

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Aug. 31, 2017

## OPENING REMARKS

President Lori Rosman opened the meeting with her usual happy smile. Newlywed Kyle Barker led us in song; Eric Angelo led the pledge and Jeremiah Williams offered a prayer, after a moment of silence in observance of two recent law enforcement deaths – the MPD officer killed while bicycling and the Sacramento deputy killed yesterday in the line of duty.

## GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Thirty-seven members attended this morning, plus our speaker.

Ken Darby passed a sign-up sheet for an Oct. 4 InterClub to Merced. They meet at 5:30 p.m. The sheet will go around again.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brent Burnside again passed the sign-up sheet for the deinstallation dinner, which will be Sept. 21 at the Kyle & Julie Barker home. It will have an Hawaiian theme.

Ray Sanders again passed the volunteer sign-up to work at the Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest on Oct. 13. At our Sept. 14 meeting, we'll receive the required training to serve beer and wine.

Larry Hughes distributed flyers about the Hilmar Cheese Company's "Hit the Road Jack" car show, which will be Sunday, Sept. 10 from noon to 3 p.m. Entrants will receive one tri-tip meal, beverages and a pound of cheese for their \$30 entry fee. It is open to cars 1984 and older. (The plant opened in 1984.) For more info: call Kody Marques at 209-656-1167 or [kmarques@hilmarcheese.com](mailto:kmarques@hilmarcheese.com).

Ken Darby reminded folks of the Modesto Gospel Mission's Sept. 14 gala featuring singer Mandisa. Tickets start at \$35, available through the Gallo Center box office.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Two cupcakes this morning: One for Britta Skavdahl, who celebrated a birthday with a zero and was \$20 happy about that. Tom Swafford celebrated #76 with a brunch at the Rivers Edge in Knights Ferry.

Rich Humble has been with NMK for 16 years and his anniversary cookie should be arriving via Brent and then Rich's son. George Bairey collected his cookie for 22 years with North Modesto Kiwanis, but that doesn't count his first stint. In all, he's been with the club for about 30 years.

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Adrian Crane wasn't in town to celebrate his 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary earlier this month. He also had a sad buck because his 2<sup>nd</sup> son has moved to Denver, where his older son already lives.

Jeremiah Williams is happy to have just celebrated his 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary as well.

## BUCKS

Loren Suelzle said he warned a certain fellow Kiwanian about the challenges of a certain golf course at Truckee. Brent admitted that he was the one who took 7 hours to complete the course, with a score well over 100.

Randy Cook was happy about a recent work trip to Chicago that also allowed he and Denise time for one of his bucket-list items: to attend a Chicago Cubs game. Their seats were only five rows from home plate, and the Blue Angels were overhead. Furthermore, Randy is happy and Denise is even happier that construction will finally begin in mid-October on their much-awaited home remodeling. The Man Cave will not be affected.

Kyle Barker is very happy about the wonderful wedding that he and Julie celebrated at the SOS Club – the final event held there. They honeymooned in Madras, Ore., where they had a wonderful view of the eclipse in totality. Kyle used the term “euphoric” to describe his feelings and it sure showed in his words and expressions.

Aaron Kellums was happy about a recent outing along Highway 1 in which he was driving some super cars. There were suggestions this should be a worth a lot of \$\$ but Aaron pointed out that he only got to drive the Lamborghini, etc.; he didn't bring one home.

Robert Husman reported the first “Santa sighting” of the year, where a little girl thought he was Santa Claus.

Kevin Scott lost a family member this week whose wife had just been placed in hospice care. The man was trying to be the caregiver but passed away in his sleep. Our sympathy to his family.

## PROGRAM

Annette Patton, the executive director of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, gave a very informative program about what's happening at the animal shelter off Crows Landing Road.

The most dramatic news is that the euthanasia rate, which was 50 percent in 2013-14 was down to 29 percent in 2015-16 and will be significantly lower when the report is issued for 2016-17. Many things have changed about animal services, she reported. For instance, they don't put a “kill date” on dogs, some of which are kept for months in hope that that they will be adopted.

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## Other highlights:

- There is actually competition for adopting some dogs, with people lining up at the shelter as early as 5 or 6 a.m. to try to adopt a particular dog. One-third of the dogs are purebred. The website now identifies when dogs will be available. It is, by the way, the county's most popular website.
- The shelter works with a number of rescue organizations that take dogs and dogs and try to find them homes. Among the very reputable ones is Pups & Pals, which is run by Robert Husman's wife.
- Sometimes the shelter sends pets out of state to locations and groups that can find them homes. Just this morning a planeload of dogs was sent to Washington.
- The shelter has expanded its rabies clinics to be offered four days a week and one Saturday a month at the shelter.
- For the first time in about 10 years, the city of Modesto is canvassing neighborhoods to make sure that dogs are licensed. Annette said a citation amounts to a fix-it ticket – if the owner gets the animal vaccinated and license, there is no penalty attached. Most people are responding well, saying they meant to get their animals licensed but just hadn't gotten around to it.
- By law, all dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered before they are adopted out. The cost of adoption from the Stanislaus shelter is \$45 for cats and \$90 for dogs, a bargain compared to many fees charged by organizations.
- A Ceres rescue group takes care of the exotic animals that come into the shelter, i.e. snakes and iguanas.
- Volunteers are used in many ways at the shelter.

## MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

Doug Hardie had the right number but pulled a white marble from the bag. There are only five white marbles left, Lori said, so someone will be winning soon. Ray Sanders won the lunch money.

### Upcoming Events

Sept. 21	P	De-installation dinner – the “kick-out”
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

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