

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Jan. 25, 2018

## OPENING REMARKS

Of course we started on time, with President Eric Angelo clanging the bell at 7. Missing our usual song leaders, Eric persuaded Tim Ragsdale to start us in song. Billy Schwartz led the pledge and Phil Fugit offered the prayer.

## GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Two guests, though not strangers to us: Eric Benson, past president and longtime member, and Heidi Aufdermaur, the organizer of the NMK Games.

Lots going on with InterClubs:

- Next one will be Wednesday, Feb. 7 to Merced. It's a dinner meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. Ken Darby appears to have enough people signed up, but the more the merrier. Contact Ken if interested.
- Immediately after that, a Sonora interclub on Friday, Feb. 9. They meet at 7 a.m., leaving lots of time for folks to head to the ski slopes or other fun places.
- Ken will be organizing an exchange with Castle/Atwater. The date isn't set but it's likely to be in late February or March.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heidi Aufdermaur had bittersweet news: She will be retiring from Modesto City Schools at the end of the school year. She announced that this year's NMK Field Games will be April 27 at Johansen – and this will be the last of the games. The guys who will be trying to fill Heidi's shoes say they cannot pull off this event. George Bairey noted that the games have existed for 40 years, the first 25 as the Sonoma Games. He suggested something needs to be done to keep them going. An added plus: Heidi said she'd like to join NMK after retirement!

Marty Villa said Youth for Christ Central Valley is hosting Comedy Night 2018 on Friday, March 16 at Big Valley Grace Community Church, featuring Dustin Nickerson and Dennis Regan. Tickets start at \$25, available on the website, [www.scyfc.com/events](http://www.scyfc.com/events). Eric noted that it takes a very talented comedian to create a very funny show that is clean.

Randy Cook announced that the Blazing Saddles Chili Cook-off will be Saturday, March 3 at the Man Cave. He'll start circulating the sign-up sheet next week.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Nicole Jamerson wasn't with us to be serenaded on her birthday.

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Lots of club anniversaries: Kyle Barker - 24 years, Judy Herrero – 4 years, Jeremiah Williams – 15 years, Skipper Fricke – 2 years, Loren Suelzle – 35 years, and, drum roll, please, Mark Dunker – 51 years. Mark brought with him the plastic apron that he received way back when the club had only about 25 members. Steve Collins signed that apron.

## BUCKS

Tim Ragsdale is \$5 happy that he and Peggy survived the ballistic missile attack that was falsely announced via phone alert while they were golfing in Hawaii. Tim said he knew immediately that someone pushed the wrong button but he did have a flashback to his Vietnam War experience. The golfing was not so good.

John Sanders was \$10 happy about a trip that he and Mary Ann and Turbo took to Arizona. It included a wonderful visit with Barbara and Cliff Oilar and time with Gene Winfield. Note: John suggested that Cliff would appreciate seeing and hearing from his fellow Kiwanians. Cliff's contact info: [16501 N. Mirage Road, #395, Surprise, AZ 85387](mailto:16501.N.Mirage.Road.#395.Surprise.AZ.85387). Cell - (209) 480-7175. Email [seacliffandbarb@comcast.net](mailto:seacliffandbarb@comcast.net).

Gary Wasmund was \$20 happy about a wonderful trip to Kauai. They were on a plane about to fly to the island when the erroneous alert went out. Obviously, they survived too.

Lori Rosman provided the sad news that Marci Boucher is having another surgery today after more low level cancer was found during a previous surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marci.

Randy Cook was \$5 happy about last weekend's trip to San Luis Obispo, where he introduced his daughter and her friend to some of the best sights (drinking establishments). Randy's other daughter earned two degrees at Cal Poly, so he knows his way around SLO.

Larry Hughes is happy with new hearing aids and he actually heard most of today's meeting.

Adrian Crane spent a few hours in Mammoth after taking a 65- to 75-mile trip across the Sierra on snowshoes. He found a couple of other locals up for such a trek.

## PROGRAM

We had another presentation about an organization doing good things in our community: Aspiranet and its programs to help youth transition from foster care into independent living.

Until 2012, teens who aged out of foster care at age 18 were pretty much on their own. Since then, as a result of a change in state law and funding, there are programs to help them with housing, transportation and learning life skills. Our primary speaker was Alma Garcia Mendoza, the core program director for Aspiranet's Transitional Aged Youth Services.

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Foster youth struggle in a number of ways when they reach adulthood, Alma said. Only 4 percent earn a college degree and one in three ends up homeless within 24 months. Unplanned pregnancies are common.

Aspiranet helps them prepare for the transition to independence through classes and a variety of programs. The young participants, ages 18 to 21, must be in school and/or working to be eligible for the assistance. Alma said the emphasis is on education – getting a high school diploma or GED and then vocational training or college.

Aspiranet has been operating in California for 40 years and has 400 employees in the Modesto area serving more than 4,400 clients. In 2017, Aspiranet helped 1,092 young people with their transition out of foster care.

Aspiranet is now working with Stanislaus County to try to recruit more families to be foster parents – the label now used is resource parents – to children who are on probation. The agency has a center on J Street (on the first floor of Tenth Street Plaza) where the young people in the transitional programs are helped. She invited folks to stop by.

More information is available at [aspiranet.org](http://aspiranet.org).

## **MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY**

Troy Wright had the right ticket number but pulled a white marble. Jim Felt won table stakes. Jennifer Mullen won the \$6 in lunch money.

## **Upcoming Events**

<b>March 3</b>	<b>Blazing Saddles Chili cook-off, 5 p.m., Man Cave</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>NMK Field Games, Johansen High</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Chicken A Go Go, Davis Park</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Packet stuffing/social</b>
<b>June 8-10</b>	<b>American Graffiti weekend</b>

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## CURRENT OFFICERS Board Members

### Officers

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

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

## Fundraising and Event Committees

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

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

## Committee Chairs

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

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