reported in the Bee:

**Dave Ristau; Dave Rettig of Rettig Bros.; Al Autry** (Lt. Gov., baseball player, Bee writer); and, **Charles Niemann** (past President and Lt. Governor). May they rest in peace)

-**John Hertle** received a phone call that it was snowing at Pine Mountain Lake, so he drove up to ready the cabin for cold and snow, and then, on the same day, drove back to Modesto. I guess he loves his Tesla.

-**Craig Haupt** was not a ghost at the meeting: his trip to Florida to golf with a good friend was going to be without golf, so he figured the long trip, expenses, etc. and no golf, doomed the trip. Hopefully his friend feels better and they can do it later.

-Chris Field had a birthday recently, so we gave her a typical “Club” rendition of “Happy Birthday” which almost, but not quite, rendered her speechless. Mr. Haupt led us in this musical(?) task. She is doing really well after the latest surgery. John took her to three special dinners, and grandkids were present at one.

**-Paul Hearst** gave a blood sample, and then received a phone call that they needed another donation as the first didn't work out. So he went AGAIN. Hope all is well

**-Don Ahrens** is the father of a young daughter, Ashlynn, who is graduating from Downey High School this year. She loves music and is a member of five bands, and is in the Band.. She needs to memorize all those songs. She had written about 15 songs for the bands. She loves Broadway and performing. Plays the bass. Right to be PROUD!

**-Jerry Jackman** has some seven boxes of old books for the Modesto Library's Friends of the Modesto Library Book drive. They are coming to pick them up

-For the many years that **Carole and John Thoming** have sold a lot (!) of fundraiser tickets, which benefit the local students with scholarships, we are doing to have the "**Carole and John Thoming Scholarship**" for the Charter School in Tracy funded by those ticket sales where their son is the principal. You guys deserve it! Thanks for your efforts.

-Peter Lee was our program, showing slides of his high quality photographs of birds in our area. He recently received the Association of Photographers (?) award for the quality of his photographs. He has written a book with photographs of the *Birds of California*. He also recited a poem about seeing and appreciating the birds that are around you. Good program.

Scribe of the Day

Hugh Brereton

## Note From Editor

This is Erik Niemann. I wanted to let the Modesto Kiwanis know that my Dad **Charles Niemann** passed away Friday morning, March 4, 2022.

He was 85. As you know he's been living with my mom Ingrid for the past 20 years in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. I remember visiting you at the Modesto Kiwanis a few times over the years. He was very proud to be the Lt. Governor in 2000-2001 I believe.

Here is a link to **Charles** obituary.

<https://hedgesscottfuneralhomes.com/tribute-ajax/print-obituary.html?id=3979>

A shorter version of this obituary should be in Sunday's (March 13) Modesto Bee. The service is on Saturday, March 12 at 9am Pacific time. It will be shown on Zoom for anyone who would like to watch. A Youtube copy will be available a little later.

Charles treasured the time he spent with your club and the friends he had there.

Warm regards, Erik Niemann (Fresno, CA)

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**CRAB & CIOPPINO DINNER**

**Saturday, March 19, 2022**

**Graffiti USA Classic Car Museum**

**610 N. 9th St, Modesto**

*Pick-up Dinner between 4:00 - 7:00 PM*

*Serving Crab, Cioppino, Salad & Portuguese Bread*

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**Donation: \$60  
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