

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Aug. 10, 2017

OPENING REMARKS

President Lori Rosman opened the meeting at 7:01 a.m. Gary Goodman opened us with “God Bless America”; Ken Darby led the prayer and Dirk Paintedman led the pledge (yes, in that order).

Even though he came in the side door, Brent Burnside was nabbed for being late. So was Aaron Kellums. Jennifer Mullen ARRIVED EARLY!

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

No guests this morning. Thirty-two members and our speaker. Good News: Geri Lewis has turned in her application for membership.

Ken Darby said he still needs one more person for the InterClub in Groveland on Monday, Aug. 21 (NOTE THE DATE IS AUG. 21, NOT AUG. 22). They meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please contact Ken if you want to go.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Darby invited everyone to “An Evening with Mandisa,” a benefit concert for the Modesto Gospel Mission. It will be Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Gallo Center. Tickets are \$35 to \$50 and available through the Gallo box office or online. Mandisa is a well-known gospel and contemporary Christian singer.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

three cupcakes this morning: One for Loren Suelzle, who celebrated #74 with a quiet lunch at BJs. The second was for the newly retired – and casually dressed – Bill Ryan, who is 59 today. Therefore, we sang our special version of Happy Birthday. Bill and Pam will be headed to Hilmar Cheese tomorrow for their special tri-tip lunch.

The third cupcake was transformed into a wedding cake sampler for Kyle Barker because he and Julie are finally tying the knot this weekend. Lori is making the wedding cake.

BUCKS

Brent Burnside left the state to take Sierra back to Arizona, but it’s been a sad return because they had to put down their young Rotweiler due to cancer. The house just isn’t the same without a dog.

Mike Boyd is having fun driving his new 2013 Mini Cooper S. It cost him \$10 pus the price of the car.

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Larry Hughes said we should fine Patty because she also has a new-to-her car. He didn't say what kind. Others suggested he was throwing Patty under the bus! Who likes a tattletale?

Steve Collins threw in an ambiguous \$5 for their good/bad experiences on Sunday. They went to see Modesto Performing Arts' production of "Billy Elliot" and were impressed with the 14-year-old star who could be the next dancing phenomenon. "My daughter was very good, too," Steve added. Then the bad part: On their way to dinner after the show, Linda fell and broke her hip. She is at Memorial Medical Center and then will go to a rehab hospital. She's looking at months and months of recovery. Our best thoughts go to Linda, who has had a very tough year.

Kevin Scott is happy that his daughter is starting her first day as a fifth grade teacher. But, he, too had sad news: A recent traffic accident on I-5 killed one and injured two of his colleagues in the food processing industry.

Kyle Barker reflected on his many years of enjoyment at the SOS Club, which is mostly closed. (Their wedding will be in the area that is still open.) Kyle played there many times. Loren Suelzle and Bill Ryan also had fond memories at the SOS Club.

PROGRAM

Today's speaker was Tom Trimberger, who became Modesto's chief building official five months ago. He offered a summary of the responsibilities of the department that he oversees. Building permits are increasing again, finally reaching numbers comparable to those of the pre-recession days. The department issues about 5,000 permits a year and does about 34,000 building inspections.

The other half of his department is Neighborhood Preservation/Code Enforcement. Tom was the one who ultimately made the recent decision to condemn a 9th Street apartment complex because conditions were so dangerous and disgusting. The situation has been in the news, both because of the deplorable conditions but also because there isn't sufficient low income housing for the tenants to move to.

Tom said the city tries to resolve issues with a courtesy letter or notice of violation but can ultimately fine homeowners \$100 a day and commercial building owners \$1,000 in order to force compliance. If nothing improves, the city will knock down unsafe buildings and place a lien on the property to recoup the money.

Tom said the city's goal is to process commercial building permits more quickly. Currently around the state the average time it takes for a building permit application to be processed is six weeks. That includes various reviews but also "bin time," when the application is just sitting in a basket waiting for the next person to look at it.

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On July 1, the Modesto building department began “T.I. Tuesdays,” a program to process applications for small commercial remodels in just one day, by having applicants, designers, inspectors, etc. all in one place and making changes, as needed, on the spot. So far, 11 of 12 applications have been processed in that single day. The change pleases builders/business owners who can get to work more quickly but it also is reducing the backlog of application at the city, Tom said

The expedited process is available to businesses occupying floor space of 2,500 square feet or less. Appointments must be made.

Tom was peppered with questions and comments about people who had bad experiences getting their building permits processed. He agreed that too often building department staff members used to be more focused on their own schedules rather than trying to help their customers.

MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

John Sanders won table stakes but pulled a white marble from the bag. Loren Suelzle won the lunch money.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

Aug. 17 – Salvador Padilla, principal of Vanguard College Prep Academy, a relatively new charter school. (North Modesto Kiwanis is now the sponsor of Vanguard’s Key Club and some of their members helped at Graffiti in June.)

Aug. 24 – our own Pete Vella on what’s going on in the wine industry

Aug. 31 – Annette Patton, executive director of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, the joint agency serving Modesto, Ceres, Waterford, Patterson, Hughson and unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 21	P	De-installation dinner – the “kick-out”
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

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