

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



March 21 – Randi Linee introduced our new members to Melody and Michael and gave us all an update on the Kids Works puppet program, which is still talking to children about differences, disabilities, drugs and other topics after 20 years. Reminder: Up With People Concert is this Friday, March 22 at Gallo. Benefits the Boys & Girls Clubs.

OPENING

President Adrian Crane
Song: Jeremiah Williams
Pledge: Bill Ryan
Prayer: Ken Darby

INTERCLUBS

Ken circulated the signup sheets for the next two: April 23 to Groveland (8 a.m. meeting) and May 6 to Greater Modesto (noon meeting).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adrian: We all stood up to acknowledge the presence of our newly elected Lt. governor – our own Lori Rosman. Congratulations and thank you to Lori.

Adrian also thanked Lori for all her behind the scenes work and Randy Cook for hosting last Saturday's chili cookoff. Also to Brent Burnside for ongoing leadership of American Graffiti.

Charlie Christensen on Chicken A Go Go: Event is on for Sunday, May 5. A couple of minor changes this year, thanks in part to new member Jason Beach. The chicken prep (defatting and going into the marinade) will be on Saturday at the central kitchen of the Stanislaus Union School District. We can store the chicken there overnight and this will eliminate the need for a refrigerated truck, which will reduce costs. Tickets will be available starting next week.

James and Wouter from Up With People: These two young men talked briefly about what a difference Up With People has made in their lives. James is from South Dakota and attended his first Up With People concert as a freshman in high school. He traveled with the show as a student and now is a lighting technician.

Wouter is a staff member from Belgium. Through Up With People he has learned about the world and about leadership, etc.

The entire troupe will perform this Friday, March 22 at the Gallo Center in a benefit for the Boys & Girls Clubs.

BIRTHDAYS

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Audrey Goesch wasn't with us this morning so we didn't get to sing our special version of Happy Birthday. Happy BDay, Audrey!

Steve Collins celebrated #80 on March 20. He's enjoying himself in his latest round of retirement.

Skip Fricke celebrated #53 with two parties – and a third if you count this morning's meeting.

Bob Dunbar, not with us this week but still doing OK.

ANNIVERSARIES

Service: Don Vieira has been with the club for five years.

SHARING

We regularly tease John Sanders about not being tech savvy but it turns out John was an early adopter of mobile phones. This morning he brought and passed around his first mobile device, a hefty model from about 1985. It was easy to make calls within the county, John said, but not so easy to reach anyone as far away as Fresno or beyond.

PROGRAM

The high-energy Randi Linee came back with two of the Kids Works (aka Kids on The Block) puppets, Melody and Michael.

The program is still active and has made presentations to about 2,000 kids in 2019. Randi hopes to get a puppeteering group started at Vanguard Academy. In one of her many jobs, she teaches music and performing arts at University Charter School, the elementary school that shares the Aspire campus with Vanguard. Both schools are now located in the former Sportsmen of Stanislaus complex.

Kids Works takes important messages to young children regarding violence, people's differences, etc. It has gotten a bit more challenging to talk about drugs now that marijuana is legalized, Randi (Melody) noted. But the program also is beneficial to the junior high and high school students who learn to become puppeteers. They learn about voice amplification (no mics are used) and connecting with younger children.

The audiences for Kids Works assemblies are always kept at 100 students or fewer so the students can see and hear well. As Randi noted, kids will tell puppets things they won't tell anyone else.

MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Bill Schwartz had the right ticket and pulled the red marble from an almost full bag of marbles. He donated his \$20 in winnings back to the club.

Bob Harper won the lunch money.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 28 – still being pinned down

April 4 – report from April board meeting

April 11 – Scholarship presentations

April 18 -- Friends of Modesto Library Imagination Library – Sue Rich and Cathie Peck

April 25 -- TBD

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

Upcoming Events

April 26	NMK Field Games – contact is Jim Felt
May 5	Chicken A Go Go barbecue
June 7-9	American Graffiti weekend
Aug. 22	Kiwanis night at the Modesto Nuts

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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
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	(Vanguard), Bill M (Central),		Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
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