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Mar 19 Jerry Jackman
Mar 26 Anthony Butera

GREETERS

Mar 19 George Frederickson & Ron Freitas
Mar 26 Pat Glatke & Steve Grenbeaux

NEXT WEEK SPEAKERS

March 19 - Michele Mills - Delta Blood Bank

March 26 - Jim North - Membership Chairman

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Meeting was off to a late start as **Prez. JIM** kept hoping that more people would show up, but was forced to start with about 14 people in the room. 4 or 5 stragglers actually showed up a little on the late side.

The Pledge, Song and Prayer were handled and the meeting was off !!!

Prez JIM asked for announcements and since we are a really busy club right now, there were several upcoming projects to talk about.

First , we need to again mention the passing of our own **FINN A.** last Saturday **JOYCE A.** announced that there will be a 'celebration of his life' for **FINN** on Saturday March 22 starting at 11:00. at their home. RSVP (524-6854) so she can have enough food. etc. on hand. This is a catered event, so food is not needed, although a few bottles of wine will probably show up. It was nice to have **JOYCE A.** at the meeting with us today.

JAN J. reminded us that our Key Clubs are having their car wash this Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Pep Boys parking lot on McHenry. If you have car wash tickets from last month's rained-out car wash, they're still good, so come on down. I can't think of a better way to spend \$5 to help support our Key Clubs (plus you get a clean car).

KIWANIS ONE DAY will be held this year on April 26th. It will once again involve the "Kids Against Hunger" program just like we did last year. If you'll remember, all 3 of the Modesto Kiwanis Clubs, along with all 8 of Modesto's Key Clubs, worked together and packaged 20,000 meals, designed to give families in desperate need a nourishing meal.

(last year 90 % went to Haiti and 10 % was taken to the Salvation Army here in Modesto) This took 50-60 people about 5/6 hours and was really a worthwhile project. We all went home feeling like we had done something good. The sign up sheet was passed around, and will be available to sign up for the next few weeks. Mark your schedule for Saturday April 26th and come out for a few hours and help. Call PAT G. (985-7156) for more info.

May 18th, Sunday, is our annual Pancake Breakfast. This is almost a MUST ATTEND event ,as all hands are needed from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. That includes set up and clean up time. But first, before you need to sign up, you also get the opportunity to sell breakfast tickets. \$7 adult and \$5 child should be an easy sell. This will likely be our only event this year that requires you to contact all of your friends and relatives and encourage them to come out for a really good breakfast. You can tell them that if they buy these tickets, you promise to not try and sell them anything else for a year !!! Who could refuse an offer like that ??

KAREN P. announced that there is a DCM in Merced on March 20th at 6:00 p.m. For you novices in the group, that is a District Council Meeting. It gives us the chance to meet and visit with the 16 other clubs in our Division. Speaking of Div 46, it was announced last week that our Div 46 won the Distinguished Division award for 2012/13. We were one of 17 Divisions that won out of the 44 Divisions in our Cal-Nev-Ha District. Also, our own Modesto Club won Distinguished **President (KAREN P.)** and **Distinguished Secretary (DON ROSS)**. Quite an honor bestowed on us . Oh, did I also mention that our own Lt. Gov. also reached the Distinguished Honor for 2013-14 **(TERRY M.)** There will be more 'formal' announcements regarding these honors to follow later in the year, but I did want the members to know that our efforts are recognized and appreciated.

PAT G. reported that last week's Membership Meeting had 8 potential new members, plus 4 other guests, and was a resounding success. One potential joined and paid that same day, and there are several others that are still considering it. All in all, a very well received event. **PAT G.** thanked all that helped carry this off. She will be following up with these 'potential members' and report back.

Speaking of potential members, we had a lady walk in off the street to join us for lunch today. Seems she has heard about our club and is thinking seriously about joining. WOW, you never know where the next new member is coming from. **PAT G.** urges all to keep asking your contacts in town. You just can't depend on all of them walking in the door. Membership growth is a year round project and needs all of us to make it work.



HUGH B. also introduced another potential member who was not available to come last week. Don Ahrens wanted to thank this club for a scholarship that he received from this club 50 YEARS AGO to help him attend MJC. He just retired from a teaching career at MJC and wanted us to know that our Scholarship Program is meaningful to a great many people. It was kind of nice to have him show up to say “Thank You”. Let’s see if **HUGH B.** can convince him to join us.....

ERICKA T. brought back an Auction Item from somewhere and after some ‘spirited’ bidding was sold to our guest Don Ahrens for \$21 big ones.

JERRY J. threw in a Happy Buck as his son has moved back to Fairbanks , Alaska

NAN J. paid a sad buck as she had to leave before the program.



Speaking of the program, **MARGARET T.** introduced Rocci Barsotti, who is District Chairman for the Eliminate Program. He came to us from Concord, CA. It seems his wife, Patti, who is our International Kiwanis Trustee, was scheduled to be the program, but had a last minute scheduling problem. Rocci stepped in and gave us some updated information on the world-wide Eliminate Project. World-wide, Kiwanis has pledged to raise \$110 Million by the end of next year (when Kiwanis celebrates its 100th Birthday). To date, we have raised almost \$50 million, so we are well on our way to achieving our goal. Rocci is asking all clubs and all members to give what they can individually, and wants clubs to hold ‘special’ fund raisers to help reach the goal.

Project Eliminate is simple a project that will “Eliminate” Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus from the face of the earth. Every 9 minutes a baby dies from tetanus. This disease has already been eliminated from more than 30 countries since 2010. This requires vaccines, training of health workers and more. Just 3 doses of the immunization---costing roughly US\$ 1.80 can protect a mother and her future babies. Now we need to reach them, often in places that are remote, impoverished and invisible to the world.

The Eliminate Project is Kiwanis International family’s biggest campaign for children yet. But it is not our first. And we are not alone. In 1994, Kiwanis and UNICEF joined forces for a worldwide service project to virtually eliminate iodine deficiency disorder, at that time the world’s leading cause of preventable mental disability. Together, Kiwanis family members raised nearly US\$100 million. Those funds are at work today in more than 103 countries, savings the world billions of IQ points and improving the lives of millions of children who are now born free of IDD each year.

Kiwanis and UNICEF have done it before. Together, we’re doing it again !
The next time the “Eliminate” bottle comes by your table, reach past the small change, you’ll discover that big bills can be folded and will fit in the bottle as well. !!

Another good meeting.
See you all next week, Terry



Finn Aakerlund

Obituary



OCT.15,1940-MAR.8,2014

Finn Aakerlund (Åakerlund) passed away with his family by his side on Saturday, March 8th. Finn was born in Denmark on October 15, 1940 to Viggo and Gudrun Åakerlund. He served his country proudly in the Denmark Air Force. Later in life Finn came to the US in 2006, and resided in the Modesto area. He retired after 35 years as an [electrical technician](#) in the medical field from Siemens Electronic. Finn enjoyed being an active member of his community. He was a member of the Modesto Kiwanis Club, he had a passion for building remote control airplanes, and enjoyed [fishing](#) and gardening in his spare time. Finn is preceded in death by his son, Claus Aakerlund. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Aakerlund, son, Mikael Aakerlund, daughter, Gitte Aakerlund and 8 grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held privately to honor Finn's life. www.cvobituaries.com



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