

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



July 13, 2017

OPENING REMARKS

President Lori Rosman opened the meeting precisely on time – and several folks helped improve the club's finances by arriving seconds or minutes late.

Gary Goodman led us in the national anthem, Pete Vella led the pledge and Ken Darby offered the prayer.

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Thirty-seven members and our speaker in attendance today; no other guests.

One more person needed for the July 19 InterClub in Mariposa. Contact Doug Hardie or Adrian Crane if you want to go.

Ken Darby passed a sign-up sheet for an InterClub in Groveland on Tuesday, Aug. 22. The club meets at 4:30 p.m. at a pizza parlor there. More people needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

In one of his final jobs as Immediate Past President, Brent Burnside read the officer nominations for the coming year. This was the first of three required readings. The list:

Immediate Past President – Lori Rosman

President – Eric Angelo

1st Vice President – Adrian Crane

2nd Vice President – Marci Boucher

Secretary – Lisa Lodi

Treasurer – Britta Skavdahl

New board members – Mike Boyd, Bill Ryan, Robert Husman and Odette Fattal.

Continuing board members – Charlie Christensen, Bill Michael, Ken Nolte and Randy Cook.

Brent also reminded everyone to get their bills in for American Graffiti expenses so the books can be closed and we'll all know how much profit we can give away.

Charlie Christensen again circulated the sign-up sheet for the next social event: Wine & barbecue at the Sanders' cabin in Twain Harte on Saturday July 22.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Lori brought two birthday cupcakes: one for Billy Schwartz (and father-in-law Gary Goodman promised to deliver it but there was lots of skepticism about that) and another for Robert Husman, but he received

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his cupcake last week (by delivery). Instead, the second cupcake went to Kyle Barker, who celebrated #70 last week with a couple of days of partying.

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS

Ken Darby was sad that his anniversary was overlooked. He and Judy are celebrating #32 today.

Bob Dunbar had 2 happy/sad bucks. He's happy to have final radiation therapy treatment on his nose but sad the treatments will be starting on his ear. Likewise, the Dunbars are both happy and sad to have a new puppy, a red fox Labrador.

There were some fines (Gary Goodman!) for interruptions.

Eric Angelo reported on his awesome trip to Alaska, where he saw all sorts of amazing animals and birds and, yes, caught some impressive fish, along with others in his party. Each one came home with 30 pounds of fish.

Britta Skavdahl had a wonderful trip to Latvia and "the old country" (Norway). How happy was she? \$100.

Marty Villa is said he'll miss the next two meetings. Where is he going? Nairobi for work. We look forward to hearing details after he returns.

PROGRAM

Steve Collins introduced Kimberlie Gamino, the founder and executive director of Camp Taylor, who first spoke to North Modesto Kiwanis way back in 2004. Kimberlie started by thanking us for opening our meetings with the pledge and Star Spangled Banner. Her husband is in the National Guard, overseeing Chinook helicopters, and soon will leave for a forth tour in Afghanistan.

The mother of three sons, Kimberlie and her husband started Camp Taylor 15 years ago after the difficult experiences of having a son (Taylor) who was born with half a heart. Taylor had his first open heart surgery as an infant and has gone through four surgeries and a stroke since. He's 23 years old now. Most people don't realize, Kimberlie said, that congenital heart disease is the #1 birth defect.

Camp Taylor holds camps for children and for families of children with heart disease. There will be six camps this year. They have special location needs – the camp cannot be at altitudes above 2,500 feet and must be within 25 minutes of a major emergency room. Holding the camps at rented facilities has proven very expensive so Camp Taylor has purchased the old Stanislaus County Honor Farm near

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Grayson and is in the process of planning and raising funds for new cabins and other improvements. The organization moved its office to the site in March.

Kimberlie said the camps are staffed entirely by volunteers, including some pediatric cardiologists and other medical specialists. She shared the story of one physician who wanted to be a camp counselor and in watching the children at the pool, noticed how attentive they were to each other's chest scars. The experience left the surgeon even more determined to be exacting with his scalpel.

An upcoming camp for 120 youth and teens will have 15 nurses, 1 pediatric cardiologist and 1 pediatrician, plus counselors.

Kimberlie said they estimate it will take a year or two to rehab the buildings at the 22-acre former honor farm. She offered to meet with NMK leaders to identify ways we could assist, either financially or with sweat equity.

Once completed, Camp Taylor will accommodate 175 people for overnight stays and will be available for use by like-minded organizations.

Kimberlie was asked about the vest she was wearing. It was covered with patches – even a few on the inside. She said Camp Taylor adopted the vests for staff after being advised they should have T-shirts or some other type of clothing to identify staff. Each year's camp has a theme – and a patch.

Kimberlie also responded to George Bairey's question about how her husband felt about Colin Kaepernick these days. She responded that her husband said he does what he does so people continue to have the right to speak freely, but that does not mean they agree with Kaepernick's decision (not to stand during the national anthem). She said they were very appreciative of all that Kaepernick has done for Camp Taylor, adding that his parents lost two babies to heart disease.

MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

Lisa Lodi had the right ticket and won table stakes, but pulled a white marble from the bag. Roger Suelzle won the lunch money.

UPCOMING MEETIG PROGRAMS

July 20 – Ryan Murray, artistic director of The Townsend Opera Company
July 27 – Robert Dowd, Stanislaus County Interfaith Council

Upcoming Events

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July 22	S	Twain Harte Golf & Wine in the Pines, Sanders cabin
August TBA	S	Movie Night featuring "Grease"
Sept. 21	P	De-installation dinner
Oct. 13	C	NMK volunteers help at Chamber Oktoberfest
Oct. 29	S	Wine Tasting & Lunch
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

2016-17 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Board Members

Officers

President	Lori Rosman
First Vice President	Eric Angelo
Second Vice President	Adrian Crane
Past President	Brent Burnside
Secretary	Marci Boucher
Treasurer	Britta Skavdahl

2015-17	Audrey Goesch, Lisa Lodi Judy Herrero, Britta Skavdahl
2016-18	Charlie Christensen, Randy Cook, Bill Michael, Ken Nolte

NMK Field Games	Lisa Lodi
Chicken A-Go-Go	Charlie Christensen
Christmas Baskets	Marty Villa

Fundraising and Event Committee Chairs

CASA Golf Tournament	Jim Toal
Breakfast With Santa	Jennifer Mullen, Kyle Barker
Graffiti Festival	Brent Burnside

Standing Committee Chairs

Community Services	Richard Reimche	Membership Retention	Adrian Crane
Young Children Priority One	Robert Husman	Social Committee	Randy Cook
Youth Services	Tyler Richardson	Program Chair	Steve Collins, Adrian Crane
Sponsored Youth	Brent Burnside (Enochs), Lisa Lodi (Vanguard) Bill Michael (Central Catholic), Marty Villa (Davis)	Publicity Chair	Kyle Barker, Trish Christensen
Spiritual Aims	Marty Villa	New Member Bios	George Bairey
Scholarships	Bill Ryan	Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
Prospective Member Orientation	Roger Suelzle	Web Master	Trish Christensen
Membership Growth	Eric Angelo	Insurance Commissioner	Bill Ryan
Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero	Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham/Lori Rosman