

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Jan. 23 – What can a basic pedestrian bridge mean to people in a poor country? A lot – as we learned from our speaker this morning.

President Robert Husman presided and boosted the treasury with fines for those who were late and on those who weren't wearing their Kiwanis pins. As John Sanders learned, Robert accepts no excuses for lateness.

GUESTS/Announcements

Mark McDonald, executive secretary for Cal-Nev-Hawaii. He's in town finalizing plans for the mid-year conference on Feb. 22. Lori has registered all those who previously signed up to volunteer in some way. If you aren't yet on the volunteer list, let Phil Fugit know of your wishes. See Lori if you want to buy tickets for the luncheon or the evening gala.

Carole Richard, director of development for the Modesto Symphony Orchestra, provided a brief explanation of the upcoming program, Music Aligns With the Stars, on Feb. 15. A joint effort of the symphony and the Great Valley Museum, it will feature musicians from the Modesto Symphony Youth Orchestra and shows at the MJC Planetarium. The activities run from 3 to 7 p.m.

Lakewood School is seeking speakers for its college and career day. Robert has info.

INTERCLUBS

Ken Darby: Feb. 11 at the Modesto Kiwanis; March 6 at Greater Turlock. Ken would like a big contingent to Turlock. We've done 8 interclubs with 5 to go, and then we start visiting Key Clubs.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

No birthdays this week.

Club/service anniversaries: Kyle Barker, Judy Herrero

BUCKS

Loren is happy the 40ers kicked the Cheeseheads back to Wisconsin.

Brian Sanders is justifiably proud of his daughters—one is off to study in South Africa, one on a mission trip to India and the third is rowing for UCI.

Gary Goodman reports that Maribeth Wasmund is out of ICU after heart surgery, and they're hoping she'll come home this weekend.

Ken Nolte confessed to having bought a new-to-him car: a used Infinity.

Larry and Patti Hughes are added to their "fleet" of great-grandchildren with the arrival of two more. Please pray for the youngest who is in intensive care.

Sabine Saso has tickets for the Boys & Girls Club's SuperBowl Sunday breakfast, only \$10 and you'll have plenty of time to get home for the game.

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Ana Arellanes was sad that her little ones were sick and is happy that they're recovering. She also reported that Marci Boucher was back in Modesto over the holidays and sends greetings. Marci loves her new job and home.

Kevin Scott had a good trip to the Northwest so they could bid farewell to their son-in-law, who is being deployed to the Persian Gulf.

Skipper Fricke was happy to be able to attend Sunday's game between the 49ers and Green Bay. He says he won't be going to the Super Bowl.

PROGRAM

James Goss introduced his neighbor, Abena Darden, who is a sustainability consultant for the global engineering firm Thornton Tomasetti. She is also the co-founder and co-owner of Contentment Brewing Co. in Modesto.

Abena shared pictures and stories from her three-week visit to Rwanda in July. She was part of a team volunteering with a group called Bridges To Prosperity. They went to a community where the residents have to cross the Mwogo River either by rope or by wading across to reach jobs, services, etc. A number of people have died trying to cross because the river is often flooded. Otherwise it is a three-hour walk to get to the city.

Abena said the genocide in Rwanda also resulted in the devastation of much infrastructure. The locals built the rock foundations on both ends and the volunteers and locals completed an 86-meter pedestrian bridge in just two weeks. I found photos on her firm's website --

https://www.thorntontomasetti.com/building_the_serugeme_footbridge/

MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

James Goss won the chance at the marble money but pulled a white one. Mark Dunker won the money but returned it to the club (his cell phone rang during the presentation).

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