

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Sept. 28, 2017

## **OPENING REMARKS**

New President Eric Angelo welcomed us in rousing style, with every indication that the new sheriff in town will be doing things his way (as appropriate for the new pres). Gary Goodman opened us with song; Roger Suelzle led the pledge and Larry Hughes offered the prayer.

## **GUESTS/INTERCLUB**

Thirty-four members and several guests this morning: Adrian Crane's longtime friend Yitzhak Gilon and a contingent from the Vanguard Key Club, which is 4 years old and 68 members strong. They came, among other reasons, to thank us for sponsoring their club and the new junior high Builders Club. Speaking was President Iliana Borges, who introduced Teresa Warda, Marcos Alberto, Edelyn Borges and oh, yes, her mother, Diane Borges, who is the Key Club adviser.

Adrian Crane and Ken Darby visited the Riverbank Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, marking the first interclub of Eric's young administration.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – they have a new spot on the agenda but are grouped here for your reading pleasure.**

Ray Sanders again passed the volunteer sign-up to work at the Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest on Oct. 13. You need to sign a volunteer agreement. He'll have tickets next week.

Richard and Muriel Reimche will host their annual gathering wine tasting Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lodi Vintners in Acampo. There's a \$5 tasting fee. Please RSVP to Richard by Oct. 15. His number is 556-8731 or email [richard@ics-insuranceclaimservices.com](mailto:richard@ics-insuranceclaimservices.com). Randy Cook said that Richard does a great of organizing this event; others suggested the credit should go to Muriel.

Eric introduced his version of the (almost) fine-free card: the NMK Super Hero card, which covers many things, but not everything. For instance, wearing socks with sandals is still a fineable offense. The cards will be \$75 each (\$74 plus a \$1 surcharge for something) and are available from Eric.

He also made it clear that the fine income will be growing this year. He nabbed at least three late arrivers: Kevin Scott, Aaron Kellums and Brent Burnside, who tossed in an extra dollar because he beat Jennifer Mullen to the meeting (she didn't attend).

Gary Wasmund threw in a funny buck, noting that he and his wife were watching a movie at the State Theatre recently and saw a late arriver walking in. It was our Jennifer!

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## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

Someone (Loren Suelzle) tattled that Howard Sweet had skipped a recent meeting (Sept. 14) because it fell on his birthday. Eric wouldn't let him off without a song. Our belated version of Happy Birthday is just as bad as the day-of version. Howard said he couldn't remember how old he was or how they celebrated the day.

Bill Heyden and his wife will be celebrating their third anniversary by going to Monterey.

## **BUCKS**

Britta Skavdahl is happy about her school district receiving a \$3.5 million arts in education grant. (No doubt Britta's hard work was the major factor.)

Tim Ragsdale enjoyed a vacation golfing in Central Oregon, where it was still smoky from multiple fires, and tasting some wine in the Willamette Valley, which now has something like 600 wineries. Another observation from Tim: Recreational marijuana use is legal in Oregon and there are shops everywhere and even one that delivers. He noticed a sign alerting people that it isn't safe to use a bong and drive.

Bill Michael proudly wore his Chicago Cubs shirt and is hoping for another World Series win. Randy Cook also had a Cubs jersey on.

Larry Hughes is happy that he and Patti have another great-grandson on the way, due in February.

Gary Goodman had \$5 worth of items to share, including that he beat the new president by a point in their fantasy football play; the death of a brother-in-law in Vancouver, B.C., missing the deinstallation dinner in order to attend a fund-raising event for his granddaughter's dance studio and welcome to the new president. (I missed one; sorry).

Jim Felt provided an update on NASCO. The company is selling the Modesto warehouse and the new (second) buyer doesn't want the racks and carts. They're available at good prices. The company's new CEO has resigned and cutbacks in show attendance mean Jim will be home for four straight weeks.

Marty Villa was happy that he and Erne Ruth made it home safely after a good trip to Kenya.

## **PROGRAM**

Today's program featured two powerful stories about breast cancer from within our Kiwanis family.

Judy Darby recalls very well the day 28 years ago that Ken came home from a Kiwanis meeting sharing what the speaker had said about self-checks for breast cancer. That very day they discovered that

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Judy's left breast was painful, even though a recent mammogram purportedly showed no problems. At Ken's insistence, Judy saw the doctor and they discovered that she did, in fact, have breast cancer. A year later, she discovered cancer in her right breast. By detecting it when they did, Judy is convinced that she is alive today. She urged everyone to do self checks and partner checks, looking for lumps and also tender spots or anything that doesn't seem normal.

Judy also noted that their cat – which Ken had given the unflattering name of Old Cat – seemed to sense the problem in both cases. She urged people to be aware if a family pet is suddenly acting differently.

Following Judy was Ken's daughter, Lynnell, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011. It was found in a routine mammogram. Lynnell has since become very active with the American Cancer Society and started a separate non-profit called Divas and Dudes, which is raising money for research and to help patients.

Divas and Dudes will participate in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer run/walk on Oct. 15 and then hold a fund-raising brunch after the event at the DoubleTree Hotel. Tickets for the brunch are \$25 each, available at Renee's Day Spa and Salon, the American Cancer Society or online through [DivasandDudesFightingForaCure@yahoo.com](mailto:DivasandDudesFightingForaCure@yahoo.com). Ken also will have tickets.

Both women urged everyone to be proactive in monitoring our health and to seek a second opinion if a doctor seems to downplay something of concern.

## MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

Gary Wasmund had the right number – again! – and pulled the RED MARBLE from the bag, winning the jackpot of \$51. Ray Sanders won the lunch money.

### Upcoming Events

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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## CURRENT OFFICERS

### Officers

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

### Board Members

2016-18 Randy Cook, Charlie Christensen,  
 Bill Michael, Ken Nolte  
 2017-19 Mike Boyd, Odette Fattal  
 Robert Husman, Bill Ryan

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

### Fundraising and Event Committees

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

### Committee Chairs (With)

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, Judy Herrero
Sponsored Youth	Brent Burnside (Enochs), 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, George Bairey, Paul Echols, Jennifer Mullen, Britta Skavdahl	Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
Membership Growth	Adrian Crane	Web Master	Trish Christensen
Insurance Commissioner	Bill Ryan	New Member Orientation	Roger Suelzle, Steve Collins
		Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham
		Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero