

MODESTO KIWANIS



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April 12th Jerry Jackman
April 19th Hugh Brereton
April 26th John Hertle

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GREETERS

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

SPEAKERS

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Ron Freitas got us in gear by leading the pledge. **Don Ahrens** was alone today as **Jeremiah** was late arriving. **Don** got a fair version of God Bless America out of the group.

This meeting felt unusual. Attendance was up, nearly 20 in total. It wasn't an interclub so who were these handsome unfamiliar people? **Kyle Barker**, (we all know **Kyle**, or thought we did) introduced his wife Julie, his daughter Kimberly and her husband Ricky Martinez. Club

President John Field introduced his spouse of 42 years, Christine.

Carole Thoming reminded us the special Woolgrowers dinner will be May 19th.

John Field noticed Jeremiah's late arrival by saying he "missed the best song we ever had."

Mr. Williams announced that MJC will be honored as Grand Marshal of the July 4th parade and that the new MJC president will speak at our next meeting.

Bill Gordin slipped in late. He's finishing up doing people's taxes.

We went directly to Happy and Sad "bucks":

John Thoming rolled out several dollars. I missed the reasons except that he caught oil stock prices at a high point and sold them.

Jim Mesquit was glad to be with us again.

Craig Haupt said he is confused. He forked out \$10 and said he has been getting ready for his son's wedding in Carson City on June 18th. He was unable to find a bus to convey guests from downtown to the venue which has limited parking. He had to settle for an 8 passenger van and also use their personal cars. **Craig** is an expert at "prep" work.

Ron Freitas has returned from two weeks in Hawaii. where they celebrated 47 years of marriage. **Ron** tossed in \$50. Thanks!

John Hertle, the proud driver of a Tesla EV, said he's happy that he doesn't have to buy expensive gas or oil. He added a sad buck because his "yard man" got covid forcing **John** to mow his own lawn.

Kyle Barker said he feels better about his memory and confusion. We would learn why later.

John Field is happy that Christine has recovered and again able to practice playing pickle ball with him.

The drawing amount was only \$25 dollars because of last week's winner. **Julie Barker** had the right ticket but didn't pull the winning ball.

Our special speaker was Kimberly Martinez. She gave a fast paced presentation about the 501c3 group which she began officially in 2017. It is "Grace is the Key" a Christian service organization centered on activities at James Marshall park on Sutter Street in west Modesto. The activities of the group are presented in a colorful brochure which was placed on each table. They consistently provide services, particularly food, to homeless and others, largely children who live in the low income area where Kimberly grew up. Over 200 children participated in Christmas in the park. They routinely serve 60 children each week. Most interesting to us was her very personal story. She was one of six children. Her mother ran a day care center and the man she was told was her father was a truck driver. When she graduated from high school she was asked where she was going to college. That hadn't been considered because the family had little money. Her life was difficult for many years. It wasn't until 2012, following divorce, that she was able to attend and complete college. She and John married a few years ago and they now own and operate a janitorial service with 140 employees in Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Alameda counties.

Here's the BIGGEE! Kimberly is the daughter of **Kyle Barker** who explained that it wasn't until his son did DNA testing and informed him that he had a lost sister living in the Modesto area. Kyle realized the story rang true and attempted to contact Kimberly through Facebook. She thought he was a stalker, a persistent one. She texted her mother that "there's a guy who thinks I am his daughter. Do you know anything about this? The two word response was "I'm sorry." So Kyle and Kimberly got together and their lives are wonderfully enriched. She is a vivacious, attractive, and loving woman with an exceptional story to tell.

You should have been there.
Jerry Jackman
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