

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



April 26, 2018

OPENING REMARKS

With President Eric Angelo called for jury duty, Vice President Adrian Crane presided again and did a great job, especially given the lack of a sound system in the room down the hall from our normal meeting place. Gary Goodman led us in the national anthem, Allan Ramsay led the pledge and Marty Villa offered the prayer.

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Guests: Jeff Goudy, the new chief exec for Christian Berets, was back for a second visit and is considering membership (Yay!). Also, Mick Rubalcava, editor of www.ModestoNews.com.

Not quite a guest: We were happy to have Brian O'Leary with us this morning and his driver, his son.

Troy Wright reported that four NMK members attended the April 20 interclub in Sonora, which was holding its first meeting in their new location. Ken Darby said that after the meeting three of the folks went on up to Adrian's place near Twain Harte – on roads not suitable for the typical car. But once there, the view was spectacular.

Ken Darby passed the sign-up sheet for an interclub with Turlock on May 19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Cook said we need to assure the burrito vendor that he can sell at least 30 breakfast burritos at Chicken A Go Go to make it worth his while to come. Randy passed a sign-up sheet for folks to indicate their preferred type. (Testimonial from last year – these are great burritos!)

Roger Suelzle reminded everyone that tomorrow (Friday, April 27) is the final NMK Field Games. Be at the Johnsen football field by 9:30 a.m.

Charlie Christensen said that set-up for Chicken A Go Go will begin bright and early at 6 a.m. on May 6 at Davis Park. Loren Suelzle says he has lots of tickets remaining. Sell, sell, sell!

Larry Hughes announced that as of this morning there are 359 cars registered for the American Graffiti show, putting us about 100 cars ahead of this same point last year.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Heyden and Eric Angelo both have birthdays this week but neither was with us this morning.

Wedding anniversary: Bill and Marilyn Michael celebrated #47 with an outing to Carmel that included dinner at one of Marilyn's favorite places and shopping, lots of shopping.

Several service anniversaries: Ken Nolte and Roger Suelzle both have 31 years with NMK. Ken even remembered the correct number of years.

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Tom Swafford has been in the club for 37 years (or 36, depending on who is counting). He also has survived a busy week: a nasty fall at home that knocked him out cold, the good news that his Porsche is finally being painted at Burnside and the purchase of another “barn find,” an MG Roadster.

Ray Sanders and Gary Zimmerman also had service anniversaries this week but we had to congratulate them in abstentia.

HAPPY AND SAD BUCKS

Happy more than sad: Jim Felt was retired last week from NASCO as the firm announced the final closure of its Modesto operations. Jim is in his 22nd year with the company. Jim said he received a standing ovation from his grandsons and just purchased a fishing license. His severance will carry him up to his 65th birthday.

Tim Ragsdale is ending his one-year term on the civil grand jury and encouraged others to consider applying for this service. He said it has been a fascinating experience learning about the many complexities of local government including county, cities and special districts.

Judy Herrero apologized for referring to Randy Cook as Randy Scott in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago.

PROGRAM

Shannon Sanford, the superintendent of the Gratton School District, is one of the three candidates for county Superintendent of Schools. She spent 16 years teaching in the Gratton district before becoming its superintendent 12 years ago. She is the longest serving – not the oldest—school superintendent in the county.

In her small district, Shannon wears many hats, including budget director and leading curriculum. She is proud of many things about the district, including test scores, small class size, early intervention programs to prevent the need for expulsions, zero debt and a large reserve.

If elected, Shannon has several goals:

1. To focus the county office of education on serving the transitional kindergarten through eighth grade classes throughout the county because those are the largest numbers of students and because getting students on the right track in those grades will prevent/reduce drop outs and the need for expensive programs later.
2. To increase the opportunities for vocational education. The education pendulum seems to swing from one side to the other, never stopping in the middle, Shannon said. She advocates a balance between being college oriented and providing vocational training.
3. That the county office focus on serving the 24 school districts rather than launching new programs, including charter schools, that are basically competing for students and duplicating services offered by the individual districts.

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MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Bob Harper had the right ticket. He pulled a white marble but won table stakes. Jim Graham won the lunch money.

UPCOMING THURSDAY MORNING PROGRAMS

May 3: Superintendent candidate Scott Kuykendall

May 10: Superintendent candidate Don Davis

And that's the end of the candidates for the June 5 primary!

Upcoming Events

April 27	NMK Field Games, Johansen High
May 6	Chicken A Go Go, Davis Park
June 6	Packet stuffing/social
June 8-10	American Graffiti weekend
June 28 & 30	CASA golf tourney & concert

CURRENT OFFICERS Board Members

Officers

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

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

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), Marci Boucher (Vanguard)	Publicity Chair	Kyle Barker, Trish Christensen
Spiritual Aims	Bill Michael (Central Catholic), Marty Villa (Davis)	New Member Bios	George Bairey
Scholarships	Marty Villa	Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
Membership Growth	Bill Ryan, George Bairey, Paul Echols,	Web Master	Trish Christensen
Insurance Commissioner	Jennifer Mullen, Britta Skavdahl	New Member Orientation	Roger Suelzle, Steve Collins
	Adrian Crane and Marci Boucher	Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham
	Bill Ryan	Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero