

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Aug. 24, 2017

## OPENING REMARKS

President Lori Rosman opened the meeting with her usual happy smile. Gary Goodman opened us with "God Bless America"; Allan Ramsay led the pledge and Tim Ragsdale offered the prayer.

## GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Three guests this morning: "soulmates" Peggy Ragsdale and Trish Christensen, and Ken Darby's friend Gary Vaccaro. Thirty-five members also attended.

Ken Darby, Larry Hughes and Judy Herrero visited the Groveland club on Monday. The next InterClub will be to Merced. Details and a sign-up coming soon from Ken and Adrian, who will continue to share InterClub duties.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brent Burnside passed the sign-up sheet for the deinstallation dinner, which will be Sept. 21 at the Kyle & Julie Barker home. There will be an Hawaiian theme and we may or may not do the limbo under the RR tracks.

Ray Sanders passed the volunteer sign-up to work at the Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest on Oct. 13. At our Sept. 14 meeting, we'll receive the required training to serve beer and wine.

Trish Christensen is helping to coordinate the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament benefitting the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. It will be Sept. 25 at Spring Creek. Entry is \$150 per player. Reach out to Trish or go to [www.StanislausFamilyJustice.org](http://www.StanislausFamilyJustice.org) to register or learn more.

Lori said the club received announcements/invites for two other community fund-raisers: Society for Disabilities' Wild West Gala on Oct. 21 and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Gallo Center for the Arts on Sept. 23.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

One cupcake this morning, for Charlie Christensen, who celebrated his 51<sup>st</sup> on Tuesday. It's been a busy period of celebrations. He and Trish celebrated their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary earlier in the month with a getaway to the Monterey area.

Lots of birthdays coming up in September so Lori will be a busy baker.

## BUCKS

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Dirk Paintedman had bucket duty today and caught some folks conversing and others checking their cell phones. I think he helped the club treasury a bit.

John and Willi Sanders took their motorhome to Salem to witness the eclipse and John said it was a great trip. They met up with Eric Benson and thousands of others in a shopping center parking lot, where everyone was focused on sharing the experience and no one was divided over politics or other issues. Businesses were trying to make \$\$\$ off this event. The cost of a one-night stay at the Days Inn was \$650.

Adrian Crane was in Casper, Wyoming – on the swath of totality – but left the day before the eclipse. He had an enjoyable two-week vacation with hiking and other activities. Adrian recommended if you are ever in southern Idaho to visit the Atomic Museum, where usable electricity was first generated from nuclear power.

Doug Hardie has had several recent celebrations – his mother's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday, his wife's birthday and he and Judy's wedding anniversary.

Loren Suelzle was happy to represent North Modesto Kiwanis (along with three others) at the the Dennis Wallace memorial golf tournament on Monday. It was a sellout and a successful fund-raising event. But he had a sad buck, too, because the NMK foursome didn't do so well against another Kiwanian in our midst.

Eric Angelo's new job at Modesto Toyota sounds pretty tough. He has been invited to participate in golf tournaments each of the last two Mondays – and remember this is after a fishing trip to Alaska! Eric was feeling better for golf because ...

Over the weekend, Lori and a sick, sneezing Lori attended CLE training.

Larry Hughes forgot to bring a Bee special section highlighting 20 under 40 high achievers. Patti had noticed that very few of them belong to service clubs, and she suggested we send them brochures inviting them to consider joining NMK.

Phil and Nancy Fugit attended Wednesday's Giants game – and helped to start a winning streak of one.

## PROGRAM

Our own Pete Vella, vice president of winemaking for Gallo, gave a fascinating program on Gallo's many and varied brand and winery acquisitions since 2002. First, what's hot in the industry? Red blends and roses (pretend there's an accent in there).

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Then we had a recap of brand and winery purchases, starting with Louis Martini in 2002. Ernest Gallo had only wanted to build new brands but the company now uses acquisitions to expand its offerings.

Probably the most successful was the acquisition of Barefoot in Sonoma, which has gone from production of 600,000 cases to 20 million cases a year. In some instances, Gallo wanted to expand its offerings – chardonnay and pinot noir – but in other it needed the processing facilities or the vineyards. Obviously the company has a very strategic approach.

Pete said Gallo tries to keep in place the employees and expertise that the previous owner had, with the addition of Gallo resources to improve facilities, etc. There were lots of questions – proof of an interesting program. Thank you, Pete!

## MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

John Sanders had the right number (again) but pulled a white marble from the bag (again). Jennifer Mullen won the lunch money.

## NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Dogs, cats and other critters lost, found and mistreated: 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

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| <b>Sept. 21</b> | <b>P</b>  | <b>De-installation dinner – the “kick-out”</b>    |
| <b>Oct. 13</b>  | <b>C</b>  | <b>NMK volunteers help at Chamber Oktoberfest</b> |
| <b>Oct. 29</b>  | <b>S</b>  | <b>Wine Tasting &amp; Lunch</b>                   |
| <b>Dec. 2</b>   | <b>C</b>  | <b>Breakfast with Santa</b>                       |
| <b>Dec. 11</b>  | <b>C</b>  | <b>Book sorting at the barn</b>                   |
| <b>Dec. 13</b>  | <b>CS</b> | <b>Toy wrapping &amp; social at the Barn</b>      |
| <b>Dec. 16</b>  | <b>C</b>  | <b>Christmas Basket Distribution</b>              |

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2015-17

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#### Fundraising and Event Committee Chairs

NMK Field Games  
 Chicken A-Go-Go  
 Christmas Baskets

Lisa Lodi  
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CASA Golf Tournament  
 Breakfast With Santa  
 Graffiti Festival

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