

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



**Feb. 7 – We welcomed another new member this morning, Gabe Vasquez, and heard about upcoming Kiwanis events from Lt. Gov. John Carlos.**

## **OPENING**

Presiding: President Adrian Crane

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Roger Suelzle

Prayer: Larry Hughes

## **GUESTS/INTERCLUB**

### **Guests:**

Lt. Gov. John Carlos from Merced

Devon Vo, a guest of Marty Villa and Kevin Scott, who have known him since his Key Club days.

Gabe Vasquez, whose membership application was approved by the board on Wednesday.

### **InterClubs:**

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

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Adrian announced that Jeremiah Williams has been named chair of the Young Children Priority 1 Committee. (Note—the officer list has been updated and appears at the bottom of this newsletter.)

Brent Burnside reminded everyone that the American Graffiti planning meetings are the third Wednesday of every month through July. 7 a.m., Perko's at Oakdale & Sylvan. All are welcome.

Bill Michael reported that the Central Catholic Key Club has partnered with the Central Valley Children's Hospital, whose new specialty care facility is located on Pelandale Avenue in Modesto. The Key Clubbers will help at an event on Feb. 23.

Jim Felt said April 26 will be the date for the last NMK Field Games. Starting in the fall, we will transition to assisting with a similar ongoing event for Modesto City Schools' students with disabilities.

**Health reports:** Loren Suelzle is in the hospital and should learn today whether he will have surgery for a bowel blockage. No visitors at this time, Roger says.

Bob Dunbar had surgery on Monday at Stanford and is doing OK, John Sanders reports. The next day he felt tingling in his hands -- a positive sign.

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Tim Ragsdale will be taking Peggy home today from the rehab hospital. Yay! She spent 17 days in the hospital and 18 in rehab so it's been a long haul. They "celebrated" their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a drive through Taco Bell, but they're laughing about it so all is good.

## HAPPY AND SAD BUCKS

Sabine Saso is happy that her small unit from Central Valley Community Bank won the team award at a recent company event.

Jim Felt passed along the \$120 that Eric Angelo won for postseason play in the football pool. Eric hopes to be able to start attending meetings again on a regular basis. We miss you, Eric!

Kyle Barker is happy that he found the gift certificate that Pete Vella had given them as a wedding present more than a year ago and he and Julie got to enjoy their dinner at Papapavlo's.

John Carlos said he was happy to hear the national anthem on an occasion other than the start of a ballgame.

Lori Rosman shared that the family of longtime member Cliff Oilar gathered for a recent memorial service for him. She hopes Cliff's son will join our club, following in his dad's footsteps.

Larry Hughes had only one working hearing aid this morning and said he heard as little as he usually hears.

New member Gabe Vasquez is happy about his many blessings, which will grow as he and his wife are expecting their first child.

**Snowstorm challenges:** Adrian had a challenging trip home from the Sierra with the windshield wipers that didn't work, a couple of experiences in the ditch to test the four-wheel drive capabilities on his truck and then ending up stuck in low gear all the way home.

En route home from an emergency trip to Idaho, Tom Swafford was stuck in Reno for a spell.

Brian Sanders said Columbia College has been dealing with snow and an extended power outage. He was headed to campus this morning to see how the students in the dorm have fared in the cold.

## PROGRAM

Gabe Vasquez was inducted and share a bit about himself. He has been in the finance business for 12 years and learned about Kiwanis from his colleague Jim Perez (although Loren Suelzle is his sponsor

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and Roger stood in for Loren this morning). He enjoys starting Thursday mornings with us and is looking forward to more time getting to know us and working with us. The big news: After 12 years of having lots of fun, he and his wife are expecting a baby.

Lt. Gov John Carlos summarized some of the upcoming Kiwanis activities at the district, regional and international level. Among them: Los Banos is having a Valentine's Day pie fund-raiser (deadline to purchase is tomorrow). Division 46 has 18 new members since November. The international conference will be in late June in Orlando.

## **MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY**

Lori had the right ticket but pulled a white marble, meaning that next week someone is sure to pull red as there apparently is only one marble left in the bag. Brian Sanders won the lunch money.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**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.

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

**March 7** – report from the March board meeting

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

## **Upcoming Events**

**Feb. 20** American Graffiti Planning meeting. 7 a.m., Perko's at Oakdale & Sylvan. Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month through July. All are welcome. Volunteers are always needed.

**March 14** Modesto hosts DCM

**March 16** Chili cook off at the Man Cave

**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	Britta 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
Insurance Commissioner	Bill Ryan		Publicity Chair	Kyle Barker, Trish Christensen