

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



May 23 — Mayor Ted Brandvold struck a very positive tone in his speech on Modesto, a modified version of the State of the City he gave a few weeks ago. Reminders: Be sure to continue voting for the East LaLoma playground and more volunteers are needed for Graffiti, especially at the gates (Ray) and the beer garden (Odette).

President Adrian Crane presiding
Song: Gary Goodman led us in song
Pledge: Sabine Saso
Prayer: Ken Darby

GUESTS

Derry Chen and **Isabella Mendoza** from Vanguard Key Club

LOST & FOUND

Two items were left some time ago and still haven't been claimed: A dark plaid flannel shirt and a metal coffee mug. They're on the projector cart.

TICKET AUCTION

At the end of last week's meeting, Caroline Nickel of the Modesto Symphony Orchestra gave the club two vouchers, each good for two tickets to the symphony's May 31 Hollywood Live! pops concert. Adrian auctioned them off this morning. Odette and Adrian each paid \$75 for a pair of tickets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Husman: The building project at Camp Taylor has been postponed another week due to wet conditions there.

American Graffiti: Brent Burnside is still asking for help distributing posters. The goal is to get them up by this weekend.

Brent thank yous: to Odette Fattal for taking the leading on the beer/wine garden, to Anthony Rivera for taking charge of the coffee carts and to Aaron Kellums for getting a donation of 50 gallons of brewed coffee from Starbucks for the coffee carts

Aaron said our Event Brite link is up and running so that spectators can purchase their festival/show tickets ahead of time. The basic cost is still \$10, with a \$1.26 convenience charge that will be paid by the ticket purchaser. You can check it out on the Graffiti website.

Larry Hughes: Car count 770 as of this morning, 125 more than at this same time last year.

Ray Sanders still needs people to sign up to work the gates on Saturday and Sunday and please let him know if you have a smart phone/tablet and can use it to take credit cards (it's very easy).

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Randy Cook said our next social is a biggie – the Graffiti stuffing party on June 5, starting about 5 p.m. Bring an appetizer and a beverage of choice.

Also, John and Mary Ann Sanders have again invited the club to their Twain Harte cabin for the Wine in the Pines event tied with the community event there.

Not mentioned but ongoing: North Modesto Kiwanis submitted the East LaLoma Playground project to Kiwanis International for a competition for \$25,000. We are among 20 in the running and the public (including members) can vote online. Adrian sent out the instructions. Try to vote daily until the morning of May 29:

Go to this link <https://kiwanis.wyng.com/LegacyOfPlay2019>

and then scroll down to the picture Mosaic. Ours is the group shot with lots of green in the foreground. Then in our North Modesto Kiwanis picture, click on the heart shaped icon in the corner to VOTE for us. You'll be sent a verification email and you must respond. If it doesn't show up in your regular email, then check your JUNK or SPAM filter and verify.

Adrian is hopeful about our prospects if we all vote and encourage our friends to vote. The LaLoma neighborhood has a strong proposal and it would be great to help bring it to fruition.

Loren Suelzle: Turn in your Chicken \$\$\$.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Birthdays: Gary Goodman is still alive at 75. They celebrated with a family dinner featuring halibut caught by Billy Schwarz.

Somehow it slipped by: Laura Maki celebrated her 51st on May 4. Unfortunately her day included attending a funeral.

Wedding Anniversary: Loren and Paula Suelzle celebrated #36 on May 21. Bob and Eileen Riedel celebrated 40 years (and he was sad that Laura's birthday hadn't been recognized, so it was).

BUCKS TODAY

Marty Villa briefly described being a course marshal for the Amgen Tour, saying he got in a lot of steps with three assignments every day. They were hauled around in a van and dropped off and then moved to the next location after the bicyclists went by. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

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Lori Rosman is happy (she thinks) to have completed her Lt. governor training and is ready for her term beginning in October.

Richard Reimche went to Reno to support his brother-in-law, who had a 6 ½ hour back surgery. He's doing well.

Bob Dunbar is happy to have completed rehab on his neck.

Ken Darby is happy that Judy's kidneys are improving as a result of treatment in a special study.

Tim Ragsdale is happy that Peggy has been disconnected from the last device related to her surgery and associated problems. While the recovery limited their ability to go out, it did not inhibit online shopping. 😊

Kevin Scott is happy to be healthy again after having kidney stones removed and then suffering from a blood infection.

PROGRAM



This morning's speaker, Ted Brandvold, was introduced by Charlie Christensen. Ted was elected mayor in February 2016 after serving on the Planning Commission and in several civic roles.

Ted gave a shortened version of his recent State of the City speech, offering a positive view of Modesto and its people. He cited the excellent schools and quality of life as reasons that people like to live here and that Bay Area firms should consider establishing offices here.

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He gave us a tour of the city, by city councilmember district, describing demographics, businesses, parks, etc. and sprinkled in some of the potential changes. For instance, the city commissioned a study for a major new hotel downtown and is the council may issue a request for proposal. He is hopeful that the new owners of Century Center (Orangeburg & Oakdale) will attract new businesses to replace those that have left.

The mayor also cited accomplishments during his time in office, including improved reserves, creating more sworn police officer positions and attracting a major modular building company to town. He said that city will have even more street repairs (when the rain stops) from Measure L revenue (the countywide sales tax increase).

Among the challenges facing the city are homelessness, the need for more affordable housing, blight (such as illegal dumping) and the need for more revenues.

Mayor Brandvold (who has announced for re-election) said he was honored and humbled to serve as the mayor.

MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Anthony Rivera had the right ticket but pulled a white marble. Bob Harper won the lunch money (with Phil Fugit collecting for him).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 30 – Members Joseph Cosgrove & Aaron Kellums re selling tickets online & other new technology (Snapchat)

June 6 – car show preparations

June 13 – car show recap; Steve Ashman with an update on CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Upcoming Events

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| June 5 | Graffiti stuffing party and social at Randy & Denise's place, aka the Man Cave. Starting time 5 p.m. |
| June 7-9 | American Graffiti weekend |
| June 20 | CASA benefit golf tournament. Contact Jim Toal about limited entries |
| 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 |

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Aug. 22 Kiwanis night at the Modesto Nuts

| Current Board | | | | |
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| President | Adrian Crane | | 2017-2019 | Mike Boyd, Odette Fattal, |
| 1st Vice President | Robert Husman | | | Robert Husman, Bill Ryan |
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| 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 |