

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Feb. 21 – We welcomed Jason Beach to the club and learned about dibs, a regional effort to promote carpooling, van pools and other commute strategies that reduce congestion and pollution. Another enjoyable start to a Thursday.

OPENING

President Adrian Crane

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Tom Swafford

Prayer: Ken Darby

GUESTS

Jan Jaegers from Modesto Kiwanis

Cathy Line, a guest of Sabine and Kevin and a potential new member

Sarah Arroyo, the significant other of new member Jason Beach

INTERCLUBS (Ken Darby coordinator)

Seven NMK members visited the Turlock club last week. They have 11 new members in the past year and have issued a challenge to us to match or beat that number.

Coming up: April 16 to Groveland (need at least 1 more person). Contact Ken Darby

May 6 to Merced

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adrian Crane: Host families are still needed for the Up With People visitors to Modesto. They provided last week's program.

Randy Cook: Needs two more cooks for the Blazing Saddles Chili Cook off, March 16 at 5 p.m. at the "Man Cave," 5719 Chenault Dr., Modesto. Winners will have their choice of some great wines. Everyone bring an appetizer, cornbread or dessert.

Loren Suelzle: Breakfast With Santa netted \$6,360 for the city's Leisure Bucks program to help children afford youth sports programs. Check presentation will be coming up soon.

Charlie Christensen reported from Wednesday's Graffiti Committee meeting: Good turnout, everything moving along smoothly. Charlie and a couple of others met with city folks & police Wednesday re parade. Everything is a go for the same route as last year, with turnaround at Briggsmore.

Adrian: There will be a Key Club charter night Monday in Oakdale. Contact Adrian or Lori if you would like to go.

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Sabine Saso: Has four tickets available to the Without Permission dinner this Friday night at the Petersen event center. These will be a table of Kiwanians from the two Modesto clubs.

BIRTHDAYS

Joan Rutschow and Anthony Rivera – neither of whom was with us this morning

ANNIVERSARIES

George & Marie Bairey celebrated #36 with a trip to the Monterey area and the Crosby golf tournament.

Randy Cook has been with NMK for 14 years and **John Sanders** for 47 years. Remarkably, both remembered/guessed their correct number of years.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Jason Beach is officially part of us and wearing an apron for everyone to sign. His sponsor is Britta Skavdahl, who is on her retirement trip in Norway. Jason is a gourmet chef who loves his current job as director of child nutrition for the Stanislaus Union School District. He offered his culinary expertise to us – and was encouraged to enter the chili contest.

Jason used his fine-free time to acknowledge that he previously was in and led a Rotary Club. We are glad to have him anyway ☺

PROGRAM

Yvette Davis from the San Joaquin Council of Governments explained to us a regional program called dibs, which is an effort by the transportation planning agencies in San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced counties to promote carpooling, van pooling and other ways to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

They work primarily with employers, especially big employers such as Amazon, which face mandates from the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District to reduce trips. There is a vanpool voucher program with up to \$400 per month for the cost of a van, which typically rents for \$1,200 to \$1,500 per month. Each rider pays a set amount.

One of the interesting aspects: People are sometimes reluctant to use a vanpool or mass transit because they wouldn't be able to get home quickly in the case of an emergency. One of the incentives is that a participant can get an emergency ride home via taxi, rental, Lyft/Uber up to four times a year.

dibs (which stands for nothing) has no enforcement power. Their website, **dibstrips.com**, can help employees explore their options for commuting.

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MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

New member good luck: **Jason Beach** had the right ticket and pulled the red marble from the bag, winning the pot of \$55.

Jim Felt won the lunch money.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Feb. 28 – Report on a new project at Camp Taylor.

March 7 – Marty Villa on Love Modesto & our Peace Path project.

March 14 -- Rena Lepard from Doctors Medical Center on the Safe Kids Stanislaus program

March 21 & 28 – open. Ideas welcome – email Judy

April 4 – report from April board meeting

April 11 – Scholarship presentations

Upcoming Events

March 14	Modesto hosts DCM
March 16	Chili cook off at the Man Cave, 5 p.m. 5719 Chenault Drive
March 20	Next American Graffiti Planning meeting, 7 a.m. at Perko's at
Oakdale & Sylvan	
April 26	NMK Field Games – contact is Jim Felt
May 5	Chicken A Go Go barbecue
June 7-9	American Graffiti weekend

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Current Board				
President	Adrian Crane		2017-2019	Mike Boyd, Odette Fattal,
1st Vice President	Robert Husman			Robert Husman, Bill Ryan
2nd Vice President	Brtta Skavdahl			
Past president	Eric Angelo		2018-2020	Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale
Secretary	Lori Rosman			George Bairey, Bill Heyden
Treasurer	Britta Skavdahl			
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	Jeremiah Williams		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 Suelzle, Steve Collins
Scholarships	Bill Ryan		Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham
			Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero
Membership Growth	Robert Husman		InterClub	Ken Darby
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