

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



May 11, 2017

OPENING REMARKS

With President Lori Rosman still on vacation, 1st VP Eric Angelo presided again and kept us in line. Kyle Barker led us in song, Lisa Lodi led the pledge and Larry Hughes offered the prayer.

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

No guests today.

Brent Burnside announced a fun interclub coming up with Turlock and Modesto Kiwanis clubs – Kiwanis Night at the Modesto Nuts. It will be Tuesday, June 27 on the party deck at John Thurman Field. Dinner is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Game time 7:05 p.m. The \$33 per person price includes dinner and water. Beer & wine available. Bring prospective members and of course family members. Brent will be passing the signup sheet soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Congratulations: Eric congratulated Britta Skavdahl on her honor as Superintendent of the Year. “Just doing my job,” she responded to the loud round of applause.

Chicken A Go Go: Loren Suelzle reminded everyone to turn in their receipts and ticket money so the accounting can be wrapped up. Jennifer Mullen had several items left at the park: a travel mug and three pairs of scissors. Randy Cook said the burritos went over well although there weren’t as many sold as were ordered last year. He hopes there will be more people buying breakfast burritos next year so the mobile vendor will be willing to return. Charlie Christensen said there were about 200 leftover chicken halves, which were taken to the Gospel Mission at the end of the day We didn’t run out of any ingredients this year! (Charlie threw in happy bucks for a successful event.)

Amgen: Jeremiah Williams commended John Sanders for co-chairing Modesto’s effort to host the Amgen Tour with Laurie Smith of the city. John thanked the 15 or so Kiwanians who’ve been key in helping. And Ray Sanders said he needs three more people to help Monday morning, from about 7 to 9. Finally, Jeremiah said there will be an omelet breakfast served at the McHenry Museum until about 10 a.m Monday. Lots going on downtown!

Loren Suelzle: Has fliers about the CASA golf tournament and concert in late June. Cost is \$1,000 to play and \$300-\$500 for concert sponsorships.

American Graffiti: Ray Sanders again sent around the sign-up sheet for the June 9 parade and for shifts at the show on June 10 and 11.

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Brent Burnside passed around mini versions of the posters, which should be ready next week. He thanked Ron, Cory and Alan for getting the posters together. The next full committee meeting will be May 17, at 7 a.m. Perko's at Oakdale Road and Sylvan Avenue.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Pete Vella had a birthday on May 10; Rich Humble will be another year older on May 13. Phil Fugit has been with the club eight years. Eric assured them that Lori Rosman will be bringing their goodies when she returns next week.

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS

Lisa Lodi offered a thank you (and blatant promo) to Tony's Plumbing for her experiences with the business. Eric let new member Tony Molica off without a fine but promised him he'll pay in the future for the free advertising.

John Sanders had three reasons to put bucks in the can – the help he has received with Amgen, he and Willi have sold their boat and he received a letter from the VP at Ameriprise Financial announcing that Charles Christensen has the distinction of receive Private Wealth Adviser status, something only achieved by about 13 percent of all the Ameriprise advisers.

Charlie paid up for the free ad.

Gary Goodman offered a happy buck and public praise for the efforts at Chicken A Go Go by longtime volunteer and new member Skip Fricke. In fact, noting that Skip was at the barbecue pit helping to flip the giant racks all day, Gary came up with a new nickname: "Skipper the Flipper."

Roger Suelzle was happy to see so many new members helping in a big way at Chicken A Go Go: Tony, Eddy and Bill (and maybe others too).

Jim Graham got fined because his phone rang during the meeting. (Eric was running a tight ship!)

Cory Warner gave a brief description of his recent international travels: He spent a week in Rwanda photographing at the Global Teen Challenge and enjoyed the last day on a safari in the national park. Then he was on to Dubai to meet up with missionary friends. That included a desert safari and seeing the world's tallest building.

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PROGRAM

Debbie Johnson, founder and chief executive of Without Permission, gave an update on the activities of her nonprofit since she last spoke our club in 2014. First, she thanked us for our yearly support of Without Permission.

Although the video sound never got going, Debbie had statistics and anecdotes to tell the story of human trafficking right here in our community. Through the end of 2016, Without Permission has helped 254 victims of human trafficking. They ranged in age from 12 to 40, but 43 percent were under 17 when WP made contact with them, meaning they were young teens when they were first sold for sex.

Eighty percent of the people they have helped call Stanislaus or San Joaquin County home, so this is happening right here in our community. WP has recently launched a parent support group. It is devastating to families and marriages once parents realize their daughter has been trafficked.

This sort of crime has exploded because of the Internet, Debbie said. Parents go to bed at 10 p.m., with no idea that their daughter might be in her bedroom conversing online or by phone by a stranger trying to lure her into trafficking. The predators focus on teens' vulnerabilities, their desires to be considered pretty and desirable. Sometimes they will spend six months luring in the girls.

Debbie challenged us to Google the top 10 music videos of 2016 for a sense of what our children are feeding on in the current digital culture.

Without Permission not only works with rescued victims but is focusing on prevention and next year will have education programs in all of Modesto's public high schools. They also work in the juvenile halls in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties.

If people want to join the effort to stop human trafficking, they can sign on through the web page www.209FreedomProject.com.

In addition, Without Permission will be hosting a free communitywide training day on June 21. The registration form will be available starting next week on the organization's web site, <https://withoutpermission.org/>. The group also is on Facebook.

MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

Mike Boyd had the right number but pulled a white marble. Bob Braden won the lunch money.

Upcoming Events

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| May 15 | C | Amgen Tour of California in Modesto |
| May 18 | P | NMK hosts DCM |
| June 7 | FS | Stuffing party for American Graffiti, Man Cave |
| June 9 to 11 | F | American Graffiti Weekend 2017 |
| June 22 | F | Golf tournament benefitting CASA |

