

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



July 20, 2017

OPENING REMARKS

President Lori Rosman opened the meeting on time, even without a mic or the flags. (Thank heavens for that little flag on one of our banners.) Kyle Barker opened us with song, Ron Wilkinson (back for the third time in a row) led the pledge and Larry Hughes offered the prayer.

Late fines were happily levied on Kevin Scott, Jeremiah Williams and Aaron Kellums.

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Thirty-nine warm bodies this morning, including two guests (and prospective members): Geri Lewis, the events coordinator at Howard Training Center, a guest of Brent Burnside, and Joseph Coscove, who returned a second time as guest of Aaron Kellums.

Yesterday's InterClub in Mariposa did not happen because of the fire there.

Ken Darby reminded everyone of the the InterClub in Groveland on Tuesday, Aug. 22. Their club meets at 4:30 p.m. at a pizza parlor there.

Lori said she expects Al Smith will let us know if either the Mariposa or Groveland club needs assistance as a result of the fires.

MEMBERSHIP

Lori announced the resignation of long-time member and past president Joann Grether, who had retained her membership and worked every year at the car show despite moving to Idaho. We hope she'll continue to help at registration even if she's not a member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Immediate Past President, Brent Burnside read, for the second time, the officer nominations for the coming year. The list:

Immediate Past President – Lori Rosman

President – Eric Angelo

1st Vice President – Adrian Crane

2nd Vice President – Marci Boucher

Secretary – Lisa Lodi

Treasurer – Britta Skavdahl

New board members – Mike Boyd, Bill Ryan, Robert Husman and Odette Fattal.

Continuing board members – Charlie Christensen, Bill Michael, Ken Nolte and Randy Cook.

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Charlie Christensen again circulated the sign-up sheet for the next social event: Wine & barbecue at the Sanders' cabin in Twain Harte this Saturday, July 22.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Lori brought two birthday cupcakes but neither of the celebrants – Marty Villa or Steve Perry -- was present. One of the cupcakes was nicely redirected to Jeremy Goodspeed, who is celebrating #46 today. Therefore, he also got to hear our wonderful rendition of "Happy Birthday." Happy to see you, Jeremy.

Lori also had a special presentation for Gary Goodman, in recognition of his performance of "God Bless America" before the Fourth of July parade. He received certificates (most of them signed) from local politicians – Jeff Denham, Ted Brandvold, Anthony Cannella, the Board of Supervisors, Adam Gray and Heath Flora. Gary said he was honored to have been asked by Jeremiah to sing at the parade, an event he has attended since he was a child.

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS

Lori decided not to fine Jeremiah Williams for his recent trip to Paris because he was attending the International Kiwanis Convention representing Modesto Kiwanis as its incoming president. Jeremiah picked up some key chain mementoes and offered them to us, suggesting a donation of \$20 to the club.

Randy Cook had quite a vacation. It started with a business trip to Las Vegas. He and Denise were returning from Las Vegas to Stockton when they noticed that the plane seemed to be circling Las Vegas. The pilot had stayed mum about it but it turned out they were burning fuel because the left engine was out and the pilot needed to land again in Las Vegas. Randy said the passengers did not realize how serious the situation was until they saw all the fire engines lined up at the airport waiting to respond and the runways had been cleared of other planes. Fortunately, it all worked out, and Allegiant provided a different plane to get people to Stockton. That meant that Randy and Denise were later than anticipated getting to Lake Tahoe, where they had a great time at the celebrity golf tournament. Randy and Troy were in a foursome with former Oakland Raider Charles Woodson, who was lots of fun. Denise got to talk with Charles at dinner and then she offered him encouragement. Randy said it was a great vacation except for that scary time on the plane.

Lori had a quick trip to Fort Bragg, accompanying Jon who was on business. She didn't want to return to the valley heat.

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Bill Michael had a happy trip to Carmel but it got expensive as Marilyn bought four pair of shoes and their car was dinged.

Kyle Barker and Julie were happy about listening to the Dixieland group last night at the Clarion. Good music, Kyle said.

Cory Warner is happy that his daughter just finished her bachelor's degree in nursing, which will help her advance in her profession.

Dirk Paintedman won't be with us next week; he is going to visit his sister, who will be having lung surgery.

PROGRAM

Steve Collins introduced Ryan Murray, who wears several musical hats but was with us today as artistic director of Townsend Opera Modesto.

Ryan brought his good humor with him, even though he acknowledged that a 7 a.m. meeting is "tragically early in the morning" for a musician. The first person in his family to graduate from college, Ryan has had opportunities to travel the world because of his music career. And it started with playing the clarinet in junior high school. One of his goals with Townsend Opera is to help others in our community who have talent and passion to have opportunities as well.

Many people do not know about classical music and there is a tendency to put opera on a pedestal. He said the goal of this year's season at Townsend is to make opera music accessible and understandable. They will open with "The Barber of Seville" in September. People may not realize that they've heard parts of it as the music in cartoons or in ad jingles. The season concludes with "Madame Butterfly" in April. During the year will be a series of smaller recitals. One will be the "Opera Soiree," providing an opportunity for locals with musical talent to sing. (He even suggested our birthday song could be included – but he said it with a laugh.) Another recital will be a vocal competition for young singers in our area.

Even if you think opera is not your thing, Ryan said, check out the company's first production, "The Barber of Seville."

He had fliers and more information is available on their website: <https://townsendopera.com/>

MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

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Gary Goodman had the right ticket and, remarkably, pulled the RED marble from a bag almost full of white marbles. He won \$62. Charlie Christensen won the lunch money.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

July 27 – representatives of the Stanislaus County Interfaith Council

Upcoming Events

July 22	S	Twain Harte Golf & Wine in the Pines, Sanders cabin
August TBA	S	Movie Night featuring “Grease”
Sept. 21	P	De-installation dinner
Oct. 13	C	NMK volunteers help at Chamber Oktoberfest
Oct. 29	S	Wine Tasting & Lunch
Dec. 2	C	Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 11	C	Book sorting at the barn
Dec. 13	CS	Toy wrapping & social at the Barn
Dec. 16	C	Christmas Basket Distribution

2016-17 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Board Members

Officers

President
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Second Vice President
Past President
Secretary
Treasurer

Lori Rosman
Eric Angelo
Adrian Crane
Brent Burnside
Marci Boucher
Britta Skavdahl

2015-17

Audrey Goesch, Lisa Lodi
Judy Herrero, Britta Skavdahl

2016-18

Charlie Christensen, Randy Cook,
Bill Michael, Ken Nolte

Fundraising and Event Committee Chairs

NMK Field Games
Chicken A-Go-Go
Christmas Baskets

Lisa Lodi
Charlie Christensen
Marty Villa

CASA Golf Tournament
Breakfast With Santa
Graffiti Festival

Jim Toal
Jennifer Mullen, Kyle Barker
Brent Burnside

Standing Committee Chairs

Community Services
Young Children Priority One
Youth Services
Sponsored Youth

Richard Reimche
Robert Husman
Tyler Richardson
Brent Burnside (Enochs), Lisa Lodi (Vanguard)
Bill Michael (Central Catholic), Marty Villa (Davis)
Marty Villa
Bill Ryan
Roger Suelzle
Eric Angelo
Judy Herrero

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Publicity Chair
New Member Bios
Soccer Club Liaison
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Insurance Commissioner
Fiscal Oversight

Adrian Crane
Randy Cook
Steve Collins, Adrian Crane
Kyle Barker, Trish Christensen
George Bairey
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Trish Christensen
Bill Ryan
Jim Graham/Lori Rosman