

# Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



**Oct. 24 – Bob Blink, owner of Lyfted Farms, a legal cannabis cultivating, manufacturing and distribution corporation in north Modesto, shared info about the growing of marijuana and the challenges associated with operating a business that isn't allowed to use banks. There were lots of questions.**

Presiding: President Robert Husman

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Jim Felt – welcome back!

Prayer: Phil Fugit

## **GUESTS**

James Goss introduced his guest, Alejandro Serrato, owner of the new Contentment Brewing Co.

## **INTERCLUBS**

Oct. 28 at noon – Greater Merced

Nov. 5 at 8 a.m. – Groveland – one or two more needed. contact Ken Darby

Nov. 15 at 7 a.m. – Sonora

Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. – Mariposa

Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. – Oakdale

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Robert introduced his administration's fine-free cards, which are only \$50 but come with a caveat – you have to be honest and forthcoming about your trip, new car, whatever. If he or someone has to call you out, then the fine will be double the usual amount.

There will be a DCM at 5:30 p.m. today in Turlock.

The Boys & Girls Club Haunted Museum will be Oct. 25 and 26 (this Friday and Saturday) at the McHenry Museum.

Wine tasting this Sunday at Lodi Vintners on Woodbridge. Contact Rich Reimche for info.

Jeff Goudy is asking for support for the 49<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising dinner for Christian Berets on Nov. 14. Tickets are \$45 each. Asking for table sponsors and donations for auction items.

[www.ChristianBerets.org](http://www.ChristianBerets.org) or 524-7993.

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:**

John Sanders celebrated #83. They went to dinner with Ray & Sharon at Outback. John is still 3 years younger than George Bairey.

Ana Arellanes is 34 today and recorded our Happy Birthday song. She and Robert went to Disneyland last week.

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Wedding anniversaries: Rich and Linda Humble celebrating #49 today.

Doug and Peggy van Den Enden celebrated #45 a couple of weeks ago with dinner in the city and a little play ("Hamilton"). The BART trip in itself was interesting.

Randy and Denise Cook are celebrating their anniversary at Disney World.

## **BUCKS**

Larry Hughes reported that Kiwanis International's effort to eliminate maternal neo-natal tetanus is working. Most recently through inexpensive vaccinations it has been eradicated in Belgian Congo. Only 27 countries to go, down from 50 some.

Lori Rosman, as Lt. governor, thanked Larry for taking on the role of Champion for Children.

Jim and Linda Graham had a fun trip visiting their daughters in Connecticut and seeing the fall colors in Vermont.

Marty Villa noted that the Key Clubs are very active in the effort to eliminate maternal neo-natal tetanus.

Roger Suelzle is happy (concerned?) that his granddaughter takes her first driving lesson today.

Gary Goodman said they had a great time in St. George, Utah, where he competed in the Huntsman Games, winning third place in his division in golf and a gold in pitching.

Brent Burnside is happy to share that Key Clubs from our area won the spirit award at Six Flags. Ana and Robert were with our local teens.

Kevin Scott shared that at least one of his winery clients had to evacuate because of the latest wildfire in Alexander Valley/Sonoma County.

## **PROGRAM**

Bob Blink talked about his business, Lyfted Farms, which was the first cannabis cultivation and manufacturing business licensed in the state and the 9<sup>th</sup> licensed in California after voters approved the state proposition legalizing marijuana for recreational as well as medical use.

Bob started at Procter & Gamble and worked there until the plant closed. He owned and operated a skateboard shop for three years. He used medical marijuana to relieve the pain from three back surgeries and then started the Jampet Group, a nonprofit that was allowed under California law to provide medicinal marijuana for members. After California legalized marijuana use, Jampet evolved into Lyfted Farms.

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He described the growing process, using cutting from existing plants rather than seed. All the marijuana is grown indoors with the plants forcing into flowering by reducing the hours of light provided. They reduced water use by capturing condensation and reusing that water for irrigation.

Because the federal government still outlaws cannabis, those involved in the industry cannot use banks. Paying their quarterly state taxes, for instance, requires a cash delivery to Sacramento, by appointment, with escort by CHP officers in the parking lot to the correct Department of Finance office.

Bob said legal cannabis producers face the stigma associated with illegal drug operations. He has chosen to be as transparent as possible, inviting government officials and others to tour their facility. (John Sanders has taken the tour and recommended Bob as a program.) Bob said he feels he has a great relationship with the county.

## **MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY**

James Goss had the right ticket and pulled a red marble, winning the pot of \$59. Lori Rosman won the lunch money.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Oct. 31** – James Smith of the Greater Yosemite Council of Boy Scouts

**Nov. 7** – report from board meeting

### **Calendar Of Events**

<b>Oct. 27</b>	<b>wine tasting in Lodi</b>
<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>wine pairing dinner at Fuzio's. Limited seats. Contact Randy</b>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Breakfast with Santa</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
2nd Vice President	Aaron Kellums		
Past president	Adrian Crane	2018-2020	Bob Riedel, Gary Wasmund
Secretary	Lori Rosman		Brian Sanders, Laura Maki
Treasurer	Cathy 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	Member retention	
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
Scholarships	Bill Ryan	Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham
		Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero
Membership Growth	Robert Husman	InterClubs	Ken Darby
Insurance Commissioner	Bill Ryan	Publicity Chair	Kyle Barker, Trish C