

Meet New Member James Goss

New member James Goss was born in Washington, D.C., and hopscotched across the country for his early schooling, ending up on the West Coast and graduating from Los Altos High School, Class of 1977. He then attended Foothill College for two years majoring in accounting and economics.

After college, James earned a journeyman carpenter certificate from San Jose City College and worked at that trade for eight years before opening a day spa with his wife, Pamela. He moved to Modesto in 2000 where he has been a contractor and a construction consultant. James left his most recent Ag warehouse job in August and says he is now "in between jobs."

Active in Bay Area communities before he moved to Modesto, James was an executive board member of his local union. He also was a board member of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce and the Los Altos Business Improvement District.

This is his first service club affiliation. Why Kiwanis? He said he looked us up on the Internet, liked what he uncovered, met Don Vieira through Ag connections and self-invited himself (along with Don) to one of our weekly meetings. James hasn't missed a Kiwanis gathering since, including Deinstallation and the October board meeting.

For hobbies, James lists gardening and BBQ cooking. He says he's also a die-hard fisherman and an ardent blues/jazz harmonica player. James is also a faithful Qigong student, a daily must.

Because James seems to be everywhere Kiwanis is, you won't have to look far to corral him, sign his apron and welcome him to the club.

George