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PRINCESS LEIA VISITED THE CLUB



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AUGUST 26 MEETING

JIM VAUGHN VISITS

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OPENING

President Kathy opened at 12:15 as Nancy Weiden led us in "America", Andrea Alvarado led the Pledge, and Dave Bultena offered the blessing.

GUESTS

Former member Jim Vaughn was in the hall today. Jim is a Past-Secretary of the club. Judy Warren had Princess Leia, a Pomeranian-chihuahua mix called a "pomwawa" with her. The little fellow is in training as a hearing/signal dog.

KIWANIS SONGS

Songmistress Nancy had us go to #97, "Let There Be Peace On Earth" and then led us in a George M Cohan favorite: "You're A Grand Old Flag."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Pancake Breakfast Chairlady Andrea Alvarado reports that the planning is underway. She needs volunteers to help with the organizing...lots to do, as it comes up in two months. It's scheduled for October 25th...everyone should put it in their calendar.

Community Service Andrea also brought us up to date on Jack O Boyd projects. They have a lot to do, including priming and painting a water tank. She asked for and got support from the members present.

Sponsored Leadership Programs The annual Kiwanis/KIWAN'S picnic is Sunday, 20 August. Larry Mercado will host at his home. The Club is the host as this is our thank you for all the work they do.

Interclubs Russ McSwain wanted to go to Castle-Atwater this Thursday (27th) but got no support. We'll do it later. (Ed Note: Just as well. The scheduled

speaker, Congressman Dennis Cardoza, was a no show. Guess that makes Kiwanis as good as the rest of the community.)



"The Boys" sang to Nancy Weidenmiller as she celebrated her birthday.

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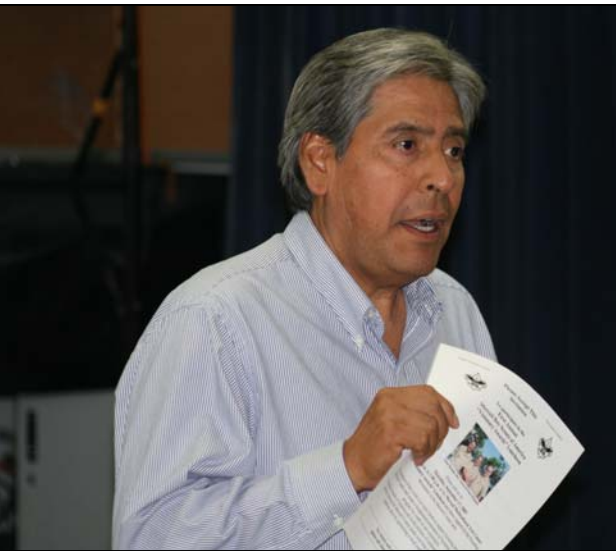
HAPPY AND SAD AND RECOGNITION

Nancy Weidenmiller was celebrating her birthday...all the boys sang for her. Jim North had celebrated his birthday at District Convention...had Lee Andersen sing to him (what a thrill!)

Secret Greeter today was Julio Valadez...among others, your FTSE paid up.

Dave Brown was \$H with a Vince McMillon update...going to work for a helicopter company...wonder how that ties in with kites? Elaine Parker was \$S that garden is winding down; \$H for stuff still coming in. Dave Bultena was \$H for a recent visit with his HS water polo coach. Russ McSwain generated a badge and pin check as he was \$S members didn't have on either. Lots paid up. Nancy Weidenmiller had \$\$H for birthday greetings from niece in Seattle. Kristal announced (\$) that Fernando's Bistro and Greater Merced will have wine tasting to benefit Kiddieland.

THE PROGRAM Past Lieutenant Governor Onis Lentz brought along Yosemite Council Boy Scout Chairman Luis de la Cruz to talk about scouting. The



Luis de la Cruz talks about Boy Scouts of America at the meeting today.

"Visionary Awards Luncheon" is scheduled to honor three individuals, including our own Lee Andersen.

Boys Scouts of America is one of the American traditions, same as Kiwanis is. The local budget is \$1.5 million, all of which stays local. The money goes to the Greater Yosemite Council to support scouting in the area.

THE DRAWING

\$12 each to Larry Mercado and Larry Mercado. He also took one of the Lotto tickets, along with Russ McSwain and Dave Brown.

CLOSING Kathy closed the meeting at 13:00.

APHORISMS

A short, pointed sentence expressing a wise or clever observation or a general truth.

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

Thanks to Mary Ann (Kramer) Bruno

Catholic Central High School (Springfield Ohio) Class of 1950

AUGUST 19 MEETING

THANKS TO ANDREA FOR TAKING NOTES

OPENING

President Kathy opened at 12:15 as Nancy Weidenmiller led us in "This Is My Country", Andrea Alvarado led the Pledge, and Russ McSwain offered the blessing.

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS & RECOGNITION

Mike Ryan was \$S not to make meetings, but \$H that he is now employed: he's the new insurance representative for Knights of Columbus. \$H for the family vacation to Washington (state).

Dave Brown was \$H to have his pilot license renewed, and \$H to be back.

Kristal Brown was \$S to report her Aunt in Idaho broke her arm; Grandmother off to take care of her.

Steve Wilson was \$H to have gotten \$2,500 for his old van. (*Editor Note: As I write this, it occurs to me that he must have gotten a new car...don't think the President got him for that!*)

Russ McSwain is now at Shewey Realty. Had \$S that broker Dave's son, Jerry, had an accident while working on his car...serious injuries.

Kathy was \$H for our speaker today.

Andrea Alvarado was \$H for her nephew's birthday.

Mike Ryan had an auction item. Gift from his trip to Washington where he had a "whale" of a good time. After spirited bidding, Robert Martinez bought it for \$14. (Reportedly a bag of whale parts.)

THE PROGRAM

Mae Pierini from Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) told us about Foster Youth Services and the Power of Partnership.

Nationally, within two years of leaving foster care 50% of foster youth will be homeless or incarcerated. At age 18 the youth are basically exited from the program. This program is designed to give foster youth life skills, further their education and give them employable skills.

Many Merced County organizations partner together to give experiences specific to students. Students learn teaching, supervisory, recreation leadership, and automotive skills, as examples.



Mae Pierini, Merced County Office of Education, spoke on post-foster care programs.

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Transition Employment and Life (TEAL) program seeks out and places foster youth students into the program. Students must create an entry portfolio, show up on time for interviews, and otherwise demonstrate a degree of responsibility for themselves. An example of the partnering is the participation of Parks and Recreation and Boys and Girls Club in the partnering. Community Action Agency became involved, allowing job shadowing for weatherization program and the youth are paid for their services. The program was expanded to shadow teachers.

Basically Foster Youth is to help refocus students. The mobility makes it hard for them. Many aren't eligible for military service. There is no limit of time a child can stay with a specific family, it depends on the agency. The reason some of these children end up in this area is that they have to get out of their environment (abusive family, gangs, etc.)

THE DRAWING

\$11 each to Jim North and Julio Sandoval. Lottos to Dave Brown, Larry Mercado, Silvana.

CLOSING

Kathy closed the meeting at 13:05.

BEA ANDERSON VISITS CLUB

Bea Anderson visited the club on July 19th. She had some Kiwanis items she found among Jay's things, and wanted to let us have them.

President Kathy had retrieved Jay's Kiwanis badge and presented it to Bea. Jay was a Past President of the club, and Past Lieutenant Governor of Division 5.



**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE
KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED
MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER ***

- 02 MEETING PROGRAM TBA**
- 09 MEETING PROGRAM TBA**
- 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA 6:00PM**
- 16 MEETING PROGRAM TBA**
- 23 MEETING PROGRAM TBA**
- 30 MEETING 6:00PM INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

OCTOBER

- 07 MEETING PROGRAM TBA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS**
- 14 MEETING PROGRAM TBA**
- 21 MEETING PROGRAM TBA**
- 25 PANCAKE BREAKFAST MERCED HIGH SCHOOL**
- 28 MEETING PROGRAM TBA**

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
CALIFORNIA NEVADA HAWAII DISTRICT
DIVISION 46**

- OCT 01 ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR BEGINS**

OOPS! OUR MISTAKE

(In the interest of honest, fair and accurate reporting, we will, when the occasion dictates, take note of errors in The Slant. We don't anticipate that happening very often, but we do anticipate that you will let us know when it does. That's OK...it lets us know someone really reads this stuff.)

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED

Founded February 5, 1929
 Meets Wednesday at 12:10 PM
 The Elks Club, 1910 M Street, Merced, CA

MISSION STATEMENT

The Kiwanis Club of Merced shall have a commitment to the youth of the world by service to the community.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

MEMBERSHIP

—ACTIVE—

MEMBER'S NAME

AFONSO, HERMAN
 AFONSO, MARIHELEN
 APPLING, BARBARA
 ALVARADO, ANDREA (Vern)
 ANDERSEN, LEE* (Ann)
 BRIGGS, SUSAN
 BROWN, DAVE (Kathy)
 BROWN, KRISTAL
 BULTENA, DAVID* (Maureen)
 KING, KEITH* (Shirley)
 LOGUE, BRUCE@ (Beverly)
 MAHACEK, RICHARD (Susan)
 MARTINEZ, ROBERT (Silvana)
 MCSWAIN, RUSS
 MERCANDO, LARRY*
 MERCANDO, MELISSA
 NORTH, JIM* +#* (Judy)
 PARKER, ELAINE

 RYAN, MICHAEL (Sam)
 SELLERS, SHEILA
 VALADEZ, JULIO
 WARREN, JUDY
 WEIDENMILLER, NANCY
 WILSON, STEVE* (Lisa)
 WYMAN, KATHY

PROFESSION

MERCED CNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF (RET)
 SUPERVISING RN VALLEY ST PRISON WOMEN
 MERCED CNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
 MERCED COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
 COUNTY SUPT OF SCHOOLS.
 DEP DIR MERCED CNTY COMM ACTION AGENCY

 TEACHER
 RET., MERCED COUNTY DIST. ATTY. OFFICE
 KEITH KING LAW OFFICES
 LEAD PASTOR LIFE SPRING CHURCH
 UC AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION (4H)
 BROKER EXIT REALTY INTERNATIONAL
 REAL ESTATE BROKER
 RETIRED

 JIM'S HOT DIGGETY DOGS; MAJOR (RET) USAF
 APPRAISER, MERCED APPRAISAL;
 COL (RET) USAF

 RETIRED EDUCATOR
 UNLIMITED WIRELESS (OWNER)
 CALIFORNIA CANINE ACADEMY (PRESIDENT)
 MAJOR (RET) USAF
 MERCED CITY FINANCE OFFICE
 MERCED COUNTY OFFICE OP EDUCATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets 1st Wednesday 6:00PM
 20 W 27th St Merced

President	Kathy Wyman
President Designate	Jim North
Secretary	Kristal Brown
Treasurer	Robert Martinez
Immediate Past Pres	Steve Wilson
2007-2009	2008-2010
Stuart Hayden	Barbara Appling
Elaine Parker	Dave Brown
Andrea Alvarado	Russ McSwain

KIWANIS FAMILY

International President
 Donald R Canaday
Governor, CalNevHa District
 Gregg Mason
Division 46 Lieutenant Governor
 Warren Riopel
CalNevHa Trustee (Region 12)
 James Hagen (Div 5)
Merced KIWIN'S
 Meng Vang, President
 Sam Xiong, Lt Governor (Sapphire)
Circle K UC Merced
 Ting Chou, President

(TOTAL ACTIVE THIS ISSUE: 25)
 (AS OF NOVEMBER 1 2008)

-SENIOR-

(TOTAL MEMBERSHIP THIS ISSUE: 25)

—HONORARY—

*Past President +Past Lt Gov #Life Member @Hixson Award

Distinguished Club 2006-2007

Area Kiwanis Clubs

Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced
 Kiwanis Club of Atwater-Winton
 Kiwanis Club of Castle-Atwater
 Key Club Golden Valley High School
 Key Club Merced High School
 Key Club Atwater High School
 KIWIN'S Merced High School

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KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED PAST PRESIDENTS

1929	Bill Cole*	1963	Bruce Burchell*	1996-1997	Dan Doody
1930	Val Preston* & Tom McSwain*	1964	Dr Jack Wright*	1997-1998	Don Stowell* & Mike Hernandez
1931	Earl Chapman*	1965	Judge Don Fretz	1998-1999	Vince McMillan
1932	D J Hersough*	1966	Fred Pfitzer*	1999-2000	Larry Mercado
1933	Dr James Hayes*	1967	Q D Jones	2000-2001	Joy Miller
1934	Everett Shively*	1968	Jay Andersen	2001-2002	Ron Ringstrom
1935	Clyde Coats*	1969	William DeSimone*	2002-2003	Graham Sorensen
1936	H S Burns* & E E Danneker*	1969-1970	Keith King	2003-2004	Stuart Hayden
1937	M Jean Wybndelts* & Sid Thorington*	1970-1071	Wayne Symes* & Burton "Burt" Fogelberg*	2004-2005	Arlynne Hall
1938	Cecil C Anderson*	1971-1972	Marvin Sanders*	2005-2006	Stefani Hager
1939	John J Fluetsch*	1972-1973	Jack Williamson	2006-2007	James W "Jim" North
1940	Howard Manchester*	1973-1974	Wayne Symes*	2008-2008	Steve Wilson
1941	Walter Knapp*	1974-1975	Alvin Miller		
1942	Victor J Reich*	1975-1976	Henry DuPertuis		
1943	Eldrige Barrett*	1976-1977	William Liege		
1944	Dr Bill Heitman	1977-1978	Dave Bultena		
1945	Sheldon Jackson*	1978-1979	Eddie H Doremus*		
1946	Pat Remington*	1979-1980	Herman Olson*		
1947	Kenneth McSwain*	1980-1981	Dr William Stockard		
1948	L C "Bud" Jirsa*	1981-1982	Jim Farley		
1949	Harvey Garst*	1982-1983	Roland "Matty" Mathieu		
1950	Larry Davis*	1983-1984	James W "Jim" North		
1951	William Duffus*	1984-1985	Delbert Berline		
1952	Willis Stribling*	1985-1986	Harold "Cass" Casaletto*		
1953	Dr Henry "Doc" May- tum*	1986-1987	Charles "Chuck" Beiswanger		
1954	Edgar Flinders*	1987-1988	Dalton Davis		
1955	Ivan McMillan*	1988-1989	Art Cardoza		
1956	Ralph Shannon*	1989-1990	Osto Heath*		
1957	Melvin Peletz*	1990-1991	Ed Taylor*		
1958	Trent Harrington*	1991-1992	Randy Henkle		
1959	Floyd Shelby*	1992-1993	Jeannie (Fluetsch) Bliss		
1960	Howard McCulloch*	1993-1994	Steve Wilson		
1961	Edward McGarry*	1994-1995	Lee Andersen		
1962	Eldon Callister*	1995-1996	Debbie Parker		

KIWANIS CLUB OF MERCED PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

1948	Clyde Coats* (5)	1973-1974	Jay Anderson (5)
1958	Kenneth McSwain* (5)	1987-1988	James W "Jim" North (46)

DIVISION 46

Warren Riopel, Lieutenant Governor (Turlock)

Atwater-Winton	La Nita's 2683 Shaffer Rd ATW	Tuesday 12:00 (11:45 to order)	Ray Fitchett prfitchett@yahoo.com
Castle-Atwater	Casablanca Restaurant 2811 Shaffer Rd ATW	Thursday 12:00	George Brown geb1930@sbcglobal.net
Greater Ceres	Las Cascada 2704 Mitchell Rd CER	Tuesday 12:00	Tony Dewinkle tonydewinkle@att.net
Greater Merced	Elks Lodge 1910 M St MER	Monday 12:00	Shay Lopez marketing@merco.org
Greater Modesto	Appetez Restaurant 825 Roseburg MOD	Tuesday 12:00	John Hill jwhhome@sbcglobal.net
Greater Sonora	Pinetree Restaurant 19601 Hess (at Mono Way) SON	Tuesday 07:00	James P Brown JimAndDot@mlode.com
Greater Turlock	Latif's Restaurant 111 N Golden St TUR	Friday 06:45	Audrey Lopes-Dermond alopes-dermond@agloan.com
Groveland	Foothills Comunity Ch 18717 Main St GRO	Tuesday 17:30 (No Meal)	Al Smith asmith@mlode.com
Los Banos	Country Waffles 845 W Pacheco LBS	Tuesday (2nd, 3rd, 4th) 12:00	Gloria Mendonca gloria28@sbcglobal.net
Mariposa	Happy Burger Hwy 140 & 13th MAR	Tuesday 1st: 18:00 Others: 12:00	Eleanor Keuning keuning@sti.net
Modesto	The Seasons 945 McHenry MOD	Wednesday 12:00	
North Modesto	Elks Lodge 645 Charity Way MOD	Wednesday 06:45	
Oakdale	Almond Tree Rest 831 East F St OAK	Tuesday 07:00	
Sonora	Pinetree Restaurant 19601 Hess (at Mono Way) SON	Friday 07:00	
Turlock	Home Town Buffet 1665 Countryside TUR	Tuesday 12:00	

OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

Adopted in Denver, June 17, 1924

*At The Kiwanis International
Convention*



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We were pleased to have former member Jim Vaughn
visiting us at the 26 August meeting.

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