



**January 24, 2019**

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Lots of commotion and happy noise around the 7 o'clock hour. After a delay of several minutes, Pres. Adrian finally banged the gavel and got the meeting under way. Order somewhat restored, Gary Goodman led us in song, Laura Maki led the pledge and Marty Villa delivered the prayer.

## **GUEST**

- Longtime member Jeremy Goodspeed was in attendance and he brought a guest – his new boss, Landon Blake of the BKF engineers/surveyors/planning firm.
- Adrian also welcomed back AWOL members Sammy Dounglomchan and Trieste Jacobicek who admit that it has been many moons since they made a Thursday morning meeting or NMK event. Sammy and T said they were glad to be back and hope to do better.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Interclubs - Ken Darby said last week's meeting with the Oakdale club went well. Coming up: Feb.15 with the Greater Turlock club (nine signups already) and April 16 with Al Smith and the Groveland club.

Youth for Christ Comedy Night - It's set for March 15. Marty has tickets or go to [www.scyfc.com](http://www.scyfc.com).

New 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Hello, Britta. Lori presided over a third reading of nominations to find a successor to Bobby Husman who is now 1<sup>st</sup> VP. A unanimous ballot was cast, and Treasurer Britta now has a second job. That means Bobby is looking for a new treasurer. See him, if interested.

Social - Randy Cook said the reservation-only, wine-pairing/five-course dinner at Fuzio's on Jan. 30 is slightly overbooked but that's okay. Randy said many Kiwanians have gobbled up the tickets.

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Jeremiah Williams - 16 years; Skip Fricke - three years; Bob Riedel - 38 years. Congrats to all for their service.

## **HAPPY BUCKS**

Good News - Tim Ragsdale said Peggy is doing well after 17 days in the hospital after a "routine" hernia operation. Tim says lots of rehab is in store for Peggy.

Super Bowl Pool - It's that time of year. See Jim Felt.

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Jeremiah - Several members noticed Jeremiah's very prominent Page One picture in the Bee relating to MLK Day activities. Jeremiah said he had his Kiwanis pin on. This caused Adrian to start a fundraising pin check which was halted in its tracks after Jeremiah paid for everybody. Thanks, Jeremiah.

More Good News - Larry Hughes said Patti is recovering well from hand surgery and that he has learned to load the dishwasher.

Wedding Bells - Marty, back from a trip to Oregon where he got to officiate at the wedding of son Braxton.

55 (!) Years Ago - Pete Vella went to work at Gallo. Last Tuesday, he retired. Congratulations, Pete. Will he stay retired – or go back to work someday ala Steve Collins? Dunno. Stay tuned.

Marketing the Sharks - Billy Ryan said daughter Jennifer has accepted a sports marketing job with the San Jose Sharks.

## **PROGRAM**

David Leamon, Stanislaus County Deputy Public Works Director, brought us up to speed on what's happening with the mega-million-dollar North County Corridor project. After years (decades) of discussion and where it should go, it's really going to happen.

Sept. 30, 2025 is the target date for completion of the project. When it's done, a multi-lane corridor will run from Tully Road to State Route 108 six miles east of Oakdale near Lancaster Road. The corridor will, in effect, be an access-controlled expressway/freeway with interchanges and grade-separated railroad and irrigation district crossings. Bypassed will be the cities of Riverbank and Oakdale.

David said the corridor will cut down on the number of accidents, both fatal and fender-benders, trim vehicle emissions significantly and save time and money for all who use the roadway.

Funds are coming from local, state and federal sources. David said Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Jeff Denham were especially instrumental in shaking loose federal funding.

## **MARBLE, LUNCH MONEY**

Marble Draw - John Sanders (white marble, sorry)

Table Stakes - Loren Suelzle

Lunch Money - Roger Suelzle

Attendance - 34 members, one guest

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