

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Feb. 22, 2018

OPENING REMARKS

President Eric Angelo opened the meeting with his usual Thursday morning enthusiasm. Kyle Barker led us in song; Bill Michael led the pledge and Larry Hughes offered the prayer.

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Forty members and two guests this morning: Our speaker Jim Anderson and his wife, Lisa.

Ken Darby said the Sonora InterClub is still in the works. Meanwhile, he passed around an interest sheet for an InterClub with Castle/Atwater. They meet at noon Thursdays. They date is to be determined.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Busy Brent Burnside had announcements about three different things:

1. The designs are completed for new member shirts --- with a 50th anniversary club logo on the front and American Graffiti logo on the sleeve. They are polo style shirts available in white or light blue. Cost is \$30. Please sign up to order one.
2. A reminder that the American Graffiti committee meets the third Wednesday morning of each month. There was a light turnout yesterday.
3. Brent would love to have other NMK members join him tomorrow night (Feb. 23) for the Charter Night dinner at Vanguard Academy, which has started the first Builders Club, the younger version of Key Club. The dinner will be at the school, which is the former Teel Middle School in Empire. Contact Brent for time, etc.

Randy Cook said there are now seven chili cooks signed up for the Blazing Saddles Chili Cook-Off on March 3. Lots of sign-ups but there's room for more. It should be another fun social.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

No birthdays this week.

John Sanders has been a member of NMK for 46 years. No cookie but lots of appreciation for all he does with and for the club.

HAPPY AND SAD BUCKS

Eric was so happy to see Aaron Kellums back with us that instead of fining Aaron for being late, Eric put \$5 in the bucket. For the record, everyone else was glad to see Aaron too.

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Loren Suelzle had a very good excuse for missing the Graffiti planning meeting – his every five-year colonoscopy, needed because of a family history of colon cancer. Fortunately, he doesn't need another one for five more years.

Brent's Valentine's Day did not go as planned. Stephanie ended up in the ER with pneumonia, which meant that the dinner they were to host had to be moved. But then Brent forgot they were providing dessert for said dinner. Fortunately, Jim Toal's Nothing Bundt Cakes bailed him out.

Bill Michael had a great trip to New Mexico, with stops including Santa Fe and Roswell, where he met someone who claimed to have met an alien. Hey, you never know.

Marty Villa enjoyed his trip to the International Ag Show with Ken Darby, where they quickly met up with Doug Hardie. And that's where they were last Thursday morning – a mini meeting of NMK.

Doug Hardie lost his Ag Show story to Marty so he told a (lame) joke that I didn't get a chance to write down. It got mostly groans – and chuckles.

Larry Hughes recalled seeing Billy Graham when he led a crusade at Turlock High School way back when.

Judy Herrero covered a Graham crusade for The Bee in 1974.

Gary Goodman was thankful for the Billy Graham's life and influence in his decision to become a Christian.

Randy Cook was very happy about the U.S. Women's gold medal in hockey, won late Wednesday night in a shoot-out after overtime.

Tom Swafford is sad about the closing of Seneca Foods. He worked at that gigantic plant for 14 years, when it was owned and operated by Tri Valley Growers.

PROGRAM

Jim Anderson, a private investigator with Jack Able & Associates, was our speaker this morning and we learned a lot about what is involved with being a private investigator.

Jim worked for the Sonora Police Department and the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department before being forced into retirement because of major injuries to both legs in a homicide case. He had some reservations about private investigation work. Surveillance was hard because of the demands to sit so long. Jack Able urged him to consider criminal defense work which, it turned out, is very similar to law enforcement work and that is his focus today. Jim has been with Jack's firm for nine

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years and there are six other retired law enforcement people on the staff. There are other fields for private investigators – civil, accident reconstruction, patent issues, etc.

Jim said the firm does not guarantee the results that the client may want but promises to do a thorough investigation and make a report. Occasionally he finds that law enforcement has done something wrong that will affect the outcome; often a criminal defendant is just plain guilty.

The firm does a lot of work for the conflict attorney offices; there are now 4 of them in Stanislaus County. If the public defender's office cannot represent someone because of a conflict (such as representing another defendant in the same case) then the court will appoint one of the conflict law firms, which in turn will hire investigators like Jack Able. In those cases, the investigation work is paid for by the county. A specific number of hours are allowed, and Jim said they are conscientious about not running up the bill on taxpayers.

His most interesting cases including a triple homicide on which he is working – with 27,000 pages to review – and a case where a burglary defendant, representing himself, wanted the investigator to help him delay his case so he could visit family before he went off to prison. In the case of the multiple homicide and other gang type cases, there can be many parties involved – the person accused of the shooting, the person(s) who provided the guns or drove the getaway cars or who hid the guns, etc.

On the side, Jim is the leader of a band and has performed at an American Graffiti show in the past. After the meeting he shared his website -- <http://www.jimandersonandtherebels.com>.

MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Marty Villa had the right ticket but pulled a white marble from the bag, meaning \$41 rolls over to next week. John Sanders won table stakes, and Troy Wright won the lunch money.

Upcoming Events

March 3	Blazing Saddles Chili cook-off, 5 p.m., Man Cave
April 27	NMK Field Games, Johansen High
May 6	Chicken A Go Go, Davis Park
June 6	Packet stuffing/social
June 8-10	American Graffiti weekend
June 28 & 30	CASA golf tourney & concert

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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

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Sponsored Youth	Brent Burnside (Enochs), Marci Boucher (Vanguard) Bill Michael (Central Catholic), Marty Villa (Davis)
Spiritual Aims	Marty Villa
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Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero