

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



March 30, 2017

## OPENING REMARKS

President Lori Rosman opened the meeting with a smile, as usual, and welcomed visiting Lt. Gov. Al Smith. Gary Goodman led us in the national anthem – and we sounded pretty good. Bill Schwarz led the pledge and Marty Villa offered the prayer.

## GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Guests: Tony Molica joined us this morning after picking up one of our flyers months ago at the Acura dealership (thanks Eric). Tony has owned and operated Tony's Plumbing for more than 20 years and now is interested in joining a service club. He is originally from San Jose. He said he will be back next week!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Randy Cook reported on another very successful and fun chili cook-off. The winner was Bill Schwarz but he didn't end up with the best bottle of wine, although he received a whopping 115 votes – more than any cook in the chili events Randy has been associated with. Thanks to all six cooks, who included Randy's secretary and Charlie Christensen's son, Spencer, filling in at the last minute.

Bob Dunbar said Thursday, April 27 is the date set for kart races. He asked folks to commit to how many laps they intend to do on the sign-up sheet.

Loren Suelzle said there are lots of Chicken A Go Go tickets remaining. Today was the last day to sign up for a yellow Chicken A Go Go t-shirt.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Lori brought three cupcakes and all the birthday people were with us this morning: Marci Boucher, 52, who was headed off to ski today; Don Vieira, 66 today, who will enjoy dinner with his wife tonight (yes, we serenaded him with our special version of Happy Birthday); and Kevin Scott, 61, who also is celebrating his 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month.

Marty and Erne Ruth Villa celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a road trip through the Southwest. He "almost" delivered Jim Perez's club anniversary cookie. Hmmm. One of the highlights: purchasing a purple ring for Erne Ruth in a well-rated but sketchy-looking jewelry store.

Club anniversary: A one-year cookie for Odette Fattal.

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## INDUCTION

After a longer-than-usual wait time, Bill Heyden was officially inducted as a new member of NMK and his apron is available for signing. Bill is the manager of Downtown Storage (which we knew) but we also learned that he's moved back and forth between California and his home state of Wisconsin three times. Also, he's a master bowler and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. We'll learn even more when George sends out the bio. Brent Burnside is Bill's sponsor. Welcome, Bill!

## HAPPY/SAD BUCKS

Eric Angelo is happy (or sad) that son Robby is celebrating his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, which now means Eric will be paying for drinks as well as dinner, the hotel and the golf fees. He said all this with a big grin.

Bill Michael was happy to attend spring training, although his Cubs had a 1-1 record in the two games he saw.

Larry Hughes enjoyed "Menopause the Musical" but wishes he had seen it years earlier so he could have known then what he knows now.

Steve Collins was sad that while Linda was hospitalized and he was sitting by her side, their seats at "Hamilton" were empty.

Ken Nolte was happy to have survived a dog attack and appreciated the support of his fellow Kiwanians through the ordeal.

Ray and Sharon Sanders enjoyed a motorhome vacation to Death Valley with John and Mary Ann – and their 9-week-old lab (the Facebook famous Turbo) who was confined indoors because he hasn't had all his shots yet.

Mike Boyd was sorry to miss the chili cook-off but happy to enjoy time with his grandkids in Bend, Ore.

## PROGRAM

Linda and Alan Cover provided a very interesting program about the Wood Colony area, its history and what makes it so special and so well suited for farming. Wood Colony was in the spotlight a couple of years ago when the then-mayor proposed that it should be part of the city plan as a location for business and industry.

Linda shared the history of Wood Colony, especially the Old German Baptist families who settled there in the early 1900s. Alan and Linda's granddaughters are the sixth generation of Covers to live on their

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farm. Not far away, at “happy corners” is what is believed to be the oldest walnut tree in California and maybe in the world.

Alan, a retired ag instructor at MJC, said Wood Colony has several qualities that make it unique, including its dirt -- a mix of sand, silt and clay – that is so good for crops and the availability of water (the water table initially was too high for trees).

The area has more traffic these days because commuters have identified those roads as a faster way to get to the Bay Area. Like other farmers, those in Wood Colony have to deal with a frustrating amount of government regulation, Alan said. He considers farmers the first and best environmentalists because they need and value the land, water and air. “I’ve got skin in the game,” Alan said

He closed by asking Kiwanians to support Wood Colony remaining as it has been for the last 100 years plus.

## MARBLES/LUNCH MONEY

Ken Nolte had the correct ticket but pulled another white marble from the bag. No one stepped forward to claim the lunch money.

### Upcoming Events

April 1-15	S	Golf outing to Poppy Hills
April 27	S	Kart racing at MB2 Racing. Contact: Bob Dunbar
April 28	C	NMK Field Games at Johansen High School
May 18	P	NMK hosts DCM
June 9 to 11	F	American Graffiti Weekend 2017
June 22	F	Golf tournament benefitting CASA
June 24	FS	Concert benefitting CASA

C= Community Service

F=Fund raiser- all hands on deck

S=Social

P=Programs and Guest Speakers

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Lori Rosman  
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NMK Field Games  
 Chicken A-Go-Go  
 Christmas Baskets

Lisa Lodi  
 Charlie Christensen  
 Marty Villa

Community Services  
 Young Children Priority One  
 Youth Services  
 Sponsored Youth

Richard Reimche  
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 Tyler Richardson  
 Brent Burnside, Enochs,  
 Bill Michael (Central Catholic), Marty Villa (Davis)

Spiritual Aims  
 Scholarships  
 Prospective Member Orientation  
 Membership Growth  
 Sunshine/cards

Marty Villa  
 Bill Ryan  
 Roger Suelzle  
 Eric Angelo  
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**2016-17 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**  
**Board Members**

2015-17

Audrey Goesch, Lisa Lodi  
 Judy Herrero, Britta Skavdahl  
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 Ken Nolte, Gary Zimmerman

2016-18

**Fundraising and Event Committee Chairs**

CASA Golf Tournament  
 Breakfast With Santa  
 Graffiti Festival

Jim Toal  
 Jennifer Mullen, Kyle Barker  
 Brent Burnside

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Membership Retention  
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