

Informer

Kiwanis Club of Greater Modesto – Chartered 11-24-53

P O Box 4730, Modesto CA 95352

Meets Tuesdays, noon, **Appetez Restaurant**, Roseburg Square, Modesto

www.kwanisofgreatermodesto.com

Date: 11-24-09

Presiding – President KarrieJo Cairns

Next Meeting: Dec 1st Fill School Gift Boxes for Headstart, come ready to work. Bring a friend/potential member to help out.

Announcements:

- The Board will meet following the Club meeting on the 8th.
- Christmas Cart Rides begin on Friday, Nov 27th. Signup next Tuesday so we can involve the whole membership. It takes all of us! Call John Hill – 338-7384
- Tickets for the Feb 6th Crab Cioppino Feed are available. Did you get yours yet? Call Eddy's office – 526-1533 for your tickets – sell all 20!

Patriotic Song: Roger Sinclair **Pledge:** Ugo Lea, Modesto Club

Invocation: KarrieJo Cairns

Door Prize Raffle: Al Menshew of the Modesto Club won the Almonds and Terri Vines won the Turkey. Other items were won by many!

Guests: Lt Gov Jeremiah Williams was present for this special day!

Our Club guests were Joy Sinclair and Mark Bender, CSUS. The Modesto Club members (32) introduced themselves.

Birthday: We had a cake and sang Happy Birthday to the Greatest Club on our 56th birthday, 11-23-53.

Award: Dr. Bob Beck, DVM, Modesto Club, presented the scholarship for a worthy CSUS Ag Student, Ashlyne Donohue. She was presented a certificate and a check for \$500. She graduated from Denair Hi with a 3.85 grade point and from MJC with 3.83. She is studying Ag Economics at Stan State and hopes to go to Cal Poly/San Luis Obispo for a Masters degree.

54th Farm/City Ag Award: Ugo Lea introduced Sam Bettencourt from the Stanislaus Farm Supply Co., winner of the annual John Veneman Award for advancing agriculture. They work to serve area farmers and to protect the environment. Farmers are the friends of water, air and soil. SFS provides support for the Stanislaus, Merced and San Joaquin County Fairs with special support of the 4-H and FFA project animals. They helped with 697 animals this year.

Program: John Hertle introduced our speaker, Mike Wade, from the California Farm Water Coalition. The Coalition is a non-profit organization with the purpose of educating the public about farm water. It is supported by farmers and Ag business. Its membership represents 6 million irrigated acres of an estimated 9 million irrigated acres in California. They sponsor the highway signs, "Food Grows Where Water Flows". He talked of the concern for a growing use of water and its effect on farming. In 1887 the Wright Act established the means for establishing irrigation districts. The first was Turlock Irrigation District and soon the Modesto and Oakdale districts followed by others. There is concern for farm water use in competition with water flow to assure the life cycle of fish. The peripheral canal around the Delta is needed to assure the reliability of water for farms. It is not to get more water to Los Angeles. 47% of the water flowing into the Delta ends up in the bay and ocean. There is much to save.

We need programs: Contact John Field, 521-4069 or President KarrieJo

December: 1 – Head Start Pencil Box gifts, **Come ready to work;** 8 – Barbara Torres from the Oakdale Museum & Board Meeting; 15 – Troop 13 Activities led by Lori Silva 22 – Christmas Music by the Keynote Kitchenaires led by Judy Aprile (Bring a Spouse or friend) 29 – Nancy Haydock – Stanislaus Wildlife Center

95th Annual Kiwanis Int'l Convention in Las Vegas, June 24-27th. Plan Ahead! Register by January 31st for early-bird- savings: www.KiwanisOne.org/convention.

Scribe: Bill E Beck – 574-9786.

Publisher: John Hertle and Staff, 529-9050

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

Defining Statement - 2005