

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



March 28 – We learned some basics about current and compassionate thinking about persons with disabilities – wise words from Carla Strong from the Howard Training Center and Keenon Krick from United Cerebral Palsy. Their advice: recognizing that we all have different abilities and treating people with disabilities as people first.

President Adrian Crane presiding

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Ana Arellanes

Prayer: Jeremiah Williams

GUEST/INTERCLUBS

Pete Vella introduced his guest – who is well known to many of the more senior members. Daughter Beth (Elizabeth Moeller) is visiting from Washington, D.C., where she works as lobbyist. Among her clients is Stanislaus County.

Ken has four people signed up for each of the next two interclubs: April 23 to Groveland (8 a.m. meeting) and May 6 to Greater Modesto (noon meeting).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlie Christensen on Chicken A Go Go: planning is underway for May 5. There will be a Saturday crew this year to de-fat chicken and make slaw. This will take place in the main kitchen at Stanislaus Union School District. The barbecue, including bean prep, will be at the usual place, Davis Park.

Loren Suelzle distributed chicken tickets, which are \$12 each this year.

Judy Herrero will send a card to Carol Whiteside on behalf of the club. Carol suffered a stroke while visiting New Orleans with her son and granddaughters.

Randy Cook said the next social event will be the Graffiti packet stuffing party on June 5, probably starting 5:30 to 6 p.m. At the Man Cave. Our new members are especially welcome --and needed 😊.

Randy and Denise hosted with one of the Up With People visitors and hosted a party for the whole entourage last Wednesday. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and recommended that when the group returns to Modesto, others consider hosting one of the young people.

Adrian: Reminded folks of another big event this weekend – the Modesto Marathon. He will be working the course rather than running this year. It will disrupt traffic in parts of downtown.

BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Scott wasn't with us to share how he celebrated.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Next week Marty Villa can tell us how he and Erne Ruth celebrated their wedding anniversary but his Facebook followers already know.

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS

Bob Dunbar is sad that Adrian didn't mention his birthday was in the past week, but glad he's alive to celebrate #77.

Gary Goodman and his wife had a nice little trip to Plymouth but sad (mad?) their home was burglarized while they were gone. He'll be installing security equipment very soon.

Jeremiah announced that the grand marshal for the Fourth of July parade will be MoBand, which is marking its 100th anniversary. The Champions of the Fourth will be American Legion Post 74, which also is 100 years old. Jeremiah noted that Adrian will be among the parade judges.

As a member of the MoBand board of directors, **Charlie Christensen** is happy about the band being so honored.

Randy Cook was happy about all six winners in the Chili Cook-Off

Jim Felt and **Gary Wasmund** were happy about the Chili Cook-Off. Gary noted that he and Gary G got a very nice bottle of wine even with their sixth place finish.

Dirk Paintedman missed the chili cook-off but had quite an adventure with a snow mobiling trip. They covered 46 miles in the first day.

Brian Sanders is happy that his father-in-law had successful open heart surgery.

Loren Suelzle enjoyed the Christian Berets benefit breakfast but noted that he didn't win a raffle prize. That forced **Richard Reimche** to acknowledge that was a raffle winner.

Ana Arellanes is happy that she was able to reserve her dream wedding venue and that she'll finally be getting married in September, after a five-year engagement.

PROGRAM

Carla Strong of Howard Training Center and Keenon Krick of United Cerebral Palsy did a tag-team presentation about persons with different abilities. The word handicapped is no longer used and terms like "retarded" are no longer acceptable.

Estimates are that 12.8 percent of the San Joaquin Valley's residents have some sort of visible or invisible disability. 80 percent of people with disabilities have hidden impairments too.

Their advice: Don't view people with disabilities as a victim or an object deserving of pity or as a burden on society on their family. They are simply unable to do certain things – and aren't we all.

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Both their organizations help people with disabilities get work, whether in the facilities they operate or in integrated workplaces in the community.

MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Brian Sanders had the right ticket but Charlie pulled a white marble from the bag for him. Sorry, Brian.

Allan Ramsay won the lunch money.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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 5	Graffiti stuffing party and social at the Man Cave. Starting time 5:30-6. Details will be forthcoming.
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
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