

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Dec. 20—Everyone was in the Christmas spirit this morning. We had our own Santa (Robert Husman), and Kyle Barker entertained us throughout the morning with Christmas carols. President Adrian Crane dressed for the occasion and drew laughs (groans) with his jokes.

OPENING

Presiding: President Adrian Crane. The picture says it all.



Carols and music throughout: Kyle Barker

Pledge: George Bairey

Prayer: Marty Villa

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

InterClubs: several folks went to Sonora last week. Next up: Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 a.m., in Oakdale.

Guests: Lots of them this morning, most family members. Also, prospective member Jason Beach was back with us for the second time as a guest of Britta. As she said, one more meeting and we've got him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BUCKS/ETC.

Sabine Saso had a thank you gift for Kyle Barker, who helped the Soroptimists acquire at a very reasonable price an entry level violin for a child in need. She presented him with a Christmas hat (as if Kyle needed anything else to get in the spirit of the season).



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Christmas baskets:

Marty Villa provided the breakdown on those we helped this year: 60 families with 124 adults, 164 children from infant through age 12, and 52 youngsters 13 to 17. Don Monaco told Marty he is happy that we continue to use his hangar as an assembly point.

Two of our new members, Brian and Laura, were among those helping to box and distribute the food baskets, gifts, etc.

Lots of thank yous and positive sharing about the whole experience. Big applause for Marty Villa and Erne Ruth for coordinating our whole Christmas basket effort each year.

Two members suffered dog bites, a first. Gary Goodman was lucky as the German Shepherd only got his pant leg. Mike Boyd was bitten by a pit bull but did not need rabies shots, thank heavens.

Loren wants everyone's Breakfast with Santa ticket \$\$\$.

Other topics:

Doug Hardie finally has his fine-free card and has paid for it. Cards are \$75 and still available.

Brian Sanders was happy to report that the Beyer High Marching Band has found another location for its Christmas wrapping fund-raising set-up—in front of Best Buy. Take your gifts from that store or any other to be wrapped and to help the band. They formerly were located in front of Toys R Us.

Jason Beach is happy that Britta urged him to consider Kiwanis. He's also happy to have one more day before a week off work.

Bob Dunbar is happy about the work our club does all year long.

Loren Suelzle is happy to report that a recent sonogram on his leg showed the blood clot is gone.

Jeremiah Williams wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He was happy to be invited to Gov. Brown's farewell gathering in Sacramento.

Kyle Barker is happily confused about who is living where but he and Julie will be consistently in the same house at last.

Bob Harper's phone rang (appointment reminder) and he got fined!

John Sanders is happy that within a couple of hours the final stitches will be removed from his nose.

Adrian paid several fines for his jokes. He is happy that Bob Dunbar was able to tell one of Adrian's guests the answer to the familiar question – what does Kiwanis mean?

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Neither of the birthday celebrants was with us – Paul Echols and Doug Tripp.

Gary and Maribeth Wasmund celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary with a trip to Monterey earlier this month.

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Bob Harper celebrated a club anniversary. He joined back in 1989. Pete Vella, not with us this morning, has been with NMK for 49 years!

MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Once he finally found his ticket, Phil Fugit was allowed to pull from the marble bag. Alas, white. Muriel Reimche won the lunch money.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Dec. 27 – tba

Jan. 3 – report from board meeting.

Jan. 10 – Amy Bultena from Stanislaus County Office of Education about how essential art is in education.

Jan. 17 – Britni Hodge, program manager for the Central Valley Pride Center, a non-profit for the local LGBTQ community.

Jan. 24 – David Leamon from Stanislaus County Public Works – what's happening with the North County Corridor plan?

Upcoming Events

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| Jan. 30 | Wine pairing night at Fuzio's. Time and other info to be announced |
| Mid-March | Chili cook off. |