

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Jan. 31 – A backpack of supplies for children and advice may help more children be prepared for kindergarten do well all the way through school. Leslie Cairns talked about the Kindergarten Readiness backpack project she has initiated – and our club is supporting -- at MaryAnn Sanders School.

OPENING

Presiding: President Adrian Crane

Song: Charlie Christensen

Pledge: Gary Wasmund

Prayer: Phil Fugit

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

InterClubs: Ken Darby passed around the signup sheets for upcoming interclubs:

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

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

Guests: Randy Cook brought wife, Denise (who most of us know), and their daughter, Leslie Cairns, our speaker this a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Cook thanked those who attended last night's wine pairing dinner at Fuzio's. He announced the date for the chili cook-off: March 16. A signup sheet will be passed around starting in a couple of weeks.

Amy Bultena, the recent speaker from the Stanislaus County Office of Education, sent info about the Maker Hoopla on April 6. Adrian said it is something the club and/or members may want to support.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Wedding anniversary: Steve and Linda Collins. Steve wasn't with us this morning to say how they celebrated.

Service anniversaries: Mark Dunker joined the club in 1967 and was the first inductee after the club was chartered. Loren Suelzle, who remembers joining after seeing the Kiwanis pin on a colleague at the bank. (This prompted Adrian to do a pin check, which boosted the club treasury noticeably.) Loren has been a member since 1983.

HAPPY AND SAD BUCKS

Randy Cook is happy that he and Denise will be leaving this afternoon for Utah and 10 days of skiing.

John Sanders reported that Bob Dunbar is at Stanford, facing a five-hour surgery that hopefully will cure/reduce the neuropathy that became significantly worse in recent weeks.

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Mike Boyd leaves Saturday for his annual trek to Bend, Ore., where the guys now socialize more than ski.

Jim Felt is happy to have filled the SuperBowl pool.

Allan Ramsay asked for an update on Peggy Ragsdale. Tim shared that Peggy is improving and he hopes she'll be home from Engsh Oaks within a week. Every day horizontal (in a hospital bed) usually requires a couple of days vertical (in rehab) so she is getting stronger faster than is typical. Our best to Peggy in her recovery.

Allan also provided more detailed information on the strange crash of an airplane at the Modesto airport yesterday. (See today's Bee.) He said it was very fortunate that no one was injured. Yes, it is possible for a plane with no one inside to move.

Charlie Christensen is happy that last weekend's Chamber of Commerce gala went well. Trish organized the event.

PROGRAM

Leslie Cairns, a kindergarten teacher at Mary Ann Sanders School in the Sylvan district, gave an interesting program about the Kindergarten Readiness bags that will be distributed Monday to the families of children registering for kindergarten for next year. The goal is that the children will be better prepared for what is expected in kindergarten – much more than we used to do.

Leslie initiated this project at Sanders. She said too many children come to kindergarten not knowing their numbers past five or their shapes and other essentials. She learned about the backpacks through a school in Florida. The Sylvan Education Foundation and our club provided major funding. The goal is to help the Sylvan district have ever third grader reading at grade level.

John Sanders, aka Mr. Mary Ann Sanders, said Mary Ann would be proud of Leslie's work and the presentation she gave. She promised to return with a report of the effectiveness of the project.

Leslie has been teaching kindergarten for 12 years.

MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

John Sanders won table stakes and had the right ticket number; he asked Leslie to pull the marble for him but, alas, she pulled a white one. Someone is going to win very soon. Roger Suelzle won the lunch money.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Feb. 7 – report from the February board meeting

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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

March 16	Chili cook off at the Man Cave
May 5	Chicken A Go Go barbecue
June 7-9	American Graffiti weekend