

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Oct. 12, 2017

OPENING REMARKS

President Eric Angelo welcomed us back in our normal meeting room. Kyle Barker led the song; Don Vieira started us in the pledge and Bob Harper offered the prayer.

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Thirty-seven members and three guests this morning. Peggy Ragsdale came with Tim – who had the best introduction ever for his best friend. The other guests were our speakers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ray Sanders completed distribution of tickets to those who are helping at the Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest Friday night. We have an impressive 23 people helping with this activity. Ray noted that those working the early shift are asked to be there by 5 p.m. and those working the later shift should arrive by 7.

Jennifer Mullen shared information on Modesto going to the dogs – translated: Modesto is hosting a bull terrier show. The sponsors, the Barbary Coast Bull Terrier Club, picked an American Graffiti theme for the show and their logo shows a bull terrier sitting in a classic car. The puppy competition is today and Friday and the older dogs are showing all day Saturday and Sunday at Centre Plaza. There is even a costume competition at 4 p.m. Saturday. The visitors' bureau encouraged downtown restaurants to offer a "yappy hour" for dog owners/handlers and their four-legged friends.

Fyi from Jennifer – Bull terriers are not the same as pit bulls. The most famous bull terriers are Bullseye, the dog in the Target ad, and Spuds McKenzie, the fictional character featured in Bud Light commercials.



Randy Cook reminded everyone of the Lodi Vintner's Annual Wine Tasting Event on Oct. 29. Please sign up soon.

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Graham celebrated #72 on Monday, sandwiched between concerts at the Gallo Center.

Mike Boyd wasn't with us this morning because he was with Rayne, who was evacuated from her Sonoma home due to the fires. We keep them in our prayers.

BUCKS

Roger Suelzle was happy to note that nobody in our group kneels during either the song or the pledge. Someone quipped that if some of us kneeled, we might not be able to get back up again.

Loren Suelzle is sad that he didn't win the latest round in the fantasy football league. The co-winners, Jim Felt and Gary Wasmund, did fess up and pay up, although they were not enthused about it being a tie.

Jim also was sad that he didn't immediately recognize David Wright, for whom Jim's wife worked for many years.

Bob Riedel is happy to have returned from a nice trip to the eastern Sierra with another Kiwanian, who remained nameless.

Larry Hughes is sad for the people of Santa Rosa and happy not to be fire chief there.

Kevin Scott was sad that six of his winery customers suffered losses in the fires but he was happy that his family members living in that area are safe.

Randy Cook said Denise is happy 1. to finally have the permit for work to start on their home remodel and 2. celebrating a birthday today. Happy Birthday, Denise!

PROGRAM

Our speakers were Councilwoman Kristi Ah You and businessman David Wright, both of whom signed the ballot argument in favor of Measure T, the little known item on the Nov. 7 ballot in Modesto. The proposal is simple but somewhat vague at this point – it asks whether Modesto should “adopt an ordinance establishing a cannabis business tax on all cannabis businesses within the city, up to 10 percent of gross receipts of each business, potentially generating up to \$1 million or more a year for general city services, including neighborhood safety, maintaining parks and recreation, and job creation, with all revenues remaining local.”

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The arguments in favor appear in the Sample Ballots, which should be arriving soon to regular voters in the city and also are available on the Stanvote.com website (under Voter Services, look for E Sample Ballot link). No one is openly opposing Measure T.

Dave emphasized that Measure T does not weigh in on whether marijuana should be legal or not. It only provides a way for the city to tax marijuana dispensaries to cover the cost of regulating and monitoring them and dealing with problems that may surface around them.

Kristi stressed that if the cannabis businesses are not taxed, the funds needed for regulating them will have to come from the city's general budget, meaning it will affect all of us. People who do not use marijuana in any form will not be affected by Measure T, she noted.

There are lots of unanswered questions about the legalization of marijuana for recreational use, which becomes effective Jan. 1, 2018. Key among them is that the Modesto Council has not decided whether to allow dispensaries and, if so, how many to allow. Stanislaus County has adopted regulations.

One of the challenges in collecting any tax on cannabis businesses is that they deal only in cash, because the federal government does not recognize the legal sale of marijuana.

Kristi noted that Measure T was put on the ballot by a 5-2 vote of the council. She did not comment on the two councilmembers who voted against it. An aside for clarity: Here are two paragraphs from the July 2, 2017 Modesto Bee explaining the council vote:

The City Council voted 5-2 on Tuesday to place a cannabis business tax on the ballot. The tax would apply to gross receipts at medical and nonmedical marijuana businesses. The council also was briefed on the results of a voter survey of the tax, which showed strong support for it.

Councilmen Bill Zoslocki and Doug Ridenour voted "no," saying they want Modesto to work with Stanislaus County on developing uniform regulations in response to legal marijuana. They also said the county has services and resources the city lacks regarding this issue. Acting City Manager Joe Lopez said the council's decision to put a tax on the ballot does not preclude the city from working with the county.

Kristi invited anyone with questions or concerns about other city issues to contact her. She is half-way through her first four-year term on the council.

MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

No raffle today.

Next Week's program: An update on the Boys & Girls Club of Stanislaus County by Veronica Jaucinde.

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 13	C	NMK volunteers help at Chamber Oktoberfest
Oct. 29	S	Wine Tasting & Lunch
Nov. 8	C	First American Graffiti planning meeting for 2018, 7 a.m. at Perko's on Oakdale & Sylvan
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

Officers

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

NMK Field Games	Jim Felt
Chicken A-Go-Go	Charlie Christensen
Christmas Baskets	Marty Villa

Community Services	Richard Reimche
Young Children Priority One	Robert Husman
Youth Services	Tyler Richardson
Sponsored Youth	Brent Burnside (Enochs), Bill Michael (Central Catholic), Marty Villa (Davis)
Spiritual Aims	Marty Villa
Scholarships	Bill Ryan, George Bairey, Paul Echols, Jennifer Mullen, Britta Skavdahl
Membership Growth	Adrian Crane
Insurance Commissioner	Bill Ryan

CURRENT OFFICERS

Board Members

2016-18	Randy Cook, Charlie Christensen, Bill Michael, Ken Nolte
2017-19	Mike Boyd, Odette Fattal Robert Husman, Bill Ryan

Fundraising and Event Committees

CASA Golf Tournament	Jim Toal
Breakfast With Santa	Jennifer Mullen, Kyle Barker
Graffiti Festival	Brent Burnside

Committee Chairs (With)

Membership Retention	Adrian Crane
Social Committee	Randy Cook
Program Chair	Steve Collins, Judy Herrero
Publicity Chair	Kyle Barker, Trish Christensen
New Member Bios	George Bairey
Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
Web Master	Trish Christensen
New Member Orientation	Roger Suelzle, Steve Collins
Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham
Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero