

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Dec. 6 – A bittersweet morning as we said farewell to Marci Boucher and wished her well as she heads off to a great new job and a much colder location. Marci has been a huge asset to NMK and our community.

OPENING

Presiding: President Adrian Crane was trying to keep us in line and everything moving.

Song: Kyle Barker

Pledge: Brian Sanders

Prayer: Jason Conway

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

InterClubs: Dec. 14 at 7 a.m. in Sonora. Thursday, Jan. 17, also at 7 a.m., in Oakdale.

Guests: Marci introduced us to her successor at Society for DisAbilities – Ana Arellanes.

Laura Maki was with us again, but she's no longer a guest. The board approved her membership application yesterday. Welcome!

42 members attending this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breakfast with Santa: Jennifer Mullen raved about the breakfast and the work of NMK volunteers. More than 400 tickets were sold at the door, in addition to those purchased in advance.

Loren wants everyone's ticket \$\$\$ soon.

Christmas baskets: Marty Villa reported that the toys are all purchased and bagged by family. Art baskets (one per family) were assembled Monday evening at Britta's house.

The wrapping party/social will be Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Man Cave. John Sanders is apparently the expert on wrapping basketballs and footballs – or not. 5:30 p.m. Bring a beverage and an appetizer.

On Saturday, Dec. 15 we will assemble the food boxes and then deliver to the families. Larger vehicles are needed. Gary Goodman and Lori Rosman both shared what a meaningful experience this has been and is for the whole family, including grandkids who see that some families are not near so fortunate.

LOTS OF HELP NEEDED FOR THIS. If there are sufficient helpers, the work can be done by noon or so. Don Monaco's hangar is right off Mitchell Road at 833 Airport Way, Modesto. Contact Marty with any questions.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Believe it or not, none this week.

BUCKS

The bucks were mostly tributes/farewells to Marci and the money went to the Society for Disabilities. Among the contributors – Ken Nolte, who will be succeeding Marci as adviser to the Vanguard Key Club.

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Also, Carol Yates was sorry to miss two meetings but had a great vacation in Italy, where she amassed 33 miles.

PROGRAM

Board action Wednesday, in addition to approving Laura's application:

- Granted \$1,000 to Night To Shine, a prom experience for those with disabilities.
- The Field Games will go on. More information will be forthcoming.
- The Dec. 20 meeting will be at the regular time and place but will feature Christmas music instead of a program. Invite family members.
- There also will be a meeting on Dec. 27. (Judy is struggling to find a speaker for this particular date. Ideas welcome.)
- With Marci's departure, Robert Husman is moving up from 2nd to 1st vice president and will be the president next year.
- The board recognized Marci's many contributions with a certificate and we all enjoyed bundt cakes from Jim Toal's Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Sabean read Marci's bio (see below) and Brent summarized our tribute.

In addition, Marci will be honored at a reception at the Chamber of Commerce Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



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MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Lori Rosman had the right ticket but pulled a white marble from the bag. Gary Goodman won the lunch money.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Note: the price of breakfast is now \$13.

Dec.13 – Mike Lella, whose Italian father was a rescuer and spy during WWII and is profiled in a historical novel called “Beneath A Scarlet Sky.” (Some met Mike in Twain Harte last summer.)

Dec. 20 – Christmas music & fellowship with members and guests. (Family invited.)

Dec. 27 – tbd- suggestions invited!

Jan. 3 – report from board meeting.

Jan. 10 – Amy Bultena from Stanislaus County Office of Education about how essential art is in education.

Jan. 17 – Britni Hodge, program manager for the Central Valley Pride Center, a non-profit for the local LGBTQ community.

Jan. 24 – David Leamon from Stanislaus County Public Works – what’s happening with the North County Corridor plan?

Upcoming Events

Dec. 10 **Book sorting, 9:30 a.m. at Man Cave, 5719 Chenault (walk through the side yard to the facility in the back.) Take scissors.**

Dec. 12 **Wrapping party and social at the Man Cave, 5:30 p.m. Bring beverage and an appetizer.**

Dec. 15 **Christmas basket distribution, Airport- Don Monaco Hangar, 833 Airport . 9 a.m.**

Jan. 30 **Wine pairing night at Fuzio’s. Time and other info to be announced**

Mid-March **Chili cook off.**

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Marci's many accomplishments (provided by Jeremiah Williams)

Marci Boucher's family has been here in Modesto California for three generations. They are the infamous Monty's pies & restaurant family. She is a graduate of Beyer High School. Having an entrepreneurial spirit Marci left Modesto to run a family business in San Diego California for 20 years before moving back to Modesto to be closer to her aging family. With Marci's passion of helping people she entered into the field of non-profit business working for the Modesto Gospel Mission, Habitat for Humanity, then moving to the Society for disabilities as the Executive Director. In the past 10 years Marci has transformed the small nonprofit organization that served 175 people a year to what now serves over 6,500 people a year in recreational programs and over 27,000 people a year for all their programs combined.

She is a graduate of Purdue University, from the School of Philanthropy receiving her degree in nonprofit management.

Marci has helped raise over \$35 million to help feed the hungry, house the poor, and help people with disabilities live a life of sufficiency.

She is a member of the North Modesto Kiwanis where she has been an active member and serves on the Board of Directors, chaired several events and is incoming president. She is past president and member of the Association of Fundraising professionals, and past board member of Stanislaus Housing Coalition.

Most recently she has successfully led her organization to receive from the State of California, The Exemplary Program Award for Adapted Physical Education. She has managed her team to be the 1st place winner of Dan Costa's semi annual Community Brunch Competition in 2018, 2016, & 2014. She was Philanthropist of the year for National Philanthropy Day, presented by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. With the help of Richard O'Brien the Society for disabilities was able to get June declared as Disability Awareness month for all the local municipalities in Stanislaus county and for the first time ever in 2016 June was declare Disability Awareness Month for the State of California.

Marci has been a loving, caring, advocate for the less fortunate in our community and she is going to be missed.