

MODESTO KIWANIS

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EDITORS ROTATION SCHEDULE

December 14 - Jerry Jackman

December 21 - Hugh Brereton

December 28 - John Hertle

Still Need More Scribes

GREETERS

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

SPEAKERS

Dec.14 Modesto Symphony

Dec 21 Michael Bolden

Dec 28 'Dark' No Meeting

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Hugh Brereton	Jeremiah Williams
Dan Fitzgerald	Harold Petersen
Don Ahrens	John Thoming

A lineup of 3 tables rimmed with Kiwanians and guests began the meeting with good feelings. **Dan Fitzgerald** led the pledge of allegiance despite the lack of a flag. **Jeremiah Williams** managed to coax a better than average effort as we sang "My Country 'tis of Thee". Club President **John Field** led a somber prayer.

Jeremiah shocked us all by announcing that **Jan Jaeger** died of ovarian cancer this week at age 66. **Jan** has been a dedicated and much loved advisor to the club sponsored Key Clubs. She had been living with her son, Jonathon, who will inform us of plans for a memorial service.

Yet another model Kiwanian, **Terry McGrath**, died on December 9th. **Terry** was among our most senior members and always a warm, spirited man. He attended regularly until his health failed in recent weeks. His wife, **Pat Glatke**, is arranging a memorial service for late in January. We bowed our heads in a moment of silence.

Because we did have a speaker **John** began the happy and sad bucks even before lunch was served. Several members made donations and expressed sadness at the loss of **Jan and Terry**.

Several members also tossed in a buck as they told of how much they enjoyed the recent party at the home of **John Hertle**. **Carol Thoming** is happy that she was able to get a tooth crowned through the skilled work of **Dr. John Field**.

Visiting Kiwanis **Past Lt, Governor, Lori Rosman**, expressed her sadness at the loss of **Terry and Jan**. She said Key Club members will be very sad to hear of **Jan's** passing. Her dedication to their clubs, over many years, was extraordinary.

Bill Gordin has a \$2.99 donation for his enjoyment of the Christmas party and a 1 cent token of disappointment at the latest Raiders loss.

Hugh Brereton recalled that decades ago **Terry** was president of the local 20/30 club. He showed his fondness for **Terry's** humor and recalled that his stated club ambition was to be the immediate past president.

John Hertle expressed appreciation for his wife, Mary Ellen, who did most of the work involved in having the successful party at their home.

Announcements:

Lori told us of the extraordinary generosity of North Modesto Kiwanis which spends 8 thousand dollars annually classified as “spiritual aims.” The recent food distribution to 40 families included 140 children! Kids books and a basket of art products were also given. One carefully selected girl from a very poor family in South Modesto was given a doll and a basket of doll clothes.

Mark Davis also expressed an example of generosity but I was unable to hear him.

The program was an enlightening speech about the Modesto Symphony about to begin its 91st year. Caroline Nickel explained how Symphony members will be involved in selecting a new music director. She informed us how the Symphony has taken on extensive educational commitments because “music has fallen off the curriculum” in local public schools. They will provide 5 concerts in 2022.

Jerry Jackman – Scribe of the Day