

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



April 19, 2018

## OPENING REMARKS

He's b-a-a-a-ck! At 7 a.m. sharp (when else?) on Thursday morning at the Clarion Inn, our AWOL President Eric is back at the podium trying to quell the masses. With limited success. Happy to see Eric back, the din eventually subsided and Gary ("I Shot the Sheriff") Goodman led us in a patriotic song, Bobby Husman led the pledge and Phil Fugit offered a prayer. Perennial late-comers (you know who you are) escaped without an Eric fine this morning.

## GUEST

One guest – Marie Bairey.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Eric:** Reminder - club dues are due. **Bobby Husman:** The Camp Taylor/Honor Farm work party date is still in limbo. Bobby will text everybody when the time comes. **Roger Suelzle:** The final NMK/MCS Field Games at Johansen High School are set for Friday, April 27. If you can help out and haven't signed up, call Roger. T-shirts still available. **Loren:** Sell your May 6 Chicken a Go Go tickets; he has more. **Brent Burnside:** News from the car show front (greatest car show west of the Mississippi) - more than \$20,000 in sponsorships has been committed; registered cars to date, including one from Australia, are up compared with totals this time last year; and Don Wood, former longtime NMK member, will be this year's grand marshal at the parade. **Adrian Crane:** Tomorrow morning's Sonora interclub is a go. Call Adrian if you want to go. **Larry Hughes:** Still has six tickets left for the May 12 Boys & Girls Club rib and chicken cook-off fundraiser.

## BIRTHDAY

Bill Heyden hit 63 this week with a day-long string of family events to make his day.

## SAD BUCK

Kyle Barker was sad to read of the passing of longtime Modesto arts supporter Grace Lieberman.

## NEW MEMBER

For the first time in a long time, we inducted a new member. He is Jason Conway, a third generation Modestan who is now the executive director of the Modesto Gospel Mission. Jason, who has been interim director since last year, said the mission is in its 70<sup>th</sup> year of feeding the poor, needy and homeless of Stanislaus County. Jason said he, too, was homeless and on the streets of Modesto for a while before turning to the mission for help. Ken Darby is Jason's sponsor. Welcome, Jason. (Look for a detailed bio in your inbox on Jason next week.)

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## NEW OFFICERS

Past President Lori Rosman gave a third reading of nominations for the slate of officers for the coming year. After the reading, nominations were closed, and a unanimous ballot was cast. Congrats, all.

Here are your officers:

**Continuing Board Members:** Bobby Husman, Bill Ryan, Odette Fatal and Mike Boyd

**New Board Members:** Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale, George Bairey and Bill Heyden

**Secretary:** Lori, but only for one more year

**Treasurer:** Britta Skavdahl

**First Vice President:** Marci Boucher

**President:** Adrian Crane

**Immediate Past President:** Eric Angelo

**Second Vice President:** Bobby Husman

## SPEAKER

In our continuing series of hosting candidates for Stanislaus County offices in the June 5 election, we welcomed sheriff candidate Jeff Dirkse.

Jeff, who is in charge of police services in Patterson, grew up on a farm in Denair and went to Turlock High School before earning an appointment to the United States Military Academy in 1990. After graduation from West Point in 1994, Jeff became an Army Ranger and commanded paratroopers, including the famed 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne from Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

He left active duty as a decorated captain in 1999 to return to Stanislaus County to help manage the family's almond and dairy farm. After 9/11, he joined the California National Guard and spent nearly a year in Iraq, dealing with Baghdad insurgents on a daily basis. He was awarded a Bronze Star in Iraq.

After Iraq, Jeff returned again to his home county and was encouraged to pursue a career in law enforcement. He applied to the county and was hired as a patrol deputy in 2007. He since has worked as a STING detective, rural crimes detective and internal affairs sergeant. He currently is a lieutenant.

Jeff discussed various facets of the Sheriff's Office with us. He said there are numerous vacancies in the 180 allocated deputy slots, but they are hard to fill. Salary is an important factor. Bay Area agencies pay more and often hire our good people away.

Concerted efforts are being made, Jeff said, to urge young people in Stanislaus County to consider law enforcement as a career. He said he has worked with Explorers for several years and has developed an intern program to bring high school graduates into the department at age 18. He wants to extend

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that program beyond age 21. He feels local kids who become deputies will stay at a better rate than deputies from other areas who don't call Stanislaus County home.

Jeff, in a Q and A session after his talk, responded to several questions from members, including immigration policies (ICE), department morale and Riverbank traffic that seems to have more accidents than the norm. Statistically, it does, Jeff says.

## MARBLE, LUNCH MONEY

Marble Draw – Brent Burnside (sorry - white marble, no \$\$\$)

Lunch Money – Charlie Christensen

Table Stakes - Brent Burnside

## Upcoming Events

**May 6**

**June 6**

**June 8-10**

**Chicken a Go Go**

**Car Show Packet stuffing/social**

**American Graffiti Festival**

### Officers

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

### CURRENT OFFICERS

#### Board Members

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

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

### Fundraising and Event Committees

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

### Committee Chairs

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| Community Services          | Richard Reimche   |
| Young Children Priority One | Robert Husman   |
| Youth Services              | Tyler Richardson  |
| Sponsored Youth             | Brent Burnside (Enochs), Marci Boucher (Vanguard)<br>Bill Michael (Central Catholic), Marty Villa (Davis) |
| Spiritual Aims              | Marty Villa   |
| Scholarships                | Bill Ryan, George Bairey, Paul Echols,<br>Jennifer Mullen, Britta Skavdahl                                |
| Membership Growth           | Adrian Crane and Marci Boucher  |
| Insurance Commissioner      | Bill Ryan   |

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| Membership Retention   | Adrian Crane                   |
| Social Committee       | Randy Cook                     |
| Program Chair          | Steve Collins, Judy Herrero    |
| Publicity Chair        | Kyle Barker, Trish Christensen |
| New Member Bios        | George Bairey                  |
| Soccer Club Liaison    | George Bairey                  |
| Web Master             | Trish Christensen              |
| New Member Orientation | Roger Suelzle, Steve Collins   |
| Fiscal Oversight       | Jim Graham                     |
| Sunshine/cards         | Judy Herrero                   |