

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



Jan. 30 – Haven Women’s Center is helping people in abusive environments get to safety and learn their options. Speaker Denise Heck also invited the men in our club to Walk A Mile in Her Shoes – red heels preferred but not required.

President Robert Husman presiding.

GUESTS

Isabella Mendoza from Vanguard joined us again.

Also, Patrick Hall from Kiwanis Children’s Fund, who presented a brief summary of successes with the campaign to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder and the international Eliminate Project, to get rid of maternal and neonatal tetanus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lakewood School is seeking speakers for its college and career day on Feb. 7, 8:45 to 11 a.m. Robert has info.

Phil Fugit wants everyone who will be attending the mid-year conference to wear any white or baby blue shirt that has a legal logo. Kiwanis International shirts in those colors are OK.

INTERCLUBS

Ken Darby: Feb. 11 at the Modesto Kiwanis, hoping for eight people to make it a double interclub.
March 6 at Greater Turlock.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

No birthdays this week.

Wedding anniversary: Steve and Linda Collins

Club anniversaries: Mark Dunker, who joined in 1967; Loren Suelzle, a member since 1983.

Larry Robinson received his past president badge.

BUCKS

Tim Ragsdale is happy 1/ to have attended an enjoyable photo workshop in Death Valley and 2/to be named to serve on Modesto’s Charter Review Committee.

Larry Hughes is happy to share that his newest great-granddaughter will be going home from the hospital soon.

Jeremiah Williams was pleased that 300 people attended the service for former Mayor Carmen Sabatino.

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PROGRAM

Denise Heck from the Haven Women's Center explained the services of the agency, which now has two shelters. The original shelter is for women and children (and occasionally men) escaping abuse. When its 15 beds are full, the women's center provides motel rooms to the families. This happens 15 to 20 nights per month, Denise said. A new shelter is for those getting out of sex trafficking and is a transitional facility.

Haven also has a kennel for pets – because abusers sometimes threaten to hurt or kill the family's pets as a way to control the family.

Denise stressed that the agency doesn't tell its clients what to do but provides a safe place and offers them options so they feel empowered to make their own decisions. A common question is why abuse victims go back to their abusers. Denise said there are many reasons, including that the victims have no place else to live or still love their partners, just not the abuse.

The agency depends heavily on government grants but also on private donations. Denise invited Kiwanians to participate in one of their big awareness and fund-raising events – Walk A Mile In Her Shoes, which will be April 4. Jeremiah has participated in the past and challenged others to do so. James Goss agreed; Bill Michael and Marty Villa said they would too if they don't have to wear red high heels. More info at havenwalkmile.org.

MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Ken Nolte had the right ticket but pulled white so the \$10 pot will grow. A couple of people let out yells but I think it was Phil Fugit who won the lunch money.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb. 6 – report from February board meeting

Feb. 13 – Denise Nordell, Kids Quest --new group under Learning Quest to help children with dyslexia learn to read.

Feb. 20 – last minute plans for the mid-year conference.

Feb. 27 – Sheriff Jeff Dirkse

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Wednesday of every month – Graffiti Planning meeting, 7 a.m. Perko's at Sylvan & Oakdale. all welcome.

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Feb. 22 – Mid-year conference for Cal-Nev-Hawaii district at Modesto Centre Plaza

March 14 – Chili cook-off. Details TBA

May 9 – Chicken A Gone Gone celebration. Details TBA

Current Board			
President	Robert Husman	2017-2019	Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale
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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			
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