

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



June 29, 2017

OPENING REMARKS

President Lori Rosman opened the meeting at 7:03. Jeremiah Williams led the song, Phil Fugit took the lead with the pledge as we all focused on the very small flag on one of the NMK banners (our regular flag was MIA). Kevin Carroll offered the prayer.

GUESTS/INTERCLUB

Forty members and no guests in attendance today.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Lori announced that Tony Molica and his wife have decided to move to Sonora, so he will not be joining us as a member after all. Maybe he'll join the Sonora Kiwanis Club after he's settled in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brent Burnside provided some numbers and other info about our American Graffiti weekend. But first, to set the record straight – he did not get a ticket driving to last week's meeting. He tossed in a happy buck because he didn't get caught speeding.

Regarding Graffiti: Preliminary numbers show a 16 percent increase in gross revenue, for a total of \$189,000. Expense receipts are still being turned in. Brent and Charlie Christensen met Wednesday afternoon with MPD and they were generally pleased with how the parade went. There was one driver cited for exhibition of speed but his car was not towed. MPD invited suggestions on how to keep the cars moving; they suggested that the current route can only accommodate about 800 cars. (An argument for extending the route?) There were no thefts or other problems at the show.

Randy Cook: Reminded us and passed the sign-up sheet for the Twain Harte outing at the Sanders' cabin on July 22. Also, we have a date for the deinstallation dinner – Sept. 21

Jeremiah Williams noted it was fun to celebrate Brent's birthday Tuesday night at the Kiwanis mixer at the Modesto Nuts game.

Also from Jeremiah, a description of the upcoming Fourth of July activities and how NMK members will be involved: President Lori Rosman will be among the parade judges, following the tradition of having our president be a judge. Allan Ramsay will pilot the plane from which Kent Lang will jump, landing (hopefully) on I Street with a giant American flag. Gary Goodman will be singing.

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The grand marshals for the parade are a trio of nonprofits, all of which we support: CASA, Haven and Gospel Mission.

Bob Riedel found several kerchiefs from a NMK Western Hangar dance held way back in 1993. Bob Harper had a few recollections of the event. The kerchiefs are available if anyone wants one.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Brent celebrated “the new 39” and his cupcake was delivered in person and on the spot by Gary Goodman. However, evidence was presented later in the meeting that suggests Mr. Goodman may not have delivered every cupcake and/or cookie that he offered to deliver.

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS

Marty Villa had a fistful of happy bucks: \$1 each for all those who made up the ecology team at the Graffiti show: Ken Darby, Steve Collins, Kevin Carroll, Don Vieira and Daniel Gowans (Bob’s son). Plus, Marty had quite a week. One June 8, he and Ernie Ruth attended their granddaughter’s high school graduation in Oregon. He flew home in time to fulfill Graffiti duties and then left Sunday afternoon for Ontario to join in the adoption ceremony for their new grandson.

Charlie Christensen had happy and sad bucks. He and Trish went to a wedding in Michigan and turned it into a vacation. Then Trish learned of the death of an uncle and had to drive to Illinois for the funeral.

Lori Rosman was \$2 happy that her bank badge was found in the battery box. She had already ordered a new one, so now she will have a backup.

Lisa Lodi said Bart will be going home from the rehab hospital Friday. She was happy that the Marci Boucher and the Society for Disabilities were able to provide a hospital bed for him. She still needs a lift chair if anyone knows of one

Loren Suelzle was happy about the Zasu Pitts enjoyable concert Saturday night.

Brian O’Leary was happy to be with us this morning. He reported that his cookie had been delivered by Allan.

Gary Goodman shared the sad news that Billy Schwartz lost his father on Fathers’ Day. At Jeremiah’s suggestion, we had a moment of silence.

Phil Fugit had two sad bucks – he never received his birthday cupcake or his service anniversary cookie. Lori fired Gary Goodman as the delivery service!

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PROGRAM

Our own Kevin Carroll provided the program on the Modesto Gospel Mission, where he has been the executive director for four years. Kevin apologized for not being able to attend our meetings very often. He is the busy school year driver for his kids.

The Modesto Gospel Mission was founded with money left over from a Billy Graham crusade held in Modesto decades ago. Today, 80 percent of the mission staff have come up through the mission's programs. The emphasis is on providing a hand up, not a hand out, Kevin said.

While some of the people who stay at their facilities only want a shower and a bed, others are looking for help in getting out homelessness. The mission offers classes to help people get a GED or high school diploma, Microsoft certification or forklift training.

Kevin estimated that 40 to 45 percent of the homeless people that we see downtown have mental health issues and can't or won't make use of the shelter beds. He noted that the recent census of homeless showed an increasing population of people without homes, although that one factor in the rise might be an increase in the number of volunteers making the county.

He offers training to houses of worship so they can help the homeless in the most useful ways, rather than simply having a lot of groups feeding people in the parks. Kevin said there are two prevailing attitudes in the community about the homeless – compassion and contempt. Kevin says he does not condone a lot of the behavior of some homeless, but he does believe they deserve respect and dignity as humans.

Kevin said the mission appreciates the support of NMK. "Even though I'm not here a lot, I'm proud to be part of such a great organization."

He offered a couple of suggestions of how we can help: Buy fireworks at the mission's fireworks stand, located on their campus at 1400 Yosemite Blvd. Or provide backpacks or help to hand them out on July 29. The annual backpack giveaway has become a huge and popular event. Many of the children served are from the Airport Neighborhood nearby.

MARBLE/LUNCH MONEY

Loren Suelzle had the right ticket and won table stakes, but he pulled a white marble from the bag. So the pot goes up from \$46 and there are only a few marbles left. Gary Wasmund won the lunch money.

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Upcoming Events

July 22	S	Twain Harte Golf & Wine in the Pines, Sanders cabin
August TBA	S	Movie Night featuring "Grease"
Sept. 21	P	De-installation dinner
Oct. 13	C	NMK volunteers help at Chamber Oktoberfest
Oct. 29	S	Wine Tasting & Lunch
Dec. 2	C	Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 11	C	Book sorting at the barn
Dec. 13	CS	Toy wrapping & social at the Barn
Dec. 16	C	Christmas Basket Distribution

2016-17 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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2016-18

Charlie Christensen, Randy Cook,
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NMK Field Games
 Chicken A-Go-Go
 Christmas Baskets

Lisa Lodi
 Charlie Christensen
 Marty Villa

CASA Golf Tournament
 Breakfast With Santa
 Graffiti Festival

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