

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Feb. 1, 2018

OPENING REMARKS

Promptly at 7 a.m., President Eric Angelo opened the meeting – no place better to be on a Thursday morning. Kyle Barker led us in song; Billy Ryan led the pledge and Bob Harper offered the prayer.

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Forty-one members in attendance today; no guests.

Two InterClubs next week:

- Wednesday, Feb. 7 to Merced. It's a dinner meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the BBQ Pit. Ken Darby suggests we meet up at the Century Center parking lot to carpool down. Ken will be in touch with individuals for final details.
- Sonora on Friday, Feb. 9. They meet at 7 a.m. Only three signed up so a couple of more are needed. Communicate with Adrian if you want to go.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric, the exuberant Chiefs' fan, noted that former Alex Smith, the quarterback that SF didn't want anymore, has been traded by the Chiefs to the Redskins, with a very lucrative contract. This set off speculation on who's likely to do best next year in real and fantasy football. (I didn't write it all down!)

Eric announced that the club has a table for 8 at the benefit gala for Without Permission and there are seats remaining. The event is next Friday, Feb. 9. Contact Eric if you would like to go.

Brent Burnside announced that Vanguard Academy has officially launched the area's first Builders Club and they already have 42 members – sixth to eighth graders – who are busy with activities. Charter night for the new club, which we sponsor, will be Feb. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the school, on First Street in Empire (the former Teel elementary school). Brent would like at least a half dozen folks from NMK to be there. Contact him if you can and want to go.

Randy Cook started circulating the sign-up for cooks and attendees to the Blazing Saddles Chili Cook-off, which will be Saturday, March 3 at the Man Cave.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

No birthdays and no club/service anniversaries.

Steve and Linda Collins celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last Saturday. Congratulations!

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BUCKS

Several comments and bucks about the fact that Cory Warner and John Sanders came to this morning's meeting wearing identical plaid shirts. Loren Suelzle thought they looked "adorable." Gary Wasmund said they reminded him of the movie "Twins," and John said he was sad that others didn't get the word on what to wear today!



Bob Reidel was happy about "the pittance" of snow we got last week. Randy Cook is happy to be headed off soon to where there is some serious snow for skiing – Banff Springs, Canada.

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Tyler Richardson put in a generous \$50 after missing many meetings, including birthdays, anniversaries and ups and downs. We hope to see him more often – even when he's not giving the program.

Lori Rosman provided an update on Marci, saying that after surgery removing a cancerous lymph node, the latest test showed that she is cancer free. Great news, indeed!

Gary Goodman and his wife enjoyed three weeks in the sunshine in the Indio area.

Joan Rutschow was \$5 happy and impressed by President Trump's State of the Union address.

Charlie Christensen said Phil would have been proud of Joan's comments.

Bill Heyden invited everyone to the ribbon cutting at his business, Downtown Self Storage, 1305 10th Street. It will be at 4 p.m. next Wednesday, Feb. 7.

PROGRAM

Our own Tyler Richardson gave an interesting presentation on his work with Opportunity Stanislaus, a 501c3 nonprofit formed out of the old Stanislaus Business Alliance. It was created by the private sector to try to move more quickly to get people into jobs and fill the labor needs of the business community

The first big initiative has been the launching of the VOLT Institute, which will provide vocational training for jobs needed by businesses, especially some of the biggest employers, in our community. The first two classes are under way, training people to work as maintenance mechanics. These jobs can pay up to \$65,000 – enough to live comfortably in our area.

About half of the 35 students are currently employed in lower level jobs. This training will allow them to move into better and higher-paying jobs within their current companies.

The classes span 7 months, with the first few weeks spent on "soft skills" such as safety and workplace attendance. The remaining time on various skills needed in plant maintenance. Students go to class three days a week, four hours a day, leaving time for them to work, etc. The tuition is \$5,000 per person. Some are eligible for tuition assistance through government programs or from their employers, although there's also an argument that student should pay at least part – to have "skin in the game."

There were lots of questions and positive comments for Tyler, with most agreeing that vocational training needs to be a higher priority and emphasized as a good option for students getting out of high school.

Tyler invited us to tour the VOLT Institute, which is located in the former Bee building downtown.

MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Jim Felt had the right ticket but pulled the wrong marble. Jim did win table stakes. Judy Herrero won the \$6 in lunch money.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Feb. 8 Board report
- Feb. 15 Webmaster Jonas Bell – how to log in and use messaging on our new website.
- Feb. 22 What – private eyes in Modesto? Jim Anderson, an investigator with Jack Able & Associates, will tell us about what private investigators do in our community. Jim formerly worked for the Sonora Police Department and Stanislaus County Sheriff’s Department.

Upcoming Events

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| 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 |

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
Membership Growth	Adrian Crane and Marci Boucher
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