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Feb 5 Jerry Jackman
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Feb 19 Terry McGrath
Feb 26 Jerry Jackman

GREETERS

Jan 29 Terry McGrath & Al Menshew
Feb 5 Jim Mesquit & Karen Peterson
Feb 12 Jake Sonke & Erika Townsend
Feb 19 Margaret Trammell & Roger Vogelzang
Feb 26 Jeremiah Williams & Joyce Aakerlund

NEXT WEEK SPEAKERS

Jan 29 - Tony Madrigal - City Council

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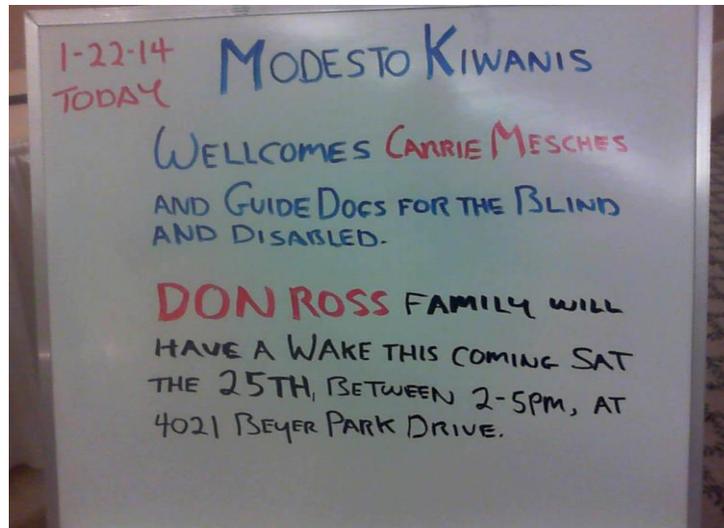
1st Year DIRECTORS

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2nd Year DIRECTORS

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President Jim Mesquite began the meeting with a Moment of Silence for our recently deceased Club Secretary, **Don Ross**, and **Al Menshew** gave a touching and meaningful prayer for him and his family.

Don will be definitely be missed by all of our members, and his good work and knowledge of what made Kiwanis tick and how to handle its procedures on a continuing basis over many years helped our Club and some of its members to become Distinguished. He also was a Distinguished Secretary.

The man was accomplished. I only hope that I can give accurate details. As I understand, he was a retired city planner in the South Bay, I believe Los Gatos, and then in Escalon. He was also performing that work in relief and on a contract basis. He was quite proud of what he had accomplished.

He was also a retired reserve enlisted man in the Navy, as I recall a Master Chief, the highest rank one can achieve with full top and bottom rocker insignias and two stars above. His specialty was as a yeoman, and he served on aircraft carriers and other ships, as well as on land.

He also really enjoyed trains, especially riding them to Chicago where he was raised and still had family, and to Seattle where a child lived. He took his granddaughter on one of these trips, and he felt she enjoyed it.

He also loved his family, no more shown than while his daughter recently was hospitalized. You could hear the emotion in his voice when he spoke of her.

*It will be very hard to replace him. Probably, it will take two members to handle what he did. He will be sorely missed, both as a very good member and as a really good man. Many members spoke of **Don**, donating "sad bucks".*

The family is hosting a "Celebration of Life" for Don this Saturday, January 25th, at their home at 4021 Beyer Park Drive from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please try to make it and show how much we feel thankful of his efforts for the Club and that our thoughts are with his family.

We will need a new secretary (or maybe two persons) to perform the task. Past Lt. Gov. and CALNEVHA Governor **Bob Wyckoff** of the Oakdale Club is willing to mentor the replacement(s).

Anthony Butera and Ugo Lea are chairing the Scholarship committee for this year, as **Steve Grenbeaux** has resigned from the committee. Their selections will be made soon; if you want to assist them, please contact them soon to volunteer.

Our *Big Membership Meeting* for prospective members under Membership chair **Pat Glatke** will be on **March 5th**. She asks that members contact a person they feel will be a likely candidate for membership, or if one wishes, she will contact those persons about whom she has been given information as possible members. She suggests we have a diversity in those being contacted. We are now primarily a retired person organization and could use working people with various backgrounds and employment. Chris Murphy will be the speaker, which should be a good, rousing presentation for our prospective members. She asks we bring copies of past Kiwanis magazines so we can pass out copies to the prospective members. We will need a head-count for the Seasons for meals. Go out and recruit! We need members.

We purchased a Kiwanis Family House brick for **Don Ross** today at the meeting. A fitting tribute. Good work!

March 1st is the District Convention in San Ramon.

Jan Jaeger is willing to do the heavy-lifting with the three Key Clubs (Beyer, Modesto, and Gregori) but needs members to attend their meetings. Karen Peterson said the meetings are usually 15-20 minutes long, and without one of our members present, the meeting does not count. She also feels that as most events are in Modesto, she probably will not need drives very often, but Sonora and Riverbank may have Key Clubs

which could increase the need for drivers. A “thanks **Jan** for all you do” was given to **Jan** by all present.



Pat Glatke won the marble drawing (\$85.00) and gave half to the Kiwanis Family House. Classy. **Terry McGrath** golfed in Palm Springs and had only a happy buck.



Our speaker was a puppy trainer for the San Rafael Guide Dogs for the Blind organization. She said they receive the dog at about 5 months old, train them in household habits (where and when to relieve themselves and gain basic obedience training). They return to the Guide Dog entity at 15 months of age for final selection, training, and assignment to be blind person. The vet bills, etc. are paid by Guide Dogs.

The greater Stanislaus county area has the most guide dog raising families in California.
Good program.

