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## NORTH MODESTO

### **Bulletin from Oct. 1, 2020 Meeting**

**Presiding: President Robert Husman**

**Pledge: Gary Goodman**

**Prayer: Marty Villa**

**However ...** before the opening bell there was the usual early morning, congenial, and at times unintelligible, random banter interrupted only by Lisa Lodi telling Jennifer Mullen that there will be no T-shirt Sales at the Oct. 11 car show...but not to fret because she is also talking to the Chevy Club and it may happen there. So after all was said it may have had relevance for the rest of us as well. Larry thanked them for the fine program and dismissed us all.

**Guests:** Happy greetings to Dimitry Phillipopovitch (spelling?) after a long absence. He is now in Napa. We welcomed past Div 46 Lt Gov Juan Carlos who joined us to hear Adrian. We also had a foursome--maybe and interclub--from Castle-Atwater Kiwanis: Howard Smith (Past-President) & his wife Judy, with Shirley (President) and her husband Don Oshima, who are doing their first Zoom Meeting tonight.

Other visitors include Judy Darby with Ken Darby. Then Bess the dog was with Bob Reidel. Somebody asked how old Bess is. It's a good thing we don't ask that of all our guests. I heard that Eileen was going to join us too, but I didn't see her on Zoom. I saw Trish Christiansen's name in a black box so we'll be counting her present as well

**Key Clubbers-** Isabella Mendoza (NMK membership submitted) and Advisor Renuka Prakesh of Vanguard College Preparatory Academy. also Kyle Zengh & Marianna Arellano (sorry Kyle & Mariana, I'll write faster next time and get your school in there as well. Also my apologies to other Key Clubbers that I may have missed.

**Out of state'ers** – From Nebraska Britta Skavdahl, but then she is a member so I'm not sure why we're listing her here in the guests section.



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### **Announcements:**

**Deinstallation: Friday October 9th Starting at 5:30PM at Randy & Denise Cook's House - the Man Cave, 5719 Chenault Drive, Dinner & Pricing are yet to be determined. Contact Adrian for details**

Love Modesto is October 3<sup>rd</sup> It was rumored that Kiwanis Clubs will join together in one of the projects--apparently they are relying on our expertise as masters of ecology--for park clean up.

### **Volunteerism for the week:**

Eric Benson volunteered to assist at the polls in his county but hasn't heard that he's been approved. Eric, don't hold your breath.

Isabella shared how the div 46 North Key Clubbers & Kewins (another branch of Kiwanis Sponsored Youth Clubs) met to write Cards for Kids and Paper Bridges (Letters for Kids in orphanages)

Robert or Lori (if I remembered which one I'd say it) mentioned that the Aktion Club has received their charter and are starting their Zoom Meetings

**Interclubs. None reported since we completed a round-robin in September.**

**President Robert thanked those who have paid dues and reminded those that haven't that 'dues are due'.**

**Birthdays: None this week**

**Wedding Anniversaries: Also none reported this week**

**Membership Anniversaries: 6 reported**

Lori Rosman 2006, Ron Beaudreau 1981, Ken Darby 1980, Steve Perry 2004, Bob Dunbar 1998, And with apologies to the member that I know has served faithfully in NMK since 1998, but I didn't get his or name name written down before I forgot it. :-/



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### **Happy/Sad Bucks:**

President Robert said Clint Dunbar is in hospital and not doing well (health wise), Our thoughts & prayers are with him.

Bob Riedel had a happy buck or two for some sort of a race he went to in Buttonwillow, and for some odd reason he implicated Adrian and Aaron & some mishap with a '94 Mustang??? I just report it like I hear it, folks.

Kevin Scott told of several wineries in Napa Valley that have been destroyed by the fire with another 7 more in the path of the "Fire Storm as they are now calling it.

The question was then asked of Kevin, Where were you when that fire started?

Hotdog Drive through meal \$10 Gianelli's offices at Five Points benefitting the Modesto Chamber of Commerce

### **Program**

Adrian Crane needing no intro, reported on his Eco Challenge Fiji that many members watched on Amazon Prime

He started by telling us his story--his own initiation into the ECO Challenge. Thirty years ago he was mountain climbing, orienteering and running Ultra Races and was introduced to his first ECO Challenge--Utah which aired on the Discovery Channel and was produced by Marc Burnett, who also produced Shark Tank and Survivor & Eco Challenge Fiji.

For Eco Utah in 1995, Adrian, was recruited by a team of four women who needed his skill as a navigator (map & compass) and they finished 7th overall out of 60 teams. Since then he's done many others in most continents and several island nations around the world (Australia, Africa, So. America, Europe)

That 1st Eco Challenge -- Utah 1995 took Adventure Racing AR from 0 -100 mph but went behind the scenes in 2002. Adrian has been keeping it alive locally, hosting it in our own foothills.



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In 2018 Mark Burnett announced a new challenge, ECO Fiji and in 2019 Adrian's long time friend, Marshal, invited him to join the team which they named "Stray Dogs". He had first encountered Marshall running the 135 mile Badwater (Death Valley) to Mt. Whitney Ultra Race 35 years ago

Adrian said, "Marshall and I are the only two that have done all the ECO Challenge races." And they are 68 & 64 years old respectively. Not bad since most sports count you out when you move into your 40s.

I'm not going to tell you the whole story. You'll have to watch the Challenge yourself. But let me summarize: Stray Dogs was one of 66 teams of 4 from all over the world. They were notably the oldest--Bear Grylls at one point calls them "Legends." But he didn't do much else, he mostly just hangs off the side of the helicopter.

They call it the WORLD'S TOUGHEST RACE for a reason. The Stray Dogs first goal was to start & they did. Their second goal was to finish the first day and they did. And so it went for several days. At one point they celebrated, "It's the third day and we're still moving!"

They raced with outriggers, hiked through jungles, sloshed through icy cold mountains streams paddle boarded, kayaked, swam, mountain biked, rapelled and even had to build their own bilibili--a fujian bamboo and rope raft to float down the river.

One tough leg of the race was on mountain bikes, but because of torrential rains the night before there was little time on the bikes. Adrian described it as "slogging uphill through glutinous mud, throwing your bike two feet in front of you and climbing up after it."

Ever seen paddle boards out on the bay or on the river? Imagine doing that for 28 miles. Heavy rain. Darkness. Lost. Very little sleep. But very rewarding. Adrian recounted one leg they were navigating down a river with 400 canyon walls and because of the recent tropical storm they were treated to the vista of dozens of waterfalls cascading down cliffs on both sides of the quarter mile stretch before them.

Adrian's wife Karen even gets credit for naming one of the 10 episodes. While speaking to the camera about their motivation for doing what they do, Adrian quotes Karen saying: "The only sane ones are the crazy ones." You'll have to watch Episode 8 yourself to find out why.

Search for: The World's Toughest Race: Eco Challenge in Fiji on Amazon Prime Video.

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Due to the intense interest in Adrian's exploits, questions and comments went on for 32 minutes after 8:00 until Robert rang the bell.

### Upcoming Programs

**Oct. 8** – report from board meeting

**Oct. 15** Judy Kindle, CEO of Sierra Vista Child & Family Services, and Andrew Timbie, who has been selected to replace her as she retires this fall. [jkindle@sierravistacares.org](mailto:jkindle@sierravistacares.org)

**Oct. 22** –Vanguard Key Club takeover of duties

**Oct. 29** -- Randy Siefkin's election forecast. [rsiefkin@aol.com](mailto:rsiefkin@aol.com)

*If you aren't getting the Zoom invitations for meetings, email President Robert Husman –*

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