

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



**Oct. 10 – Modesto veteran Jack Griffith shared about his organization and its efforts to help other veterans, especially those suffering from PTSD and TBI (traumatic brain injury).**

Presiding: President Robert Husman  
Song: Charlie Christensen  
Pledge: AJ Figueroa  
Prayer: Larry Hughes

## **GUESTS**

None

## **INTERCLUBS**

Ken Darby still needs someone for the Greater Merced InterClub. Here is the complete schedule.

Oct. 15 at noon – Atwater-Winton

Oct. 28 at noon – Greater Merced (one more person needed)

Nov. 5 at 8 a.m. – Groveland

Nov. 15 at 7 a.m. – Sonora

Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. – Mariposa

Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. – Oakdale

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chamber of Commerce has an event this evening at the McHenry Museum. Robert welcomes company. George Bairey is going.

**Rich Reimche:** Lodi Vintners winetasting will be Oct. 27. Lots of fun. Sign up.

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:**

Four birthdays this week but only one was with us to celebrate. John Erro enjoyed a quiet dinner at home with his wife. Also happy bday to Mark Dunker, Cory Warner and Jim Graham.

Wedding anniversaries: Doug and Peggy van Den Enden (not present) and Brent and Stephanie Burnside. It was an expensive morning for Brent, who was late and also forgot to pay up a few weeks ago when their older daughter got engaged to Joe, who is currently deployed to Africa with the Marines.

**Service anniversary:** Audrey Goesch

## **BUCKS**

Late fines: multiple

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Ken Darby in the I can't believe what I just saw category: He went to the mountains to help a friend with his cabin and they spotted a skateboarder sailing down a very steep mountain road.

Larry Hughes couldn't read Brent's lips so had to be informed of the happy engagement news.

Charlie C- a family outing to the Gallo Center turned into a very special event when Sabrina was one of those hypnotized on stage and go to do improv with Colin Mochrie. They also got a backstage visit with the famous comedian/actor.

Robert H – is happy that two of our new members, AJ Figueroa and James Goss, were among those helping last Friday at Oktoberfest.

Odette Fattal just returned from a wonderful vacation at the hot air balloon festival in Albuquerque. She highly recommends it.

If you remember, when John Erro shared about his trek on the Camino, he mentioned a couple of locations where travelers leave items, hoping and praying for miracles. John and Caroline are expecting with the baby due around St. Patrick's Day. Caroline is Irish.

Kevin Scott is sad that some wineries undoubtedly will be hurt by the power shutdowns. One of his clients lost power while they were on the phone yesterday.

Bill Ryan is happy that the Nationals beat the Dodgers.

Jeremiah Williams is happy for John and Caroline but sad that a worker due to arrive at his place just texted that he would be 4 hours late.

Tim Ragsdale raved about a photo workshop they just completed in the Eastern Sierra. He's also glad "we don't get all the government we pay for."

Marty Villa noted that AJ spilled beer on his NMK apron at Oktoberfest so some of the signatures will be unreadable.

James Goss said his three weeks of apron wearing are up. He'll be checking names this week.

## **PROGRAM**

Jack Griffith, who grew up in Modesto and was "mentored" by our NMK president, shared the story behind his non-profit organization, Protecting Soldiers Rights, which he founded after coming to the conclusion that veterans with PTSD and TBI (traumatic brain injury) were not getting the support they needed back at home. Jack is 100 percent disabled after being hit by the blast from a 300-pound

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explosive in Afghanistan. He said his PTSD was used against him in a child custody dispute but he ultimately prevailed.

His non-profit has helped veterans in other ways, too, including hosting a program for women veterans last summer. He is concerned that many veterans groups say they want younger veterans to join but don't serve their needs.

On Nov. 15, Jack's organization will host its second annual benefit dinner to support the children of PTSD/TBI veterans. It will begin with social hour at 5:30, followed by the meal at 6:30 and entertainment by the California Outlaws at 6:30 p.m. at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Road. Tickets are \$45 per person, with a rate of \$20 for veterans and \$10 for children. Information about sponsorships, donations and the raffle prize (a Harley-Davidson motorcycle) are available from Jack's mother, Martha, at 209-605-9226.

As an aside: Jack, with help from his family, catered our recent deinstallation dinner.

## **MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY**

Brent had the right ticket but pulled a white marble. Someone is going to win very soon. Brian Sanders won the lunch money.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Oct. 17** - Sara Hosner, production coordinator of The Valley Talent Project

**Oct. 24** – Bob Blink of Lyfted Farms, a legal cannabis producing company in Modest

**Oct. 31** – Sonya Greene, CEO of the Greater Yosemite Council of Boy Scouts.

## **Calendar Of Events**

<b>Oct. 27</b>	<b>wine tasting in Lodi</b>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Breakfast with Santa – sponsorship opportunities available.</b>
<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Book Sorting at the Man Cave</b>
<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>Gift wrapping party at Man Cave</b>
<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Christmas basket distribution</b>

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Current Board			
President	Robert Husman	2017-2019	Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale
1st Vice President	Britta Skavdahl		George Bairey, Bill Heyden
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Past president	Adrian Crane	2018-2020	Bob Riedel, Gary Wasmund
Secretary	Lori Rosman		Brian Sanders, Laura Maki
Treasurer	Kathy Line		
Event Committee Chairs			
NMK Field Games	Jim Felt	CASA Golf Tourney	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 Reten-	
Young Children Priority	Jeremiah Williams	Social Committee	Randy Cook
Youth Services	Sabine Saso	Programs	Steve Collins, Judy Herrero
Sponsored Youth	Brent (E), Ken Nolte (V)	New Member Bios	George Bairey
	Bill M (Central),	Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
	Odette & Marty (Davis)	Web Master	Trish Christensen
Spiritual Aims	Marty Villa	New Member Orienta-	Roger Suelzle, Steve Collins
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		Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero
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