

# MODESTO KIWANIS



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Feb 8 Jerry Jackman  
Feb 15 Jim Mesquit  
Feb 22 Hugh Brereton

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Feb 1 Jerry Jackman & Nan Jacobs  
Feb 8 Jan Jaeger & Ugo Lea  
Feb 15 Shannen Mattingly & Terry McGrath  
Feb 22 Al Menshew & Jim Mesquit

### NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

#### ***BLACK HISTORY MONTH***

Feb 1 T.B.A  
Feb 8 T.B.A

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**PREZ JOYCE** called things to order right on time, but I thought she must be starting early, as there were only 18 people in the room.....where are the members of this great club ??? Is it too cold out ? Is it too hot out ?? Is it too out out ??? There must be a reason, as this past couple of months we have had very small turnouts at our weekly meetings. Something needs to be done to encourage better involvement with our club. What's even worse, the 18 people in attendance each

week have been the SAME PEOPLE.....Now these are nice people, but I would like to see some new “old’ faces, maybe even some new “new” faces . We’re starting off a new year, but we don’t seem to be off to a very good start as far as membership involvement. Maybe a few of you absentee members could drop by and tell us why you’re not coming to the meetings.....Oh well, enough whimpering on my part.....

The Pledge and song were well done today, but the prayer left a lot to be desired.....Seems Preacher **JEREMIAH** asked for more than even the powers above could possibly deliver ....”making good singers” out of us ?????? I think I even felt the ground tremble after that request.....

**JIM M.** , as chairman of our membership committee ( don’t know how many members are on this committee) announced that there are now Kiwanis brochures ( including a member application) are now available. He wants all members to keep one handy, just in case they spot a potential member.....Hopefully there will be more to come on how the committee plans to increase our membership.....You know, just having the members we have show up, would be a big improvement.....am I still whimpering ?.....

**ROGER V.** chairman of our upcoming Pancake Breakfast (Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>) announced his committee is already at work, and he seems to be off to a good start. Hopefully we’ll have tickets available in the next week or so to help get this off the ground.

**ELIZABETH S.** once again had her daughter (who is now our newest member) in attendance. Welcome **PALOMA**, nice to have you as a member. You certainly help lower the average age of this club.....I don’t think I have ever referred to a Kiwanians as “cute” before.....It is meant with the best of intentions.....Welcome.....

**JUDGE NAN** will be off next week for a trip to Tahiti.....she says she will be looking for other “missing Kiwanians”.....I’m sure she will return with a very nice auction item.....

**JEREMIAH** reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee has started their monthly meetings and is hoping more of our members will become involved in the planning. Give him a call. They have already chosen Carl Boyett as Grand Marshall and Lou & Kenni Friedman as “Champions of the Parade”.....**AL & LORETTA MENSHEW** were given that honor last year.....so I guess a new ‘tradition’ has been started.....The chairman also promises to present a budget at the Board meeting on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. (which could also be a new tradition).....just kidding....

**HAL CONKEY** announced that Kiwanis Night at Mo-Band will be the Thursday night before July 4<sup>th</sup>.....Before you start looking at the calendar, or counting your toes, I’ll tell you that the date will be Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.....

The Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference is set for March 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in Monterey. I understand that all members who golf will have their green fees at Pebble Beach paid by the club if they attend. (The microphone was not working very well, but I’m sure that’s what I heard, so sign me up !!! ).....

Also, the next DCM is this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Sonora.....as I don’t think that meeting includes any green fees, the turnout will be smaller. If you still want to go, Call **PREZ JOYCE**.

**RON FREITAS** celebrated his birthday (although I didn’t hear which birthday) so I’ll just say that he has celebrated many, many birthdays.....For \$10 he chose to have our 3 hairless deprived members sing to him.....Once you got past the glare, the sound was exceptional.....**RUSS, JERRY and JEREMIAH** did a really good job (maybe the above mentioned prayer worked after all.....)

**DON ROSS** paid an 'informational buck' stating that the three singers were not bald, they all just had very wide 'parts in their hair'.....

For those of you that enjoy a good Crab Feed, the Greater Modesto Kiwanis annual event is coming up Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at the SOS Club. This is always one of the best in town and I understand **TERRY MCGRATH** has connections to get tickets @ \$40 each, so call him if you want to go. The Greater Modesto Kiwanis has helped us on some of our projects and it would be nice if we could support them.....The more our clubs work together, the better we all do.....In fact, in light of our small attendance lately, maybe we should consider some "joint" meetings to learn more about each other.....

Our past member **CAROL DAVIS** is in Kaiser Hospital having a hip replacement...She could maybe use a phone call or something.....

Don't forget **BOB BECKs** Memorial Service at the Gallo Center on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. We are looking for a few members to help with serving the food after the service, call **JOYCE or TERRY** if you can help.

**HAL & MARGARET** both walked the 'marble walk', but to no avail.....darn, we were all rooting for them too.....Oh well, the pot grows bigger !!.

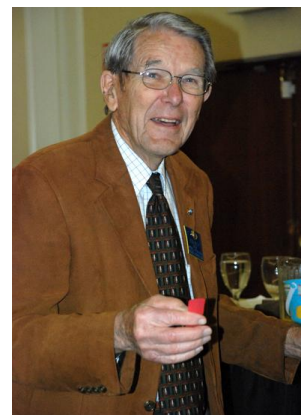
**JOYCE A.** paid a 'sad buck' as there was no program today.....**RUSS H.** paid a 'happy buck' as there was no program today.....what's wrong with this picture ??

**JEREMIAH** promises that as next month is Black History Month, he has programs lined up for the entire month.....He even gave the list to me, but I want you to come and be surprised.....(seems I'll try anything to improve the attendance)

SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK !!!!!!!

Terry

Many Faces of DR BOB



## Robert Beck (1920 - 2012)



Robert Amil Beck

January 4, 1920 - January 4, 2012

ROBERT AMIL BECK was born January 4th, 1920 in Modesto's Robertson hospital to Aage Beck Steenstrup and Edith Birkholm Beck. Raised on a farm at the corner of Claus Road and Sylvan Avenue, Bob was a graduate of Cole Grammar School, Modesto High School and Modesto Junior College. As a youth, he was active in 4-H and was chosen Top 4-H Boy in California. Bob attended Washington State University where he received a B.S. degree in 1938 and a D.V.M. in 1942, and where he met his future bride, Virginia Brinkman, whom he married on September 27, 1942 in Bremerton, Washington.

After college, Bob and Virginia settled in Modesto where they raised a family on Scenic Drive. He practiced veterinary medicine at Modesto Veterinary Hospital, first working for Dr. Robert Ball and then as a partner with Dr. Albert Cook. Bob was a founding member and past president of the North San Joaquin Veterinary Medical Association, a former member of the California V.M.A and life member of the American V.M.A. In 1973, he retired from veterinary practice and continued the family rice farming operations until 1985.

Bob's civic leadership was manifest throughout his life. He joined the Modesto Kiwanis Club in 1944, was a past president, held a Hixon life membership and remained an active member for life. His distinguished service included serving as member and past president of the Memorial Hospital Association, member and past president of the Modesto Irrigation District, member of the Don Pedro Recreation Board of Control, along with a term on the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury.

His many community activities and responsibilities were also represented in his membership on the Boards of the California State Rabies Advisory Committee, California Rice Research Board, Coast Veterinary Corporation, East Side Mosquito Abatement District and Townsend Opera Players. With his wife Virginia, Bob co-led the Scenic Drivers 4-H Club for ten years. He was named Man of the Year by the American Legion in 1991 and shared with Virginia the Stanislaus County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award for volunteerism in 1994.

A life member of the Washington State University Alumni Association, Bob was also named Distinguished Alumnus by the Modesto Junior College Foundation in 2005. With Virginia, he was an active supporter of the Modesto Symphony Orchestra. Bob's hobbies included gardening, woodworking, bridge and fishing. Bob was a member of the Tuolumne River Woodworkers Association and the Monday Morning Gentlemen's Bridge Group.

Bob and Virginia raised four sons - Allen Beck of Livermore, Richard Beck of Napa, James Beck of Berkeley and Bruce Beck of Modesto. In addition, they have an American Field Service "son" Onsy Inthavong from Laos who lived with them in 1960-61 and graduated from Downey High. Bob and Virginia have six adult grandchildren: Katharine Miller; Summer Heartt; Amber Szabo; and Stefan, Travis and Andrew Beck, as well as special granddaughter Tammie Vaughn, along with seven great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his sister, June Bates, Bob passed away on his 92nd birthday. Bob's life will be celebrated at the Gallo Center for the Arts, Foster Family Theater, 1000 "I" Street, Modesto on Wednesday, February 1st at 3pm. Donations in the name of Robert A. Beck would be welcome, either to the Modesto Chapter of the [American Heart Association](#) , 2007 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 or to the [charity of one's choice](#) .  
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