

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



**April 18— We heard about another worthwhile effort in our community: Friends of the Modesto Library are helping to get books into the homes of very young children so they will be better prepared for kindergarten.**

President Adrian Crane presiding  
Song: Gary Goodman  
Pledge: Anthony Rivera  
Prayer: Larry Hughes

## **GUEST/INTERCLUBS**

Bill Ryan was joined by daughter Sarah, who is a math teacher in Southern California and is on spring break.

Jim Perez joined us this morning, 12 days prior to retirement effective April 30. He's headed to Europe to celebrate and promised he'll pay the fine when we see him again. Congratulations on your retirement, Jim!

Ken always welcomes more people for upcoming interclubs: April 23 to Groveland (8 a.m. meeting) and May 6 to Greater Modesto (noon meeting).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Marty Villa:** reported that 5 Peace Paths were painted last Saturday as part of Love Modesto by 14 volunteers from age 5 to their 70s. Ken Nolte joined Marty as the Kiwanis part of the team.

**Adrian:** He, Lori and Robert Husman attended the governor's visit dinner in Oakdale last week. The governor reported on Kiwanis International activities, including the successful completion of the iodine project and major progress on Eliminate, to rid the world of maternal/neo-natal tetanus. Adrian reminded us that we are part of this larger organization doing good in the world.

**Chicken barbecue:** Charlie Christensen passed the sign-up sheet for people to work on Saturday, May 4 to prep and marinate the chicken & prepare cole slaw. About 14 people are needed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or earlier).

Loren Suelzle: SELL THOSE TICKETS

**Next year's** officers: Lori did the second reading of nominees for the 2019-20 officers:

Immediate past president: Arian Crane  
President: Robert Husman  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Britta Skavdahl  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Aaron Kellums  
Secretary: Lori Rosman (unless she can find a replacement)  
Treasurer: Britta Skavdahl  
Continuing board members 2018-20: Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale, George Bairey, Bill Heyden

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New board members 2019-21: Gary Wasmund, Bob Riedel, Laura Maki, Brian Sanders

**Field Games:** Jim Felt is hoping for about 25 people to sign up for the final NMK Field Games for students with disabilities. It will be Friday, April 26 at Johansen High School. He was well on his way with at least 18 volunteers. Contact Jim if you can help.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT MESSAGES (not announced but nonetheless important):**

**From Lori Rosman:** Dues are due! Be sure to write a separate check for dues than from Chicken \$\$ and be sure to note on the check whether it is dues or chicken or something else.

**From Ray Sanders:** At the American Graffiti festival, we will again be accepting credit cards and, for the first time, will be selling tickets online in advance. That means that each gate will need someone with a smart phone loaded with these free apps. All it takes is brief training, which will be provided by Aaron/Joseph (online sales) and Jim Graham. Please let Ray know if you can spend a few hours at a gate and have a smart phone and will help with this aspect. We know that credit and debit cards have become popular and expect online ticket sales to improve attendance.

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:** The missing bills: Bill Heyden had a birthday and Bill Michael had a wedding anniversary. Neither was with us to share how they celebrated.

**APRON:** Gabe Vasquez helped improve the club treasury by finding a number of folks who had not signed his apron. Cathy Line and Jason Beach are still wearing aprons – sign or get out your wallet!

## **PROGRAM**

Sue Rich and Cathie Peck from Friends of the Modesto Library explained the Imagination Library, which is part of the larger Stanislaus Reads! program to help more children be reading at grade level by third grade.

The Imagination Library was started back in 1995 by Dolly Parton and now has local partners across the country. The challenge is that 61 percent of low-income households across the country do not have a single piece of children's literature in the home. Many, many children start school not knowing colors, shapes or letters of the alphabet.

The Imagination Library program will mail to a child, starting at birth, one book per month to age 5. Friends of the Modesto Library are leading the way to reach families in eight Stanislaus County zip codes (at eight elementary schools). The Stanislaus Community Foundation is the local "banker" for the program but Friends of the Library provides the "champions" (volunteers) to encourage participation and donations.

The cost is remarkably low -- \$30 for books for one child for a whole year.

Sue invited our club and us as individuals to support the Imagination Library locally.

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## **MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY**

Jim Graham had the right number but, alas, pulled a white marble. Allan Ramsay won the lunch money.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**April 25** – George Gardner on MoBand's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary season

**May 2** – Rick Hudson and the history of the Faros.

### **Upcoming Events**

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| <b>April 26</b> | <b>NMK Field Games – contact is Jim Felt</b>  |
| <b>May 5</b>    | <b>Chicken A Go Go barbecue (some prep May 4)</b>   |
| <b>June 5</b>   | <b>Graffiti stuffing party and social at the Man Cave. Starting time 5:30-6. Details will be forthcoming.</b>                     |
| <b>June 7-9</b> | <b>American Graffiti weekend</b>  |
| <b>June 20</b>  | <b>CASA benefit golf tournament. Contact Jim Toal about limited entries</b>   |
| <b>June 22</b>  | <b>CASA benefit concert at Del Rio, featuring a Rolling Stones tribute band. Contact Jim Toal about sponsorship opportunities</b> |
| <b>Aug. 22</b>  | <b>Kiwanis night at the Modesto Nuts</b>  |

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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