

June 20 — We heard an update on Opera in Modesto and had a real treat hearing a trio of young brothers sing. They are part of Opera Modesto's Summer Opera Institute.

President Adrian Crane presiding

Song: Kyle Barker Pledge: Kerry Horner Prayer: Jeremiah Williams

#### **GUEST**

Adrian's wife, Karen, joined us this morning to see just what it is he does every Thursday morning.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Loren Suelzle has tickets to this Saturday's concert benefitting CASA. It will be at Del Rio and feature a Rolling Stones tribute band. Ticket are \$50 each. Please contact Loren.

Roger Suelzle said volunteers also are need for Saturday to help with vehicle traffic and directing concert goers. Contact Roger about that.

Adrian announced that June 29 will be a fund-raising gala for the East LaLoma playground project.

New club brochures are available. Take a couple so you will have them to offer to prospective members.

Lori Rosman and Robert Husman will be going to Orlando and Disney World for the Kiwanis International conference.

#### **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:**

Birthdays this week: Lisa Lodi and Jim Toal. Neither was with us this morning.

Wedding Anniversaries: Steve and Liz Ashman on June 16.

#### **BUCKS**

Charlie Christensen is proud of Sabrina and her performance in a one-act play at MJC. He's not so happy about the kissing scene at the end:)

Bill Ryan is happy that son Matt graduated from Cal Poly and that means the third of their three children has graduated from college debt free.

Brent Burnside is happy that the new club brochure is outdated when it mentions American Graffiti attracting more than 1,000 cars. This year, the total – including Cars & Coffee – topped 1,700.



Mark Dunker wondered who audited Larry Hughes' car counts. Mark better watch out or he'll end up with a job!

Jim Felt shared that Cindy has started a painting class and her first endeavor features waves – or a waterfall, depending on who is looking at it.

#### **PROGRAM**

Roy Stevens and his wife, Annalisa Winberg, both well known opera singers, provided an interesting update on Opera Modesto, the successor to Townsend Opera. Last year it attracted 25 teens for a Summer Opera Institute and 45 young people have signed up for this year. They come not just from Modesto but from as far away as Stockton and Merced. The students will give a public concert on Aug. 2 at a location to be announced.

Opera Modesto also is involved in a community collaboration to promote reading and opera. The first edition of "Story Into Song" will focus on author Jane Austen and her work "Mansfield Park." Modesto will host the U.S. premier of an opera by the same name. A week of events is scheduled next January.

The highlight of the morning program was hearing from a trio of brothers, two of whom attended the Summer Opera Institute last year. They performed two numbers – the first an old piece from the Philippines (the boys are Filipino but don't speak the language so had to learn it.) The second piece was written and performed by the oldest of the three, Roy Mendiola. We were all very impressed. Bravo!

More information, including concert dates and ticket prices, is available on their website, OperaModesto.org.

#### **MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY**

Finally – Jim Graham pulled the red marble and won the pot of about \$77. Didn't catch who won the lunch money.

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**June 27** – Anna M. Droll of Modesto, president of Kairos Global Missions, on their efforts to help women in Ghana, West Africa get out of the sex trade and drug addiction.

July 4 - Holiday - no meeting

**July 11** – Michael Gaffney, president of Modesto Flex Rotary, and founding member Michael Losehke discuss "A New Way to do Service Club."

July 18 – John Anderson, CEO of J.B. Anderson Co., talks about Land Use Policy



**July 25** – Sara Hosner tells about the history and accomplishments of The Valley Talent Project (formally, The Valley's Got Talent).

Aug. 1 -- Steve Berkowitz and Virginia Carney tell us about the Redwood Family Center.

### **Upcoming Events**

June 22	CASA benefit concert at Del Rio, featuring a Rolling Stones
	tribute band.
July 27	Wine in the Pines outing to the Sanders' cabin in Twain Harte,
	22990 Golf Club Drive. 4 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will
	be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert or appetizer and
	your own beverages.
Aug. 22	Kiwanis night at the Modesto Nuts, details TBA



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