

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Jan. 17 – This morning we learned about the MoPRIDE Center and its programs and activities, including a discussion about how language use has changed. Very educational. FYI: Today's bulletin has the program schedule through mid-February.

OPENING

Presiding: President Adrian Crane

Song: Jeremiah Williams

Pledge: Larry Robinson

Prayer: Jason Conway

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

InterClubs: Ken Darby and a small contingent missed our meeting this morning to be with the Oakdale Kiwanians.

Friday, Feb. 15, 6:45 a.m. with Greater Turlock at Latif's

Tuesday, April 16, 8 a.m. in Groveland

Guests: Gabe Vasquez, who works with Jim Perez at Morgan Stanley. Gabe picked up a membership application.

Daniel Gowans, son of member Bob Gowans

Speakers: Joe Sisemore, board president, and Britni Hodge, manager, of the MoPRIDE Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BUCKS/ETC.

Peggy Ragsdale is doing better.

As of this morning, there were only two seats available for the Jan. 30 Wine Pairing dinner at Fuzio's. If you are interested, contact Randy Cook immediately to see if they have been filled.

Roger Suelzle had two announcements: With Robert Husman moving up to 1st VP and then the presidency, the club needs someone else to chair the Young Children Priority 1 Committee. If interested, talk to Roger.

Second, the legal drug company that Roger works for part-time needs drivers. You must be 21 or older. Contact Roger.

Graffiti Committee Meetings: The monthly meetings started this week and continue through July. Everyone is invited to learn more/help with our big event. Brent was not with us today to report but we'll learn more next week.

Apron reading: Brian Sanders made some money for the club treasury because several people had not signed his apron even though he has been wearing it for weeks!

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There was a DCM last Saturday in Sonora. Lots of fun, Adrian reported. Modesto will be hosting the DCM on March 14. Details will be forthcoming.

Officer update: Adrian provided the second official reading that Britta Skavdahl has agreed to become second VP (replacing Robert Husman, who moved to 1st VP because of Marci's departure). The last reading and confirmation vote will be next week.

Jim Toal joined us this morning. He's in the area because his wife just had a procedure done at UCSF. Fortunately, it went well.

Brian Sanders said the Beyer High Marching Band will hold a car show on May 4 at the campus. Our club is invited to have a free booth/table because we offer the band the same courtesy at our show.

Randy Cook is very happy that escrow closes tomorrow on the Valley Springs ranch that has been in his family for 35 years. Doug Van Den Enden helped make the sale happen. Doug said he and his son, a geologist, enjoyed the chance to see the old gold mines on the property.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Felt is now eligible for Medicare! He's also 34 pounds lighter than when he retired last spring and remains very busy. You had to be there to hear his story.

Larry Robinson celebrated #76 with a family dinner in Lodi.

Bob Braden added another year but wasn't with us to talk about it.

Bob Riedel and Jim Long had club anniversaries but something else to do this morning. Bill Heyden was with us – and marking his third year with the club. Time has gone by so quickly that it only seemed like two years to Bill.

PROGRAM

Britni Hodge and Joe Sisemore from the MoPRIDE center (People Respecting Individuality, Diversity and Equality) talk about the center's programs and activities. They include offering a drop-in center five days a week, support groups, HIV and sexually transmitted disease education programs. Joe (a chef by occupation) leads cultural diversity training classes for employers, school personnel and others. He and his partner also lead a youth group for LGBT&Q and questioning young people, ages 14 to 20.

The center's big event each year is Pride in the Park, usually held in September. Joe said that unlike San Francisco's big pride event, this one is family oriented.

The non-profit hopes to offer more mental health services to LGBT&Q people and their families. They also hope to expand services to the homeless. The center is located near 12th and D, between Modesto's two large homeless shelters and near Beard Brook Park.

Joe and Britni answered questions, including explaining the term "gender non-confirming" and the popular use of "queer," a label that was considered offensive but now is used by some young people to refer to those who fit anywhere under the LGBT&Q umbrella.

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MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Jennifer Mullen had the right ticket but pulled a white marble from the bag. Someone is going to win real soon. Gary Goodman won the lunch money.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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

Jan. 31 -- Leslie Cairns, kindergarten teacher at Mary Ann Sanders School and daughter of our own Randy Cook, regarding her backpack project to promote study and reading at home. The NMK board voted last week to contribute \$1,000 to this project.

Feb. 7 – report from the February board meeting

Feb. 14 – Up With People presentation, advancing a March 22 concert at Gallo benefitting the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Feb. 21 – Kari McNickle from Dibs, a free resource for businesses throughout the region on commuter transportation issues.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 30 Wine pairing night at Fuzio’s. 6 p.m. By reservation only and they are pretty much filled.

Mid-March Chili cook off.

June 7-9 American Graffiti weekend

Current Board			
President	Adrian Crane	2017-2019	Mike Boyd, Odette Fattal,
1st Vice President	Robert Husman		Robert Husman, Bill Ryan
Past president	Eric Angelo	2018-2020	Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale
Secretary	Lori Rosman		George Bairey, Bill Heyden
Treasurer	Britta Skavdah		
Event Committee Chairs			
NMK Field Games	Jim Felt	CASA Golf Tournament	Jim Toal
Chicken A Go Go	Charlie Christensen	Breakfast with Santa	Jennifer Mullen
Christmas Baskets	Marty Villa	Graffiti Festival	Brent Burnside
Committee Chairs			
Community Services	Richard Reimche	Membership Retention	
Young Children Priority One	Robert Husman	Social Committee	Randy Cook
Youth Services	Sabine Saso	Programs	Steve Collins, Judy Herrero
Sponsored Youth	Brent B(Enochs), Ken Nolte	New Member Bios	George Bairey
	(Vanguard), Bill M (Central),	Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
	Marty Villa (Davis)	Web Master	Trish Christensen
Spiritual Aims	Marty Villa	New Member Orientation	Roger Suelze, Steve Collins
Scholarships	Bill Ryan	Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham
		Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero