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Bulletin

December 17, 2020 Meeting

Presiding:

President Robert Husman, called the meeting to order at 7:06am.

Pledge:

Eric Benson

Prayer:

Phil Fugit

Guests:

Rose Galloway.

Ryan Haynie – guest of Adrian Crane

Key Clubbers:

Zoei Quach

Keziah Vibieda

Montseratt Candelario

Dakota

Mirhon Whang

Isabella Mendoza

Lulalia Borba

Mariana Arella

Ian Villareal

Adrienne Sabob

Rose G

Ranuka Prakesh – Vanguard Advisor

Board Report: No board meeting this week



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Announcements:

*It was good to see Marci Boucher on the meeting with a big smile and new braces.

*Lori Alessi noted that the Kiwanis Family House is looking for donations. They are in need of things like bleach, paper towels, water, disinfectants, household cleaning products. If you are able to donate any items, please contact Lori right away and she will deliver them to the Kiwanis House next week.

*Judy Herrero announced the County Office of Education is looking for judges for the upcoming Academic Decathlon. They need interview and speech judges. This will take place virtually in January. Please contact Judy for more details to become a judge.

* Key Club is working on helping Veterans stay warm. They are looking for donations of gloves, beanies, socks, toe warmers, soap and bars of soap. Please deliver items to The Society for Disabilities, between 8-4:30pm.

*President Husman, asked the group for suggestions on what special things to do at next week's Christmas Eve, meeting. Adrian suggested a hot coco contest, sounds yummy. Please e-mail Robert with your ideas. Ho Ho Ho

*Dave Giddings and Jason Conway are at home recovering from the COVID-19 virus. Please keep them in your thoughts for a full and speedy recovery.

Events:

Vanguards Key Club, Annual Pajama Program from December 14-26. They are collecting new PJ's for people in need. Gently used PJ's OK, but they would prefer new.

Isabella Mendoza reported on the 'Battle of the Branches', January 16, 2021 from 2-4pm. This is a date change. Battle of the Branches has all levels of Kiwanis groups, competing virtually in games like, Escape Room, Trivia and Charades. Sign-up to compete for this fun event.

<https://tinyurl.com/EHS-KC-FB> which is Enochs Key Club webpage Facebook page to see more updates.

Birthdays:

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Happy Birthday, and many more to Ken Nolte 12/13 and Doug Tripp 12/15...miss seeing Doug at the meetings.

Wedding Anniversaries: None

Membership Anniversaries:

Congratulations to Paul Echols and Bob Harper. Miss seeing you both at the meetings.

Happy/Sad Bucks:

Marty Villa gave a very happy \$20 for the great teamwork and participation from members who worked on the special edition of the Christmas basket development and distribution. They put together toys, books, and art supplies that were delivered to four schools: 39 families, 116 children 345 books, and 39 art baskets. Every family received an envelope from NMK with a gift certificate made out to the head of the household to be used at CostLess Markets in their neighborhoods. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all.

Program:

Wayne Zipser, Executive Director and Tom Orvis, Governmental Affairs Director of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau were today's program. The Farm Bureau, established in 1914 is celebrating their 106th anniversary. They serve as the voice of Stanislaus County agriculture at all levels of government, while providing programs to assist its farms and family members and educate the general public of needs and importance to agriculture.

Mr. Zipser said the Farm Bureau works day in and day out to ensure that agriculture remains a viable industry with a bright future for generations to come. They work to educate consumers about the value of agriculture and those hands that produce the food we eat and take pride in helping the next generation of agriculturalists have the tools they need to succeed.

Mr. Orvis noted the Farm Bureau champions agriculture at every level of government to ensure that farmers have a strong voice that is heard when needed most. His family has been ranching in our area for over 150 years.

Mr. Zipser talked about the farmers role in the COVID-19 pandemic. Our local farmers donated thousands of PPE supplies to our hospitals early on (gloves, N95 masks, etc.) They worked to keep the farm workers safe and keep the food supply chain moving. The industry is working on 'robotics' for the future, which could eliminate the 'health safety' issues for humans.



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The almond industry is still growing, up 21% over last year, which was a record year. With our great climate and rich soil, Stanislaus County grows over 250 products.

Mr. Orvis discussed water and water rights and the challenges we face, “2021 will be a very interesting year in the water world”. He reviewed the Oakdale Irrigation District (where he is president) and the Modesto Irrigation District. Farmers are the best stewards of land and water. Very informative presentation by both speakers.

Adjourn: President Husman adjourned the meeting at 8:16am.

Editor's (Jennifer Mullen) Note: Not sure about the spelling of some of the key clubbers, hopefully I got them all. Hope I did the speakers justice (:

Upcoming Programs:

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

Dec. 31 -- first of two weeks featuring the candidates in the runoff for Modesto Mayor. Up first: Sue Zwahlen, who was the leading vote getter Nov. 3. *Second candidate will be scheduled by Steve Collins once the second-place finisher is firm. Likely to be Doug Ridenour.*

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