

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Nov. 9, 2017

OPENING REMARKS

President Eric Angelo opened the meeting two minutes later than normal, which meant Jennifer arrived in time! Gary Goodman led us in the national anthem (and later earned kudos from the conductor); Jim Felt led the pledge and Tim Ragsdale offered the prayer.

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Thirty-four members and five guests this morning, three of them from the Modesto Symphony.

George Bairey introduced his guest Gabriel Vasquez, who has works for our fellow Kiwanian Jim Perez. John Sanders introduced Dave Verissimo, owner of Ray's Carpet. Brent Burnside did not show up to introduce his guest. So who gets the bottle of wine?

Adrian Crane was not on a mountain so he was with us today. Ken Darby is still trying to line up an interclub to Merced. They don't seem eager to have us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marty Villa reminded us that Dec. 16 is our food basket and toy distribution. Don Monaco is excited to host us again at his hangar. Toy wrapping is the Wednesday before, Dec. 13 and Dec. 11 is the book sorting. Marty said we received a request for two additional families, bringing us up to 62 families. He's also looking for volunteers to take a teen shopping. These are students in a program to help those who are behind in their high school credits, often because of difficult family situations. Contact Marty if you would be willing to take a boy or girl shopping.

Eric said his musical memories vignette (from last week) will be a monthly feature. In addition, on the first meeting of each we'll have Jennifer's Corner, with a recap of what is happening in the month ahead in our community

Eric, Marci Boucher and Brent Burnside attended the First Tee program awards dinner. Great program.

John Sanders reported on yesterday's Graffiti Committee. Two decisions from the meeting: The official name is The American Graffiti Festival & Car Show. (The "The" is important.) Second, there will be a charge for parking on the fairway.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Janet Carson and Allan Ramsay both had birthdays this week but neither was with us this morning.

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Kevin Scott has been with NMK for 23 years as of Nov. 2. Congratulations to all

BUCKS

Kyle Barker was sad to learn to Aaron Kellums lost his partner, Dave. We all are sad at this news. He'd been sick with cancer.

Tim Ragsdale was happy to be here, happy for the rain and wants a fine free card.

Gary Goodman also bought a fine-free card, then went on to recap some recent trips. His wife's brother-in-law passed away in Canada so they have been up there twice in recent months. Also went to St. George, Utah, for the Huntsman Senior Games, which have competitions in almost every field, including checkers.

Ken Darby is happy that his grandson shot very well at a recent golf tournament.

Eric was happy to see his Robbie play his last college soccer game. Eric said he heard lots of compliments about Robbie's success in blocking goals through the season. Robbie wants to go pro and will participate in a columbine for soccer players in Southern California.

Larry Hughes was in Santa Maria last week with his youngest daughter, who was having hip surgery. Remarkably it was same-day surgery.

Loren Suelzle was happy to see Wayne Henry, who purchased \$250 worth of Breakfast with Santa tickets. A cheer for Wayne!

Adrian hasn't been with us because he's been running around the country-- literally. He was in Colorado to see both sons and ran a 100k run in Phoenix.

Kyle was happy to be able to purchase 9 more passenger cars for his railroad.

PROGRAM

Steve Collins introduced Caroline Nickel, president and CEO of the Modesto Symphony. She threw into two happy bucks, one for being with us and another because it is a symphony weekend. She noted the many connections we all have and that is what music and the symphony are about.

Caroline then introduced our speaker, the symphony's music director David Lockington. who entertained and educated us about the symphony's upcoming concerts and the symphony's efforts to reach more people, to include more contemporary music and to make connections with the community.

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David told Gary Goodman he should be in the symphony orchestra or attend one of this weekend's concerts to join in the national anthem.

David talked first about this weekend's concert. The program is an American program, with lots of community angles and a recognition of veterans. It will feature a young violinist in a concert with improvisations from themes of Porgy & Bess. The chorus will join in for a piece from "Saving Private Ryan."

Also joining will be students in the two levels of youth orchestra. Every year the symphony does a side by side with the youth orchestra.

The program also features Aaron Copeland's "Appalachian Spring." The concert will end with a short piece by David that he wrote for his daughter's school many years ago. It is much livelier and will end us on a lively note.

He noted that we often grow to like music that we initially dislike, whether it's classical or contemporary.

He provided a description of the upcoming concerts, but especially highlighted the last one, which they are calling the Graffiti project. The second half features music by three composers, two local and one from Los Angeles, who wrote music that was inspired by last year's Graffiti festival. It was documented with pictures taken at last year's show. That special music will be played a second time with original dance inspired by the music. These concerts will be June 1 and 2 – the weekend before our show.

MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

Bob Harper had the right ticket for the marble bag but pulled a white one. The lunch money went to Gary Wasmund.

Next Week's program: Karen Williams from Learning Quest

Upcoming Events

Dec. 2	C	Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 11	C	Book sorting at the barn
Dec. 13	CS	Toy wrapping & social at the Barn
Dec. 16	C	Christmas Basket Distribution

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NMK Field Games	Jim Felt
Chicken A-Go-Go	Charlie Christensen
Christmas Baskets	Marty Villa

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Breakfast With Santa	Jennifer Mullen, Kyle Barker
Graffiti Festival	Brent Burnside

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