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Bulletin

April 15th, 2021 Meeting

Presiding: President Robert started the meeting at 7:04am. President Robert was at the Graffiti Car Museum along with a group of in-person Kiwanians with zoom feed.

Song: Gary Goodman with accompaniment from those present.

Pledge: Mike Boyd

Prayer: Jeremiah Williams

Guests:

On zoom:

Renaka Prakesh , Vanguard

Mariana Arellano, Vanguard key club past president.

Dakota Caton, New Key Lieutenant Governor

Lily Nguyen, Enochs key club

Susan Walbridge from Sonora Club.

Sandy Petersen from Sonora.

Announcements:

Jeremiah announced Love Modesto coming up April 24th, 2021. NMK has its own Modesto Ave clean-up project. 24th April. Please contact Jeremiah Williams at (209) 568-3096 to get involved.



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They have a large variety of community service projects. To review projects, go to <https://www.lovemodesto.com/communityservice>

All projects are designed to be COVID restriction compliant.

Dakota Caton reported on the DCon that happened last weekend. Educational workshops. Guest speaker AJ Raphael , a singer who is popular. Dakota enjoyed the workshops. Closing remarks were particularly good. Dakota said was a most worthwhile and enjoyable weekend. Dakota also Requested an outlet for homemade baby blankets that will be made in a project. Possibly Sierra Vista or Redwood center.

Steve Collins suggested Interfaith Ministries clothing closet.

George Bairey suggested Family Justice Center.

2020 Covid edition T shirts still available. Large, XL and XXL.

Kiwaniis Face Masks still available.

Brent Burnside, dressed in a 10th anniversary shirt, announced that all is looking positive and calendars need to be marked for the parade and show on the August 20, 21, 22nd Graffiti Car Show.

Volunteer Efforts:

President Roberts weekly question: What has anybody done for the community?

Ana Canbara attended the keyclub DCon and said the Key Clubbers were amazing. Special recognition for Kiwanis family.

Lauren suggested having these enthusiastic students be signing contracts as future Kiwanis members!

Happy/Sad Bucks:

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Birthdays:

None

Wedding Anniversaries:

None

Membership anniversaries.

Charlie Christensen 4/11/2002. 19 years,

Happy Bucks.

Charlie Christensen was happy for his service anniversary and his 2nd Moderna vaccination and the car show opening on his birthday.

Michael Baldwin. 5 years parole is finished. Very happy.

Brent Burnside, happy buck for providing breakfast.

Marty Villa , his son has got a new job in Modesto.

Andrew happy to be heading back to school.

Steve had a week in Cabo San Lucas.

Skipper celebrating 16 years at his workplace.

Program:

Judy Herrero, Introduction of speakers.

The speakers: Ed Garcia and Jessica Narayan from the City of Modesto and Greg Pensinger from the Downtown Streets Team, which is a nonprofit.

Camp to Home program.

Marty Villa introduced Curt Willems Executive Director of Casa De Modesto. Marty has known Curt for 02 years in Modesto and he is a fellow pastor.

Curt started by congratulation the club on having resumed congregant activities.

Difficult year for those stuck in their rooms or homes.

Worked in mental health programs across the spectrum. Has been with Casa for 4 years now.



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Moved to senior living work expecting it to be a semi retirement but has found it has only been half of that!

Casa De Modesto is a non-profit; the only one in Modesto.

Seniors whose family members may not be able to care for them any more.

Developed in 1962. In 1965 the building was built by the Brethren church.

Wanted to provide a safe comfortable, healthy place to live.

Did not want it to depend on a person's financial state.

The business has to survive but they strive to find ways for residents to stay while the organization still pays its bills.

Promote the interests and needs of the elderly.

Curt says that they are trying to create a home environment for their residents.

It was not an easy year for any facility with senior living. Quite a few residents and staff had Covid and tested positive. Still doing screening and weekly testing of staff and residents.

No positive cases in the independent living facility.

44 apartments.

Cottages were removed a year ago. 30 new units were built and should be open in a month.

Residential assisted living has 43 rooms. Field trips into the community. Many have lost their driving license.

Memory care added in 2018. Care and activities.

Skilled nursing facility has 59 beds for those needing additional care. In 2016 it was certified as a rehab facility.

CASA has provided these facilities for 56 years in this community.

One person started a fund, the Mary Elizabeth fund, to help with smaller expenses that some cannot meet such as a haircut, dinner out, nails. This has been expanded to a benevolent fund that now helps with larger expenses.

Curt reminded us that a word or a compliment to a senior can be a great gift to any senior.

Gary Goodman said that his mother volunteered and now lives at Casa and he has grown up with Casa De Modesto as a part of his life. It has been a godsend and a blessing for his mother.



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Anything else for the good of the order?

We had 27 in person and 26 on zoom.

Jeremiah promoted Mo Band and encouraged memberships or donations

Adjourn:

Remember: We are the people who make change in the community.

President Husman adjourned the meeting at 8:03 am.

Upcoming Programs:

April 15 – Curt Willems, Executive Director, Casa de Modesto, about their future plans and their difficult year.

April 22 – for Earth Day: Vicki Rice, recycling program coordinator for the City of Modesto.

April 29 – NMK scholarship award winners (George Bairey, Britta, Lisa, etc.)

May 6 – report from board meeting

President: Robert Husman

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2019-2021 – Laura Maki, Brian Sanders, Gary Wasmund, Bob Riedel

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